

GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

February 2020

2020 Convention Committee

Bornholm #14 invites you to our Annual Danish Societies Convention here in Modesto, California, home of the American Graffiti and home of George Lucas. Come prepared to enjoy a look back to the 50's and 60's and the thought of dragging 10th street, wearing a Poodle skirt, going for a cherry coke at Mel's or Burge's Drive-in, or going to see a flick at the State Theatre, just down the street. Friday Night will be our theme night so we hope you will join us in your 50's or 60's attire. Saturday Night we have our usual Grand Ball. Remember we will be meeting at the Clarion Inn at 1612 Sisk Road. Please get your registration in soon and take advantage of the discounted rooms available until April 5th.

As the local Bornholm President and your Dania Grand Vice President, I welcome you to join us in the fun and a trip down memory lane. Make sure you complete one registration form for each registrant. Fraternally, Bente Ellis and our Convention Committee

Dannebrog Grand President

February is the month we honor our Presidents and celebrate Valentine's Day with our loved ones. We are also on the road again with three installations in February (Fresno, San Francisco and Livermore), and I am looking forward to installing your officers. Happy Valentine's Day.—Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

I'm so glad my January schedule opened up to allow me to attend San Jose's annual program planning meeting and delicious lunch at the home of Kim Giacinto. On Dec. 31 Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog's Laura #8 closed their books for the last time, and I was honored to be present as they tied up a few remaining threads for Laura #8 and officially started on their new chapter in the history books for Dania's Danish Society Danneskjold#17. I know that this

was a difficult decision for San Jose. It has always been my hope that Dania and Dannebrog can move forward together into the future without surrendering any more charters. Convention is getting closer! Gotta get serious about getting ready! We have officer's positions to fill. Dania will be needing a Grand Marshal, Grand Vice Marshal and Grand Trustee, and Dannebrog has some spots to fill too. Even though getting new candidates with new ideas into the running has always been the ideal, I'd like to challenge Past Grands in both Dania and Dannebrog to take a cue from Stuart, Alan and myself to make that leap of faith and venture out into new territory. If the future of our Grand Lodges depends on us meeting together as we've been doing in the local branches for at least a decade, this bright shiny new decade gives us the opportunity to continue the quest. We need brave leaders with willing hearts to discover what mysteriously amazing things are actually happening on the other side of that

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divider! If you are up for the task, either new to it all or well-seasoned please contact Dania's Nominating Committee Chairman John Scheuber at 209-541-4092 or by his email at john.scheuber@vsi.cc. Dannebrog members please contact their Nominating Committee Chairman Colleen Heer Cave winegal 59@yahoo.com. The other timely committee news I'm proud to announce is the completion of 7 months of serious wordsmithing by the 2019-2020 Constitution Committee. We all took a twomonth breather after convention last year before diving in and examining the parts of our constitution that still needed deeper exploration. This very important reboot of our constitution has been well worth the combined efforts over the last 3 years. This year the committee members were Dania Grand Trustee, Bob Lamee (Livermore); Dannebrog Grand Trustee, Tracey Lamee (Livermore); Dannebrog Grand Marshal, Stuart Mahler (Hayward); Dania Grand Secretary, Tim Heer (Salinas); A very smart

and extremely enthusiastic guy, John Jensen (San Francisco); and myself, Dania Grand President from Salinas, Jana Heer-Glovaski. With the guidance and leadership from our Chairman Bob Lamee, we closely examined all the data gathered and work done over the previous years. As committee members from last year, Bob and Tracey brought invaluable experience and understanding of the process behind the previous proposals which helped us tweak and scrub and polish it

into what we, and we hope you, will find reflects the needs of our organization, and raises us up to the current times we live and conduct business in. By mid-February copies of these final Constitution revisions will be mailed out to branches, please allow plenty of time for your members and delegates to review our proposal before convention in April. But right now I'm looking forward to all your upcoming installations, see you soon, I'll be waving from the podium! Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President Dania

IN MEMORIAM:

Margaret Hansen, Dannevirke #9, Reno

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade in Memory of Francis Clausen and Richard Hansen Sena Marie Freeman in memory of Margaret Hansen

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Danebod #16 in memory of Bernice Via

NEW MEMBERS:

Sandra Steffensen, Dannevirke #9, Reno Sven Olsen, Hejls Minde 323, Solvang

Secretary's

Danish Campers:

Happy New year campers. Let's get the caravan on the road. You are invited to a No-Charge Campout on May 1-2-3 in Hollister. Those wishing to stay until Monday are welcome. This is a dry camp (self contained). There will be water available and a porta-potty. Those not wishing to travel with the weight of the water, may fill when you arrive.

The location is my ranch at 4989 Southside Rd. Hollister, 95023. Phone is 408-313-7235. Anyone not leaving a message, WILL NOT get a call back. We will follow tradition and have Hors d'oeuvres and beverages on Friday evening about 6 p.m., Saturday will be a day to do what you want and then in the evening about 6 p.m. we

Upcoming Conventions			
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto	
Upcoming Installations			
Thor No. 5 Thora No. 11	February 1, 2020	Fresno Breakfast House	
Danmark No. 2 Thyra No. 3	February 8, 2020	Grosvenor South San Francisco	
Dannevang No. 7 Danebod No. 16	February 22, 2020	IOOF Hall Livermore	
Thyra No. 9 Valborg No. 1	March 21, 2020	Cattlemens Livermore	

will have our Pot-luck-- BBQ. For those staying over til Monday, we can do a clean-out the refrigerater pot-luck or order in Pizza. There will be a bonfire each night as well as games to play. If you want to make a reservation or if you have any questions, please call me. Newcomers are welcome. We have FUN!!!

Doris Skow

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 <u>jajensend2@gmail.com</u> Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

The year is 2020 and we are off to a great start. Our January meeting was a blast. Somehow the secretary won the attendance prize – scandal is afoot. Thyra #3 treated the whole lodge to a smørresbrøg from Copenhagen Bakery. What a treat – thank you Thyra #3! It's no wonder we ran out of akvavit.

And speaking of Thyra #3, it looks like they may gain a few new members in the February meeting. We hope for a good turn out to support our Dannebrog lodge. Going strong for over 100 years, so let's keep it going. It's not too late! You are invited to Danmark #2 and Thyra #3's Installation and Anniversary Party on Saturday

February 8th. We will be at the Grosvenor in South San Francisco. The event starts at 4pm with the installation at 5pm, dinner and dancing to follow. The menu is London Broil or Salmon and the price is \$30 a guest. It's not too late to RSVP. Contact to John Jensen (info below) with your details. We hope you can join us.

Our next meeting will be onsdag, 12 februar. 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

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 has had a great start for the New Year. We had our first meeting of the year and elected our delegates for the Dania-Dannebrog Convention which will be held in April.

We will not be having a local lodge meeting in February, as our installation of the incoming officers for our lodge will be installed. This will be held February 1, at 11:30 a.m. at the Fresno Breakfast House Banquet Room, located at 2085 W. Bullard, Fresno. Installation will take place first with the luncheon following. We hope our local members will come and support the lodge and meet our Grand Officers. Kay Jensen will be taking reservations, call 559-289-3461.

Hope to see you. MN

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

We would like to thank all those that attended our early traditional Danish Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5. Thanks to our members who prepared wonderful Danish Hors d'oeuvres. I believe everyone left happy and looking forward to next year. We had another meeting on January 26 with a very small group. There were only four of us there so no business took place other than we would need

to have representations at the up come convention. If you are interested, please let Jana or Natalie know. We are not meeting on the first Sunday this Month and our March Meeting is changed to the second Sunday on March 8th. We will be celebrating the Danish settlement in Ireland with our traditional Corn-beef and Cabbage dinner.. N&T

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, <u>Robertlamee@yahoo.com</u> Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, <u>danskfarm@yahoo.com</u>

Happy February! At our January turkey dinner meeting we elected officers and delegates to the upcoming convention. We planned our installation details which will be Saturday, February 22, 12:00, Installation first with lunch to follow, at the IOOF Hall, 2160 First St, Livermore. That address takes you to the front of the building, but you will need to park in the back, look for the Danish flag on the stairs, there is also a small elevator to get you upstairs. RSVP to

<u>robertlamee@yahoo.com</u> or call Tracey at 925-819-2785. Lise DiMartino was the lucky winner of our attendance prize.

Next meeting will be Saturday, February 8th, 6:00, at Uncle Yu's restaurant, 39 S Livermore Ave.

Hope to see you there and at our installation of fine Danish cuisine. (or our best attempt at it) 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, <u>s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net</u> #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, <u>beth.cowan@att.net</u>

We met in January and selected our delegates for convention. Stuart was the lucky winner, again, of the Valborg attendance drawing. Two members missed out on the Thyra attendance drawing. We also finalized plans for our installation to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Our Installation of Officers to be held at Cattlemens Steakhouse, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, in Livermore (Interstate 580; exit at Airway Boulevard). 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 Ravioli. Entrees include salad, ranch style beans, coffee, tea or soft drinks. The cost is \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to: Thyra No. 9. Please send reservation and payment to Signe Ann McNeil

at 40759 Creston St., Fremont CA 94538, no later than March 12. Signe Ann can be reached at 510-490-6114 or seenee@aol.com.

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, 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, to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Please mail to respective Treasurers or bring payment to a meeting.

Please join us when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome! Make it a great day! Susan

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, 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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We will have our traditional Valentine's Day lunch event on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the Lighthouse Restaurant in Mill Valley. (http://www.lighthouse-restaurants.com/) 475 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley, CA 94941, (415) 381-4400, starting at 11:30 for cocktails. The restaurant is owned by the Danish couple Anette and Werner Andresen and managed by their son Kenneth. As usual, the cost to our members is \$20 per person and \$40 for guests. The menu choices are one of the following; The Norwegian Benedict, (two poached eggs with sautéed spinach, Norwegian Smoked Salmon, hollandaise sauce & fresh fruit).

Copenhagen Burger, (with horseradish, capers, beets, onion & egg yolk with French fries).

Frikadeller, (Danish meat balls with pickled cucumbers, warm pickled red cabbage, mashed potatoes & gravy - Frikadeller med agurkesalat, Rødkål, kartoffelmos og sovs). Fish and Chips, (with Cole slaw, tartar sauce, remoulade & lemon).

The Lighthouse Cobb Salad, (fresh organic spring mix, feta cheese, hard-boiled egg, avocado, tomato, cucumber, crispy bacon & red onion with house vinaigrette).

Coffee, tea and desert.

FYI: Their spicy Bloody Mary is \$5 and Bottomless Mimosa is \$10.

Directions to the Lighthouse Restaurant from Sonoma County:

Take Hwy 101 South to the Tiburon Blvd. / East Blithedale exit, turn left onto Tiburon Blvd. At the third signal turn right onto East Strawberry Drive. The Lighthouse Bar & Grill will be on the left (approx. 1 mile) at The Club at Harbor Point. Park by the tennis courts and walk through the Athletic Club, (tennis courts on the left and Olympic pool on the right), to the restaurant. Please let secretary John Cruger-Hansen know if you will attend. 510-232-6998 or cell 510-375-5070. Guests are welcome.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 11:30 at the Danish Soldiers Club facility at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

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

Feb 1 Valhalla and Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 with a pizza lunch following at 12:30.

Feb 3 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival meeting will be held at the Norway Hall, 5:30 with a potluck dinner. All are welcome

Mar 7 Valhalla and Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 with a catered "Big 4 style menu" lunch following. Reservations

are a must call Mel Lundberg to let him know if you will be attending (707) 822-3787

Dues are due: Ydun members are \$10.00 and Valhalla members are \$18.00 members belonging to both lodges please pay with two checks.

Delegates for the April 2020 Convention are due. If you are going, let your secretary know so that you can get on the delegates list. 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, anettechristensen@charter.net

The Reno lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday January 3rd at 7 P M. 17 members and 3 visitors was in attendance. This was our New Year's meeting and we celebrated it with "Nytårs Torsk" (New Year's Cod). The fish, potatoes, and mustard gravy was so good. Thank you to Ina and Anette for preparing the meal. There were several appetizers, all very nice and great desserts as well. The tables were decorated with New Year stars, poppers and confetti. Again, if anyone left hungry it was their own fault. Anette opened the 1st meeting of the decade 2020 at 9 PM while we were enjoying coffee and dessert. We introduced our 3 visitors, Sandra Steffensen and her mom, Ruth who was visiting from Denmark. Jennifer Baker's daughter Jillian was also

in attendance. Two applications for membership were handed out and we accepted and welcomed Sandra Steffensen with open arms. Reno doesn't waste time to accept new members.

Anette gave us some of the highlights of events in 2020. February 7th will be Swedish Night with Split Pea Soup and pancakes for dessert. Ingrid Hedman is the Master Chef with assistance from other members and everyone always looks forward to this meal. There will be a small fee of \$5 to cover cost. Members are asked to bring appetizers or desserts. In other business we chose our delegates for the Modesto Convention. The delegates are; Leif Larsen for Valdemar #12. Bonnie Larsen, Ingrid Hedman and Ina Segesman as an alternate for Dannevirke

#9. Missed Glenn Fritz, John and Solveig. Ann-katherine was in attendance and doing well. She likes her new place and has made some friends. Nina and Jordan bring her home on weekends.

We are sad to announce that Parkinson's decease took our dear friend, Margaret Hansen away from us on January 17, 2020. We are thinking of Eric Hansen and his family at this difficult time. May they find comfort in all the beautiful memories. "Æret være hendes minde!" February birthdays Lisa Christensen, Ann-katherine Sawyer, Eric Hansen, John LaRoche, Michael Robbert, Peter Eliasen, and Kristin Eliasen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020! Happy Valentine's Day! Take care, Sena-Marie

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined

President Bente Ellis, <u>Bentfra@comcast.net</u> Secretary Ann Stowers, <u>ann.max@att.net</u>

Hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and are looking forward the New Year. We are busily working on our 2020-2021 calendar events. We have scheduled our Annual Fish Dinner for Saturday, March 7th. Due to the weather problems of the past two years, we have decided to hold this event in the afternoon. This year we will start at 12:00 noon with drinks and appetizers. Dinner will follow. Ben Hoover will provide the music. Hopefully this will accommodate those members who have to travel a distance and prefer the daylight hours. It will be held at

the Eagle Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto. Cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for guests. There will be a \$50/\$50 raffle. RSVP by Feb. 20 to John Scheuber (209) 541-4092 or john.scheuber@vsi.cc or ann.max@att.net.

We are also working on the 2020 Convention in April (*think American grifitti!!*). If you haven't received the registration form please let us know. Ann Stowers

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

Happy New Year to All.

Danneskjold 17 held their Annual Planning Meeting and lunch at the home of Kim Nielsen Giacinto on January 17. We now have all of our officers and meetings/socials scheduled. I want to thank Kim again for opening her home and serving us such a lovely lunch.

It was so nice to have Dania's Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand Vice President (our own) Bent Ellis and the Grand Secretaries of both Dania and Dannebrog, Tim and Natalie Heer with us.

On February 15, we will meet for lunch and a social at 12 noon. This will be at the home of Britta Lange. Notethere is a change--- Britta will prepare lunch rather

than having a potluck. BE SURE YOU CALL AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING OR NOT. 408-257-5637.

If you have a game you would like to bring to share, please do so.

Our greetings go out to Torben Rasmussen, hope the knee is healing well. Also greetings to Chuck and Phyllis Allman and Ellen Jensen.

On behalf of the members of Danneskjold #17 we send our prayers, get well wishes and support to Peder Hoy. 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 monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Red Viking Restaurant in Solvang. We met a week later than usual because the first Wednesday was New Year's Day. A delicious Danish luncheon was served. There were 3 types of herring, then shrimp, fish, French fries and cole slaw. A lovely layer cake along with coffee, tea and snaps was served for dessert! Marie Jaeger won the door prize.

Happy Birthday was sung to Jens Agergaard and Birgit Nelson. Erling Grumstrup will be 100 on January 26, 2020 and there will be a celebration at the Lutheran Church after the service on Sunday, January 26, 2020.—Sven Olsen, a new-member from Los Angeles, spoke about the life-in the steamship business. We all enjoyed hearing about it.

Our next meeting will be at the Red Viking on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. See you there. We will be back at Bit 0' Denmark on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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 Ivers