



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

March 2020

Dannebrog Grand President

February was a busy month for installations. Our travels took us to Fresno, where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch and visiting friends. San Francisco was an evening affair with a delicious dinner followed by dancing. Our last February installation was in Livermore. Again, fabulous food was on the menu, this time a beautiful and delicious selection of open-faced sandwiches thanks to Kathy Thomsen and her team. I have had so much fun visiting the local lodges and visiting with their members. Our final installation before convention will be the Hayward lodges on March 21. Hope to see there! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

February was great for traveling even if not so great for agriculture or snow packs. The first day of the month found me in Fresno celebrating Thor #5 and Thora #11's installation of officers followed by a delicious lunch with a Valentines theme in the elegant venue they have chosen for the second year now. Their Past President Don Pettit did a great job of assuming the President's duties with a warm welcome that touched our hearts, and a few good jokes that put smiles on our faces. Today, 3 weeks later, I'm pretty proud of myself for still having a few pieces left in my big red Valentine box of chocolates. Congratulations to the newly installed officers of the Fresno branches of Dania and Dannebrog, I know you'll have a wonderful year. The next weekend I was on the road to San Francisco for their installation at the well known

Grosvenor hotel. The dinner was great and the dancing even better, as they took breaks throughout the evening to pull names of lucky winners for the generous door prizes. The much desired orchid centerpieces have become an enduring tribute to Thyra #3's beloved Irene Simms. The Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals were gifted with a bottle of wine and a beautiful glass to drink it with. San Francisco's skyline etched on the glass will remind me of this installation and also of my 13-year love affair with SF as a resident from 1995 to 2008, and of the years I enjoyed my membership in Danmark #2. A few years after moving to the Monterey Peninsula I transferred my Dania membership to Freja #6 in my family's hometown of Salinas. Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, I know you'll have a wonderful year too. The last of February installations was in Livermore, where all the guests were treated to a fabulous selection of open-faced sandwiches, salads and kringle. The beverages were flowing, and everyone was Skål-ing. The highlight of my day was pinning Gregg DiMartino's well deserved Past President's pin on his lapel. If my memory is serving me well, which sometimes it's known not to do, this was the first pin I had the honor of

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presenting to a first time Dania Past President during their installation, congratulations Gregg and to all the newly installed officers of Dannevang #7 and Dannebod #16, have a great year, and thank you so much for my mini succulent garden! Visits to branches for installations, meetings and events always include wonderful reunions with friends I've made through my years in Dania and Dannebrog. While it's the best part of going through the ranks of Grand Lodge, I want to send out a special hello to those of you who for one reason or another couldn't get to your branches events, you know who you are and I missed you.

And now for a quick word regarding the Dania Constitution Committee: Branch secretaries please be on the alert for an email containing files of the documents supporting the committee's proposal ready for presentation at Convention in April. You will find a simplified summary of the proposed revisions together

with a complete copy of the Constitution containing the original wording still readable with a single line through it and the proposed revisions underlined. All changes are in color for visibility. If you haven't received yours please contact Tim Heer at timh@danishsociety.com. On behalf of the committee I extend our

appreciation for your assistance in distributing these files to your members in a way that best meets the needs of your branch. It's very important that your delegates come to convention understanding these proposals and be prepared to represent your branches point of view on this issue, Thank You!

Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President Dania

IN MEMORIAM:

Neils A. Thomsen; Thyra #9, Hayward

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Donation from Valhalla #11, Ferndale

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

Dannevirke #9, Reno NV, Jillian Scewczak
 Valdemar #12, Reno NV, Alex Baker & Nick Scewczak
 Thyra #3, San Francisco, Jessica Jobe Sea, Karen Nielsen, Dennis Nielsen, Daniel Joensen, James "Jim" Jensen & John Jensen
 Danmark #2, San Francisco, Karen Nielsen

Danish Campers:

ATTENTION Dania/Dannebrog Campers: There is a campout planned for May 1-3, in Hollister. This is a dry camp, so you need to be self-contained. Those not wishing to travel with a loaded water tank may fill up at the ranch on arrival.

The location is: Skow Ranch 4989 Southside Road, Hollister
 phone is 408-313-7235.

This is a camp free location. I know I pray for rain but if that happens it could mean a need to cancel.

The normal activities will be in place. Friday starting at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and the beverage of your

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

February was indeed a great month for the San Francisco lodges and we have a lot of people to thank for it. Not only did we have our installation and anniversary party, but we also had a momentous monthly meeting completed with what we call Danish Surf and Turf.

We sincerely thank everyone who joined us at our installation and anniversary party. It's the people who attend that make our events so much fun. Thank you Grand Presidents Jana Heer-Glovaski and Beth Cowan for presiding over the ritual and thank you Grand Marshals Tom Martin and Stuart Mahler for marching us in (a not so straight) line. We have a great set of officers this year with new blood joining the chairs of our lodge. With Ian Nielsen as our new Vice Marshal, we may have the youngest officer in all of Dania and Dannebrog. And we now have Michael Fox as our Vice President's not another Jensen, but he is my cousin.

Our February meeting was one to remember. It was fitting that our guest that night was none other than Dannebrog Grand Marshal Stuart Mahler. We had a big effort to get new members into Thyra #3 in the February meeting and

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Thyra No. 9 Valborg No. 1	March 21, 2020	Cattlemens Livermore

choice. Saturday will be on your own, Go sightseeing, shopping, stay in camp to visit and play games, etc. Saturday Evening starting at 6 p.m. will be our BBQ so bring your own meat and a pot-luck dish to share, Sunday is clear out the refrig. and travel home day. Anyone one wishing to stay over until Monday is welcome. We plan to have a bonfire every evening, so those that want to bring a musical instrument, please do. It adds to the fun.

To reserve a spot, please call or e-mail Doris Skow at 408-313-7235 or dws1929@gmail.com
 Look forward to seeing you. Happy traveling. Doris Skow

it paid off. Six new members joined Thyra #3 – Jessica, Karen, Jim, Daniel, Dennis and me. A special thanks to my sister Lisa Filiss for attending and giving Thyra #3 enough voting power to initiate new members. Mange Tak! And Danmark #2 gained one new member – Karen Nielsen joined Dania as well as Dannebrog. What's the Danish word for "two-fer"? And I must say it paid off. No sooner had Karen joined both branches of our lodge than her name was draw for the attendance prize, and drawn by her own hand no less! Her tile must have still been warm from the ink.

If the meeting wasn't special enough, the meal afterwards was tremendous. We were spoiled as usual with premeeting hors devours of cheese, salami, pickled herring, and leverpostej (thank you Johanne and Elizabeth). For dinner, Ian and the Jobe Seas treated us to cracked crab and frikadeller, what we call Danish Surf and Turf. Thank you Jessica, Aidan, and Ian; this is a February tradition I could get used to! With potatoes and brown sauce, Rødkål, apple pies and ice cream from Bob Fox, and a kringle from Tom Schroeder, we truly had it all. And was it my

imagination or did *everybody* bring a bottle of akvavit? Stuart, you picked a great meeting to show up in San Francisco. Great to have you there with us and great to have such a large turnout. Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 11 marts*. 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

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, Martha Nielsen nielsenmartha@gmail.com

We had a terrific turnout for our installation on Feb. 1. We want to thank all the Grand Lodge Officers for coming. Dannebrog's Grand President Beth Cowan and Dania's Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski, along with their Grand Marshals Stuart Mahler and Tom Martin performed their duties like the pros that they are. We are sorry that Kay Jensen, the incoming Dannebrog President was ill, Past President Donney Pettitt substituted for her. We missed some of our local members, Carl and Betty Jensen were ill and Lone Taylor had just had a knee replacement.

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

Happy Leap Year everyone! Hope you all did something extra special with your extra day this year. Dana and Freja will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday in March at 1pm (do not forget to spring forward as daylight savings time starts on March 8th) instead of their usual 1st Sunday and will be doing their traditional St. Patrick's Day meal, and give an

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; Emil Villa's Restaurant 3064 Pacific Ave. Livermore, Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

A big thank you to all who came to Livermore and enjoyed our installation of officers. I think a good time was had by all, and if you weren't there you really missed out on a fine display by the Grand Officers, followed by traditional Danish sandwiches and of course Carlsberg and Akavit, and 2 large kringles that disappeared rapidly.

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

Our Installation of Officers will 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

time. March is our traditional corn beef and cabbage feed. Call and let me know you're coming so we have enough – we hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com, 510-299-1855

We are saying prayers for Betty Green as she's undergoing treatment for cancer.

We have cancelled our March 7, lodge meeting in order to support and attend the traditional Danish Fish Dinner that Modesto's Bornholm #14 lodge will have on the same day and time, March 7, at 11:30am. We need to support these long held traditions otherwise they will just eventually fade away.

Our next meeting will be held April 4, at 11:30am, at the Denney's restaurant on Shaw Ave. east of First Ave. We hope to see everyone there. MN

extra belated nod to Festelavn in any way we can, they each are fun filled traditions, should be easy to double up on the Fest part. Next meeting will be on May 3, to welcome home our Delegates and Grand Officers. See you at convention! JHG

Congratulations to our new president, Diane Reinstein, and to our out going president, Gregg DiMartino, who we showered with our appreciation. Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 14th, 6:00, at Emil Villa's restaurant, for corned beef and cabbage. Sue Frederich was the happy winner of the Febraury attendance drawing. KRT

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 next meeting.

Please join us when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday,
March 12 at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome!

Enjoy your day! Susan

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

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**

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. This lunch will feature Prime Rib, members no charge guests \$20.00.

June 3; Scandinavian Midsummer Festival next meeting will be held at the Norway Hall, 5:30 with a potluck dinner. Festival will be June 28 at the Danish Hall, starts at 9:00 with Bocce. All are welcome. 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 Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday February 7th at 7 pm with 27 in attendance. Wow - what a Swedish Fest of split pea soup and pancakes and even appetizers. All done by our Swedish chef, Ingrid Hedman and all for \$5.00. Can't even go to Mc Donald's at that price. Great job Ingrid! The tables were decorated with Swedish tablecloths, flags and tulips, even pictures on the walls of Sweden. Thank you again, Ingrid! During dessert and coffee Anette opened the meeting at 8:45 pm. We read 3 applications for membership and voted on them. We welcomed them with open arms. Jillian Szewczak and Nick Szewczak, daughter and son-in-law of Jennifer Baker and her son Alex Baker. Anette welcomed the new members and encourage them to bring ideas for the younger members to keep everyone engaged in the Danish club. We also went over some of the highlights for March and April's meetings.

For our March meeting on Friday the 6th, we are proud to welcome Jennifer Baker and our 3 new members, as our host for a Finish evening. Last year she served a fish soup that was to die for and hope that will be on the menu again? Looking forward to a great meal for only for \$7.00 per person.

Our April 3rd meeting will be an Easter Potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish that pertains to Easter. May 1st is our installation of officers. Election of officers will be either at the March or April meeting, so we are ready for the May installation. Think about who you would like to vote for?

Bornholm No. 14

**Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined
President Bente Ellis, Bentfra@comcast.net Secretary Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net**

We are looking forward to a busy March with the Fish Dinner, on Saturday March 7th. The changes to this year's

More information coming up about that in the coming newsletters. Another application was handed out, so hopefully we will have another Valdemar member in March. Reno has always been called: "Biggest Little City" - Maybe we should call the Reno lodge - the "Biggest Little Lodge". How about that? ☺

We held a moment of silence for our departed Margaret Hansen. "Æret være hendes minde"

Eric - we are still thinking of you and the family. Hope to see you soon at our meetings! Miss you much.

Anette and Poul-Erik are the proud new grandparents of a new little boy. Remi Sladen Johnson was born January 26th 2020 to their daughter Lisa Christensen. He arrived at 9:12 am and weighed in at 8lbs 1oz. Congratulations to everyone!

We missed Glenn Fritz at the meeting, he was helping with some sick friends. Ann-Katherine was there despite some problems with a big toe. We hope Peder Hoy is doing well.

We were saddened to see Laura #8 Lodge closed their books. We wish everyone well in their new arrangements. Lastly - thank you to all the new young members for taking down the tables and chairs. It was so nice, and your help is very much appreciated!

Now for March birthdays: Cynthia Birk, Barbara Iler, Janet Pulsipher, Ina Segesman, Ellen Webb, Ted Johnsen.

Happy Birthday to all! Everyone have a great March and I will see you at the convention.

Take care. Sena-Marie

agenda seem acceptable. We will start at 11:30 for no host cocktails; appetizers at noon with dinner following. There

will be a 50/50 raffle. Open bar and dancing to follow. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for a pleasant day for all. Don't forget to set your clock ahead on Sunday the 8th for Day Light Savings Time. We won't have our St. Patrick's Day dinner this year but hope you will be able to enjoy a corned beef and cabbage feast on the 17th.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

Well I am not sure how the rest of you feel but, as for me I want to see some rain.

With that said lets move on to the important stuff.

I was not able to attend the February Social at the home of Britta Lange although I heard from others that even though the attendance was low, the food and the fun was great. Thanks Britta.

Our March 21 Business meeting will be held at the home of Maud Hansen. It will start at noon with lunch and

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, February 5, 2020 at the Red Viking Restaurant in Solvang. A delicious Danish lunch was served. There were 2 types of herring, a salad, then Medisterpølse and Frikadeller with mashed potatoes and gravy, red cabbage and sliced cucumbers. A lovely layer cake for dessert along with coffee, tea and snaps was also served. Slim Juhl won the door prize. Happy Birthday was sung to Pat Hansen, Marie Jaeger and Slim Juhl.

The meeting was opened with the singing of God Bless America. Nice to have Erling Grumstrup present to lead us. Roll call of officers was taken by Marie Jaeger. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Jean Kardel. The Treasurer's report was read by Marie Jaeger. There was request from Santa Ynez High School to participate in their scholarship program. The amount of the scholarship is \$500.00 and we will participate.

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 Iverse

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 20th (the first day of Spring) at Dave and Mereta Meeks, 21226 Santa Fe Road, Escalon, CA 95320. It will be a *pot luck* with the Meeks' providing BBQ ribs. We are all keeping busy with preparations for the 2020 Convention and are looking forward to seeing you here. Hopefully we will have some spring weather. - Ann

followed with our meeting and short version of the installation. This will be our first meeting with the new officers under the heading of Danneskjold # 17 of Dania. It is important that you call Maud to let her know if you are coming or not. Her phone is 408 266 6306. I had a nice phone visit with Ellen Jensen on her birthday. She sends greetings to all. Ron is feeling better and we expect to see him at Maud's. DWS

Slim reminded us that we voted last year for a twice a year donation of \$2,000.00 to the Grand Lodge Assistance Fund and \$1,000.00 a year to the Senior Center in Buellton and Solvang and Meals on Wheels in Santa Maria. There was a discussion and confirmation that Dania meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon except that we do not meet in July and August. Darlene Iversen asked about delegates to the convention. Finn Runge and Bent Olsen will attend as delegates. Anyone else who wants to attend must sign up by April 1. Wayne Allen reminded us of the 4th of July Barbecue in Santa Maria at Waller Park at 12 noon held by the Santa Maria Lodges. All are invited! We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land". Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 4, 2020 at 12 noon at the Bit O' Denmark in Solvang. See you there! Jean Kardel, Secretary