



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

February 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings from Minnesota!

Mary Esther and I have been visiting her brother Richard and his wife Kay since December 29th in Inver Grove Heights, MN. We wanted to see how I would do in the cold weather, Richard suggested that we go in the month of January, as it is usually one of the coldest months. However, it seems that this has been one of the warmest ones in 12 years. As I write this message it is 5 degrees with a NW 21 mph wind making it feel like -16 degrees. Richard wanted me to see more snow and colder weather so off we went to Duluth for the day. A lot more snow and much colder. I was surprised to see how much ice was on Lake Superior, enough to support cars for the people to go ice fishing. Cold but beautiful. We spent a day down near Rochester, MN visiting Mary Esther's foster brother Bob. His house and his neighbors sit on an acre of land. Wonderful setting for winter or summer. We rented a car and when we filled it up to return it the gas was so expensive \$1.97 a gallon.

As we are preparing to come home winter has finally arrived with temperatures in the minuses for the next week.

We were sorry to learn that on Jan. 19th, we lost a very special lady. IRENE SIMMS

She will be sorely missed by all. I feel blessed being able to be part of her life. When we talked together, she would always remind me of what was important to her. LOVE OF FAMILY, LOVE OF FRIENDS and LOVE OF DANNEBROG. Our travels together were filled with a lot of stories humor and song! She always said singing made you live longer. I was very proud to be one of her friends.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Installations. Stay warm and dry!

Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

January Proved to be the lull before the storm. There were a few branches that held a post- Christmas holiday activity. Marge and I were able to join the Livermore branch for their special Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Bob and Tracey Lamee hosted their meeting which was great to be a part of. I was impressed that everyone seemed to have their own binder or note pad and they were all totally engaged and participated in the entire meeting. Yes, we had great food, great people and great comradery.

As we wind down the year and prepare for our April convention, we have yet to complete the following:

1. Three more installations in February and one in March.
2. The Constitution Review Committee plans to send out its revised update to get it into the

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hands of each Branch Delegate, Current Grand Officer and all our Past Grand Presidents by February 1, to give everyone ample time to prepare for convention.

3. Each Branch will need to submit their Annual Report and the list of their Delegates to the Grand Secretary soon.
4. We will complete the Grand Lodge & the Senior Assistance Fund Audits
5. We will need to select our Scholarship Recipients and our Member of the Year.
6. Bornholm will host its Annual Fish Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd (See the details in the Bornholm Newsletter Article).

As I travel to the various branch meetings, activities and installations I am impressed to see that many of you attend

these functions in support of the others throughout the state. I encourage all of you to join in the many upcoming functions as we lead up to our convention. This year, because of the Constitutional Revisions and another potential topic we are going to have busy sessions. Please inform your Delegates of the need to come to convention totally informed and prepared for action. Only an informed electorate can make good, positive decisions in the interest of our Grand Lodge.

I personally hope to visit each branch before my year is over. I have four to go and am working diligently with my other committee and board responsibilities to accomplish this goal. Please inform me if any of your dates differ from those posted in the Newsletter.

Recently Roger Gearhart, one our Dania Past Grand Presidents, stated that he would be making a proposal at our Convention to establish the format for any member to offer a “**Legacy Gift**” to our Society. He will introduce the concept to determine if our members have interest in including a **Legacy Donation** into their will with copies on file with the Grand Lodge. There are more details that will be forthcoming. If anyone has interest or experience in this, please contact Roger. John Scheuber, Dania Grand Presiden

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 2, 2019 11:30 A.M.	2085 W. Bullard, Fresno.
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019 4:00 P.M.	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 17, 2019 11:30 A.M.	Mariani's Inn 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
Hejls Minde No. 23	March 6, 2019 Noon	Bit O' Denmark Solvang
Thyra #9 & Valborg #. 1	March 16, 2019 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

IN MEMORIAM:

PGP Irene Simms; Thyra #3, San Francisco and Thyra #9, Hayward. Evertt Johnsen, Holger Danske #27, Santa Maria

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Grand Lodge Secretaries

Thank you to all the Dannebrog and Dania Branches that have returned your Annual Reports to the Grand Secretaries' Office. In the case of Dania, we are a Tax exempt 501 (c8) corporation and I use the Financial information that is supplied on the reports to file each year with the IRS and the SFTB. If you receive any correspondence from either of these two Tax collecting agencies, please forward it to me and I will take care of any

Local Branches

Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

Meeting: 2nd. 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 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

What happened to January? Over already? Well then it must be installation season. We invite you to join us at Danmark #2's and Thyra #3's joint Anniversary and Installation Party on Saturday February 9th. The details may seem familiar – Best Western Grosvenor Hotel (380 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco). We will start at 4pm with cocktails, the installation will be at 5pm, and dinner at 7pm to be followed by dancing onto the night. The menu selections are London Broil or Salmon. Price is \$30 per person. Please (quickly!) RSVP to John Jensen with your menu selection so we can get you on the list. For room

NEW MEMBERS

Sonja Giacinto, Danneskjold #17 San Jose
 Karen Lesney, Dana #15

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

DANIA GENERAL FUND

Ole Pedersen; In memory of Arne Poulsen, Freja #6

issue regarding the Correspondence. Although the Grand Lodge of Dania and its Branches, do not pay taxes on its annual income as a Tax-exempt corporation. Members making donations to any 501 (C8) corporation may not use that donation as a deduction on their personal income tax. OK enough about this Money stuff and let's attend all the Installations coming up in February and March and have some fun before Convention!!

reservations, call the hotel at 1-650-873-3200. Be sure to mention the Danmark #2 Installation party to get the special \$149 room rate. There are a limited number of rooms at this rate, maybe one is left for you? Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 13 februar*. 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. We hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
jajensend2@gmail.com , 510-299-1855

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

**Meeting: 1st. Saturday, 11:30 AM. Old Town Waffle Shop, 1084 Clovis Ave. Fresno.
Secretary, Christie Pettitt, poppatango@msn.com**

We had our first meeting of the year with the change to a Saturday lunch at a restaurant. This was amazing, we had 22 members attending, some we hadn't seen in a while. Not sure what prompted the great turnout; the Saturday noon meeting, having it at a restaurant so we didn't have to bring food for potluck or that it was only \$5 dollars for a good meal. Everyone enjoyed coming and visiting. We had a short meeting with electing delegates for the convention.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

**Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA
Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net**

Dana #15 and Freja #6 welcomed in the New Year at our first meeting in 2019 with a traditional Danish Christmas feast. We are thankful for the members who provided the good food and for our out-of-town guests who braved the storms and provided the good company. PGP Doris Skow, Ron Nielsen, PGP Steen Skjellerup, PGP and Dania Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson and Dannebrog Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette. We started off with appetizers and Beer, then enjoyed Flæskesteg (pork roast with rind), Rød Kaal (red cabbage) Brunede Kartofler (browned potatoes) and brown gravy, Agurkesalat (cucumbers in vinegar) and Sylte Rødbeder (pickled beets). Ris A La Mande (rice pudding), with an almond, and Danish cookies were served for dessert. Poul Rasmussen found the almond and won the marzipan pink pig made by Jana. Our newest member, Karen Lesney made the biggest contribution to the event by supervising the potato caramelizing and whipping up the best brown gravy we've

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

**Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.
Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com**

Livermore's January meeting was held at Bob and Tracey Lamee's home. We enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We missed a few of our regular members but welcomed Grand President John Scheuber and his wife Marge to join us for dinner and to participate in our meeting. Tracey Lamee put in an application to join Dania and was immediately approved and initiated. Delegates were elected for the upcoming convention in April, Dania - Gregg DiMartino, Dan Holm, Bob Lamee, Tracey Lamee

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our Thyra 9 member & Dannebrog Past Grand President Irene Simms on January 19. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to her family. Irene will be sorely missed!

We will be meeting again in March on the first Saturday, at the same time and location in Clovis.

We will have our lodge installation on February 2, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Banquet Room of the Fresno Breakfast House followed by lunch. This is located on the southwest corner at 2085 Bullard and West Ave., Fresno. The cost will be \$30 for lunch. You will need to make a reservation with Kay Jensen at 559-266-5721. Hope to see you. Martha

had in a very long time. Karen has joined us as a guest for several of our events and this time she signed on the dotted line, well, sort of, we didn't have any applications handy, but we unanimously voted her in any way! Welcome Karen, we are so happy to have you! For the last several years we have skipped our February meeting to allow members to enjoy the Super Bowl from the comfort of their own couches, this year, since Tim's favorite team isn't playing, it was agreed by the members present that we WILL be meeting on Sunday the 3rd. at 1:00 pm for a proper meeting with a roll call and password even! followed by a potluck, please bring a main dish to share, hot or cold, homemade or take-out, it's ALL GOOD! The lodge will provide dessert, Happy New Year everyone! JHG

Note from Freja and Dana Treasurer: Freja's Dues are \$25.00, and Dana's are \$15.00. If you are a Fifty-Year Member of Freja your dues are \$12.50. TJH

Dannebrog - Diane Reinstein, Kathy Thomsen, Jackie Nielsen

We are still wondering how to fit into our bikinis for the beach party theme without scaring everyone away! Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 9th, 6:00, Farm Bureau Hall, and our theme is open face Danish/American style sandwiches. Hope to see you there, or to see one another at several of the installations which happen this time of year. KRT

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to

Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Please mail to respective Treasurers or bring payment to a meeting.

Please join us when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome!

Please join us Saturday, March 16, 2019, for our Installation of Officers at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore (Interstate 580; exit Airway Boulevard). The Installation will begin at 12 PM, with no -host bar and lunch following. We'll have the traditional Cattlemens fare with your choice of Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Herb Chicken, or Pesto Spinach and Cheese Ravioli. Entrees include salad,

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of March, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2557

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Sonderjylland #10 will have the first event/meeting of 2019 on Saturday February 9th. We will be celebrating our traditional Valentine Luncheon. We will meet at 11:30 at the beautiful Quail Inn at the Oakmont Golf Club and Restaurant, 7025 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409, (707)-539-9215 ext. 225, for the third year in a row There will be a short informal meeting after the lunch.

This year it has been decided we will have a fixed menu consisting of: Half a Cesar Salad and the famous Oakmont Angus Hamburger!

Sonderjylland #10 will donate the Dessert.

The cost per Member and Guests is \$20.00 each. Cash Bar available.

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536

Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

January we were not able to have Crab at our annual Crab Feed. We did have a great turnout for Spaghetti feed. February we will have a valentine lunch of Pea Soup with a potluck of salads and desserts. Meeting will be at 11:00 with lunch served at 12:30 on February 2.

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9

Meeting: 1st 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

The Reno lodges met at 7 pm on Friday January 4, 2019 at the Odd Fellows Hall. We had 21 in attendance for our fish dinner. "Nytaars Torsk" – Cod, parsley potatoes and mustard gravy along with an abundance of appetizers. What a great way to start the New Year! For this special event we had one long table with a pretty blue table cloth. There were plenty of New Year's poppers and all the sparklers to go with it. Really nice for all of us to sit together. Among desserts we had a huge cake brought by Lone and Bob Webb, as he was retiring that day, so we had another "snaps" to "Skåle" & celebrate that.

ranch style beans, coffee, tea or soft drinks, and cake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make your reservations with Pat Brouillette, 510-278-9430 or pab0718@sbcglobal.net, no later than March 8th. We look forward to seeing you!

The 2019 Dania-Dannebrog Convention, hosted by Hayward lodges Thyra #9 and Valborg #1, will be held April 11, 12, 13, 2019, at the Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel, 380 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, California. The 2019 Convention Registration form is available on the website,

<https://danishsociety.com/announcements/>

Best Regards, Susan

Meeting time is 11.30 am in the Bar, with seating by 12.30 pm in the open room adjacent to the Foyer, as in previous years. Please call or email Karen Lysmer asap, as our reservation must be confirmed before February 1st, 2019.

Email: morkareninusa@yahoo.com or call (510) 526-5665.

See you all there on Saturday February 9th. at the Oakmont Golf Club and Restaurant, 7035 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa Ca.

A reminder, please check the Membership List we're bringing to the lunch to ensure all your information is current.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Friis Lysmer, President
John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

February 10 we will be showing a movie at 1:00 at the Danish Hall. Popcorn and Carlsberg will be available. Bring some finger food to share, this event is open to the public. Movie will be **Far Til Fire- gir aldrig op** (Father of Four) a Danish Film with English subtitles.

Christian Nielsen

During dessert and coffee Anette opened the meeting. Christmas greetings were read, and the annual report was completed. We worked on delegates for the convention but need to do some more "arm twisting". So far, we have; Ingrid Hedman for Dannevirke. Leif Larsen and Ann-katherine Sawyer for Valdemar. Sena-Marie will be the Senior Asst. Fund representative. Anette thanked everyone for all the help at the successful Christmas party. The February 1st. meeting will be a Soup Night. March 1st. meeting will be St. Urho night. Jennifer Baker will create something Finish for us that evening. Most likely there will be a small fee to offset the cost of it. We are looking

forward to that! Election of officers will in April, right before convention. Anette introduced a new guest. Judy Storm is one of Ina's neighbors. Her mother was half Danish and her dad was Danish. An application was handed out - Reno don't waste any time, when there is a possible member. ☺ Nina and Ken were unable to attend this meeting, so we might be welcoming 3 new members in February.

Saint Hans Fest is June 21st and we have already reserved the River School Farm. Everyone is welcome and you will hear more about that later.

We are sorry to hear about the passing of Dannebrog's Past Grand President, Irene Simms! Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 send our sincere condolences to her family

Bornholm No. 14

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

Secretary, Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We met on January 18th for our monthly meeting starting with Pizza & Beer hosted by Brian and Susan Mefford. There were 18 members in attendance. Sadly, we were apprised of the death of member Robert (Bobby) Olsen. Bobby was the son of Glen Olsen, one of the six Olsen brothers who were members of Dania in its early days. His "Little Mermaid" statue stands in the Sculpture Garden in Kimbalton, Iowa. Burial will be private. A memorial service is planned on his birthday, February 21st at Seasons (former Elks Lodge) at 945 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350 at 12 noon.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Laila Solyst, lailaspring@hotmail.com

At our February meeting we had 13 present. We set up our program for the year. A big thanks to Kim Giacinto for the delicious Homemade Danish Pea Soup and salads. On February 17th we will hold our Installation of Officers. This will be a Sunday Brunch at Mariani's Restaurant at 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. We will gather at 11:30 am for brunch, followed by our installation. The cost for this event will be \$40.00 per

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, Secretary, Marie Jaeger 473 Alisal Rd. Solvang, CA 93463.

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 Iversen

and to the San Francisco lodges. She surely will be missed and hope you find comfort in all the beautiful memories! Irene Simms was such a nice lady and now she is singing with the Angeles! "Æret være hendes minde"!

On our sick list: Donna and Mike were back and we are glad to see them. Mike will be having shoulder surgery in February. We wish him well and a speedy recovery! Sorry that we didn't know about Doris Skow's surgery. Glad to hear that she is doing better. We missed Solveig and John, who have had a rough winter. Hope they are okay? Janet is doing better from what we heard, but not in attendance. We miss you! Our February birthdays are: Lisa Christensen, Ann-katherine Sawyer, Eric Hansen and John La Roache. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL Have a wonderful 2019. Take Care Sena-Marie.

Plans for our annual Fish Dinner were finalized. It will be held at the Eagles Lodge, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95354 on Saturday, March 2nd. No- host cocktails from 4:00 p.m. Light appetizers at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00. Dancing after dinner. Cost will be \$30.00 per person. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, January 28. Contacts: John Scheuber, (209) 541-4092 or johnscheuber@vsi.cc Ann Stowers (209) 523-7416 or ann.max@att.net; Johanna Gade, (209) 847-0448. We are looking forward to seeing you then.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 15th. Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. A wine- party will follow the meeting. Ann Stowers

person. Reservation must be made by no later than February 11 and are made with Bob Lacey 408-379-0844 or r.lacey@comcast.net.

We were glad to get good reports on those members who have been on the sick list.

Hope to see you at our installation and we wish everyone a Happy Valentine.

DWS.