



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

April 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone,

March 5, Mary Esther & I traveled to Solvang for shopping and the installation of the officers of Hejls Minde #23 to be held on Wed. the 6th. Grand President John Scheuber was assisted by PGP Johanne Gade as acting Grand Marshal as Bente was in Denmark. After the installation, we all retired to the dining room to be treated to a traditional lunch of open face sandwiches with all the trimmings, including Jubilaeums. It was fun to see some old friends again.

Next, on March 16th, it was on to The Cattlemens in Livermore for the annual auditing of the Grand Lodges' books. This was followed by the installations of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9's officers. It seemed fitting that my last installation was my own lodge. We had a great lunch and plenty of time for visiting afterwards. We hope everyone had a good time.

Coming up in the very near future is our convention, to be held on the weekend of April 11-13, 2019, in South San Francisco at the Grosvenor Hotel. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Alan, GP Dannebrog

Dania Grand President

Early in March each year Bornholm in Modesto has their annual Fish Dinner. We were pleased with our turnout, but always bothered by the "no-shows" without any notice. We all had a great time with many appetizers, great fish and great fellowship. A few days later the Dania Grand Officers ventured off to Solvang to have their Dania Only Installation and a great lunch at the Bit of Denmark restaurant. The quarters were tight, but we pulled it off in style.

Every year when we hold the Hayward Installation, we also use this day for our Annual Executive Meeting wherein we complete a couple of audits, select our scholarship recipients, select our Member of the Year and discuss any topic needing review before convention. Alan Filiau, Grand President of Dannebrog and I were pleased that we completed our last installation for our year. Hayward always does a nice job with this activity and the Cattlemen's Restaurant works well as we carry out our ritual.

As we wind down our year, we realize it is time to gear up for convention and make sure we are set for 3 days of intense activity. Please let me remind you that we are undertaking quite a lot as we review our entire constitution. All of you, whether a Delegate from the local branch, or a Grand Officer or a Past Grand President, should now have in your possession a copy of the Constitution Review Committee's latest revisions, dated February 1. That should be what your branch used to take

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a position on these suggested changes. If you need a copy, ask your local Secretary or President or contact a committee member. We will have copies at convention, but for you to be adequately prepared for discussion you need to review it in detail before convention. It isn't often that we have homework, but we do this year. As an old College Professor, that word "homework" has a real ring to it.

The Constitution Review Committee needs to reiterate that some of you sent suggested revisions in late, after our February 1 copy was sent out. Each of your suggestions was reviewed, but the committee felt strongly, that it was too late to incorporate them into the document to be studied by each Branch prior to convention. Any of these can be a part of our discussion as we address our 6 major motions on this most important topic.

On another topic related to convention, Mike Vanderbeck, our Grand Vice Marshal, found it necessary to resign, so he will not be moving through the chairs. We are now in need for 3 candidates: one as Grand Trustee, one as Grand Marshal and one as Grand Vice Marshal. Please apprise me or our Nominating Committee of your interest in one of these positions.

Finally, Roger Gearhart, one our esteemed Past Grand Presidents, will present the concept of establishing a provision for any member to include in their will a "Legacy Gift" to the Grand Lodge or to any given Branch. This topic will likely end with the formation of a committee for further review. Please apprise him if you have any interest in serving on such a committee.

While we all look forward to the social aspect of our annual convention, this year we have some significant

Danish Campers – May 17 – 20th, 2019

The Danish Campers are on the road again. We're meeting at Casa de Fruta RV Resort on Friday, May 17th for a relaxing weekend. The rate is approximately \$45 per night depending on the number of reservations we receive. I've reserved the sites for 4-nights, if anyone would like to take advantage of an extended stay. The resort is located in Hollister, two miles east of the junction of Highways 152 and 156.

If you haven't joined us before, we usually have appetizers and wine, or beverage of your choice, on Friday night, and

IN MEMORIAM:

Sato Jorgensen; Sønderjylland #10

NEW MEMBERS

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Jensen, In Memory of Irene Simms

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris & Peder Hoy, In Memory of Robert Olsen

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Susan Gauthier. In Memory of Irene Simms

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

Time marches on, and now March is gone. This year is moving quickly, but at least we are stopping to have some fun. Our traditional corn beef and cabbage feed at the March meeting was a success – over 22 lbs of corn beef was consumed with great glee. Birthday songs and schnapps sealed the deal. A great time once again. And now we are on the verge of the convention. Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 are looking forward to seeing everybody at another successful convention!

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

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		
Valdemar No 12. Dannevirke No. 9	May 3 rd 2019	IOOF Hall Reno

work to do as well. Please come prepared so we can move efficiently through all these matters. We know Hayward, as our host, will provide a well-organized convention. See you soon. John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

a potluck dinner on Saturday night (bring your own meat/chicken/fish to BBQ, and a dish to share). Casa de Fruta has a lot to offer, including shopping at the Fruit Stand and Casa de Gifts, wine tasting at the Casa de Wine, and rides on the Casa de Carousel and Casa de Choo Choo. The fun never ends. If you would like to make a reservation, or have any questions, call Pat at 510-278-9430 or e-mail pab0718@sbcglobal.net. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg.

Due to the proximity of the convention dates, **in April we meet the first Wednesday of the month.** So our next meeting will be *onsdag, 3 april*. 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,
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We are still meeting at the restaurant in Clovis for our lunch/meeting. It seems to be going well as everyone likes the food. We did have a few less members than the previous meeting but it's nice not to have to remember to bring potluck.

We had a business meeting to decide on the amount our delegates would need for the convention in April. We had a new member that will be joining our lodge, which is great

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 enjoyed a lively fun filled March meeting celebrating St. Patrick's Day (an annual tradition for us) and Fastelavn (and now a new annual tradition for us). Karen Lesney and yours truly, the two Fastelavnsboller Bake-Off contenders, agreed it was a tie (just beginners' luck for Jana). The sweet bollers followed a delicious Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes (all by Tim'nNat), "drunk" carrots (by Jana), and homemade soda bread (by Sharon Richardson). Beverages, beer and wine magically appeared on the table (I think John Scheuber, Ron Nielsen, Ole Pedersen, and Arne Graversgaard had something to do with that). Again, this month we were so happy to see our dearest Danish lady

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

Saturday, March 9th, Livermore began their meeting with delicious corned beef and all the trimmings, once again the members pulled off a successful feast. As we sat around the dining room table of the farm bureau building, it was interesting to note all the past presidents of the Alameda farm bureau whose pictures are up on the wall. Quite a few of them are past members of Dannevang No. 7. I'll get the names next time we meet there.

Gregg called the meeting to order, we draped the charter for our member, Viola Hardy, (note, not our dear Viola Jensen) who joined Danebod 16 in 1962. A donation will

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

Another successful installation is in the books. Thank you to all who attended our installation of officers!

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. Please make hotel reservations via phone, 1-

as we are slowly going downhill unless we gain a few new ones.

We will continue in April with our first Saturday of the month lunch/ meetings at The Old Town Waffle Shop in Clovis. Come out and join us, can't beat the price of a wonderful meal for \$5.00 and the socializing for free.

Martha

Inger Rasmussen always with a smile and insistence on helping to clear the tables. We also enjoyed our visit from Dania's Grand President John Scheuber; whose presence was most appreciated especially when it came time to discuss the proposal of the Dania Constitution Revision Committee which will be one of the highlights of Dania's convention meeting this year. Our thanks go out to the committee for their contribution and dedication to keeping Dania moving forward. See you at convention, don't forget your sunscreen! No meeting in April. Welcome home delegates with a potluck on May 5th gather at noon and enjoy our luncheon starting at 1:00 pm. JHG

be sent to Grand Lodge Dannebrog scholarship fund in her honor. Due to most of our members attending the convention, there will be **no meeting in April**. We wish the Grand Lodge a successful and productive convention, however I'm still not ready to get out my beach attire for the beach theme though. We will meet again, **Saturday, May 11th, 5:00, at Anita's Mexican Food restaurant** to celebrate Cinco de Mayo; it is on the corner of Railroad and K Streets in Livermore. Viola Jensen was the happy winner of our monthly attendance prize.

Happy Easter to all, and I hope to see you soon, KRT

650-873-3200. Tell them you are with the *Danish Convention*.

The 2019 Convention Registration form is available on the website, <https://danishsociety.com/announcements/>. Please contact Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114 or Seenee@aol.com, if you have questions regarding the convention.

Convention Schedule

Thursday April 11

- 3:00 pm Registration
Kent Board Room
- 5:00-7:00 pm Senior Assistance Fund Meeting
Essex-Marlborough
- 7:00 pm Welcome Reception
Sojourners Presentation, "Building the American Flag," with a demonstration of its assembly and history
Windsor-Tudor

Friday April 12

- 8:00 am Registration
Kent Board Room
- 9:00 am Dania Meeting *Windsor*
Dannebrog Meeting *Essex-Marlborough*
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
Dannebrog PGP *Kent Board Room*
Dania PGP *Lounge*
- 2:00 pm Meetings Resume
- 6:30 pm **Beach Party!** Dinner and Dance
Windsor-Tudor

Saturday April 13

- 8:00 am Registration
Kent Board Room
- 9:00 am Dania *Windsor*
Dannebrog *Essex-Tudor*
- 2:00 pm Installation
Essex-Marlborough
- 4:00 pm Grand Presidents Reception
Location TBA
- 6:30 pm Grand Ball Dinner and Dance
Windsor-Tudor

**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.

Hayward Lodges will not meet Thursday, April 11. We will meet again in May, details to follow. Enjoy your day! 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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On Saturday, March 9, 2019 we held our meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. The weather was cold and rainy so we moved our meeting indoors in the kitchen and we even advised members and guests not to park on the grass as the field was a muddy mess from all the rain. We welcomed an attendance of 12 Members and one guest. We were honored that our guest, Dania Grand President John Scheuber, came all the way from Modesto to join us. Also present were Jeannie and Finn Kjaer who traveled from their home in Oregon to attend and our member Kirsten Cohen brought her children, William, 6, Henry, 4, and Ellie, 11 months to the affair.

The lunch consisted of Danish "Gule Ærter med Flæsk, Medisterpølse og Rugbrød" (Danish style Yellow Pea Soup with pork, Danish sausage and Danish ryebread), served with the obligatory Danish Akvavit donated by Debbie Cruger-Hansen. We had Æblekage for desert, (Danish Apple desert with macaroons and whipped cream). The meal was a typical Danish cold-weather meal. We thank our members Deborah and Per Johansen for making authentic Gule Ærter and John Cruger-Hansen for cooking the pork and sausage and providing the rye bread. We held Nomination of Officers for 2019. Debbie Cruger-Hansen as President and Deborah Johansen as Vice President and John Cruger-Hansen as Secretary/Treasurer,

Sabrina Wilcox as Marshal and Inger Marie Andersen as Auditor.

Per Johansen suggested we establish a Social Media or web-page for Sønderjylland #10 and maybe also a Facebook Page in an attempt to get new members.

It was suggested we move the March meeting to April in the future because of the chance of bad weather in March. It was agreed to change the 2020 meeting to April if the date did not conflict with the Dania Convention dates. Dania Grand President John Scheuber then spoke about the Dania Convention in April and the proposed revised Dania Constitution. The Constitution Revision Committee had worked hard to get the Constitution up to date and to reflect how Dania and the various branches actually conduct business.

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

Apr 6: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a rotisserie chicken potluck lunch at 12:30. Members are asked to bring a potluck item to share.

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

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 Dannevirke #9 & Valdemar #12 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday March 1st at 7 p.m. and were hosted to a Finnish dinner by Jennifer Baker in the theme of St. Urho. 40 people were in attendance, 30 members and 10 Finnish friends. Jennifer Baker called everyone to dinner. She gave us a little background about her Finnish heritage and family history. Some of her family are still in Minnesota. Can't pronounce the food names, but dang was it good! Menu: Mojakka (Salmon soup), Everyone is still talking about how great the soup was! Lihapyyrykoita (Finnish meatballs) with mashed potatoes, Finnish casserole with cauliflower made by Marian Gnant, Salad & Rye bread. For dessert Lars Jensen had made a Finnish cake and there were Cardamom Bread & Cookies made by Pia Laine from My Scandinavia <https://www.facebook.com/My-Scandinavia-223689067043/>

What a fun event and the tables were decorated so festive in green and purple colors. We played Finnish bingo and had nametags with information - if we were the Immigrant or 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation and from what country. It was such a great conversation piece that Jennifer Baker ended up being related to two of the lovely Finnish guests.

Turned out they are distant cousins from Minnesota and that they knew Jennifer's family. Isn't it a small world? ☺ Thank you again – Jennifer – You are welcome to do this again next year!

We didn't have an official meeting, but Anette made a few announcements. Grand President, John Scheuber was

Membership drawing: Member Deborah Johansen's name was drawn and she graciously donated the \$10 back to Sønderjylland #10.

After the meeting and lunch all the attendees helped to clean up and move the chairs that had been brought inside, so we all could sit at the long table in the kitchen, back outside again. A great thank you to all.

As of this writing we got a report that our long-time member Sato Jorgensen has passed away. We send our condolences to Holger Jorgensen.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully submitted, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

young family, while moving in next door, accidentally flattens Ove's mail box and earn a special brand of ire.

May 4: Valhalla – Ydun will be serving Aebelskiver and sausage breakfast at 10:00 with a business meeting following. Come early to help prepare food.
Christian Nielsen

planned to attend our meeting, but had to cancel due to weather. We missed you and sorry it didn't work out. Anette read a message from the Grand President to the Dania members and passed out a copy of the draft Constitution for members to vote on.

Anette reminded everyone about our April 5th meeting, an early Easter potluck, election of officers and final prep for convention. May 3rd will be our installation of officers, more about this in the next newsletter.

June meeting will be Italian night, hosted by Mike and Donna Vanderbeck. There will be a small fee. Sena-Marie will make her Italian cookies. June 21st the Saint Hans Fest at the River School Farm. Opps I almost forgot to mention - we will be initiating 2 members into Dannevirke #9 and 1 member into Valdemar #12, Judy Storm, Helena and Mike Robbert. Welcome All. Our sick list is small. Mike Vanderbeck is doing well after shoulder surgery. Heard Janet Pulsipher is better, but still not in attendance. We miss you. The Reno Lodges want to send our deepest sympathy to the Olsen Families Pete & Ruth Olsen, Janet Pulsipher, lost their niece. She was the daughter of Janet and Pete's brother, John who passed a few years ago. We missed Glenn Fritz, who went to the Modesto's Fish Dinner.

April birthdays: Sena-Marie Freeman, Brandur Jensen, Glenn Christensen, and Carl Christiansen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE! Safe travels & see you in San Francisco. 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

Notice: There will be no meeting in April, due to Easter. We wish those attending the Convention a productive session.

Happy Birthday to Erik Solyst who turns 93 this month and a very Happy Easter to all our members and we look forward to seeing you at our May meeting at the Lacey's 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 installation on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 12 noon at the Bit O' Denmark. There were 27 members, guests and Grand Officers present to witness the installation. Grand President John Scheuber conducted the installation with the help of Grand Trustee Johanne Gade. Those installed were Song Leader, Erling Grumstrup; President, Fin Runge; Vice President, Bent Olsen; Secretary, Jean Kardel; Treasurer, Marie Jaeger; Marshal, Darlene Iversen; Trustees, Lucille Wulff, Kate Nielsen and Brigit Nelson; Auditor, Bent Olsen. Other Dania Grand Officers present were Grand Vice-President

Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand Secretary Tim Heer, and Grand Trustees Jim Jensen and Peder Hoy.

Knud Jacobsen will not attend the convention in South San Francisco.

Following the installation, we moved to the dining room where a delicious Danish luncheon of herring and salad followed by Danish open-face sandwiches was served.

Dessert was a lovely layer cake provided by Bent Olsen.

Happy birthday was sung to Dixie Allen, Kate Nielsen and Finn Runge. The luncheon was concluded with the singing of Der er et Yndigt Land.

Than next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Bit O' Denmark at 12:00 noon. Jean Kardel, Secretary.

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