



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2019

Dania Grand President

Got my summertime socializing off to a great start in the beautiful backyard of Christie and Don Pettitt's home where they hosted Fresno's Thor & Thora's annual BBQ. The weather was perfect, the tables were set up in the shade with fresh flowers in Red and White. The food tables were filled with perfectly BBQ'd meat accompanied by a wide variety of delicious side dishes and salads. And just when I thought I couldn't take one more bite, the desserts appeared, yep, I did not hold back. The highlight of the day (next to getting an amazing behind the scenes tour of Don's truck shop!) was having the honor and privilege of making some very important presentations. First of all, after Martha Nielsen, Past Grand President of Dannebrog and beloved member of Thora #11, awarded Dannebrog's Scholarships to both Rebecca Holt and Aaron Holt, I awarded the Dania Scholarship to Aaron Holt. Rebecca and Aaron are active in the Fresno branches and in the Fresno Danish community as well, I'm looking forward to seeing them perform with Fresno's Danish Dancers during Danish Days in Solvang this year. I was then asked to present Don Pettitt with his Past President's Pin which, as these things can happen, got overlooked at their last installation. And quite selfishly I'm glad it did, because what a special moment that was to see how touched Don was to receive his father-in-law's pin. So much of what we are in Dania and Dannebrog is about family, siblings receiving college scholarships, family heirlooms being passed down the line, and the family of friends that keeps us showing up month after month, year after year. Speaking of which, I was also honored with the task of presenting three Dania 25 Year pins. Steen Skjellerup shared with us his first introduction to a meeting of Thor #5, ask him next time you see him, it's a good story. Next was Urban Jensen, 8 years from now another lucky Grand President of Dania will present him with his 50 Year pin! Even though this 25 year pin was a bit overdue he was very pleased and thankful to receive it that day, Mr. Jensen you are a true gentleman, thank you for your many years of membership and support to Thor #5 and Dania. Another member who waited a few extra years to receive his pin was our host himself, Mr. Don Pettitt. Don was also very pleased to receive his pin, and he also had a story to share, but you'll have to ask him too because

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right now I can't remember how it went! Thank you Thor & Thora for a wonderful day! Next on my calendar is the 4th of July in Santa Maria with Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23. I've been looking forward to this for several years, ever since Slim Juhl, a longtime family friend and neighbor from the early Salinas days of my mother and aunts, made me promise to be there when I became Grand President! See you soon Slim! Tak for sidst, Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President Dania

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone! WOW! We are headed into the second half of the year already! Where has the time gone? I'm sure many of you are planning your vacations or have returned from your fabulous trips. I hope each of you continues to have a wonderful summer filled with great adventures. Wishing all of you a very Happy and Safe 4th of July! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Eldon "Howard" Petersen; Hejls Minde #23 Solvang.
Richard "Swede" O Johnson; Thor#5, Fresno
Sharon Andersen; Thora #11, Fresno

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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Glenn Fritz in Memory of Robert Olsen and Alvin Olsen

NEW MEMBERS:

Secretary's

The Dannebrog Convention Report and the Dania Convention Report will be available on our web site sometime this month. We will be supplying all the Branches with unredacted copies of the report.

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

It was a hot day even in San Francisco on the day of our June meeting. Thanks to the Odd Fellows Hall for letting us onto the roof for much needed relief from the heat. June seems to be the month for travel as many of our members were abroad, both in and out of the country. Good travels to all!

We were small in numbers for our meeting but managed to have a great time like we always do. We all love Anne Gerhart's Moroccan (Mo'Rocking') chicken complete with chad salad and quinoa. A feast indeed topped off with cold Carlsberg and schnapps.

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 for our picnic June 8. Donny and Christie's yard was lovely, with Donny giving all the credit to Christie as she does all the yard work. We were glad to see Allen and Mary Thomsen, Urban and Roseanne Jensen and Glenn Jensen attending. We had guests Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer and also Dania Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski.

We had Aaron and Rebecca Holt along with their parents Brad and Christin, to receive their scholarships from Dannebrog. I had them tell us of their plans and what they were studying. Grand President Jana gave Aaron his

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	August 3 2019	Familia Bistro Mc Henry Ave
Sønderjylland #10	August 10 2019	Kastania Fælled, Petaluma
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	August, 31, 2019	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 6 th 2019	Salinas Masonic Hall
Dannevang No. 7 Danebod No. 16	February 22, 2020	To Be Announced

Remember the Dania per-capita tax will be due on July 1st and it is \$15.00 per member as of July 1st.

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 10 juli*. 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. The July meeting is special in that we hold the meeting on the roof and then have 5¢ beers and hot dogs in the hall kitchen. It's a "guy thing" but all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Dania scholarship. She also had 25 year pins for Steen Skjellerup, Urban Jensen and Donny Pettitt.

We have lost a couple of members, Sharon Andersen, who has been a Past President of Thora #11. Richard "Swede" Johnson had been a member for 39 years passed May 5, 2019. Many members had taken tours and trips that he had arranged and served as the tour guide.

June has been a very busy month with all the graduations and weddings. Life seems to pick up the pace in the summer time and you have to go faster to keep up with it. Have a great summer. Martha

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 & Freja's June meeting was inspired by Livermore's Danebod & Dannevang's fun idea of making æbleskivers together and sharing recipes and favorite ways of serving them. For a first effort we all agreed it went very well. I won't go into details, but there was a wide range when it came to appearance, yours truly's coming up a little short :) They tasted great though, and we all had fun comparing recipes and discussing the chemistry of baking soda vs powder! No one went home hungry. We did have a small turnout, but thanks again to Doris Skow and Ron Nielsen we filled a table. Around that table the main topic was not only how to attract new members but also encourage current members to join us more often. A motion was made and seconded to ask Dania's Grand President (me)

to reach out to the branches and explore and promote involvement by our youth aka The Future of D&D. This Grand President thinks it's a great idea and I will reach out first to my counterpart, Grand President of Dannebrog, Beth Cowan, to discuss how Dania and Dannebrog can work together on this effort. Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 4 at 1:00 for a summer potluck, picnic style. We'll fire up the BBQ pit on the Masonic Hall outside patio, D&F will provide the meat and members and guests can bring side dishes to share, bring a sun hat and cross your fingers for a sunny day in Salinas. Members, if you haven't been to a meeting for a while, we'd love to see you, we've got a lot of catching up to do! JHG

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 had their Americana theme for the June meeting fulfilled by dining at Mel's Diner, followed up with a meeting, which was followed up by cherry and apple pie! Detailed reports about the convention were read, charters were draped in memory of Viola Hardy Sylvestersen, Ole Juul and Paulette Thomsen, donations to the Dannebrog scholarship fund were approved for our departed members.

We will not meet in July and August, returning September with a traditional potluck, where we will confirm details about a barbecue on the 4th Saturday, September 28th, noon, at Bob and Tracey's house, you might want to mark that on your calendar now. Sir Gregg was the lucky winner (again) of our attendance prize. Hope everyone has a safe, sound, and spectacular 4th of July, KRT

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 note we will not have meetings in July nor August. I hope to see you when we meet in September! Susan Gauthier, President

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 held their June 2019 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, June 8, 2019. The weather was warm and very pleasant and ideal for an out-door meeting. We had an attendance of 17 members, and we were happy to welcome Holger Jorgensen back. Our member Kirsten Cohen brought her children, William, 7, Henry, 5, and Ellie, 14 months to the affair. We started out as usual with various appetizers donated by Karen Friis Lysmer, (Herring and rye bread), and Lavone Christensen and we were bartended by Debbie Cruger-Hansen and Caroline Cruger-Hansen.

Thank you all.

The Officers for 2019 will be President, Debbie Cruger-Hansen, Vice President Deborah (Deb) Johansen, Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen, Auditor Inger Marie Andersen, and Marshal Sabrina Wilcox. The slate

was elected unanimously, The Installation of officers will be Aug. 10th, 2019. Karen will chair the various committees, which include: Set-up and Clean-up Volunteers, led by Inger Marie Andersen. Other committees are currently forming. Karen also suggested we have a raffle as in the past, where members donate prizes. Secretary John Cruger-Hansen volunteered to run the Raffle Committee. At the Installation Lunch we will serve Danish frikadeller med rødkål og kartoffelsalat, (Danish Meatballs with Red Cabbage and Potato Salad), with Risalamande med Kirsebærsaauce for dessert, provided by our member Per Johansen.

Membership drawing: Member Lena Humber's name was drawn.

Lunch was served following the meeting and consisted of Danish "Varme Pølser med brød og kartoffelsalat"

(Danish style hot dogs with potato salad), served with the obligatory Danish Akvavit donated by Debbie Cruger-Hansen. We had Æblekage for dessert, (Danish Apple desert with macaroons and whipped cream). The meal was a typical Danish summer meal which we usually had at the local Pølsevogn.

After the meeting and lunch all the attendees helped to clean up and move the chairs and tables back to their original position. A great thank you to all.

Our next event is the installation of officers and is on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma. Respectfully co-written by: Karen Friis Lysmer, President and John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary (*This article was edited by the D&D Editors from the meeting minutes supplied*)

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

We are not meeting in July and getting ready for everyone on Labor Day!! 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 of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday June 7th at 7 p.m. with 25 in attendance. We started with appetizers and had a lovely Italian Dinner hosted by Mike and Donna Vanderbeck. There were 3 different lasagnas, Italian meatballs, salads, garlic bread, a delicious rigatoni dish and of course Italian beer! All Yummy Yummy. Anette opened a short meeting while we ate dessert, Tiramisu made by Anette and Sena-Marie's famous Italian cheese cookies. With 5 visitors, applications were pasted out - 2 for Valdemar and 2 for Dannevirke. Kristen & Peter Eliassen brought their 4 month old daughter Sigrid (Sigg). Maybe we will have her as a member in 14 years? We reinstated Peter and Susie Jensen. They have been members before and moved out of the area and now living in Sparks. We welcomed them back with open arms! Kristen & Peter will be initiated at our July meeting. At our June meeting, Ann-Kathrine was still living at the Sierra Vista Rehab. Nina and Jordan picked her up so she could attend our meeting. Ann-Katherine joked with us that she got out of jail for 4 hours. ☺ Thank You Nina and Jordan. Everyone was happy to see her.

Our St. Hans Fest was on Friday June 21, 2019 at the River School Farm. We started at 7 pm with a picnic. Everyone brought their own drinks, meat to grill and a salad or dessert to share. As the sun was setting we lit the bonfire and sent the most beautiful witch, brought by

Helen Christiansen, off to "Bloksbjerg". Everyone had a good time and we were honored with a visit by two Past Grand Presidents, Diane Reinstein and Jackie Nielsen.

Thanks for coming – always nice to see you!

For the July meeting on Friday the 5th we will BBQ at the Odd Fellow Hall at 7 p.m. Please bring your choice of meat to grill and an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Maybe the Baseball Park will have fireworks for us that we can watch from the lodge?

Our sick list is growing again. John LaRoach had knee surgery on May 26th. According to Solveig he is doing well, but still unable to attend the meeting. Ann-Katherine is out of rehab as of 6/13 and doing well. She is at great sprites, as always. Anette had shoulder surgery on June 13th and is also having the "hardware" out of her ankle again. We wish her well & good luck. Ina Segesman had a mishap before she came to St. Hans. She stepped off the curb, fell and fractured her right wrist. Hope she doesn't need surgery and wish her a speedy recovery! As for me - I almost had a heart attack watching the Warriors Games. HA HA!

Our July Birthdays: Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb, Karma Smith, Brooke Matuzak, and Pete Olsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL. Happy July 4th to everyone and safe travels to all that travels on this special holiday. Have a great summer 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

We have no meeting in July, so our next get together will be the Installation Saturday August 3. The place: Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto. We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM Installation is at 12:00 Noon. Lunch approximately at 1 PM. Guests \$30.

Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

We will be installing the same officers as last year!!

Have a good summer and see you all at the Installation. AS

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

June 15th we met at the home of Erik Solyst and his daughter Laila. This was a social and we were a small group, however we had a great time.

Laila made a wonderful spring lunch with grilled salmon and mustard sauce, along with a delicious rice salad and watermelon wedges. This was accompanied with the beverage of your choice. Later in the afternoon we all enjoyed Danish Kringle and Coffee/Tea.

We were happy to have Tim and Natalie Heer join us and hope they come back again soon.

We missed Jonna and Bente who are traveling, as well as those on the not feeling so good list, Chuck and Phyllis Allman, Lisa McDaniel, Maud Hansen and Ellen Jensen. On the bright side, I made my maiden car trip from Hollister to Almaden Valley. Thanks to those who so nice to take me back and forth up until now.

We are dark in July so here's wishing all a very Happy Fourth of July and we look forward to seeing you at our August BBQ.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

We held our regular luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 12 noon at the restaurant "Bit 'O Denmark". The door prize was won by Finn Runge. For lunch we had a delicious Danish meal of green salad, fish filet with shrimp and potato salad, and ice cream with æbleskivers with a delicious sauce. Coffee, tea along with snaps were also included.

During our meeting it was approved to donate to the Grand Lodge Senior Assistance Fund \$2,000.00 twice a year along with donations of \$1,000.00 a year to the Senior

Centers in Bulletin, and Solvang and Meals on Wheels in Santa Maria.

Finn announced that Aidan Sisemore received \$500.00 scholarship from Hejls Minde No. 23 and that his family has sponsored a Danish Exchange student for 3 consecutive years.

Finn announced that we will send newsletters to all members who want one. Jean Kardel Secretary. *(This article was edited by the D&D Editor from the meeting minutes supplied)*

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

Santa Maria Lodges, Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 wish to invite all members of the Danish lodges and their guests to our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. The B-B-Q is held in Waller Park Space # 5. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937 4720 or Darlene Iversen at 1 805-937-5014.

Beans, bread, and meat, will be furnished, please bring a dish to share and your table service as well. See you all there to Celebrate!! Hope to see you on the 4th of July!!
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A little History

On July 4, 1888 while on his trip home to Oakland from Los Angeles Grand President Ted Orlob stop in Fresno to meet with a group of Danes at Hans Madsen's Ranch in an effort to gain interest in forming a Branch in Fresno. Two years later when a former resident of Fresno James Madison was Grand President that a Branch in Fresno was organized on January 10, 1891. Thor No. 5 did not waste anytime, in 1894 it hosted their first on many Dania Conventions and in 1893 their first Branch President Halvor Jacobsen became Grand President and served for three years 1893-95.

The History of Thyra No. 9, a branch of Dania of California and Nevada, actually originated because of a traveling distance, the Danes from Hayward, who were charter members of the Livermore Lodge traveled a distance of twenty miles, and took about five hours to drive their horse and buggies to get to the meetings. On February 11, 1893, Thyra was instituted, and named after the Queen of Denmark.

Thyra was the first Branch to have their own Hall in 1905, it was located on First Street, now Foothill Blvd. between B and C streets in Hayward.

Many Danes live in Hayward, Mt Eden and Russell City, which at the time was called "Little Copenhagen", because of all the Danes living in the area.

In the early days it was a fact that Dania had enough active members going to conventions to have an entire train at its disposal to bring members to the host city. It was also common to have a marching band meet them and march from the train station to the host Hotel. Even more interesting is that on May 23, 1928 Dania fill a Train from San Francisco-Oakland to New York with a few stops along the way to pick up more Danes and after five days arrived in New York with over 300 people where they Boarded the Lithuania and sailed from New York to Copenhagen and they were all members of Dania. Their return trip was not until the end of August.

(Information for the above article was taken from the November 8, 1979 Special issue of the Bien newspaper celebrating Dania's 100 Birthday, Tim Heer)