



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

December 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Season's Greetings to all! I wish you the loveliest of Holiday Seasons, and I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming installations and the convention being held in Modesto in April 2020.—

Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Time for all Nisser to come out of hiding, time to dust off your favorite cookie recipes, and start stocking up on those special ingredients for your much anticipated Julefest. My November was pretty quiet Danish-wise, but I'm getting ready now to pop in on as many Danish Lodge Christmas celebrations as I can fit into one very busy month. I hope that each and every one of you have a hyggelig holiday season surrounded with the joy that being with loved ones brings. Love, Jana Heer-Glovaski, Dania Grand President

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Dannevang No. 7	February 22, 2020	To Be Announced
Danebod No. 16		

IN MEMORIAM:

Richard Johnsen, Thor #5, Fresno

Richard (Dick) Hansen, Thor #5, Fresno

Bernice Via, Danebod #16, Livermore

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Agnes Johnsen in Memory of Everett Johnsen

DANIA GENERAL FUND

NEW MEMBERS:

Brenna White of Danneskjold No. 17

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

jajensend2@gmail.com Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

What a busy month - How was that turkey?

Last call - Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 invite you and your friends and family to our annual Christmas Luncheon.

This year our luncheon will be at the Hotel Mac in Point Richmond. The address is 50 Washington Ave in

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Richmond. The date is Saturday December 7th and the bar opens at 11:30am. The menu is Salmon or Flank Steak. We are taking RSVPs now. Contact John Jensen (info below) or James Jensen at jamesolefjensen@yahoo.com with your

name and numbers. Bring your favorite ugly sweater and your best singing voice. Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 11 december*. We gather at about 6:30 for socializing before our meeting at 7:30, and

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st. Saturday, 11:30 AM. Denny's 1110 Shaw Ave (on the north side, just east of First Street) Fresno. Secretary, Christie Pettitt, poppatango@msn.com

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with friends and family.

We had a good attendance at our November lunch/meeting at Denny's the restaurant. We had the nominations and voting of our new board, which is a change of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 12 p.m. at the Grand Banquet Room of the Fresno Breakfast House located at 2085 W. Bullard, Fresno. Kay Jensen is taking reservations, call 559-289-3461.

We have lost one of our long time members, Richard (Dick) Hansen. Dick has held many positions on our board over his 41 years as Past President and Treasurer. Together with his wife, Gail, they have been pillars of our

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

Hope you all had a warm and happy Thanksgiving. Let the Holidays begin! Now, as all our calendars fill with plans, shopping, entertaining, visiting, wrapping, envelope licking and all the traveling between all those happenings, you'll be relieved to know that you don't have to worry about missing Salinas's Christmas party! Because, we wait till New Years for our Big Danish Holiday Celebration! Please come join us on Sunday, January 5th 2020 (whoa! 2020!) for our annual traditional Danish feast featuring Tim'nNat's Flaeskesteg Med Svaer*, and this year Jana is seriously thinking about going with the suggestion of many and buy "canned" potatoes! We'll gather at 1:00 and sit down with full plates at 2:00. Please let T&N know by

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

It sure is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, or at least it already did before Halloween and Thanksgiving. There were 10 of us present at our November meeting to enjoy chile and cornbread. We draped the charter in memory for our departed member, Bernice Via. We had some serious discussion about what to do for our Christmas party/meeting. There was the possibility of joining the San Francisco Rebild group on December 7th in Aldersly (and yes this is a plug for that Christmas party), but then we decided on Sunday, the 15th, Kathy will host

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

lodge always doing what they could to benefit the lodge. We will surely miss him.

Betty Jensen's foot is slowly healing and she's now able to put weigh on it. We have missed seeing her at our meetings.

With all the Christmas parties coming up we hope everyone will try visiting some of other lodges. Modesto's Christmas lunch, December 14, is enjoyable, as they have the grandchildren of the members doing their singing. It's always a treat to see and hear them.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at the Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. Fresno.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Friday, Dec. 27. Dana 15 and Freja 6 don't charge for this event, but you can be sure Jana will come up with a cute "tip jar" for any modest donations to the "cause that we all hold so dear" (and in this case, our treasury). Happy Holidays everyone! Sending lots of love from Salinas. *my apologies to my Great Great Danish Grandmothers for having to look up this spelling every year. - JHG

Note From Freja and Dana Treasurer: Freja's Dues is \$25.00 and Dana's is \$15.00. If you are a Fifty Year Member of Freja your dues would be \$12.50. TJH

it at her house for the Livermore members. Contact Kathy for more information in case you've been out of the loop. Viola was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. Gregg closed the meeting in regular fashion. What a born leader, I hear there might be an opening for that position in the White House soon. (Ooops)

This is the first reminder that dues are payable in January, \$12 to Dannebrog care of Tracey Lamee, and \$22 to Dannevang care of Robert Lamee. Have a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. 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 have cancelled the meeting scheduled for December 12. However, please save the date for our Holiday Party! On Saturday, December 21st, we will celebrate the holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and appetizers, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert. The cost is just \$10 per person, to offset the cost of meat and beverages. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 14 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We will continue the tradition begun by George Cumming of donating new, unwrapped toys to the Salvation Army. The

gifts collected at the party will be delivered the next day to the Salvation Army.

A Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring to a meeting or mail to respective Treasurers. 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.

Enjoy the Holidays!
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

Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting in November 2019. We will have our traditional Valentine's Day lunch event at the Oakmont Golf Club Restaurant, as we had done in the past, on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 11, 2020. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

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

No meeting in December. However, on **December 8, Sunday**, you are invited to a Christmas Party at the Danish Hall. 4:30 Social, 5:30 Dinner.

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, anettechristensen@charter.net

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke # 9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday November 1 at 7 PM with 36 in attendance. WOW what a wonderful early Thanksgiving feast and the turkey was to die for! Everyone brought food that complimented the turkey. Caramelized potatoes, dressing, cranberry salads, gravy, green bean casserole, and all kind of desserts. All so yummy and we can't forget the appetizers, as well! A great thankful evening and meal. During dessert and coffee, Anette opened the last meeting of the year. It has been a great year with all our Danish family and friends. The Christmas party was the main topic. Anette asked all members that would be available to help with set-up to come to the hall at 2 PM on Friday December 6. We need to decorate the tree, set up tables, raffle table, decorating

and anything else that needs to be done. Remember the party starts at 6 PM instead of 7 PM. We are pretty sure it will be another delightful party, as it has been in years past. We will start with "Gløgg & æbleskiver", then the St. Lucia Performance directed by Ingrid Hedman. "Smørrebrødsbord" dinner to follow. Coffee, Ris a la mande and cookies will be enjoyed while "Nissen" (Steve Myers) entertain the children and adults alike. Please remember to bring a gift for your children, the "Nisse Man" will pass the gifts out to the children after his darling performance. Anette and Ina had a workshop to teach the members how to make the "flettede hjerter" weaved hearts and star ornaments. We also enjoyed "Æbleskiver, Gløgg" and

other snacks. This is what "Jule Hygge" is all about! A fun thing to do before the holidays.

A friendly reminder that dues are due in January.

Valdemar #12 members are \$30.00, to be paid to Carl Christiansen. Dannevirke #9 members are \$20.00, to be paid to Ina Segesman. You can also pay your dues at the door when checking in for the Christmas party. I will also be selling raffle tickets to be drawn later that evening. The Reno lodges are still wishing Jana's husband a speedy recovery. Mark and Colleen Cave was evacuated due to the fire in Santa Rosa. Their home was okay when they returned home, but what a scare? We also want to wish

Peder Hoy well wishes. Glenn Fritz told me he wasn't feeling well. Ann-Katherine is still enjoying her new place and she has her dog "Arki" (Arkivit) with her. She does go home on weekends. No one else is reported ill. YEAH - what good news.

December Birthdays are: Grae-Marie Biggs, Cindy Christensen, Eva Snuffer, Marie Stafford, Heather Matuzak, Irene Schack von Brockdorff, Monica Brooks, Mike Vanderbeck, Nina Brandt, and Susie Jensen. Happy Birthday All! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, wishing everyone a healthy 2020 from the Reno Lodges. 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 are planning to have our Christmas Party on December 14th at the Papapolioni's Restaurant, 1501 McHenry Avenue, Modesto. (This is the old Familia Garcia Ristorante where we have been going for the last several years. Same place--New Owners.) If you plan to

attend, could you let us know by December first so we can let the restaurant know how many we will be. It will start with appetizer's and no-host cocktails and 11:30 a.m. Dinner to follow and Santa is expected!

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

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is mixed feelings that I write this month's Newsletter.

At our meeting we discussed closing Laura # 8 of Dannebrog. A vote has been taken and as of Dec. 31, 2019 we will close our books. Some of our members will join Gr. Lodge Dannebrog, including myself. Others who do not already belong to Danneskjold 17, will be joining there.

As Of January 1, 2020, we will be one lodge. Even though we may not always like or want change, it is for the best. Now on to the future, Saturday, December 21, 2019, note this is a change from the schedule, we will gather at the

home of Bente Ellis at 12:30 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Party. Bente is making dinner so it is important that you let ME KNOW THIS TIME if you plan on coming, as Bente will be in DK until the 17th. CALL me at 408-313-7235 or e-mail me at dws1929@gmail.com. The lodge is paying for all our members dinner; however we are asking everyone for a cash donation that we will collect and send to a food pantry.

Our January 18, 2020 meeting will be at Kim Nielsen Giacinto. This will be our planning meeting and we need everyone's input. Glaedejul til alt. 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 No. 23 held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark in Solvang. A delicious Danish lunch was served. The menu was green salad, hakkebof med log, red cabbage and sliced cucumbers. Ice cream for dessert along with coffee, tea and snaps! Knud Jacobsen won the door prize. The meeting was opened with the singing of God Bless America. There was a roll call of officers by Marie Jaeger. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Jean Kardel and approved as read. Treasurer's report was read by Marie Jaeger. Glad to have her back.

It was announced that the Joint Christmas Party with Rebild will be held at the Club House at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 8. Motion was made and approved to buy 1

bottle of snaps for the party. There will be a celebration of life of John Sorensen on Friday, November 8, 2019. All the family invited Dania members to attend. He was always so faithful about attending Dania and will be missed.

Erling Grumstrup reported on his trip to Washington D.C. at which he was honored because he fought in Battle of Iwo Jima. One of his favorite sites was the Lincoln Monument. It was a glorious trip.

We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt land". We will meet next month for our regular meeting on December 4 at 12 noon at the Bit O' Denmark and also on December 8 at 4:00 P.M. at the Club House in Solvang for the Joint Christmas Party with Rebild. See you there!
Secretary, Jean Kardel

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

History

The Following articles were taken from
History of Valhalla Lodge #11 - Dania
Ydun Lodge #10 - Dannebrog and
How the Danish Hall became a reality
Ferndale CA

By

Niels Sovndal

Francis Larsen Sweet

Christian Leslie Nielsen

*Valhalla/ the hall in which the souls of
heroes slain in battle were received by Odin*

Ydun/ the goddess of eternal youth/ heaven on earth

1893 -Ferndale Danish Hall

October 10, 1929 - Ferndale Enterprise

NEW DANISH HALL DEDICATED

YESTERDAY

BY LOCAL LODGES

Excellent Program Given and Banquet Served to
Many Visitors - Guests Compliment Owners of
Building - Credit to the Community.

The new Danish Hall of the Ydun (Dannebrog) and
Fjeldronning (Danish Sisterhood Society) local lodges
was dedicated last evening. Personal invitations sent
out to the various Danish Lodges of the county and
to individuals who contributed to the hall brought
together an exceedingly large crowd for the excellent
celebration.

Circa 1929 Blum Warehouse before remodeled
During the evening two comical plays were given
which kept those in attendance in a peal of laughter
from beginning to end. Vocal solos also added to the
program, which was so cleverly arranged by JE
Petersen, Mrs. Jeppe Jespersen, Mrs. J Thomsen and
Mrs. P Jacobsen, Jr.

After the program a sumptuous banquet was given
under the management of Mrs. John Christiansen,
Mrs. Andrew Meng, Mrs. Fred Petersen and Mrs. JJ
Hansen. It was at the elaborate supper that a number
of interesting addressees were made by local lodge
members and by visitors who complimented the
owners of the hall upon their splendid building which
is indeed a credit to the community.

Later in the evening cards were enjoyed and those
who cared to dance gathered in the social hall. The
music for the dance was donated for the occasion by
Leven C Ericcsen.

All the efforts of those who have worked so long for
the new Danish Hall have certainly been worth while
as it is most complete in every detail.

More History of the Danish Hall, Ferndale CA

The property was purchased from Henry C Blum on
May 7, 1929 and dedicated on October 10, 1929. The
original purchase price of \$2000.00 for the property
included two lots. The cost to remodel the building
into a Lodge Hall cost \$7663.33.

The second lot was later sold off to Dr. Denning in
the seventies. Fjeldronning Lodge Danish
Sisterhood Society and Ydun Lodge Dannebrog sold
half of their interest to the other two Danish Lodges;
Gimle Lodge Danish Brotherhood Society and
Valhalla Lodge Dania on June 20, 1977. Each lodge
owning 1/4 undivided interests in the Hall until 2003.
Valhalla Lodge Dania bought out Danish Sisterhood
Society and Danish Brotherhood Society's interest
acquiring 3/4 interests in the Danish Hall with Ydun
Lodge Dannebrog retaining their 1/4 interest on
November 12, 2003.