



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

*Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada*

October 2018

## Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone,

The Labor Day week-end in Ferndale was great. The Installation went well and the Food and hospitality were outstanding. The bocce was fun.

On the way home we stop to see some friends in Lakeport. They have about 250 acres of land and 200 were burned in the fire. They lost their Barn, two boats and a trailer and half of their orchard. Their home and their pheasant cages were spared. On September 22nd Mary Esther and I attended Livermore Lodges Annual Bar-B-Que at the home of Bob and Tracey Lamee. The food and fellowship were wonderful. The setting was perfect and the weather was good.

Please try to make it to Salinas lodges Installation on October 7th at 11:30. Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

September was a busy month for us. On our way to the Ferndale Installation, we trekked to the Northwest to attend a wedding of a former employee, went on to Tacoma and Seattle Washington to meet a newly-discovered relative on the Irish side of Marge's family and spent an evening with our Granddaughter, who just settled in for another year at Portland University. Finally, down the Oregon Coast to Ferndale. As usual we had a fun-filled installation which included a challenge to study all the unique table centerpieces based on the various books authored by Han Christian Andersen. Some were very good at this, while I was not. They, once again, held their annual auction that gave Martha Nielsen the opportunity to raise everyone's bid on the unique Danish items. Her comment was, "You know, Ferndale needs the money to remodel their kitchen." Great appetizers, a nice installation with a little levity, a Prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings and plenty of beverages made for a great evening.

Sunday morning found some going to church or various directions but we all met back on the Bocce court at the local park. All of this ended with a great lunch and more fellowship, then on our way home. The Ferndale Installation for many years has become a destination we all seek to visit, one more time, and renew friendships with some very special Danes.

Knowing I needed to start my local branch visits, I traveled with Johanne Gade, via Bart to the San Francisco meeting. It becomes very apparent, on these visits, that when you are here you sense the decorum of the meeting hall, including all stations and the altar in place, the password taken and the protocol followed in detail by their President, Tom Martin. I witnessed the changing of the

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guard as Roger Gearhart elected to resign his Secretary's position, after many years of dedicated service, and the appointment of John Jensen to fill those big shoes. While they follow the protocol well, they too know how to socialize, with appetizers before the meeting and a full Danish pork with pork rind dinner after the meeting provided by the infamous Clausen family.

The next evening I joined Hayward branch for their meeting at the local Pizza Parlor. In this somewhat casual setting their President, Susan Gauthier, showed her leadership and she proceeded through their agenda and they spent some time on their long term planning as they prepare to host the 2019 Convention in San Francisco. I enjoyed be a part of this and felt very comfortable knowing there was only one person in the room I hadn't met before. I felt rather honored to be sharing a room

with many current or past officers of both Dania and Dannebrog. I had a short side-bar discussion with Stuart Mahler, which I always appreciate as I feel he has lived the history and leadership of both Lodges and while he knows the importance of tradition, he seems to be open to some changes that need consideration.

Finally, Peder and Doris Hoy joined Marge and I as we traveled to the Livermore Branch for their picnic at the Lamee's in their beautiful backyard. You can't go wrong with hamburgers and hot dogs along with all the side dishes and desserts brought by the guests. What a nice turn out, which included some from Hayward, San Francisco, Modesto and more. In addition to the great BBQ and fellowship some of ask for a tour of Tracey Lamee's Pottery Studio in their garage. Now this was quite a treat to see what this lady has done with her artistic talent. Every piece she makes is unique, with a variety of formations, with some special textures and all polished off with some beautiful gold leaf and then fired to perfection in her kiln. WOW!!!

**Grand Lodge Secretary**

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**NEW SECONDARY MEMBERS**

**NEW MEMBERS**

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If your Branch has a member who is receiving assistance from the Senior Assistance Fund or if your Branch has a member in need please download the form from our web site and mail it to Tim and Natalie Heer, 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 as soon as you can. I understand that there are many of you that are not aware of the forms that are available on our web site <https://danishsociety.com/> please take the time to make your self familiar with everything that is available on our website.

**Local Branches**

**Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday every month 7:30 PM Odd Fellows Building; 26 Seventh Street, San Francisco CA 94103  
Danmark #2 Secretary John A. Jensen, E-Mail [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

We were happily surprised by a visit from our Dania Grand President John Scheuber. John praised Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 for the formality and adherence to protocol in our monthly meetings. He rightfully acknowledged and commended our former Secretary Roger Gearhart for keeping these traditions alive. With Roger's resignation last month, President Tom Martin appointed John Jensen as secretary for the remainder of the 2018 term. He will do his best to keep up the

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 7 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 A.M.	Salinas Masonic Hall
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco

Just one business matter to address. Each Dania branch Secretary has received the suggested revisions to our Constitution for review by their branch. We suggest that the local President appoint a committee to provide our committee with some feedback by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Committee will then prepare the final document for review prior to convention. We need everyone's involvement to make this more acceptable to the total membership.  
John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

I would like to point out that we have had some changes in Branch Secretaries, In San Francisco John Jensen has agreed to take over for Roger Gearhart who has been the Secretary of Denmark #2 for 22 years. That is a remarkable commitment to the San Francisco lodge. In San Jose Laila Solyst has been appointed to take over for Lis Lacey. I thank both Lis and Roger for their years of service they have given to their Branches and welcome John and Laila to their new challenge and we offer our help with any questions they may have now and in the future. Tim and Natalie

standards that Roger has established over the past two decades.

The Attendance Prize is always a highlight of our meetings. On the first draw, Daniel Joensen won the \$40 prize. It is reset to a measly \$20 for the October meeting. Regardless of the amount, it's always fun to win, but of course you must be in it to win it.

Once again we were treated to a great meal – this time it was by the Claussens. Roasted pork with crackling,

potatoes with brown sauce, Rødkål, rolls, green salad, and Kringle for dessert. What a feast! But we can't forget the appetizers which started the evening off right. Pickled herring in both wine sauce and in curry sauce, Leverpostej from both Johanne Gade and the Claussens, blue cheese, rye bread and crackers. The crowd was not disappointed. And what a crowd we had! It has been a while since we had such a great turnout. Besides our Dania Grand President, we had many other guests, all warmly welcomed. Roger Gearhart introduced his friend Valda Black from New Zealand. Anne Marie Maris introduced her daughter Thira Maris and son Peter Maris. Francis Claussen introduced his grandson Matt Claussen to the

### **Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday every month 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno. Secretary, Christie Pettitt, [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com)**

We are getting back into the routine of our monthly meetings after taking a summer break. It was good to visit with everyone but are missing a few with illness. We hope they will be better in Oct.

We had our Solvang Danish Days, Sept 14, 15, and 16. It was a perfect weekend with beautiful weather for dancing. Steen Skjellerup, the Holt family, Jerry Hansen, Peter Hansen and myself, plus granddaughter Mikayla were with our Fresno Danish Folk dancers. We had in the audience several lodge members, Alec and his family from the San Francisco, Bente Ellis from Modesto and San Jose lodges. Our own Carl and Betty Jensen also Donny and Christie Pettitt. We missed Bob Lacey with his Danish nimbus

### **Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA Secretary, Natalie Heer, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Hi All! Dana and Freja's Annual Dansktoberfest on Sunday October the 7<sup>th</sup> is coming soon! Have you decided what to wear yet? Last year everyone's "Danskattire" added so much to the fest-tivities, we'd love for that to happen again, and again, and again... Sound like a new Salinas Tradition? Hope so.

We're thinking anything from the classic Red & White to full on traditional Danish costume, the goal is to have as much fun as possible, right?! Our Grand Presidents Alan and John have given the green light to red and white for Grand Officers too so leave the Formal-wear at home, and

### **Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore. Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

Our September meeting was an interesting combo of some dining out at a restaurant and some of us thinking it was still a potluck. Hopefully our line of communication will get better. Kathy was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. Our next meeting will be Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 potluck, at the farm bureau building, meeting to follow. Our November meeting will be at Kathy's house at 4:00 and we will be making æbleskiver. Here is a message from our President.

lodge. Three generations of Claussens in one meeting! Membership that spans family generations is another tradition we all cherish. We hope to see Thira, Peter, and Matt again soon.

Our next meeting will be onsdag, 10 oktober. We gather at about 6:30 for socializing before our meeting at 7:30, and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. Our President Tom Martin and Treasurer James O. Jensen will be treating this month and we are looking forward to another great meal. We hope to see you there! Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com), 510-299-1855

motorcycle, riding in the parade. This is a weekend for the Danes as the Ableskivers they make and serve and in the street always had a long line waiting.

A notice for you to put on your calendar. We have a change of location and time for our Christmas Party. This will be held December 7, 2018, at the Grand Banquet hall of the Fresno Breakfast House, at 1:30 pm- No host Cocktails, with lunch at 2:00 pm, serving Chicken or Tri tip. Reminders will be sent out. We plan to also have our Installation at this location in February, 2019.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 4, at the usual place, Hope Lutheran Church at 11:30 am. Cards will be sent. Martha

we'll do our best to arrange some sunny skies. Can't do anything about the traffic, except the Salinas Air show was last weekend, but we appreciate your efforts to take a Sunday Drive down to see us in Salinas. We'll be ready for you at 11:30 with some light refreshments (Yes, the Beer will be waiting on ice) Start the installation around noon with lunch to follow.

If you Haven't RSVP'd yet, please give Tim'nNat a call 831-426-4623 or e-mail [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net) so we'll know to set a place for you. "SKAAL" JHG

"We had a very successful barbeque at Tracy and Bob Lamee's house. Thank you to all the participants and attendees. A special thanks to Tracy & Bob for hosting the event. To members of Dannevang #7, please review the revised constitution and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting [on Saturday, October 13](#). In addition, we will finalize activities for the rest of the year. KRT

**No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.  
President, Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan,  
[beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

Dania Grand President John Scheuber attended our meeting in September and shared information regarding the proposed changes to the Dania Constitution

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday October 11 at 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome! Enjoy your day, Susan

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma  
Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net) Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070**

Sonderjylland #10 didn't have a meeting in September 2018.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 13, at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

We are serving "Varme Pølser, (Danish Hotdogs) for lunch. In order to get an accurate count of how many to make, we are requesting you reply to this email if you are planning to attend and/or will bring a guest.

Also, please reserve Saturday December first for our 2018 Christmas Lunch. We will again join the San Francisco

Chapter of the Rebild Society at Aldersly in San Rafael for a traditional Danish Flæskestej med sprød svær brunede kartofler og rødkål. We meet at 11am, lunch at noon, and we will have a short business meeting after lunch. Cost is \$20 per member and \$50 per guest, payable to Sønderjylland #10.

Please inform either President Karen Lysmer or Secretary John Cruger-Hansen if you will be attending and if you are bringing any guests. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

**Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536  
Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

September allowed us to mingle with the Grand Officers during our Installation of Officers. We had a lot of fun over Labor day weekend.

October 6 we will meet for a business meeting at 11:00 with a salad potluck at 12:30. We wish Ydun a happy 106<sup>th</sup>

anniversary. It is also Fortuna's Apple Harvest festival, so we expect a low turnout this month.

The following months will be catered events, so reservations are a must – (707) 499-3746.

Christian Nielsen

**Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday every month at 7 PM, Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno, NV 89503.  
Secretary, Sena Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, [achristensen@med.unr.edu](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> the Reno lodges met for a lovely Harvest Fest potluck. 15 people were in attendance and enjoyed a very nice dinner with lots of food. If you left hungry, it was your own fault. For desserts there were 2 homemade pies, a Dutch Apple, and a peach pie made from peaches came from Mike and Donna's peach tree in Carson City. Ice cream was very tasty with the pies. Thank you Donna and Mike for the peaches you brought to share with members. Vice President Eva Demosthenes opened a very short meeting, just to discuss for October meeting. It will be October Fest potluck. Hopefully Anette will bring her famous sausage and sauerkraut, and everyone bring other goodies to share as well. November will be our early Thanksgiving potluck. Sena-Marie asked Lars if he would do his yummy turkey, and guess what? He said yes. I didn't have to twist his arm too hard. Then the Christmas party. More in the next newsletter. It will be a wonderful dinner

and a great time. Eva closed the meeting with more visiting and fellowship. Thank you everyone helping me open and close the hall. I really appreciate your help. Our sick list: Anette is recovering from ankle surgery; Ann-katherine is doing better after her hospital stay. Sena-Marie took her to the Doctor and doctor said she was doing fine. Donna called Janet Pulsipher to see if she needed a ride to lodge. Janet told Donna she had fallen and did not feel well enough to come. Hopefully, she will be better soon. Hope Anette and her family had a nice "birthday trip" to Denmark. Missed her at our meeting. Missed all the members not in attendance. Now for our October birthdays. I guess I boo boomed on Leif Larsen's birthday, it is in October not September. So happy birthday again Leif. Other October birthdays Linda Hill, Joan Topian, Paul C. Christensen. Happy birthday all. Safe Travels to Salinas installation in October. Take care all Sena-Marie

**Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month 7:00 PM Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA 95351.**

**Secretary, Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

Our September meeting was cancelled because so many of our regular attendees were going to be absent due to vacations & prior obligations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for Octoberfest hosted by Bodil Whitehouse

and the John Jonansen's. Plans for our annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 15 will be finalized at this time. Watch for the November Newsletter for details. We look forward to seeing many of you at this event. – submitted by Ann Stowers, Secretary.

**Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Laila Solyst, [lailaspring@hotmail.com](mailto:lailaspring@hotmail.com)**

Our October Social will be at the home of Britta Lange on Oct. 20 starting at noon. Britta will be suppling lunch as well as coffee and dessert later. IT IS IMPORTANT that you contact Britta to tell her if you are coming or not. Phone 408-257-5637 or e-mail [brittcalan@gmail.com](mailto:brittcalan@gmail.com) by Oct.16.

I spoke with Elaine Henson who is now living in Seattle, WA and also Eva Rasmussen who has moved to Bend, Or. They are both doing well and send greeting to all. I also talked with Ellen Jensen and she is better now from her fall. It was good to see Phyllis along with her daughter Pam at our last meeting. Wishing you all a great Halloween. DWS

**Hejls Minde No. 23**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, 473 Alisal Rd. Solvang, CA 93463.**

**Secretary, Marie Jaeger**

Our next meeting will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Restaurnant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 Noon hope to see you then. Kate Nielsen.

**Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23**

**Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.**

**Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iverse**