



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

March 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello once again! Last month, I mentioned I had an appointment for my first covid vaccine injection, and I received my second this week. I say every month, I hope to be able to see all of you soon. Speaking of seeing some of you, I had the privilege of joining Reno's zoom gathering this past month and learning how everyone is trying to keep in touch with their members. It was a small group with Anette, Eva, and Nina from Reno; Jana and Steen from Fresno; and Susan from Hayward. Thank you, Anette, for coordinating this gathering. Well, folks, that's all I have for this month. Happy St. Patrick's Day.—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

Oh my, it's March and the blossoming trees are telling us that Spring is near. I'm happy and encouraged to read in all your articles that so many of you are in the process of getting your vaccines. I'm feeling the warmth of that light at the end of this very long tunnel. Early in February I enjoyed "visiting" with some of the Reno members via ZOOM this month, Dannebrog's Grand President Beth Cowan was "there" too, it was so good to see their smiling faces and hear their cheerful voices. Thank you again Anette Christensen for blazing the internet trail with all its obstacles and low hanging branches! I have my appointment for my 2nd shot on March 9 providing that my vaccine dose isn't stuck in a snow bank somewhere. It's been a frustrating journey for many, but hang in there everyone, the news is getting better and I believe the experts who say if we all continue to do our part, masking, distancing, washing, we will see an end to this sooner than later. Keep your eyes smiling :) Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Anna Delgraad, Dannebrog Grand Lodge Carle Christensen, Thor #5, Fresno

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Jana Heer in memory of Anna Delgraad
Glenn Fritz in memory of Kaj Kristensen

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris and Peder Hoy in memory of Anna Delgraad and Bodil Rasmussen
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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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DANIA/DANNEBROG S.A.F.

Johaane Gade in memory of Anna Delgraad and Bodil Rasmussen
Bornholm #14 in memory of Bodil Rasmussen
Glenn Fritz in memory of Anna Delgraad
Sena Marie Freean in memory of Anna Delgraad

Danmark No. 2 & Tyra 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!

Zoom Zoom! Another Zoom meeting for February. Not the same as a real meeting but it is great to see and talk with everyone in the lodge. Seems that all of the annual reports we worked to complete in February gave us a chance to look back on 2020. So many fun events and traditions were missed, but we know we will be back at it again soon. I am betting big on 2021!

And now it's already March. What is the old saying? "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." I liked to say, "March comes in like corned beef and cabbage." Others and I are sad that we will miss our annual St. Patrick Day themed feast at the Odd

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 know Spring is just around the corner now that the almond trees are in full bloom. They are simply beautiful. Gives you hope, "everything is going to be alright".

We lost another of our Dania Members, Carl Christensen passed on February 5, 2021. He would have been 92 in March, 2021. Carl was born in Outrup, Denmark and the family immigrated to Fresno in 1937 when he was 8 years old. Many of you remember Fresno's Christensen Market over in the Sunnyside neighborhood which Carl owned and operated for many years.

I talked with our President Kay Jensen to have her input on some of our members. She said everyone was doing very well. She had talked with Betty Green, Bonnie Terkelsen, Barbara Ahlberg, Mary Christensen, Marjorie Mott, Gail Hansen, who sounded great, Lone Taylor has had a brief hospital stay but was home and doing very well. She talked with Stan Kjar, they were both well and said it was so good to see all their family recently at their daughter's place. Susan and her mother Ruth Christensen were

Fellows Hall. That was our last meeting in 2020 and it was great fun (even though we were sheltering in the basement). I cannot wait to do it again (even if it is in the basement).

Everyone should keep on top of how to get your vaccine. Our lodge's original objective was to deliver sick benefits to our members. Helping each other get this anti-sick benefit should be an objective now. Spread the word and do not hesitate to ask for information or resources when it comes time to get your jab. Until then...

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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doing as well as could be expected with the loss of husband Carl. They had been married for 68 years. I talked with our Treasurer Christie Pettitt and they were both doing well. She's walking with a cane now but many times without when she has to look for it. My garden hasn't taken off to a good start, the only thing that has taken off and multiplied is the gopher crop. Jerry planted some sugar peas that were already almost a foot tall, the gophers took care of them, even with the raised bed wired underneath for gophers. So before planting any more we need to eliminate the gophers.

I'm hoping everyone will be able to receive their vaccine shot soon. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to have a lodge meeting in a couple months or so. We will continue our masks, social distancing and doing all those necessary things to insure we stay healthy. We've come through this a year already, which is a miracle it self. We will really be looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great party the first chance we have or forsure at the convention.
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

Natalie and I will miss making our Corned Beef and cabbage Lunch this month. As some of you may know my Mother's Father was from Danmark. Her Mother was born in Hayward to Danish Parents in 1876. My Father's father was a second generation German and His Mother was born in Ireland, which is why we started serving our Corned Beef and cabbage in March. I do find it interesting that although I am only 25% Irish and 50% Danish my DNA reports that I am more Irish. I think it must be

because the Vikings had a settlement in Ireland for over 200 years!! Anyway, have a wonderful St Patty's Day and with any luck of the Irish we will be together next year.

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. Please mail them to 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 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

The month of February has certainly gone by fast. Livermore was fortunate to squeeze in our installation last year before the pandemic blindsided us like a speeding train out of nowhere. How many installations actually took place? I have been enjoying the almond bloom that surrounds my house, beautiful and fragrant. Many years ago, my mom & dad would host an open house at their house in Tracy before the

installation, it always coincided with the almond bloom, the 4th Saturday of February. She would put out a spread of Danish sandwiches, and people would come from miles for her homemade rullepølse, and dad would make sure everyone had a drink in their hand. Good times. Hopefully, they'll be back soon, keep the faith and stay well, 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

At our meeting in February, Dania Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson shared a few words about Stuart Mahler and David Mahler's participation in various lodge events over the years and presented them with Dania 50-year pins (virtually). Congratulations David and Stuart! There to share in the virtual pinning were Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer. It was great to see everyone who joined our meeting!

We will hold a meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, March 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. The Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent out, about a week prior to the meeting. Take good care, 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

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Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in February 2021.

Here's some good news, at least for the Cruger-Hansen family. John got his final Covid-19 shot on February 19; Debbie got her first shot February 10. Both Kirsten and Caroline got their first shots on February 16 at the drive-through vaccination site at the Oakland Coliseum. They are all three teachers and covered by the California Educators plan b1.

As expected, John got a slight fever and felt generally poorly for a day after his second shot, but it went away quickly. Kirsten had a reaction immediately after her vaccination and was attended to by paramedics on site, (from the Danish company Falck if you can believe it) and she was released after an hour's observation. She was fine the day after the vaccination and has been fine ever since. Neither

Debbie or Caroline had any issues with the vaccination and are looking forward to their second shot.

Please let me know if you have received your vaccination and how it went, or are scheduled to receive it. We expect to be able to get together sometime later this summer if all goes well with the vaccinations.

We heard from past president Karen Lysmer, she has received her first shot already, and is scheduled for a hip surgery on March 3. She is staying with her daughter in El Cerrito and welcomes getting calls. I also got a call from Fin Kjaer. He and Jeannie are doing well in Oregon and looking for appointments

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

Spring is just around the corner and the City of Ferndale is hosting a “Weed Pickin’ Party” every third weekend. This is a time when the town gets together and cleans up the town. Post before and after photos with hashtags #visitferndale and #ferndalesparkle.

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 Lodge attempted a Zoom meeting on February 5 and I think it’s safe to say that we don’t have a huge fan base for that? 😊 Besides our Honorable Grand Presidents and Past Grand Presidents, Beth Cowan, Susan Gauthier, Jana Heer and Steen Skellerup, we were joined by Eva Demosthenes, Nina Brandt and Ken Downey. I had some logon problems, which didn’t help the issue. Once we got it going, we did have a nice time and just chatted about everything and nothing. Thank you for joining us – it was nice to see your lovely faces and that you are doing well!

Not much have been going on – still staying home for the most part. I hope most of you are getting your vaccine so we can start to meet again soon.

I made an executive decision and cancelled the March 5 meeting. By April, most of us should be vaccinated and hope we can start meeting again. If any of you out there, are interested in meeting by Zoom – let’s do it Friday March 5 at 7 PM! My laptop will be fixed by then, so please let me know so I can send you the link. 😊

We are sending our sincere condolences to Past Grand President Hugo Rasmussen and his family. His

for their COVID-19 shots, and Sabrina Wilcox sent a SMS message that she was looking to get vaccinated also.

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.

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

Just leave the pile of weeds next to the curb and the city will haul it away.

We are looking forward to the time we will get to meet together once again. Christian Nielsen

wife, Bodil passed away January 16th at the age of 86. May they find comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. “Æret være hendes minde!” We are also sending well wishes to Past Grand President Zena Lundberg and wishing her a speedy recovery.

A Tribute to Ann Dalgaard – By: Sena-Marie Freeman

First, I want to start by saying I met Norm when I worked at Boomtown in 1967. Behind a great man there is a wonderful (or even greater) woman, and that person was Ann (Annie) as I called her. I met Annie in 1973 at the lodge hall on J. Street in Sacramento at their installation. Norm introduced my parents and me to Annie. My parents and I became very good friends with Norm and Ann. They attended all the Reno installations and Annie played the piano for us until she could not do it anymore. We miss her great music at our installations and at conventions. Norm and Annie attended my Moms funeral in February 1983, and my dad’s in December 1989, which I really appreciated. It meant so much to me to see them drive round trip from Dixon to attend these services. At the convention in Salinas in 1987 I

saw Norm and Annie come into the hotel lobby. I ran over to them and told them I was engaged to Ron. I got the biggest hug and kisses from them. At the Friday afternoon meeting I accepted the Grand Vice Marshal position. At the coffee break, I saw my dad and asked him who the Grand Vice Marshal for Dania was and he told me it is "your truck driver friend" - NORM. I was so happy and cried so hard because I was so happy to have a great friend as well as a partner that was loved so much. After coffee I told Annie at the piano. She said: "I knew Norm accepted this morning but promised not say anything".

I knew Annie would be there to support us. When Annie played the piano at installations and convention's she always had a big smile and thumbs up, backing us all the way. When Norm and I were Grand Presidents, Annie was my Grand Trustee, but she would not walk in with the Grand Officers, she wanted to play Norm's favorite march or polka. She would give Norm and me the thumbs up and that huge smile when we were together at the altar or podium. Annie and Norm's home was always open with great meals and it was like home to Ron and me, we called them our second set of parents. Annie you

were the greatest lady and best friend anyone could ask for. I met your daughter Jackie and son-in-law Pete at the Livermore convention in 1990, where Norm and I were installed as Grand Presidents. They both worked so hard with the Grand Presidents party after the installation. Thank you again for all you both did that day. After Norm's death in July of 2008, Annie moved to Novato with Jackie and Pete. I loved talking to her on the phone, she was always in a good mood and her spirits were high. I could feel that big smile and big heart after we hung up. You will be missed so very much. Thank you for 48 years of great friendship! In closing, I hope you are in heaven enjoying "snaps" with Norm, my parents and Ron and all our Danish friends, who we have lost over the years. SKÅL to a wonderful lady and friend. I will miss you so very much. Rest in Peace dear lady, Love You, till we meet again Sena- Marie.

Our March Birthdays are Cynthia Birk, Barbara Iler, Janet Pulsipher, Ina Segesman, Ellen Webb, Ted Johnsen, Tim Bailey, and Karina Davies
Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and SKÅL in green beer! ☺ Take care and stay safe. Anette

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 met via telephone conference call on Friday, 2/19/21 with 9 members and officers. Bodil Whitehouse reported that she had talked to Hugo Rasmussen recently and he asked her to report that they had a small memorial for Bodil because of the Covid 19 restrictions. He said he has 20 family members close and are helping him to cope. Marge

Scheuber reported that birthday wishes were sent to Johanne Gade, Norm (Corkey) Davis and Richard Olsen. Happy Birthday guys! Our 65+ members are currently getting their Covid 19 vaccinations. Of those reporting, several have received the first shot and at least 6 have received the second. Hope everything is progressing well for everyone. 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

Good morning from sunny Hollister. I am happy to report that all but those members who are yet too young, have had at least 1 and most have had 2 vaccine shots. By the time you read this, I will have had my 2nd shot.

It is nice to know that in a couple of weeks we will move our clocks ahead and start enjoying some longer days and some nice evenings.

My garden is starting to bloom like crazy and the weeds are in competition, so I will be busy for a while.

I have been busy doing some research on former members Holger and Victoria Spohr. Their grandson

Aaron Spohr, who lives in MO., contacted me in this regard as he is putting together the history of both his grandparents as well as his great grandparents who were all members of Dania and Dannebrog. His great grandfather and his grandfather were both members of Palo Alto Lodge and then transferred to San Jose when Palo Alto closed. Wish me luck as some of our Dannebrog ledgers from Laura # 8 were destroyed many years ago by vandals.

Happy St Patties to all, Ireland is not far from Denmark after all.

Anna Dalgaard was such a sweet lady. I mean Lady in a special way; it was not just her smile but the manner

in which she treated and respected others. She always
had time to visit with you, even if it was in between

the music she was playing. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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**