



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

August 2020

## Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings from Fremont! I know some of you had wonderful trips planned for this year which had to be canceled. I was looking forward to my first trip to Denmark in June with the McNeils, and that was canceled as well. Hopefully, there will be a vaccine by next year, and we can start making plans again. I enjoy reading the newsletter and hearing about the members. As I say every month, I am looking forward to seeing all of you whenever that may be.—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

## Dania Grand President

This month I'd like to start out with what we all used to take time to do at our monthly meetings (remember those?) a call for the "Good of the Order". I think it would be interesting and uplifting to hear some thoughts and comments from our members in Dania and Dannebrog about what has kept you going through this difficult and trying time in our history. Please answer one of these questions below or anything else you have in mind then contact me with your comments either by email, [juganddana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juganddana@sbcglobal.net) or by phone, 831-296-9555, and please leave a message if I miss your call, because I don't pick-up unknown numbers anymore, and I'd want to call you back. You can even send me a note at 1267 W. San Jose Ave. Fresno CA 93711, because, who doesn't love getting mail these days?! Let's have some fun with this, and don't forget to include your name and branch# So . . . have you rediscovered a favorite pastime, maybe you discovered a new one? Have you been able to finally complete a project or task that you put on the back burner (no need to feel pressured to reveal how many years it's been back there). Would you like to share any revelations regarding family, friendships, your health? Got a new pet? What are you looking forward to most when we can begin meeting together again? I'll share everyone's responses here in many GP space in September. You can keep it short, just a sentence or two. I know the editors pretty well and I'm sure they will make room. Besides, if we get a big enough response we can carry it over into October, since unfortunately it looks like

## IN MEMORIAM:

Mary Rivers, Valborg #1, Hayward

Karma Smith, Dannevirke #9, Reno

## DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lis and Bob Lacey in memory of PGP Robert Sorensen

## DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Valborg #1 in memory of Mary Rivers

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things out there aren't going to be changing for the better soon enough.. Please continue to take care of yourselves, I hope all is well for you and your loved ones. Please keep wearing a mask if you can because this is real my dear friends, sending love, Jana - Dania Grand President

**Newsletter Editors:**

We apologize for last months readable version of the July Newsletter. For some unexplainable reason page 2 was replaced with a page 2 from an older newsletter. We are sure that it may have caused confusion to our early readers. We were able to correct the July

newsletter, but it took a few days. Again, we are not sure why this happened and if it happens again, please contact the newsletter editorial staff as soon as a problem is noticed. tjh/nfh

**Dania/Dannebrog 2021 Convention**

As most of you know our 2020 convention was to be held at The Clarion on April 16-18, 2020. Because of Covid-19 it had to be postponed. Recently The Clarion was sold to and will be converted into government assisted apartment housing for lower income families here in Modesto. After much deliberation and the need to reschedule, we have now arrived at going back to the Double Tree in Modesto for our convention. Note the date is now one week later, April 22-24, 2021. We look forward to being your host and have a fun-filled plan of activities including a casual Friday night with the American Graffiti theme. Come prepared to dress in your 1950-60's attire and have fun. We are finalizing all the

details and will have the registration forms to you closer to that date. God willing and if Covid-19 is in check we hope to have a "normal" convention. John Scheuber, Convention Committee

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	April 22-24, 2021
Upcoming Installations		
TBA		

**Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

Once again, the San Francisco lodge wishes you all good health!

The Secretary of the San Francisco lodge finally has something to write about. Our July meeting was a real in-person, socially distanced gathering in Tom Martin's back yard on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Tom for hosting! True to tradition, our July meeting featured hot dogs and 5¢ beers (but I do not think the Treasurer kept an accurate till). Normally we have a very short July meeting. This year's meeting clocked in at just over one minute. We do not expect this record to be broken anytime soon.

There wasn't much business but there was a lot of socializing and catching up. We were a group of about 12 and everyone is weathering the situation very well. It was truly great to see, actually see, our friends and share stories of perseverance and baking bread. We

had a great BBQ in the afternoon sun. Special thanks to Johanne for bringing those Lockeford sausage we love so much, not to mention her excellent Leverpostej (which I have been missing as much as my fellow members' company). Everybody helped to make it a great feast complete with deviled eggs, cold beers, cucumber salad, homemade cookies, and an overchilled bottle of Aalborg Jubilæums. Mange Tak Danmark #2 and Thyra #3!

We hope our next meeting will be another socially distanced gathering. Not sure of the date yet, but we have the internet to help us coordinate. Here's hoping we all get back on track before too many sunny days go by. Stay safe Dania and Dannebrog! Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 510-299-1855

**Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:nielsenmarta@gmail.com)**

We are still coping in Fresno.

Our President Kay Jensen had a big surprise for her 85th Birthday, July 5. Two of her sisters came from out of town to spend a few days with her to celebrate

the milestone. That's really special when we are still housebound.

Kay gave me an update on many of our members. Lone Taylor is home alone and doing as well as she

can, as is Betty Green who is still dealing with the cancer. Barbara Ahlberg and Ruth Christensen are doing well. Gail Hansen is living out on the ranch alone, but has a daughter that checks on her and she's doing good. Carl Jensen has talked with Stan and Pam. Stan is recovering from Cataract surgery, doing the best they can with this 'shelter in place'. They don't have the social activities that they have enjoyed in the past at the park. Norm Jensen and Jerri are doing well. Norm is ready to go back to work, he does inspection of the dried figs for the USDA at the packing house. Carl also called Carl and Ruth Christensen, they are doing well. He related a story to me about how long they have known each other. When the Christensen family came to Easton from Denmark, both Carl's were in the 4th or 5th grade in school and Carl J. translated the English to Danish for Carl C. Their friendship goes back many years. The Thor #5 Membership Book has been found, this is the one all new members sign when joining. Carl says we will need to update it for the last 10 years. The minute ledger also was found and he has been

reading all the old minutes, he says they are all written in English. He's been a member for 73 years. That's a long time.

We have been having triple digit heat in the Valley. But I have spent many Saturdays up at Huntington Lake, sailing with Jerry Hansen on his San Juan 21. The wind is predictable and it's one of the best lakes around for sailing. They have held the West Coast National races there many times. This year everything has been cancelled; but the lake is there and the local San Juan Skippers, (many Danes), have taken advantage of the chance to get out on the lake. It's really quite wonderful, and we're out of the heat of the valley.

With the abundance of my garden I'm keeping busy, I have made Chutney and Danish pickles. We are starting folk dancing, couples only on the patio of Dannebrog member Christin Holt in Kingsburg. It's amazing what you can forget in 4 months time. Hope all of you keep safe, healthy and have something you enjoy doing. It makes the house bound rules easier on you. Martha Nielsen

### **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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

In the three Counties in our Monterey Bay Area, Monterey Country is being affected the most by the Covid-19 and has not peeked or slowed up as of yet. Even with this ongoing pandemic we are looking forward to the time we can all be together again, even if we need to be wearing a mask.

Natalie and I were able to get away out of the overcast night sky here on the coast for a few days in July and were able to see the Comet just below the Big Dipper. I hope all of you were able to do this as will. TJH

### **Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.**

**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

Greetings from the Livermore group, hoping all of you are staying healthy and safe. Congratulations to Bob and Tracey Lamee who welcomed a new grandson, and congratulations to Bent and Susy Olsen on celebrating the 50 year celebration of their bakery in Solvang on August 1st. I'm sure they will have lots of baked goods to share. And you know

what makes their pastry so good? Yes of course, it is almonds! Here in Tracy my family farm will begin harvesting almonds, a busy time of year. Eating almonds is a good way to stay healthy, so be sure to eat plenty, they are predicting a huge crop this year. Here's to hoping we get back to "normal" soon, KRT

### **No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.**

**President, Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

Please note we will not have meetings in July nor August. I hope to see you when we hold our next

Zoom meeting in September! Susan Gauthier, President

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

We are still closed and don't plan on meeting until sometime in 2021. We are trying to get the dance studio opened, but the county is limiting the class size to six plus one instructor for classes that usually have around twenty students.

Hope everyone is healthy and staying safe.

**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,**

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The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall at 6 P.M on Friday July 3. We met an hour earlier because everyone was off due to the holiday weekend. There were 8 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Anette grilled the hotdogs and buns, and everyone brought their own side dishes. After dinner we had a short meeting during dessert, coffee and cake. Anette made a delicious blueberry, cinnamon cake. It was yummy. Anette introduced two guests, Jesper and Mette Olsen who have lived in Reno since 2018. We were excited to meet them and of course, I handed out applications for both lodges. 😊 After the meeting we visited and talked about all the new rules about masks etc. We may as well face it, that we will be using masks for a long time. Nevada and California are not doing so well on the "numbers". We are happy to report that none of our members have been sick with Covid and we really hope it stays that way. It was a great evening and so good to see some of our members.

Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting and it will be another BBQ. Carl and Helen are going to grill Tri-tip. Valdemar is supplying the meat. Please R.S.V.P. so we know how much Tri-Tip to get. Everyone will supply their own side dishes, so we are not touching anyone's food. Drinks will be supplied and I will make Chocolate Chip cookies for dessert.

Ann-katherine's assisted living place is a little more relaxed with games and other activities. Still no visitors or going off property, but she is happier that she can get out more and especially outside to walk her dog. Hope all members are doing well. We miss seeing everyone but understand if you don't feel ready to go out yet. We are thinking of you!

As for me, I started back to work July 3rd, after 109 days. Room Service is not open yet, but the Nugget offered me a job in security taking temperatures at the employee entrance. It is fun talking to the employees and guests and handing out masks for those that don't have one. I work from 6 am to 2 pm, 5 days a week. We also have some real exciting news. Ann-katherine's daughter, Paul and Cindy Christensen's niece and my cousin, Nina Sawyer married Jordan Potter by the beach in Oregon on July 4th. This has been a long time coming and Jordan has been a big part of our family for a long time. We all wish them much happiness and many years together. CONGRATULATIONS!

August Birthdays: Ingrid Nowland, Poul-Erik Christensen and Ruth Olsen, Happy Birthday everyone.

We just received notice of our member Karma Smith passing away. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Be safe, stay healthy and take care. Sena-Marie

**Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined**

President Bente Ellis, [Bentfra@comcast.net](mailto:Bentfra@comcast.net) Secretary Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)

Here we are with another month of hunkering down in our homes with little socializing except walking around the neighborhood, grocery shopping, and drive by visiting all while wearing a mask. Many probably remember the many masquerades put on by our Dania Lodges over the years. I read a news article about Salinas Lodge drawing a crowd of 500 plus at their masquerade on Jan 29, 1918. (The year of the flu epidemic). With all the fancy masks out there for sale now, maybe we should bring back the tradition of putting on masquerades.

Most of our members are reported in good health. Last newsletter you heard Max Stowers was in the hospital with gall bladder surgery. Unfortunately, he

ended up in the hospital this week being diagnosed with a blood infection. We wish him a quick recovery. We miss visiting with our member Gunver Olsen. She is living at Valley Comfort (assisted living) which has been in lock down. She is doing fine. John checks with Peder Hoy frequently and reports he is in remission and gaining back his stamina. He has even done some tractor work but avoids the valley's 100-degree temperature.

Birthday greetings went out to Elouise Degrendle, Danielle Higby and Shirley Jorgensen. We all look forward to "Happy Times are Here Again." Stay healthy and safe. Marge Scheuber

**Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

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

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, [kimgiacinto@gmail.com](mailto:kimgiacinto@gmail.com)**

Well here we go again. This is a repeat of the message you have gotten for the last several months. No Meeting this month.

I do hope this finds you all doing well and not going stir crazy. I have been doing a lot of supervising here on the ranch as the family put up net fencing to keep the deer and rabbits out of my garden. When that is

done, then it is moving on to the gopher control. Now I have to decide what to plant in the sun or shade.

I am missing seeing all of you but enjoy hearing from you either via phone or e-mail. Keep the funny stories and neat pictures coming. Until next month stay strong and well. DWS

**Hejls Minde No. 23**

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

Greetings from Solvang. Not much news to report as California is still in lockdown. Our members living at Atterdag Senior Residence are being served meals in their rooms and not allowed to visit each other. Those that have cars are allowed to take a drive but are on their honor to not get out of their vehicle. Just a chance to get out and see the countryside which is a treat for anyone. All members

are doing well and looking forward to having a meeting and Danish meal with Snaps. Olsen's Bakery is celebrating 50 years since starting business on Saturday, August 1st. All visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee sitting outside in the expanded seating, Congratulations to them.

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**