



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

February 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

It seems like forever since I have seen all of you, and I am running out of things to say! As I write this article, I am looking forward to my first dose of the Covid vaccine in a few days. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before we are able to see each other again. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy, and I wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

Hope your New Year was safe and comfortable even if you were missing your usual celebrants, but that will make all our reunions that much sweeter, right? Right! So, here we are, 2021, what will this new year bring? I'm dreaming of some Pot Lucks and above all for us Grand Officers, Delegates and Past Grands a CONVENTION! If you've never attended a convention you might want to think seriously about coming to this one planned for September, cuz we're going to be having one grand celebration for sure. Is everyone, who wants to and can, getting their Covid vaccination without any serious side effects? I'm ready and waiting for the gates to open for the over 65 crowd.

All the best to all of you, and keep smiling behind that mask. Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Bodil Rasmussen, Borndolm #14 Modesto
Jerry Volker, Danmark #2 San Francisco

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Marge & John Scheuber in memory of Bodil Rasmussen

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

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Upcoming Conventions

Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	September 9-11 2021
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Upcoming Installations

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returned on the same form that was sent to you, having a consistent format makes processing a lot simpler for me.
Tim and Natalie

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

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

We are saddened to learn of the passing of our good friend Jerry Volker. Jerry came to our lodge as a friend of the Fox brothers, but instantly became a friend to all of us. Jerry's grand children were school mates of Michael Fox's kids in Mill Valley. Their friendship proves that good natured Scandinavians will always find each other. He was a frequent guest at our monthly meetings for years until we finally convinced him to join Danmark #2 in May of 2019. Jerry split his time between Clarksville Iowa and Mill Valley California. He enjoyed a solid year of golfing in 2020, not a bad way to spend your time in a pandemic especially if you own your own golf cart at the local golf course. When his health started to fail late in the year, he came out to California to be with his daughter's family and his friends. They were with him up to the end. He passed in December a couple of weeks before Christmas. He was a real "salt of the earth" kind of guy – we miss you Jerry!

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

We have all been really shut in with the dense fog we have had this winter. When we do have a bright sunny day even if it's bitterly cold it somehow feels warmer, that's Fresno.

President Kay Jensen has been on top of calling all our 90+ Dannebrog members and says they are all doing well and "are chomping at the bit, can't wait to get out and resume their social life". Gail Hansen's son James called Kay to give her an update on Gail's progress at her new home; said "she was happy to be there as everyone was very friendly". It is certainly better for Gail as there's so much more activity in the home at Westmont. Pam Kjar reported they both were doing well up in Coarsegold.

I talked with Carl and Betty Jensen. They are staying close to home except for Doctor visits. Betty has had the last of 3 shots in her back and is now having some relief from pain and has been sleeping better the last few nights. Christie Pettitt is still having pain in her hip especially when she's walking. Hopefully, eventually that will get better. She wanted to remind everyone if you haven't paid your dues, now is the

Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 enjoyed a lively Zoom meeting for January. The first meeting of the year is always full of activities – dues and delegates and reports, Oh My! But we still had a chance to socialize and catch up. The Zoom meetings are working but we do miss the parties (did I say parties, I meant meetings). Don't know when we will get back into the Odd Fellows Hall, but we will have a lot of mail piled up for sure.

We should have a Vaccine Corner in the newsletter. Who's gotten the jab yet? Which one? How did it make you feel? Most importantly, how did you sign up and how long did it take to get it? I hear its easy to get a shot in Florida. Anyone up for a Vaccination Vacation?

I think all of Dania and Dannebrog should get vaccination priority. Not because of age but because we are a national treasure!

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

time to send them in to her. If you want a hard copy of the newsletter to include \$10.00 for it.

I was reminded by my son that it's time to get those raised garden plots ready for planting. We are going to be doing that again. We just will not put so many plants in each 4x8, I had a jungle this year. Looking back over this last year, the garden did require a lot of attention/work but was very productive and rewarding. I'm still harvesting Brussel sprouts and they're not bitter.

Would it be wonderful if we could be going out to a dinner/dance to celebrate Valentine's Day! Not sure that will be happening this year, but we will all be ready to go someplace when these restrictions are lifted. So, we'll do the next best; prepare a luscious dinner, with a special dessert and your favorite wine. It is always special when you share it with your favorite "Valentine".

With so many health agencies giving the Covid vaccines, we will soon be out and about, hopefully sooner than later. Want everyone to play it safe and be healthy. Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day. M. 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

Normally our meeting in February is dark due to the Super Bowl game, but that will not be the reason this year. The Monterey County has had yet another evacuation in the last week with concern of mud flows from the burn areas left from last summer's fires. The Rivers came up not close to flood stage, but enough to get our attention. If anyone is in need of

anything, please let me know...Please stay safe, and have a joyful Valentine's Day.

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 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.

Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Happy February y'all. The good news is that the Farm Bureau building in Livermore has been doing repairs due to the fire last year. It could be ready to hold meetings soon, which brings me to the somewhat bad news, which is we have no idea when we will be able to meet again, hopefully soon. More good news is that we are getting rain and snow in the mountains, which is always a dire need for California. Perhaps on

groundhog day we will find out if we get more winter or an early spring. And remember that Valentine's Day is coming up, it might be a good time to send a Valentine greeting to someone who is least expecting it, a special gift of kindness. Enjoy "hygge" and all the things that bring simple joy and happiness. 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

We will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, February 11. *Please note the earlier start time!* Valborg & Thyra members could win a drawing, if attending the virtual meeting...Don't miss out! If you would like to join the Hayward branches Zoom meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send an email to s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent out, 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. Best, Susan

Sønderjylland 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

Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in January 2021.

Well, we are finally seeing the Covid-19 vaccines being administered. Secretary John Cruger-Hansen was lucky and got his first dose of the Moderna NIAID Covid-19 vaccine on Friday January 22. He is a former patient at the UCSF Health Department and got an invitation for signing up for the vaccine.

There were lots of reporters to memorialize the event. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-s-first-large-vaccination-site-15891227.php>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.usatoday.com/amp/6699559002>.

We all look forward to being vaccinated and getting back to a more normal life. If all goes as projected, all our members 75 years of age and older in group 1b will be vaccinated shortly. John spoke to his childhood friend Jens Boll in Copenhagen after John's vaccination and Jens, who is a year older than John, said he does not expect to get vaccinated until about April and he is jealous.

We are still not able to plan meetings, but hopefully sometime early summer we will be able to get together again. We are 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.

If you haven't already paid, please pay your 2021 membership dues, (\$30.00). The entire \$30.00 goes directly to Dania for their operating expenses.

Sønderjylland #10 generates their own operating expenses, (for rental of Kastania Fælled, insurance etc.) from our meeting lunches, drink 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 are in good health and have a pleasant Valentine's Day. We are missing out on our annual Valentine's Day lunch tradition but 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: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536
Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

We are starting to get inoculations here in Humboldt, but no meetings or events for the near future.

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

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 want to wish everyone a Happy happy New Year! Hope everyone is doing well and we can't wait to be able to see our Danish friends and families from here and California. We didn't meet in January, which would have been the very 1st day of 2021, again due to the horrible COVID-19. The goodie bags that was delivered in December, were a big hit. I have received several thank you cards. We have accepted 2 applications for membership. They are Jordan Potter, Valdemar #12 and Karina Davies Dannevirke #9.

Jordan is the husband to Nina Sawyer and son-in-law to Ann-katherine. Karina is the granddaughter to Leif and Bonnie Larsen and great-granddaughter of Grethe Svendsen P.G.P. 1980- 81. We welcome them with open arms and will officially vote them in at our next meeting – when-ever that can be?

We have decided to skip our February 5th meeting and are hoping for a meeting in March, when hopefully some of our members have received the vaccine. We will have a Zoom meeting-get together on the 5th of

February for those who are interested. It is unbelievable this has lasted a whole year now and we are still not done yet. Stay safe everyone – there is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Ann-katherine is doing well and in good spirits. She was in another lockdown because she went to Jordan and Nina's for Christmas Eve. She told me it was worth it because she had family with her. She asked me to extend wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year and that she misses everyone. I was off New Year's Day, for the first time in almost 26 years at the Nugget. As far as we know everyone is doing well. NO COVID - YEAH. For all other ailments some of our members suffer from, we wish you well and a speedy recovery! Our February Birthdays are Lisa Christensen, Ann-katherine Sawyer, Kristin Eliassen, Eric Hansen, John LaRoche, Michael Robbert, and Peter Eliassen. Happy Birthday everyone! Also wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! Be Safe, Stay Healthy and Take Care. Sena-Marie

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

As we begin the new year, we hope that it will be one of recovery. Unfortunately, we were saddened by

the death of our member Bodil Rasmussen on January 15th. Our sincerest condolences to Hugo and

the rest of her family. Seven members joined our "Conference" Meeting. First on the menu was the Fish Dinner. It was decided that we would **cancel** this event for 2021 and readdress in this coming fall for March 2022. As for the 2021 Convention, it is still tentatively scheduled for Sept. 9 –11, 2021. Final preparations will be confirmed based on COVID-19 restrictions. We will keep you posted as the year progresses.

As for our membership, we hear Pedar Hoy had an over-night hospital stay in late December, but was able to spend the Holidays with his family. Ann Stowers reported that her daughter had completed her chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is doing great. Mary Zoller says she is hanging in there, however, with all of her family living out of state and county, she does not see anyone very often. She says her "trips" are to the doctor's office and the pharmacy. She does, however, have dedicated

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

I can't believe that I am writing the second newsletter of 2021 already. Where did that month go? I am happy to report that about half of our Danneskjold #17 members have at least one vaccine shot, and some have already had two.

So what am I, chopped 91 year old liver??? So much for living in a smaller community, we don't have enough vaccine yet. Oh well soon the sun will shine again and then I will go out in the garden. No rush, we need the rain.

This week I have either spoken to or heard about many of our members and I am happy to tell you that all are doing well, just eager to be together again, but we need to remain patient for awhile longer.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

The good news here is that most of us are old enough to have had the Covid vaccine. I had my first dose last week with no side effects. Hope the same for the rest of all our Danish friends. It was so nice to get all the rain. 6 1/2 inches in my front yard.

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

neighbors that keep a close eye on her. Gunver Olsen is not too happy with her current situation. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, members are required to stay in their rooms with no visitors. If you have ever spent time with her, you know she wants to be mobile. Her daughter, Susan Mefford, says she can receive mail c/o Valley Comfort, 2809 Lou Ann Dr., Modesto, CA 95350. John & Marge Scheuber have taken to working jigsaw puzzles to keep busy. Hope it works! I know Max and I would be in a fight after a few minutes.

Well, that's it for now. Just a reminder, 2021 dues are now due. Our next *CONFERENCE* call meeting will be on Friday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. Dial (800) 430-1833 then 54154168#.

We've survived the fires, the petulance and now we are experiencing the wind & rains. Keep up the faith.
- Ann

Also, I will tell you that Nordic House in Berkeley is open and is also doing mail order delivery. I am so pleased to be able to get the items I enjoy. You can go online and order. I ordered one day and 2 days later my order came to the door so well packed and chilled. Thanks Pia and Lars. Now I will check to see if I can order from Copenhagen Crown Bakery in Santa Clara for delivery. LIFE IS GOOD AGAIN.

I wish everyone a very Happy Valentines day. Stay well and someday soon we will get together.

DWS

P.S. " Pays to complain!! I just got an appointment for the Covid vaccine, Friday Jan. 29 at 12:15.. I guess chopped liver is not so bad after all. DWS

No dues are being collected as there are no meetings. How wonderful it will be to see each other and hug and share a meal together. I am so ready to see your face without a mask. Stay well and we'll be together soon. Darlene Iversen, Hejls Minde