



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

March 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone,

On February 2, Mary Esther and I traveled to Fresno for the installations of Thora #11 and Thor #5. It was a very nice affair, good food and plenty of good fellowship. On our way home an alert came across the radio. TAKE COVER TORNADO warning! Boy did my wife take off. No place to hide. On February 9th we headed to South San Francisco to the Grosvenor Hotel for Thyra #3 and Danmark #2's installation. As usual the food was great, prizes plentiful, music for dancing and lots of visiting. The high light of the evening was when Roger Gearhart was presented a plaque for Member of the Decade".

Congratulations Roger well deserved. February 17th, we traveled to San Jose for the installation of Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 at the Mariana Restaurant in Santa Clara. It was conducted a little bit different than normal, but it worked! I compliment the members of these two lodges on all the efforts of to keep things going. The food was great. What a thrill to see John present a 50 year pin the PGP Bob Lacey. Way to go Bob!! Enjoyed visiting with everyone.

Hope to see many of you at the Cattleman's in Livermore on March 16th for Valborg #1 and Thyra #9's installation at noon. Alan, G.P.

Dania Grand President

The month of February was filled with a lot of diversity as I tried to cover all of my bases. Our Company had a week of Trade Show, Sales Meeting, Managers' Meeting and a Board Meeting, all in San Diego. Our Buying Group had another of its quarterly Board Meetings that took me to Kansas City, one more time. Within our extended family we had 3 funerals to attend in which I had some Eulogy responsibilities. We did get a chance to see a rather lethargic Super Bowl and, oh yes, we got to go to our monthly Accordion Club to keep us closely in tact with our European heritage.

Our Dania activities took us to three Installations: Fresno, San Francisco and Santa Clara. I am always amused by the diversity of venues we witness as we make our rounds fulfilling our roles as installing officers.

Whether it is a Breakfast House, a Hotel Dining Area or restaurant featuring Brunch on Sunday, we seem to adapt. There is always the warmth of the local members who greet us, the special food and drink and the fellowship we have with the locals and those members who travel to be a part of the celebration. We have some very devoted members who don't miss many of these installations. I think it is that bonding that occurs that adds greatly to the strength of our membership.

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As we wind down our year and prepare for convention, we have two more installations to go. On March 6th we will holding a Dania Only Installation in Solvang at the Bit of Denmark Restaurant. Then on March 16th at the Cattlemens' Restaurant we will have our annual Hayward Installation which will include an Executive Meeting, an audit, and the selection of scholarship recipients and member of the year. We will be busy.

On February first the final draft of the Constitutional Revision for Dania was sent to each Branch President and Secretary, to each current Grand Officer and each Past Grand, who elected to receive one. Since there is so much detail the Committee wanted to make sure each Delegate/Representative attending the convention came

prepared to take action on these items. The Committee suggested motions that group items into logical categories for the presentation, the discussion and finally the vote. Typically each Branch will take a position on these items and send their Delegates/Representatives with that position to convention. We ask each member to do their homework in preparation of the discussion we will have. If, in your review, you have a question of clarification or a suggestion that should be considered before convention, the Committee needs to hear from you. Anything we can do to further prepare us for convention will make this process less cumbersome.

Roger Gearhart just sent me a copy of his "Legacy Gift" concept that he plans to present at convention as well. I feel it is nicely done and includes all of the provisions that must be met to be complete. If there is need we will appoint a committee to further study this and put it into its final form.

As I wind down my year as your Grand President, I am heading to our convention with great anticipation knowing we are addressing many items that need our attention.

IN MEMORIAM:

Robert Olsen; Bornholm No. 14

NEW MEMBERS

Tracey Lamee: Dannevang No.7, Livermore

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Valborg No. 1, Sena Marie Freeman, Sena Ann & Mac McNeil, Pat Brouillette & Greg Gleason, Vibeke Petersen-Jensen In memory of PGP Irene Simms; Thyra #3, San Francisco and Thyra #9, Hayward.

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Lacey; In memory of PGP Irene Simms.

Bornholm No. 14; In Memory of Robert Olsen

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Thyra #3 & Glenn Fritz; In memory of PGP Irene Simms.

Johanna Gade, in memory of Robert Olsen, Kathleen Gearhart and PGP Irene Simms

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Marge and John Scheuber; In memory of PGP Irene Simms, and Robert Olsen.

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**

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Installation and Anniversary party in early February. We hope everyone had a great time. We sure did. Of special note was Roger Gearhart's Danmark #2 "Man of the Decades" award. Each year we give a Member of the Year award, but because Roger's efforts covered far more than just one year, it was appropriate to expand the award to recognize a lifetime of service to our lodge. Thank you Roger!

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 a great turnout at our installation Feb. 2. This was the first time in about 20 years that we have had it in Fresno instead of Selma. We had a few cancellations, which meant many of us purchased those extra dinners.

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Hejls Minde No. 23	March 6, 2019 Noon	Bit O' Denmark Solvang
Thyra #9 & Valborg #. 1	March 16, 2019 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

Each of us comes with a different level of interest or preparation based on your perspective. I am asking for each of you to become fully engaged by doing your homework. As a former College Professor, that word "homework" has a real ring to it. It should be our goal to have a lot of positive dialogue that will bring us positive results. John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 13 marts*. 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. This month is our corn beef and cabbage feast – please let me know if I should add you to the guest list. We hope to see you there!

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

Our Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals did a fine job of getting our Officers installed. The San Francisco installation the following weekend was fun, as it's the one still having dancing in the evening. I

was happy to see my son, Dennis and wife, Karen plus grandson Ian attending. Dennis was installed as Trustee in Danmark #2. It's special that they drew names for the orchids that decorated the tables in honor of Irene Simms. They did have many other gifts to hand out. The following Sunday I attended the San Jose installation, which my daughter Renae is a member and was attending. It was good to see Doris Skow back in charge and greeting all of us.

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

For the first time in many years, on Feb. 3 our membership forwent staying home to watch the Super Bowl and instead enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch followed by a dessert baked by our newest member Karen Lesney, her "bedstemors berømte brune lagkage". Ole Pedersen gave it the highest compliment, saying it tasted exactly as he remembers from his childhood. Over spicy, chocolaty bites we had a very productive semi-formal meeting, motions made and seconded between finger licks. We were happy again to welcome Ron Nielsen to the table. Most of our deliberations were over the proposed revisions to the Dania constitution, at least as much as time would allow. The committee has given us a very comprehensive proposal to consider. Our delegates/representatives will come to convention ready to join the discussion. Next we meet will be on Sunday, March 3 for our Annual Tip o' the Tam to the Heer's Irish

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

We celebrated our February meeting with a spread of delicious open face sandwiches and all the Danish sides that go with it, red beets, cucumber salad and those delicious Danish pickles. Thanks to all the members who really make an effort to make the most outstanding food for us to enjoy. We had a short meeting, and president Gregg would like to remind all Dannevang members to

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

Please join us Saturday, March 16, 2019, for our Installation of Officers at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. 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 Vegetarian Ravioli. Entrees include salad, 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

Modesto will be having their famous Fish dinner the evening of Mar. 2, with dancing on the wonderful hardwood springing floor. You have to dance on it to feel it give.

We will be having our lodge meeting at the Old Town Waffle Shop in Clovis on Saturday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m. It's still \$5.00 bucks a meal for you. Hope to see you. Martha

side. And now that we know our member Sharon Richardson also has a bit of blarney coursing through her veins she'll be properly honored as well. We'll gather at noon, sit down to eat when the food's on the table and have a wee sweet meeting after. We love having company, if you can join us please let O'Tim'nNat know with a phone call or message, since they'll be snagging the meat. 831.426.4623 (fun fact: this is the number I've been "dialing" the longest and the only one I have committed to memory besides my own) or, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net (eh, not so long . . .) FYI we don't meet in April so that our Grand Secretaries can have as much time as possible to prepare for convention. At our meeting the Secretary had printed copies of the suggested changes to the Constitution for everyone who attended. If you want a copy, please notify Natalie. Skaal All! JHG

review the final draft of the constitution revision which will be discussed at our next meeting. The theme for our March 9th meeting will be Corned Beef and cabbage, be there at 6:00 and maybe we should wear green to celebrate the Irish (Irish Vikings that is). You too can be eligible for our attendance prize by just showing up, Dan Holm was the lucky winner (again). See you there KRT

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 11-13, 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/>. Please make hotel reservations via phone, 1-650-873-3200, by March 15. Tell them you are with the *Danish Convention*, for

the Special Room Rate of \$159.00, plus tax and fees. Please contact Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114 or Seence@aol.com, if you have questions regarding the convention.

We will have a group, called the Sojourners, perform at our Thursday reception. They have a program, Building of the American Flag, with a demonstration of its assembly and history.

Our theme for Friday evening is **Beach Party!**

*We will not be offering Golf or Bowling due to the lack of signups in recent years.

Reminder to our Valborg & Thyra Members: We are seeking raffle items and contributions from our members to support the raffle. Feel free to contact our Raffle Chair Person, Rowland McNeil at 510-490-6114 or fmtcanman@aol.com, to make arrangements to get the items to our convention hotel. You may also forward your monetary contributions to him as well.

Check out the Dannebrog Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/danishsocietydannebr og/>

Please join us when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 PM. Cheers, Susan

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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Sønderjylland #10 members enjoyed an early Valentine's Day Lunch and Mini-meeting at our favorite Oakmont Golf Club and Restaurant in Santa Rosa on February 10, 2019.

Those of us who came from the East Bay went through four rainstorms only to reach the sunny oasis of Oakmont where the weather was perfect the rest of the afternoon. 12 members enjoyed a great lunch of Hamburgers and other menu choices. This was the first Valentine's Lunch where members paid for their own lunch and Sønderjylland #10 covered any cost over \$20.00. The majority felt it was a fair decision, considering our current tight budget.

Sabrina had kindly decorated the table with homemade Valentine candy-bags for everyone. Thank you so much Sabrina. Karen brought an amazingly delicious cheesecake which she had decorated with heart shaped strawberries, thank you Karen.

A short meeting was held while we waited for the lunch to be served.

Secretary-Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen gave a summary of our current and future financial picture.

No new members had applied, but we have unfortunately lost two of our oldest and dearest members who resigned in the new year, Sato and Holger Jorgensen. We haven't had the pleasure of seeing them for almost nine months. Holger had been a member since 1974.

Sick Report: Sabrina Wilcox has some current health issues that need to be addressed in the near future. Good luck Sabrina. Please call and check on her. At this writing,

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

Mar 2: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a soup and salad lunch at 12:30. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

President Karen F. Lysmer has had her multiple Hernia surgery, (2/15/19) and is slowly recovering. There will be dancing, but no luggage carrying at Convention time though!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday March 9th, 2019 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma, meet at 11:30 with lunch at noon.

The Menu will be a traditional Danish cold weather dish, "Gule ærter med flæsk, medister og rugbrød". Our Danish Master Chef of Stjeneskud fame, Per Johansen, has graciously offered to prepare the meal to assure it is authentic Danish, (as we remember from our younger days in Denmark). A traditional Æblekage will be served for dessert. As per tradition, there will be Aquavit (Snaps) also. If the weather is cold and rainy, we will likely huddle in the cozy warm kitchen for both the meeting and lunch as we have done in the past when the weather has been bad. Please be prompt with your reservations, you don't have to wait till the last day to call or email our Secretary-Treasurer. 510-232-6998, email, j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

The Deadline is Tuesday March 5th 2019.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen F. Lysmer. President.

Mar 10: Valhalla – Ydun will be showing a movie at 1:00. Movie for March will be **Bon Voyage** a 1962 movie about

a once in a lifetime vacation in Paris starring Fred Mac Murrey and Jane Wymark.

April 14: Valhalla – Ydun will be showing a movie at 1:00. Movie for April will be **En Man Som Heter Ove** (a

man called Ove) a Swedish movie about a boisterous young family, while moving in next door, accidentally flattens Ove's mail box and earn a special brand of ire. **Christian Nielsen**

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 the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday February 1 at 7 pm. 21 members was in attendance and 3 visitors. Sena Marie quickly passed out 2 Dannevirke applications and 1 Valdemar application. Hopefully this will turn out to more members for us? Ina Segesman's neighbor, Judy Storm and Eva Kirk (former Snuffer) brought her 2 neighbors, Helena and Mike. The soup potluck turned out great, we had 4 different kinds of soups. The appetizers, a meat and cheese tray with crackers, spinach dip, artichoke dip and chips help us up till dinner.. Wonderful spread of desserts and a surprise birthday cake for John Laroche's 75th birthday, brought by Solveig. Of cause we sang Happy Birthday to John. During dessert and coffee Anette opened the meeting. For our March 1st meeting we will celebrate Finish night, St. Urho. This will be hosted by Jennifer Baker, Pia Laing and other Finish friends. We should all be wearing green and/or purple, which is the colors for the St. Urho Theme. A small fee will be asked to cover some of the cost. Here's a link, if you want to read about the St. Urho tradition. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Urho On Friday April 5th we will celebrate with an Easter potluck and election of officers. Please think about who you would like to vote for and if you would like to be one of the officers? We will also finish off all preparations for

the Convention coming up 4/11 – 4/13. Our delegates will be Leif Larsen for Valdemar, and Ingrid Hedman & Bonnie Larsen for Dannevirke. Ann-katherine Sawyer and Sena-Marie Freeman will be S.A.F. (Ann-katherine for Valdemar).

On Friday May 3rd the Reno Lodges will host the first installation with the newly installed Grand officers. Our famous open faced sandwiches will be served and there will be more in upcoming newsletters.

On Friday June 7th Mike and Donna Vanderbeck will host an Italian night. There will be a small charge to offset the cost. Also, mark your calendars for Friday June 21st where we will celebrate Saint Hans Fest at the River School Farm. Our sick list: Again our sympathy goes out to the Simms family. Irene was a lovely lady and will be greatly missed. Hopefully Doris Skow is doing much better. Solveig was back in attendance since her bout with the flu. Mike Vanderbeck had surgery on his shoulder February 6th. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. Janet Pulsipher was not in attendance - we miss you! Our March birthdays Margaret Hansen, Barbara Iler, Janet Pulsipher, Ina Segesman, Ellen Webb and Cynthia Birk -. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. The groundhog didn't see his shadow, hopefully that means an early spring? Have a great month and take care. Sena-Marie

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

At our February meeting we finalized plans for our annual Fish Dinner on March 2, 2019. Hope we will see many of you there. We voted to send money to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund in memory of our long-time member Robert Olsen. After the business meeting we enjoyed a

wine and appetizer gathering. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15th. We will start with a St. Patrick's Day celebration prior to the meeting. Hope to see you all then. - Ann

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

The members of Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 want to thank everyone who attended our Installation of Officers on Feb. 17. We had a really good time. The 2 officers who were not able to attend will be installed on March 16 at our meeting. Thank you also to Grand President John Scheuber for presenting Bob Lacey with his 50-year pin. Among the 50-year members we have now are John and Hanna Christiansen, Carole Muenzer, Donald Christopher and Lis Lacey. Congratulations to all of you.

Our next business meeting will start with lunch at 12 Noon, March 16th, followed by the meeting. The hostess will be preparing our lunch, so you don't need to bring anything. This will be at the home of Maud Hansen, 1541 Corte de Moffo, San Jose. You must call or email her by March 11 to let her know if you are coming or not. 408-266-6306 or olemaudh@att.net. I look forward to seeing you there. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

**Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,
Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455**

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular luncheon and meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 12 noon at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark with 17 in attendance. Pat Hansen brought her daughter, Lynn and granddaughter, Natasja Simonsen to celebrate her 80th birthday. Also, Bent Olsen, Knud Jacobsen, Slim Juhl and Marie Jaeger celebrated their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday was sung by all! The door prize of \$20 was won by Knud Jacobson. A Danish lunch was served, and it was delicious. Bent Olsen baked a Cake Man, a Danish birthday cake, to celebrate. It was fun and very popular. Finn Runge opened the business meeting and Erling Grumstrup led in the singing of "God Bless America" followed by "Der er et Yndigt Land". The New officers

were elected. They are: Past President and Song Leader, Erling Grumstrup; President, Finn Runge; Vice President, Bent Olsen; Secretary, Jean Kardel; Treasurer, Marie Jaeger; Marshall, Darlene Iversen; Trustees, Lucille Wulff and Kate Nielsen; Auditors Bent Olsen and Alice Quimby. They will be installed at the meeting on March 6, 2017.

Three delegates were chosen for the convention in South San Francisco on April 11-13, 2019. The delegates are Knud Jacobsen, Bent Olsen and Finn Runge. We finished the meeting by singing "It Der er et Yndigt Land". The next meeting will be March 6, 2017 at Bit O' Denmark at 12:00 Noon with the installation of the new officers. Jean Kardel, Secretary, Hejls Minde #23

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