



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2020

## Dannebrog Grand President

Hello to all my friends. I sure miss seeing each and every one of you. The weather has certainly warmed up, so I hope you are enjoying the outdoors. If any of your lodges are holding ZOOM meetings, please let me know so that I may virtually attend one of your meetings. The Hayward lodges have now held two ZOOM meetings, and it has worked out well, especially for some of our members who live out of the area. Enjoy your summer and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

## Dania Grand President

Certainly we all thought by now that we'd all be catching up on those hugs we've been prevented from having, pot-lucks we've been craving, sitting close and enjoying meeting together, but it looks like this virus has no interest in getting out of our way. I'm feeling for all of our branches that have had to cancel all their favorite summertime celebrations, and for the rest of us having to miss out as well. I did however take some mini steps towards normalcy, by joining four couples from the Fresno Danish Dancers in a few dances before guests arrived for The Swedish Midsummer Celebration in Kingsburg. It was an outdoor event, we all wore masks and chose dances that didn't require changes in partners. We kept our distance as much as possible when you are spinning around in a circle. The organizers did a great job of providing masks and hand sanitizer for the pot-luck participants. My dance partner Steen and I passed on the pot-luck. We did however stick around and from a distance enjoyed watching the decoration of the May Pole, but couldn't resist circling it with the rest (no hand holding allowed!) and singing some fun and silly songs to the live music of the Great Danes Folk

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## Dania Secretaries

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

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Dancing Band from Fresno. We're all trying to do our best in these tough and uncertain times.

Till next we see each other, keep up your covered chins and hidden smiles. And yes, don't forget to wash those hands! Jana Heer, Grand President, Dania

### Dannebrog/Dania Secretaries

Late Breaking news, The 2021 Convention Committee has been informed that the Clarion Inn in Modesto is closing their Doors as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is now in the process of identifying a new venue. Please stand by for more information.

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	TBD	TBD
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!

Well, the best laid plans of mice and men. Our June meeting was another Zoom meeting instead of a meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall. The elevator was repaired on schedule, but the City of San Francisco was too busy to inspect it until June 25<sup>th</sup>. So, no elevator rides.

We hope our next meeting will be *onsdag, 8 juli*. Not sure if it will be virtual or in person, but the odds are for another Zoomer. Here's hoping we get back on track before the summer is over.

Wash your hands!

Wear your mask!

And take care!

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)

Hope all the Fathers were able to have a nice holiday with their children this Father's Day, no matter if it was via phone calls, facetime, or skyping. Just a hello from someone that cares for you make it special. I've been out in my jungle garden, everything is getting away from me, finding zucchinis that are as big as baseball bats and cucumbers the same size. Then the one cherry tomato plant that thinks it owns the whole 4x8 plot. We were invited to the Kingsburg Swedish Midsommar Celebration, June 19. There was a smaller crowd than usual, but we were all wearing masks and trying to keep social distancing. Our band came and played for us to do some partner dancing only, plus they played later for the children. The Midsommar Pole was decorated with garland and flowers then the children danced around to the Swedish music. It was such a pleasant evening out in the Teapot Park at Kingsburg.

Congratulations to our own Dannebrog member and dancer, Rebecca Holt, for the award she received from the city for promoting the Swedish Heritage of Kingsburg. She is a very involved young lady and has a lovely voice. She's always the one requested to sing the Swedish National Anthem for Kingsburg. I talked to our President Kay Jensen, it's been decided that we would forego our annual picnic for the year. We are usually off for the summer, so hopefully if everything opens up we could plan on our usual meeting in September. Kay said she had called a number of our members and so far everyone was staying in and doing well.

We would love to be able to visit with all of the lodge members, but that's not going to happen soon. I'm sure you're so ready for this to be over as I am. I want all of you to stay safe and healthy, as we have a lot of living to catch up on. 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)

Freja and Dana normally do not hold a meeting in July due to the Fourth of July but this year we can blame it on Covid 19.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to our member Pat Anderson in the passing of her husband Mark, of fifty years. Pat is a Third Generation Dana #15 Member

and is the Sister and Sister-in-law of four Past Grand Presidents of Dannebrog, along with the current Grand President and Grand Secretary of Dania. Long time members may remember her as the Manager,

Director and Writer for “The Van Heer Family Singers”.

We are looking forward to the time we can all be together again, even if we need to be wearing a mask.  
TJH

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

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; Emil Villa’s Restaurant 3064 Pacific Ave. Livermore, Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

I seem to remember forecasting that the year 2020, had to be a great, well I take that back. Just sending a quick note out, to say we hope all are well and looking forward to the time we can get together again, who knows when that will be, perhaps a September meeting for the Livermore bunch is in the future. (not

to mention we did sneak out to get together and play a few games of hands and foot, we simply can not help ourselves) With that aside, keep safe, keep happy and be well. Happy 4th of July with however you decide to celebrate! 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)**

We held a Zoom meeting in June to conduct our business. It was nice to see those that we typically do not see at our in-person meetings due to distance and schedules! We discussed holding our Zoom meetings at 6:30 PM to also allow for our members in difference time zones to also participate.

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

**Sønderjylland 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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)**

The Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in June 2020. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen and husband John are spending time at their cabin in Clear Creek in Lassen County (county named after Danish Pioneer Peter Lassen). Daughter Kirsten and her three kids, Debbie's and John's grandchildren, are spending a couple of weeks there in the mountains, taking the boat out on Lake Almanor and going fishing and swimming, and going to Mount Lassen National Park and hiking on the near dormant volcano.

We'd like to hear what you have been doing since the last time we met and how you have been keeping yourself safe and healthy during the pandemic. Please email John at [j.crugerhansen@gmail.com](mailto:j.crugerhansen@gmail.com) and we will feature other members in our next newsletter. Happy 4th of July and wishing everyone good health till we meet again. Respectfully John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

**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 but looking at opening up again in late August / September with social distancing, face masks and plenty of sanitizer. It looks like we will be able to hold meetings of no more than 10 with social distancing and masks. We will not be ready to hold our Installation of Officers in September, just taking this one day at a time.

The Danish Hall has been deep cleaned and we will be installing sanitizer stations. We will not be able to have food at first and our public breakfasts will still be on hold.

Hope all of you are staying healthy and doing well.  
**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**

WELL, the Reno Lodges did it - we met at the Odd Fellows Hall June 5th at 7 PM. There were only 7 in attendance, but we are off to a slow start and so nice to see everyone from a social distance. Eric Hansen hasn't been here in a long time and it was great to see him.

Everyone brought their own dinner and drinks so we wouldn't "touch each other's stuff". We had a short meeting and the members that received Easter Baskets thanked Nick, Jillian, and Anette.

Most of the officers were in attendance, so we initiated Steve Myers into Valdemar #12. Welcome Steve! After the meeting we visited and talked about what we had been doing while in quarantine. It was a very nice evening.

Since the first meeting went well, we had our St. Hans picnic and bonfire at the River School Farm on Friday June 19. We started at 7 pm with 20 people in attendance. Again, everyone brought their own picnic basket with everything. At dusk we started the bonfire and we had four beautiful witches that we sent off to Bloksbjerg in Germany. It was beautiful weather, and everyone had a nice evening. It was also decided that we would have a hot-dog BBQ for our July meeting at the Lodge.

Friday July 3 the Lodge will provide hotdogs, buns, and condiments for everyone. (Please RSVP) You can bring additional side dishes for yourself if you like.

We are not going to share, and one person is assigned to grill the hotdogs and hand out the condiment. Ann-katherine is finally allowed to walk her dog, which makes her happy. Nina is finishing up her school year from home. As for me I am still off. The Casinos re-opened June 4<sup>th</sup>, but the Nugget only

opened part of the casino and only 4 restaurants. Room Service has not opened yet and I was told soon, but how soon is soon? I am doing as well as I can. Friends, family, and neighbors check on me. My fur babies are doing great. They keep me busy. We have a few on our sick list: John LaRoche had hip replacement and is doing as well as it is expected. Jennifer Baker had knee surgery and is doing well. Donna and Mike Vanderbeck are doing well – staying home due to health concerns. We wish everyone a speedy recovery and stay well.

On a good note, we are proud to announce that Nina Christiansen graduated from UNR with a degree in Microbiology and Medical Immunology & Biotechnology. She is now working on her Master's degree in Biotechnology. Congratulations – we are so proud of you!

July Birthdays: Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb, Brook Matuzak, and Pete Olsen. Happy birthday everyone! Wishing everyone a Happy and healthy 4th of July.

Take care and be safe. Sena-Marie

In the meantime, Nevada have had a set back and we are now all required to wear masks. I have not heard from anyone that attended our June 5 and 19 meetings and hope everyone is well!

The Reno Lodges are doing all we can to stay safe, by wearing a mask, social distance and washing hands frequently. We understand that not everyone is ready to join us but know that we are thinking of you and hope you stay safe. The Reno Lodges want to thank all the health care workers, fire, and everyone else that kept the country together. THANK YOU ALL!

Anette

**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 a 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)**

I am sorry to start off this article with the message that again this month there will be no meeting in Danneskjold 17. I think pretty soon we will have to hold a photo gathering so we will all remember who each other are. This has been a long road and at the writing of this article, I see no early end to the situation we find ourselves in. Our first and foremost consideration must be the health and welfare of our members.

I have tried to keep in touch with our members by phone when possible. I would ask that you each try to do the same. From my standpoint I would rather have many calls or e-mails than not hear from anyone. So far everyone I have called is well and just trying to manage all the free time they seem to have. I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July.  
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**

Nothing has changed in Solvang. Hope to see everyone soon. We are all missing our Monthly Lunches, in the Bit O Danmark, 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**

Santa Barbara County has let me know that the group areas of Waller park will not be open for the 4th of July.

Please let everyone know that Santa Maria Holger Danske and Valkyrien will not be hosting a BBQ on that day. So sad!

Paa gensyn (until then)  
Har det godt (be well)

Peter Jacobsen