



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

April 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello from Fremont on a beautiful Spring day! I hope many of you have been able to receive the vaccine. Once again, I do not have a lot to say or to report, so I will just wish all of you a very Happy Easter!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

“Oh my goodness what a difference a year can make!” Which is sorta how I started my April 2020 Grand President message, only at that time I said “month”, that now historic month of March 2020, when our lives were turned upside down. That month I wrote about my visit to Solvang for their monthly meeting and we celebrated the reopening of Bit’o Denmark. Then Modesto’s forever popular Fish Dinner/Lunch when elbow bumping was a new thing. After that, my own Salinas lodge’s Saint Patrick’s Day lunch which turned out to be our last meeting a whole year ago, *I miss my peeps!*:(And then on March 14 the day before group size limitations were officially declared, I attended my first meeting for the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Rebuild, the Danish American Friendship Society in a big empty room at Anderson’s Split Pea Soup in Santa Nella. I innocently expressed my hope that “this national health emergency would subside soon and all the planning (that they had done at that meeting) will become a reality” (which it didn’t) We had no idea what we were in for. Dania and Dannebrog’s convention had to be postponed to April of 2021 and as we all know now, we had to push that date into September of this year, dare I say we’re still “hoping” that that will be a reality too? Modesto is moving ahead with it’s plans, and YES, we are all hopeful. This month Dania’s Executive Committee had their 4th conference call meeting of this covid year. We’re taking care of business, getting bills paid and selecting Scholarship recipients, “Thank You” to our chairman, Past Grand President John Scheuber, for organizing and getting us all together on our phones. And a very very special Thank You to our newsletter editors Tim and Natalie Heer for keeping the presses running every month every year and especially this year when it was so important to keep us connected. Thanks to all who

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

have shared their stories and positive messages and to all that take the time to read them. I hope this Spring weather has been lifting your spirits and this renewed sense of *Feeling Good* is just the beginning for all of us. “God Paaske” may your basket be brimming with good health and happiness. Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleeson in memory of Anna Dalgaard Dannebrog Grand Lodge

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

DANIA/DANNEBROG S.A.F.

Doris Skow in memory of Bodil Rasmussen Bornholm #14 Modesto

Doris Skow in memory of Anna Dalgaard Danneborg Grand Lodge

Danmark #2 San Francisco donation

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!

We finally picked up our mail from the Odd Fellows Hall. Twelve months of mail and only five items worth opening. We all hope that 2021 brings us more worthy deliveries. Of special note, one item overdue for our attention was a donation from Kaj Sørensen in memory of his lifelong friend Kaj Kristensen. We thank you Kaj for your patience and thoughtfulness. In March we reached out to all our members, especially those we do not often see, and asked how they are doing. The response has been positive! Everyone who has responded so far has reported that they are doing fine. Obviously, the changes of the past year have not been welcomed and we miss our routines and activities, but as many of our members

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

It's now officially spring so everyone can wear their Easter Bonnet. This year is moving so fast, with Easter at the first of the month. We'll be opening up soon here in Fresno, they keep promising this, yet we may be the last in the state to get out of the purple tier.

I've talked with President Kay Jensen early as she was going south to Irvine to spend time with her recently widowed sister. She made calls to many of our ladies, and most were doing well.

Doris Lastreto says that Rene is in the care facility at San Joaquin and she spends most of her day with him. The facility where Bonnie Terkelsen lives is now opened up and she can be out of her room to visit with the others in the dining room.

Stan Kjar says he's not in the best of health, but managing.

Congratulations to our own Carl and Betty Jensen who will be celebrating their 72nd Wedding

have said, "we do what we must". The resilience of our members, both Dania and Dannebrog, remains strong. Seems the thing we missed the most was socializing with friends and family – a common theme for just about everyone I know.

Our lodge is looking forward to resuming in-person meetings. Vaccinations are the key, so keep vigilant and make sure you are on track for yours. For all of California, everyone over 50 is eligible starting April 1st, and then everyone over 16 is eligible starting April 15th. Sign up if you haven't already. Contact me if you need a ride (I need to get out more!). Hope to see everyone in person soon, so until then...

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Anniversary on April 23, 2021. Carl says they're both doing well. He's been doing, 'Word Games to keep the brain active. Says Betty was amazed to see how fast he's able to come up with the correct word. Betty is now able to have therapy and is working to get back on her feet. They are the backbone or pillar of our lodge, always ready to do whatever is needed. I found this out when I was going through the chairs way back in the local lodge and didn't know a lot of the Danes, they would show up early to help me set up for the meeting or dinners. Those years we had more activities, which have gone by the wayside. It's been rainy and cold so my garden hasn't grown much. Have put wire around the plants and sitting traps for the gophers. I don't think we're making much of a dent in their lives which means I need to plant extra for them if I want any produce.

I hope most of you have received your first vaccine shots and maybe the second one. This gives me the hope that we can soon have some meetings, installations. I miss seeing, visiting

with all of you.
Wishing all a Happy, Joyous Easter!!
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

Wow, April is upon us and Easter is just around the corner. May your Easter be filled with good health and may you be able to enjoy all that is best for you. We are enjoying warmer weather and many flowers in the garden are brighten our yard. Looking forward to

the tiers changing so we can soon gather. Hoping we will be able to participate in September at the convention. NFH

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 Easter! Happy Spring! The Danish Easter holiday is all about enjoying spring and reaching out to friends and family after a long winter. We can do the same here and celebrate like the Danes do with a

lavish Easter lunch consisting of lamb, eggs, salmon and herring. In true Danish style, a proper Easter lunch also involves Easter brew and schnapps. I'll be waiting for my invitation. 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, April 8. *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.
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 March 2021. More good news, at least for the Cruger-Hansen family. All the Cruger-Hansen's, except Catherine, have finalized their Covid shots and are now good to go visit with other fully vaccinated folks. And further good news, Past President Karen Lysmer has received her final shot. She also had a successful surgery and is recovering at her daughter Susanne's home in El Cerrito.

We need to hear from our other members of when, and if, they have been vaccinated. It is our hope that all our members will be fully vaccinated by late May so we can plan a get-together lunch at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma sometime in June, without the necessity of face masks and social distancing. That is, of course, if it is in compliance with the CDC and California Health rules. Let's hope for the best.

Our President Debbie Cruger-Hansen's school district is planning to open schools for in-person learning. It is a huge "debacle" to get classrooms ready with all the rules and requirements for safely opening and safely having students back in classrooms and at the same time continue remote learning via ZOOM for the students who have decided not to return physically to school. Hopefully by the time for the kids to return to the classrooms, the infection rate will have subsided to a point where it indeed will be safe. Caroline is also preparing for the opening of her school where she is a school counselor. Kirsten is considering the safety of sending her two boys back to their 1st and 3rd grade classrooms and may indeed opt for continuing with remote learning for the remaining couple of months

of the school year. All are in the same school district. We wish them luck.

A few members have yet to pay their 2021 dues of \$30.00. Please mail a check made out to Sonderjylland #10 for \$30.00. Add \$10 if you want the Dania newsletter sent to you in the mail in addition to the on-line version.

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

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

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

First, I want to thank Anette for writing the March Newsletter. The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at 7 pm via zoom on March 5th. My zoom did not work at first, I went via phone, but with the help of Lars and Carl, I got on for the last part. It was nice to see everyone. In attendance was Leif and Bonnie Larsen, their granddaughter Karina Davies. Anette, Sena -Marie. Lars and Marian, Carl and Helen and Helen's daughter Gre-Marie (via another facetime). We started off the meeting by voting in Karina Davies for Dannevirke #9 and Jordan Potter for Valdemar #12 as our new members. Glad to finally have them voted in and welcome aboard. We talked about how most of us will be vaccinated by April, so we are going to have our meeting at the hall on Friday April 2nd. We decided that everyone will bring their own picnic basket dinner. The lodge will supply plates, utensils, and drinks. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. We also decided to keep the officers in the same positions for 2021-2022, Past President Paul Christensen, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Eva Demosthenes, Secretary Sena-Marie Freeman #47, Treasurers Carl Christiansen, and Ina Segesman, Marshal Nina Potter (Sawyer), Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jens Christiansen, Ingrid Hedman, and Helen Christiansen, Auditors Lars Jensen, Brandur Jensen, and Donna Vanderbeck. Sorry we will not have an installation this year. We will resume

our regular meetings in May as well as our St. Hans Fest later in June. July will be a BBQ. More about this in the future newsletters and this is of course, provided that covid is kept under control.

Ann-katherine is doing well. She can now have visitors and even go out to lunch or dinner with family members, she is so excited about that. I brought her lunch from Subway sandwiches and a coke on her birthday. The next day she went to dinner with Jordan and Nina. She told me she was a "happy camper"!

We hope Zena Lundberg, Past Grand President, is doing better and is recovering well. Our dear member, Pete Olsen spent a couple of days in the hospital, (unrelated to covid) He is now home again and taking it easy. We wish you well – and even though it is difficult – take it easy!

Our condolences go out to the Christensen Family. Ann-katherine's and Paul's brother, David lost his wife, Betty on March 4th after a long illness. David belonged to Valdemar #12 in the 60's, before he married Betty and moved all over the world with his job. Betty will be missed by her loving family. “Æret være hendes minde”.

Our April birthdays are Sena-Marie Freeman, Brandur Jensen, Glenn Christensen, Carl Christiansen, Peter Jensen, and Jesper Olsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE! Happy spring - Happy Easter and put those arms out for the vaccines! Stay healthy and safe. 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

Bente Ellis, John & Margie Scheuber, Ann Stowers, Brian & Susie Mefford and Johanna Gade met by conference call on March 19th at 7 PM. Happy to report that all of us have received our Covid shots and are looking forward to the time we will have enough members vaccinated so we can meet in person!

We got news last week that Stanislaus County has progressed to the Red Category (*thank God*) and will be able to advance again in the next two weeks. Member Pedar Hoy is doing well and has been able to spend time in his Orchard (*big step for him*). Gunver Olsen has had both her shots and is hoping to be able to have visitors soon. John is working on updating

the 2020-2021 calendar and asked for any changes in address, phone numbers & e-mail addresses for all members of the lodges. The remainder of the time was devoted to plans for the upcoming convention since we have had to cancel all other activities. We are still shooting for Sept. 9 /9 – 9/11, 2021. We need to give a guarantee to the Hotel by June so please let us know if you are planning on attending a.s.a.p. As soon as we get an attendance count, we will be able to give the Hotel a guarantee and finalize our plans. The committee is anxious to get working and hope to be able to provide you with final details and costs in May. Stay well and we hope to see you soon - Ann

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President, Doris Skow, Doris92ranch@gmail.com Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

Happy April Fools day has a new meaning for me now. I was hacked, no fooling and had to make a lot of changes. Here is the most important one, my email address. The new one is Doris92ranch@gmail.com, if you want to reach me please be sure to use this one as the old one could also cause you problems and I surely don't want that. So now on to happier things, I have had both my shots and most of our members have now also had both of theirs.

The spring weather is now with us and the flowers are blooming and the trees are getting new leaves, so now we face the allergy season. The kids aren't back in school yet but it's getting close. Can you think of anything else we can put on our plates? I hope many of you will be able to celebrate Easter Sunday with your families. I plan to be with my son Karl and his wife Elvia this year, here on the ranch. Looking forward to the day we can get together again. HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.
DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Greetings from Solvang. Finally the big light at the end of the tunnel. Things are picking up here in Solvang. Our members at Atterdag are eating in the dining room again and can get out to shop. The town is full of visitors and the restaurants are open with limited seating. Lodge business goes on with a committee working on high school applications for

our scholarship. Our secretary, Jean Kardel, is recovering from a wound to her leg. Everyone is vaccinated for covid and doing well and the Santa Maria members are anxious for a good Danish meal and meeting. The weather is beautiful and I am sure everyone is looking forward to getting back to normal. Darlene Iversen, Reporter

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