



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

August 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Welcome to the hot nights of August! We have had a little break from installations, but that is about to change. I'm looking forward to Dania's installations of officers of Sønderjylland #10 and the joint installation of Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10. Check their respective articles in this newsletter for details. I'm so sorry to hear Bornholm #14 will not be having their installation this year, but would like to wish a speedy recovery to those members who are ill. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the installation trail! *Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

One thing I now know for certain is that there's no better way to celebrate Independence Day than attending Santa Maria's Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 4th of July Barbecue, especially if you are, or a friend of, a member of Dania or Dannebrog. It's all there, the beautiful setting on a grassy knoll, the flags, the colorful shade tents, the smoking pit with huge slabs of tender beef sizzling to perfection, brightly decorated picnic tables . . . the large crowd grew, member by member, family by family, dressed in their best patriotic picnic fashion carrying their favorite side dishes and contributions to the raffle prize table. Speaking of raffle prizes, if none of the aforementioned piques your interest, here's something that you owe yourself NOT to miss, a chance of winning one of the most gorgeous and delicious homemade with homegrown apples, PIE! My mouth waters just remembering it. Yes, I won one, well, actually, due to the combined and repeated luck of Dania's Grand Marshal Tom Martin and myself, every past and present grand officer in attendance went home with one. I wonder if Debbie and Ken Jacobsen enter their pies in the Santa Barbara County Fair, because they are definitely Blue Ribbon winners!

The honor of presenting membership pins is quickly becoming one of my favorite perks as Dania's Grand President. Three members of Holger Danske: President Peter Jacobsen, his brother Ken Jacobsen, and Past President Gordon Rowland, were due to receive their 25 year pins. I was also asked to represent Dannebrog as a Past Grand President and

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present a 25 year pin to Valkyrien's Audrey Mussell. All recipients were unaware that they would be receiving their pins that day, and were pleasantly surprised and very appreciative. Treasurer Slim Jul and Secretary Darlene Iversen are very good secret keepers.

Like all our branches, Santa Maria is doing everything they can to schedule their meeting times and locations to best benefit their members. Their commitment to the welfare of their branches combined with the enthusiasm and affection they have for each other is very clear and so heartwarming to witness. According to Holger Danske Treasurer Slim Jul, it's been 50 years since they began celebrating the Fourth this way and have only missed a couple of years. Next year if

you can't get to Denmark for Rebuild, that other 4th of July destination for Danish Americans, get to Santa Maria, you'll be SO glad you did.

Tak for sidst, Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President Dania

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NEW MEMBERS:

Secretary's

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

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The July meeting is our annual Hot Dogs and 5¢ a Beers meeting, a traditional summer event. We hold the meeting on the roof of the Odd Fellows Hall to beat the heat. Special thanks to Ian Nielsen and V for helping us with the "breaking and exiting" onto the roof this year. It seems there is an unofficial push for the shortest meeting possible. Our President Anne Gearhart did a fantastic job at expediting our proceedings, and if it wasn't for our secretary's delays, the meeting would have been well under 5 minutes. To be honest, the meeting tied or beat the shortest meeting on record (just under 5 minutes). The previous record was held by John Jensen, who is the current secretary. One may seek to investigate if the fix was in, but those records are strangely not available. Good job Anne!

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

Hope everyone is having a great summer. Fresno is having the triple digit heat wave which is usual this time of year.

Doris Skow had a fabulous 90th Birthday party, with guests attending from Denmark, Sweden and also throughout the U.S. So glad to see Doris is back to doing what she loves and into all her Danish activities. We will look forward to seeing her at the functions.

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

"Quick! before Summer's over - have a picnic!" Which is what I said myself when I was thinking of Dana & Freja's August meeting on Sunday 4th. We'll

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
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

It was a great group and we had plentiful food and beverages. At 5¢ a beer, we collected over \$3.50. Do the math. It was truly a fun gathering with singing and schnapps to complete the evening.

On a special note – Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Roger and Mimi Gearhart. *Tillykke til bruden og gommen og deres lykkelige ægteskab.*

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 14 august*. 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

We haven't had a lot of local news but heard that Rene and Doris Lastreto are now living at the San Joaquin's Garden. We wish them well and hope this will be a good change for both.

We will be having a change of venue for our first meeting after the summer. We will meet at 11:30 am, on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at the Denny's Restaurant located on the north side of Shaw Ave., just east of First Street. Hope to see you there. MNIelsen

fire up the BBQ and gather at 1:00 on the side patio at our usual meeting place, the Salinas Masonic Center at 48 E. Joaquin. Please bring a side dish to

share, D&F will provide the meat and beverages. We'll be selecting our officers for Dana 15's 100th year and Freja 6's 128th, AND you all know what happens when you don't show up for that meeting... We're also finalizing our plans for our annual Dansktoberfest that just happens to be an

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 will not meet in August, returning September with a traditional potluck, where we will confirm details about a barbecue on the 4th Saturday, September

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 a meeting in August. I hope to see you when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 PM.

installation. It MIGHT be on the 2nd Sunday in October (the 13th) instead of the 1st Sunday (the 6th). We'll let you all know as soon as we know, please keep either one open for now if you can. Mange Tak!
JHG

28th, noon, at Bob and Tracey's house, you might want to mark that on your calendar now. Hope everyone has a safe, sound, and spectacular summer off, KRT

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 will have their 2019 Installation on Saturday August 10 at the beautiful Kastania Fælled, the Danish Soldiers Club facility at 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma. As usual at Kastania Fælled, the celebration will be conducted outdoors at the meeting area, protected from the elements, and in pleasant conditions.

We will start with Hors D'oeuvres and a social get-together at 11:30 and proceed approximately at 12:30 to the festive Officers' Installation with all the traditional goings on.

After the formal part we will serve Danish "Frikadeller med Rødkål og Kartoffelsalat", (Danish

traditional meatballs with Red Cabbage and Potato Salad).

Deserts is traditional Danish Risalamande.

Cost is \$10 per member, \$20 for guests. There will be a No Host Bar, which will include beer, wine, Bloody Marys, sodas, and water.

We will be having a raffle, Everyone is welcome.

As has become tradition, Debbie Cruger-Hansen will donate the Aquavit for the lunch.

Please let Secretary John Cruger-Hansen know before August 6 if you will attend. (510) 232-6998, (leave message) or email j.crugerhansen@comcast.net.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, ecretary/Treasurer

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

July we had a wonderful turnout with a Salad and Dessert potluck. We elected our new officers and set plans for our Labor Day Installation of Officers. We will meet again on August 3 to final the plans at 11:00 with a Football Theme potluck at 12:30. Members are asked to bring Football food and join in on the fun.

Installation of Officers will start on August 31 at 4:00 with a welcome cocktail party at the Danish Hall, Installation at 5:00 with a banquet at 6:30. Theme for this year's installation will be "Out of Africa" and we will have some fun with that. Menu for Saturday will be Prime Rib or Salmon with Dill Sauce, vegetables, salad bar and pies for dessert. Sunday we will start Bocce at 10:00 with lunch back at the Danish Hall at 1:00. Menu will be Frickadeller, Chicken, Calico

Beans, salads and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Cost is \$35 for Saturday and \$20 for Sunday. **Make your reservations for the weekend to Christian Nielsen** at ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net or call me at (707) 499-3746. There will be an auction on Saturday with lots of items that you will not want to

leave Ferndale without. Hope to see you at this fun event.

Accommodations in **Fortuna** at Best Western Country Inn 1-800-528-1234 or local at (707) 725-6822; in **Ferndale** at Victorian Inn B&B or Fern Motel (707) 786-4949 **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 Valdemar # 12 and Dannevirke # 9 met at the Odd Fellow Hall Friday July 5th at 7 pm. There wasn't many in attendance, too many vacations going on and only 17 came, to this non-the-less fun evening. A big thank you to Carl Henrik and Glenn Fritz for coming early to help Anette, Ann-katherine and I to set up. All of us are handicapped at the moment, Ha, ha. The guys stepped up to the plate and got things out of our lockers and set up the Grill out back. Thank you Glenn for taking Grill down and putting it away till next meeting. The 3 of us really appreciated their help. Everyone cooked their own dinner. We had hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and steaks. A nice salad, bean salad, cookies, chocolate cake and Ice cream. A very nice dinner. We had so much fun socializing and visiting that Anette called off the meeting, but she did announce that we will have another BBQ on August 2nd. Same as July bring your own meat to grill, a salad, dessert or even an appetizer to share. Our September meeting will be

Harvest fest potluck. We had a visitor from Hayward Lodge, Jytte Stoker who was visiting Mike and Donna Vanderbeck. Hope she had a good time. Glad to see John LaRoach back at our meeting after knee surgery. Anette's right foot and right arm are doing well after two surgeries. Ann-Katherine is doing well since her rehab stay and is in her own home with the watchdog neighbors, cousin and other family members. Ina Segesman is doing well with a cast on her right arm. We wish everyone on vacation that they had a good time. Glad Jordan and Nina are home safe from the Washington and Oregon coastline trip. You may have heard about the UNR explosion on 7/5 at Agenta and Nye Halls, we are all so thankful that no-one was seriously hurt. Lucky that school was out for the 4 of July holiday. THANK GOD.

Our August birthdays are Ingrid Nowland, Ruth Olsen, Poul E. Christensen and Judy Storm. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL; Have a great Month. 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

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

July was a dark month for the lodge, so now we will start again. Please note the date and time for our August Social at Topben and Jona Rasmussen's. This will be a BBQ/Potluck, so bring a dish to serve 10-12 and the meat of your choice. Beer, Wine and soft drinks, Kringle and coffee will be furnished. We will get together at 12 Noon on August 17.

Be sure to call them and let them know if you are coming or not. Their address is 1101 Culligan Blvd. The phone is 408-268-4429.

Our greetings go out to our shut-ins and those having health problems. We think of you and wish you the best.

DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

We will not be holding our regular luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019 at 12 noon at

the restaurant "Bit 'O Denmark". But will be back in September, Look forward to seeing you them.

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 thank you for coming to our

4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. Hope to see you on the 4th of July in 2020!! WA

A little History

There was a Danish lady who moved to Salinas and joined Dana after the war. Her name was Marie Jespersen and she was on my list to pay a sick visit. That is how I came really to know her. She entertained me by telling about her life as young girl during the German Occupation of Denmark. I think everyone might like to hear what she had to say. Before WWII began, Marie left her island home in Denmark and went to Copenhagen as many young did and still do, to "seek their fortune". When the Nazi invasion came followed by the German Occupation, the people of Danmark lost their freedom. Under this stifling regime the Jewish population was forced to wear a yellow armband with the Star of David to identify them. King Christian X retaliated by wearing an armband himself and continued to do so until the Jewish people no longer had to do so. Marie told me that the streets of the city were spotted with German soldiers armed and ready for any resistance from the local people. One morning while Marie was in a bakery for her usual purchase of bread,

the man in line just ahead of her left with his package. Shots rang out. The people in the bakery saw him fall to the ground, apparently dead. No one dared to go to his aid for fear they would be considered "accomplices" and receive the same fate. It took a great deal of courage for Marie to step through the door and continue on her way home as though nothing had taken place. She said that the body of that man lay in the street for days unattended and unclaimed. No one was willing to give the Nazis the satisfaction that their lure had worked nor that their cruelty had been noticed. At roughly the same time, Marie received word that her father was ill and that she was needed at home. She described the many interviews, forms to be filled out, and waiting for the lengthy process before permission was granted for her to leave the city. By the time she returned home, her father had passed away and had been buried. Yes, there are many stories to be told. Are we learning anything? Recollection of Pearl Nielsen Heer, Member of Dana #15, Salinas