



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

January 2021

## Dannebrog Grand President

Once again, Tim had to remind me a newsletter article was due! My New Year's resolution for 2021 will be to write an article and get it to Tim in a timely manner each month! I hope you were able to celebrate the holidays safely, but still enjoyable. It was definitely a difficult year for everyone, and I am looking forward to a brighter and safe 2021. Happy New Year to all of you! —

Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

Skål! Godt Nytår! Hope everyone's holidays have been as happy as possible.

This New Year brings with it all sorts of reasons for hope as a nation and around the world. We still need to be patient and careful, keep washing your hands if you have not completely washed them away by now. I scarcely recognize mine. Stay safe, stay warm, stay positive, and we'll be seeing each other hopefully sooner than later.

Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

## IN MEMORIAM:

Margie Christensen Zingarelli, Thora #11, Fresno

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## Secretaries Desk:

By now the Branches' Secretaries have received their copies of the annual report, but if you did not please notify us so we can send you a replacement. Dania Secretaries keep in mind that your report must be returned on the same form that was sent to you, having a consistent format makes processing a lot simpler for me.

This has been an exceedingly difficult time for everyone this past year of 2020, but we have survived other hard times to as we did in 1906 and 1917-18, and as an organization we have been able to continue

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Upcoming Conventions		
<b>Bornholm #14</b>	<b>Double Tree in Modesto</b>	<b>September 9-11 2021</b>
Upcoming Installations		
TBA		

by doing whatever it took. At this time, I would like to recognize, and thank all those who contributed to our monthly Newsletter this past year. Your upbeat positive articles have been such a help in keeping all connected, and a fine example of what we, as an organization are all about. Mange Tak!

Tim and Natalie

**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 entire San Francisco lodge wishes you good health!

Is it over? Is 2020 really finished? The year that lasted for years is finally in the rear-view mirror.

Despite the lockdown, December seemed like a typical busy end of year month. We hope you all had a cozy Christmas and a great New Year's celebration. In the San Francisco lodge's December virtual meeting, we were pleased to hear of our upcoming convention. As we get into 2021, we will see about resuming regular monthly meetings. Maybe a good

portion of them will be in backyards with the BBQ going strong. Of all the new routines we became familiar with in 2020, I hope the backyard meetings remain. It is time to be extra careful as the vaccine we have all been waiting for is now on the way. We have been good for so long I think we can stay the course a few months more.

Looking forward to seeing everybody in the new year! Godt Nytår! 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)**

Hope everyone was able to enjoy their Holiday Season, baking and watching the TV specials, as no visiting with family and friends. I needed to make some Dill Akvavit, I used Daniel Joensen's recipe from the 2013 SF convention. I had found that special potato-based vodka at Trader Joe's. You need this for all the fish (salmon, oysters, and pickle herring) that's served around the holidays. Making it late but it will be ready for New Year's.

Our President Kay Jensen has been on top of the calling, checking on many of our members: Mary Christensen, Lone Taylor, Marjorie Mott, Betty Green, Ruth Christensen and family, Doris and Rene Lastreto. They were all doing well. Gail Hansen's family didn't want her out on the ranch alone, so they have moved her to Westmont, a senior living facility. We have lost another one of our members, Margie Christensen Zingarelli passed Nov. 27, 2020. She was Betty Jensen's sister.

I talked to Carl and Betty Jensen and they are staying close to home and doing well. Carl said that he had a call from Norman Jensen, and he would be retiring

from the USDA inspection of fruit and nuts. We have always enjoyed the bags of almonds and figs that Norm would bring to our lodge meetings. Gerri (Geraldine), his wife has been in the hospital having another stent replaced. Christie Pettitt is progressing with her hip, still on the walker but taking baby steps away from it. This week will be her 6th week checkup, hope all's well.

We hope 2021 will be the beginning of the light at the end of that tunnel and we will all get back to our normal routines. We have not had a meeting since our installation last February. All the officers that were installed will remain and continue in the same positions.

Our Dania/Dannebrog convention is planned to take place in Modesto, Sept. 9-11, 2021. We will need to send in a list of the delegates now for that to take place. Remember to send in your dues for 2021. Wishing all of you the Best of Health, Joy and Friends to celebrate with in the New Year!! We have a lot of catching up to do. 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)**

Happy New Year to one and all!! I hope you all have made your Resolution for the New Year which I trust would include staying safe for a bit longer as we look forward to happier Days and being together again "SKÅL!"

As a reminder to our Members your 2021 Dues are due, Freja's is \$25.00 and Dana is \$15.00. If you are one of the lucky ones who receive this newsletter in the mail, please include an additional \$10.00. 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)**

Happy New Year from all of us from the Livermore Branch of Dannevang #7 & Danebod #16. We are happy to announce we survived 2020 and I don't think anybody would argue with me at saying good riddance to 2020 and bring on 2021. We hope we can

soon meet again, have a few lively discussions, and continue with the best part of meetings, that would be the food and perhaps a few good card games. Here is to good healthy peace of mind 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 will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, January 14. *Please note the earlier start time!* Valborg & Thyra members could win an attendance drawing, if attending the virtual meeting...Don't miss out! If you would like to join the Hayward branches Zoom meeting, and after meeting socializing, please send an email to [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). A Zoom Meeting invitation will be emailed about a week prior to the meeting.

*A Note from Hayward Treasurers:*

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring mail to the respective Treasurers. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail 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, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Happy New Year, Susan

**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**

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The Sønderjylland #10 Board of Directors wish all our members Godt Nytår 2021, (Happy New year 2021).

Well, we are finally seeing the Covid-19 vaccines being administered. We all look forward to being vaccinated and getting back to a more normal life. If all goes as projected, our members 75 years of age and older will be in group 1b, just after medical personnel, hospital workers, and residents and staff in nursing homes, (group 1a). In Denmark group 1b will be persons 80 and over according to my cousin Karin in Charlottenlund north of Copenhagen.

We are still not able to plan meetings, but hopefully sometime late spring or early summer we will be able to get together again. We're looking forward to that day.

We have not heard of any of our members getting sick with the virus, thank goodness, but please do let us know if you need any help or if you know of any of our members who need help.

As a new year has arrived, we will be asking everyone to pay their 2021 membership dues, (\$30.00). The entire \$30.00 goes directly to Dania for their operating expenses. Sønderjylland #10 generates their own operating expenses, (rental of Kastania Fælled, insurance etc.) from our meeting lunches and drinks charges and donations from our members.

Please mail a \$30.00 check for the 2021 dues made out to "Sønderjylland #10, 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2550"

With the hope you had a pleasant Christmas holiday and are in good health. We hope to see you all as soon as it is safe when this pandemic is well under control.

Send us your stories about how you and your family are coping. We would love to share your stories with the other club members. It's a way for all of us to still stay in touch.

Until further notice, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other.

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)**

The trustees of Valhalla and Ydun have decided that dues for 2021 will be waived for members of Valhalla and Ydun lodges. We are still not meeting at this time

and will notify members when the time comes that we will be able to meet once again.  
Stay safe and healthy, 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](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net)**

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 had to cancel the Christmas Party on December 4th. The COVID-19 numbers are still too high (and not getting any better) and more restrictions of meetings etc. So, when we can't go to a Christmas party – we “took” Christmas to you, our members. A group of members put together “goodie bags” with a little bit of everything Danish Christmas, from food, candy, chocolate, cookies, Lucia rolls, Lucia pictures to “Kravlenisser” (Crawling elves). Since we already had the Odd Fellow hall reserved for Friday the 4th, we met there to put the bags together. We had plenty of space to spread out and with masks on, the 6 members, Ingrid Hedman, Jillian & Nick Szewczak, Sena Marie, Anette, Ina Segesman had an assembly line going and filled the Christmas Bags just in time for us to have coffee and pumpkin bread made by Sena Marie. A handful of members that live out of town – no, out of state, received a small package in the mail minus the food (Sorry ☹️) A special thank you to Ingrid Hedman, Nick and Jillian Szewczak and Anette for delivering the bags over the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Together they traveled about 400 miles across town, out to Fernley, Fallon and Carson City. THANK YOU ALL! Great job. We hope that the Christmas bags lifted your Christmas spirit a bit!

Ann-katherine is doing well and is in good sprites. I still talk to her every day and she still tells me that she misses everyone and to tell everyone HI. She went to Nina and Jordan's for Thanksgiving dinner and stayed all night with them, however when she returned, she was in a lockdown for 7 days. She knew that when

she left, but she said it was worth it to be with her daughter and son-in-law. Nina and Jordan are doing great. Both busy with their jobs. Jordan is working on his master's degree.

We have heard from some of our members and so far, no-one has contacted COVID-19 (that we know of). Some of our members have other ailments and health issues and we want you to know that we are thinking of you and wish you a speedy recovery! We are counting our blessings that everyone will stay safe and healthy. The Reno Lodges want to wish Past Grand President Elizabeth Jensen a speedy recovery. We wish her well.

Our January 1st meeting is also cancelled. It is not safe to meet yet, but we will as soon as it's safe and our COVID-19 numbers get under control.

We do have some good news; we received an application for membership for Valdemar #12 from Jordan Potter. (Nina's husband and Ann-katherine's son- in-law) Also, received an application for Dannevirke #9 from Karina Davies (Leif & Bonnie Larsen's granddaughter) Looking forward to seeing them and everyone else, when conditions allow us to. Our January birthdays are Ingrid Hedman, Marlene Swaffar, Jens Christiansen, Erik Jensen. John Matuzak, and Knud Sorensen. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE.**

We are wishing all members in all lodges a blessed New Year and hope you arrive in 2021 safe and sound! Hopefully 2021 will be better for all of us! **HAPPY NEW YEAR.** 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)

We hope you all had a safe and healthy Holiday Season. Unfortunately, most of our Bornholm members live in the strictest quarantine areas so most of us had very small and quite celebrations. I did talk to a couple of members on the phone and found out that most everyone was staying home. As reported in

the November Newsletter, most of our 2021 plans have been put on hold but we are hoping that the vaccines will be successful, and we will be able to get back on schedule soon. In the meantime, we wish you a Happy and Health New Year. - Ann

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

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

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

Here I am the day before New Years Eve saying a prayer that 2021 will be a much better year for all of us. All the plans we made as a group at our January 2020 meeting of course went down the drain. Unfortunately, we are still not able to get together to plan for 2021 but, keep the faith that this pandemic will go away, and we will again be able to meet and make plans for fun things to do and ways to help our organization continue and grow.

During the month of December, I have talked to or been in contact with most of our members and happy to report that all are doing well, staying home, and masking up. It is so hard to be so close to family or friends and not say come in for coffee or just give a hug. Hang in there "HELP IS COMING". I wish all reading this article a Godt Nytår and a Healthy New Year. 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**

Solvang members are sending you many wishes for everyone to have a Happy New Year with lots of meetings, eating together, hugs and Skål. Everyone still in shutdown so not much news here. I was in Solvang the week before Christmas and it is so sad to

see empty streets and stores closed. Being a good Dane I ate out in the street in the cold brisk air and enjoyed aebleskiver and a Carlsberg. Best wishes to all, Darlene Iversen, Hejls Minde

**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**