



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2020

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello to all of you. I hope this message finds you well and that you have found things to do during this time of shelter-in-place, maybe even started a special project or two. Happy Mother's Day (a month late) to all the mothers and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

Hello everyone! We are just 20 days away from the first day of summer and with all this sheltering in place I feel like Summer should be half over! Boy we will never forget 2020 will we. Hope you are all still hanging in there. It is getting harder and harder to keep our distance but I'm choosing to listen to the wise experts of the CDC and follow their leadership. I am pretty sure it won't be till after this first day of Summer that I will feel comfortable joining crowds. And then from that day on my appreciation for all of you and our times together will skyrocket to new heights. Sounds like a good reason to put up with the traffic and attend a firework display this year, I will probably stay in the car though. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other. Air Hugs for now, and real ones ASAP! Luckily we can still "Skål!" from 6 feet away of course. And even though it has been a long time, I'll still say "Tak for sidst!" Jana Heer, Grand President Dania

IN MEMORIAM:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris and Peder Hoy in memory of Robert Sorensen

Freda Motto in Memory of Robert Sorensen

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANNEBROG GERNERAL FUND

DANIA GERNERAL FUND

Dania Secretaries

Your Branches Semi Annual Tax will come due on July 1st. It is based on \$15.00 Per Member as of July 1st, unless your Branches net worth is less than \$5,000.00 then it is \$10.00 Per Member.

Dannebrog/Dania Secretaries

As we struggle through this Covid-19 era that we are adapting to and plans are being made by Local Governments as to how our communities are going to reopen. Let me assure you that the Grand Lodges have only the health and wellbeing of our members in mind and

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<u>Upcoming Conventions</u>		
Bornholm #14	April 15-17 2021	Clarion Hotel Modesto
<u>Upcoming Installations</u>		
TBA		

the how and when the Local Branches return to holding meetings and events are up to the Local Branches and the regulation of their local Governments.

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

The entire San Francisco lodge wishes you good health! We had another Zoom meeting instead of an official meeting this month. Everyone showed off their survival skills and gardens. It was so nice to see everyone. Good news - Our June meeting is on, at least tentatively. Shelter in place will be over and the elevator should be working. It will be good to get back to some sort of normal. Songs and schnapps should help.

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 nielsenmarta@gmail.com

This "shelter in place" seems to be lifting but many are still reluctant to go about as we did months ago like traveling and getting on a plane. I think we shall continue our hand washing, masks, and social distancing for a while. Hope all our members are doing well. President Kay Jensen was going to Sacramento to be with her sister, Gail for a week. Carl and Betty Jensen are staying in place and doing well. Gail Hansen was going to the coast to be with her daughter. I am picking my boysenberries and making jam plus enjoying fresh vegetables from my new raised bed garden. Keeping busy has made the time pass without realizing just how long it has been. We are not sure when we will be able to have our lodge picnic. We were hoping in June, but President Kay, tells

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

As sheltering in place continues, it is so difficult to see that tradition and special events are having to be cancelled, for example, there was not a welcome home meeting for the Convention Delegates. Freja and Dana use to have a Fresh Monterey Bay Salmon dinner, caught, and prepared by our Member Erik Rasmussen. Normally Salmon Season

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

With all this sheltering in place, some baking items have been difficult to find. I found this piece in a Danish Food cookbook I thought is fitting:
"One of the things an immigrant never gives up is cooking from the homeland. The first lonely years in the new country are easier with a little old fashion cooking and baking. Later when life is happy and appreciated it is still a pleasure to dig up old recipes and serve to new friends. An immigrant stands with one foot in the old and one foot in the new.

We hope our next meeting will be *onsdag, 10 juni*. 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. March is our traditional corn beef and cabbage feed. Call and let me know you are coming so we can confirm the elevator – we hope to see you there!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com, 510-299-1855

me maybe by July we will have more information on this. We will let you know either by phone or through the newsletter.
In the middle of this pandemic, we lost a dear friend and Past Grand President Bob Sorensen. He was my partner in 1997-98 as we went through the Grand Lodge together. He was always on time, prepared and had memorized all the information he needed to ask for the Dania installations. He was truly a grand gentleman and farmer. I will miss visiting with him, the last time was at the Modesto Fish dinner in March.
Stay safe and healthy, I want to see you again soon.
Martha N

opened in April but not this year. Another Tradition the Rebild fourth of July festival in Denmark has been cancelled for this year, which was last cancelled due to a World War. Even with all of these changes to our calendar and miss seeing each other it will only make getting back together that much better... tjh

To be true to her own self she cannot cut out the homeland from her heart and does not want to try. But still she sings "God Bless America" with sincerity and admiration, proud to be able to bring up her children in GODS OWN COUNTRY. By Ruth L. Pedersen, Solvang.
Enjoy some good Danish Food if you can find the ingredients, 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

In order to protect the health and well-being of our members and families, we will be holding a virtual meeting via Zoom at 7:30 PM, on Thursday, June 11. The Zoom meeting invitation will be emailed to our members. If you are not a member of the Hayward branches, and would like to join us, please email me at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net.

As is our practice, we will not have meetings in July nor August.

I hope everyone is staying healthy!
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

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The Sønderjylland #10 Past President Karen Lysmer is sending the following message to our members: Here we are again, another month having slipped by without meetings and gatherings. However, it does beat the alternative! Fortunately, we have not had any coronavirus cases in Sønderjylland #10 and hope our friends and fellow members in both Dania and Dannebrog have also been spared.

We are now entering an unknown territory as businesses are opening up and people begin to relax and let their guard down. We do not want to have a second wave. Many have had to cancel their summer travelling plans overseas and to Denmark, but it will all be there next year, and it may even be more inviting, with less restrictions. Personally, I gave myself a "two books per week challenge" early on, focusing on exciting stories and lives, both fictional and non-fictional collected over the years, to brighten my small world. Catching up with good movies has been another good source to keep me from becoming despondent.

I live alone, so my three daughters have been helpful shopping for me, as I have some compromising issues. I am blessed, but it is still hard not to hug and be hugged. Many of us are in this situation and to those especially, I send virtual hugs!

It was so nice to have some good news for a change...., and read about Jana and Steen, our Grand President and Grand Past President.

President Debbie Cruger-Hansen and her husband John, our Secretary Treasurer, reluctantly had to cancel their planned trip to Denmark in June and will instead be spending time in their cabin in Clear Creek in Lassen County, (County named after Danish Pioneer Peter Lassen). Hopefully the rest of the Cruger-Hansen clan will be able to go spend some time with Debbie and John, taking their boat out on Lake Almanor and going fishing and swimming, and going to Mount Lassen National Park, hiking on the mountain.

Wishing everyone good health till we meet again.

Respectfully, Karen Friis Lysmer

Past President, Sdr. #10 MorKarenInUsa@Yahoo.com

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

Valhalla and Ydun are closed down until further notice. (I asked Christian if he could project if they would be open in time for the Labor Day Weekend, the following was his reply, Tim)

At this time, it will be phase 4 before we will be able to open to have people in the building.

Tomorrow (May 29) we start the second half of phase two. It will allow retail and restaurants to open with curb side delivery. Phase three will allow more business to open with

modifications. Possibly schools and dance studios with limit of 10 with social distance and masks.

I think it will be hard to get together and eat in such a small space. We have deep cleaned the hall and shut off the fridge and heaters. Saving as much as we can. Money is not a problem but, we do not know how long of a shut down this will be.

The positive count is going up here we had 4 new cases yesterday with two deaths. 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

May 1st the Reno Lodges cancelled the meeting again, no installation, no open-faced sandwiches, and no California Danish friends. I missed getting installed as secretary for the 46th time. ☺ We all miss our meetings and fellowship

with all our Danish friends. We are all staying home, just going out for groceries and whatever is important. Easter brought a nice surprise for a lot of our members. Anette Christensen, Nick and Jillian Szewczak delivered Easter

bags with homemade goodies, flowers, nuts and candy. They drove to Fallon, Carson City, Reno and Sparks area delivering all the bags with masks, gloves, and 6 feet apart. It was so sweet to do this for our members that could not be with family on this special day. I have a few thank you notes to read at our next meeting. I want to thank you all so much for the Easter surprise as well as all the birthday and e-mail greetings I received. Even a viral birthday cake - no calories there ☺ It made my day because I could not be with family. I was alone, but I did have two special neighbors stop by. Thank You all. Ann-katherine asked me to send a thank you from her for her Easter bag. She is in a total "lock down" at her assisted living. She had no family that could visit her on Easter. The front desk delivered the gift bag to her from the lodge. Nina and Jordan asked me to thank the lodge as well. Nina said it made her mom so happy.

At our March meeting an application was given out for a new Valdemar member and hopefully, we can initiate Steve Myers (Nisse Elf) in June. He is the son of Louise Myers and his late father Jim. Jim always wanted his family to join. I bet Jim is dancing in heaven so glad Steve is joining us.

For our June meeting, we are cautiously meeting on **Friday June 5th at 7 pm**. We have plenty of tables and will spread out through the whole hall to keep the 6 feet distance. **The kitchen will be closed, and no coffee made. Please bring everything you want to eat and**

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 in Modesto hope everyone is doing well and are enjoying your "free" time. We are anxiously awaiting the day we can all get together for some handshake and hugs. Bornholm Members celebrating their birthdays during March were Elsy Rasmussen, Bodil Whitehouse and Doris Hoy. Doris' family organized a Parade on Sunday the 19th. We all got in our cars and paraded through their circular drive and honked our horns and yelled "Happy Birthday" while Peder & Doris greeted us from afar with waves and claps. Not quite as personal as we would like but we do hope it made a happy memory. As of today, we have nothing planned for the upcoming month but look forward (hopefully) to some relief from the restrictions. Personally, Max had an emergency surgery to remove his gall bladder the first of the month and is now recovering from an U. I. which is keeping him down. We are looking forward to the Newsletter to see how the other lodges are doing. Stay safe & well. -- Ann

drink. This way there will be no sharing of food, drinks etc.

At this point we are also planning our St. Hans Fest on Friday June 19th at the River School Farms, 7777 White Fir, Reno NV 89523. We start at 7 PM and will be able to social distance as well. Everyone should bring a picnic basket with everything they need, so there will not be any sharing of food and drinks.

We would like to wish Doris Hoy belated birthday wishes. We also understand the Peder is doing well. That is good to hear - hang in there Peder. Ann-katherine is hanging in through this troubling time I call her every day. She would love to hear from anyone who wishes to call her. Refer to the May's newsletter for her phone number. Nina is teaching school from her home. As for me, I am still off. Bored to death. Hopefully, the Casinos will open soon. As of May 1st, no more pay or insurance. I am doing as well as I can. Thank God I have my family and friends that check on me daily. My 2 cats are so much company to me as well. I have not had a kitten in the house in over 10 years. There is something different every day. June birthdays: Helen Christiansen, Hannah Matuzak, Louise Myers, LaRee Purdum, Helena Robbert, Courtney Webb, Sandra Steffensen, Jillian Szewczak, and Alex Baker **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL.** Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. Take Care Be Safe, and Healthy. Sena-Marie

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*Sorry that our May Newsletter article was not received from me. **I was unaware that my loving computer bug refused to send it but didn't notify me and I didn't find out about it until I received my copy.*** I think I have it fixed now (fingers crossed). I am sure many of you have learned of the passing of our "beloved" member Bob Sorensen. Please note a tribute to this wonderful man elsewhere in this Newsletter. We are continuing to self-shelter for the most part but locally some of the rules are being redesigned slowly to allow for more freedom. Memorial Day is coming up but for the most part It will be quiet one. Our plans are to watch the PBS Special and to remember our many family and friends who served in the armed forces in the past and currently. The majority or our members are a little cautious about resuming the relaxed "rules" so we will not be starting our monthly meeting until at least July. Hang in there everyone—we hope to see you all soon. - Ann

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, another stay at home month has gone by and we are still not meeting. I have been checking on some of our members and so far, so good, they are all well. I know some areas are opening up, but for now we will

continue to avoid contact. I want to wish everyone a safe and well spring season and hope we can meet again soon.
DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,

Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455

Sure not spending much money these days. 😊 I want to go back to the old days. Nothing to report. I saw on TV that Solvang was opening up with lots of visitors.

Otherwise nothing for Solvang. Hope to see everyone soon. We are all missing our Monthly Lunches, Darlene Iversen

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

As the date of our annual July 4th BBQ in Waller Park approaches, we wonder if we will be allowed to hold a celebration. At this time, Santa Barbara county does not have an answer for us. If you feel uncomfortable sharing a dish, come with your own food and face mask. If the BBQ is held, it will be on Saturday July 4th in Waller Park area # 5. Top sirloin BBQ will be served at 1:00 pm.

Meat, beans, and bread will be furnished. Bring your own table service and a side dish to share. Depending on the corona virus this may or may not happen, monitor your email for further updates. Be well and stay healthy.
Peter Jacobsen