



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

May 2021

## Dannebrog Grand President

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well and enjoying the spring weather. Dannebrog Executive Committee met March 29 via a zoom meeting. Thank you, Susan Gauthier, for coordinating this meeting. It was such a pleasure for me to see and visit with Grand Past President Alan Filiau, Grand Secretary Natalie Heer, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette, and Grand Trustees Elizabeth Jensen, Kathy Christensen, and Tracey Lamee. We were able to pay bills, make donations, award a scholarship, discuss other matters, and, of course, enjoyed socializing after business items. This past year has been a challenge for all us, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the correspondents of your respective branches for contributing to this newsletter and allowing us a glimpse into your lives. Enjoy your Mother's Day!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

## Dania Grand President

Traditionally the May newsletter would be filled with rave reviews and kudos to the host of our annual conventions in April, but this year as it was last year, we're still waiting . . . so, instead I'm sharing heartfelt "thanks", hardy "hurrahs", many "skäls", and energetic elbow bumps to our convention hosts, Bornholm #14 in Modesto for hanging in here and doing everything they can to insure that they are ready when those in charge are ready to say "On your mark, get set, GO!" It's going to be a Grand event, mark your calendars, make your plans and maybe even say a prayer or two. Looking forward to September 9-11 2021. Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

## IN MEMORIAM:

Lorens Midtgaard; Freja #6, Salinas

Pete Olsen; Valdemar No 12. Reno

## DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

## DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris & Peder Hoy in memory of Lorens Midtgaard

## DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Kaj Sorensen in memory of Kaj Kristensen

## Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

The Convention registration form is going to be placed on the Web Site as soon as possible. The Committee is working on it and are telling me that it should be available in a few weeks. When it is there, I will send out an email letting you all know!!!

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## Upcoming Conventions

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

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Both Grand Lodges decided to award their Scholarships in April as normal, but without a convention or Branches holding meeting the Scholarships are being mailed directly to the recipients, Congratulation to one and all!!!

**Danmark No. 2 & Tyra 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!

Mother May I?

It's May already? April was a blast but seemed to go by likewise. It's hard to believe we are in the fifth month of 2021. 2020 seemed to progress like a snail. Will 2021 be like a squirrel?

Our lodge is trying to get back to normal meetings, but I'm not sure a Zoom meeting will ever be normal. It's odd when some members appear to be in the Grand Canyon and other members are in Hawaii, and yet others are in Norway, but when some members appear as a cat...well, it's been a whole new level of odd this year. And that is saying something for the San Francisco lodge!

**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)**

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Fresno just made it to the 'Orange' tier today, so life is beginning to look and feel somewhat normal. We will still be doing the masks but that is okay.

President Kay Jensen has called many of our ladies, Barbara Ahlberg, Betty Green, Bonnie Terkelsen, Doris Lastreto, Margie Mott, Stan and Pam Kjar, all are doing well.

Lone Taylor is scheduled for surgery in May and we wish her well. Gail Hansen has just returned from a brief hospital stay. Ruth Christensen has been having health issues but is getting better. She was very appreciative of the benefit paid to her from Thora #5 that husband, Carl had accrued as a long-time lodge member. Kay had a wonderful visit last month with her sister and was taking off again to visit another one.

**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)**

Looks like the April showers will be bringing May snow in the mountains and rain on the plain.

Hope you are enjoying the change of weather and going with the flow.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone face to face. Keep the good thoughts and vaccinations continuing in everyone's arms.

...We had a good Zoom meeting last month. A good balance of socialization and business. But to be honest I don't think we want to get used to virtualization-socialization. That is just not who we are. Emails, cameras, and microphones are not cutting it. When we laugh and say "Skål!" we want to feel it, not just see and hear it. May is the month we try and get back together. Our lodge is anxious to get back together. We want to trade out the Quarantini for the Vaccini. Give me a call as we are trying to make this work. We will share a drink and shout "Skål!" when I'm looking at you! Until then

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,  
[jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 1-510-299-1855

I talked with Carl Jensen and they are both doing good. They don't have any plans for an anniversary party this year with the Covid virus.

The warm weather is making the garden explode in growth. We are getting a handle on the gopher population, the newest tool is called 'The Gopher Hawk', and it does work. My daughter, Renae brought one over for us, they've had success with it. So we'll see how it goes.

We have heard that the Clovis Senior center, where our Danish Dancers meet will be opening up June 15. Which means the city is getting back to normal. That is exciting news, maybe we could begin to think about having our lodge picnic this year which is usually in June. It would be great to see and visit with everyone. I'll be looking forward to it. Stay healthy. M.Nielsen

We have been told that the Masonic Hall may be reopening soon, so please let me know if you are ready for being close together yet..

Have a Happy and healthy Mother's Day!

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**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 May y'all. It's a challenge to come up with interesting information for the newsletter article when we haven't gathered together in over a year. (Well that's not true, some of us have been getting together to play a game of cards or two). Perhaps it's time for our local president, Diane, to call a meeting soon, it could be possible to meet in the middle of the day, maybe even outdoors, in a park or backyard. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the state opening up June 15th. We can do it!

**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, May 13. If you would like to Zoom in and join the Hayward branches meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send an email to

I've heard the convention committee is asking for commitments so they can get a head count for the upcoming convention in September, so give a shout out if you plan on attending. We have to continue to have hope, right?

Happy Birthday to Diane Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen and any other May birthdays, and Happy Mother's Day! KRT

[s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). The Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting. Take good care, Susan

**Sonderjylland 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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We still need to hear from our members of when, and if, they have been vaccinated. It is our hope that all of our members will be fully vaccinated by late May so we can plan a get-together lunch at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma sometime in early 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 has opened schools for about half of the student population for in-person learning. It is a big step in re-opening California. Now it is a matter of how well students and staff adhere to the rules and requirements. Of course, the students not back in the classrooms continue remote learning via ZOOM. Hopefully, by the time the kids return to school in August after summer vacation, the infection rate will have subsided to a point where it indeed will be safe for everyone to be back in the classrooms. Caroline is also back in her school where she is a school counselor. Kirsten decided not to send her two boys back to their 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms and will continue with remote learning for the remainder of the school year. We wish all of them luck.

John's Cousin Karin in Denmark just received her first Covid vaccine shot. She is 75 years old. She is scheduled for her second shot on May 8. Even though Denmark is a very advanced country, the US has it beat when it comes to administering the Covid vaccinations.

A few members have yet to pay their 2021 dues of \$30.00. Please mail me 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.

Fortunately, 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/Treasurer

**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)**

May 1 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 10:00 at the Danish Hall. Bring proof of vaccination, so we can meet inside. If not we will meet in the back yard. Dessert and finger food may be brought for refreshments.

We will figure out where to go from here. If you are not ready to attend a meeting yet, we understand and will see you soon. Let us know if you have concerns that we can help answer for you (707) 499-3746. Masks are still required. 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 held an in-person meeting on April 2 for the first time this year. This was our Easter dinner and it was a small gathering of 10 people. Most of us have had both vaccines, with a couple who have received their first vaccination. We each brought our own food so there would be less contact with each other. We did get to sample some homebrewed beer that Jens Christiansen had made. It was an American Pale Ale – and it was so good! Glad to hear that he found a new hoppy, so not all of last year was a waste.

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We didn't have an official meeting and thought we would start out easy and just get acquainted with each other again, since it has been so long since we had a get-together.

Our May 7th meeting will be in same format where each person will bring their own dinner. Sorry we will not have any instillation this year and there will not be any Smørrebrød either.

We have scheduled the St. Hans bonfire and picnic for Friday June 18 at the River School Farm and recommend that you write it in your calendar and join us! More about that in the next newsletter.

We are awaiting baby news from Peter and Kristin Eliassen, who is expecting another baby girl any day now – I will fill you in with the details next month. Ina and Anette went to Fallon to visit Pete and Ruth Olsen and had a very nice visit. He was in good spirit and we enjoyed visiting with them. It is with a heavy heart that I just learned that Pete Olsen passed away, two days later, Friday April 23 at the age of 88. Pete has been a member since 1969 and treasurer for Valdemar #12 for many years. We have lost one of our driving forces in the Danish club! We are extending our deepest condolences to Ruth and their entire family. May they find comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. “Æret være hans minde!”

May birthdays are Marian Gndt, Nina Potter (Sawyer), Lars Jensen, Greg Nielsen, and Ken Downey. Happy Birthday and enjoy your special day! Sena Marie was not in attendance and she looked back in her books and this was the 1st meeting she missed in 4 years. I think we can forgive her. ☺ Take care and stay safe! 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)

Participants: Bente Ellis, John Scheuber, Marge Scheuber, Ann Stowers, Johanne Gade, Bodil Whitehouse & George Dutra.

Margie reported Birthdays celebrated in April: Elsy Henning, 4/3; Bodil Whitehouse, 4/6 & Doris Hoy, 4/15. Bodil also reminded us of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark celebrated her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on 4/16.

Ann reported that John's brother, Leo, lost his wife

right before Easter. We all extended our condolences.

The remaining time was spent on the Convention. As of now, we are still planning for Sept. 9 thru Sept. 11, 2021. The theme will be “American Graffiti”.

Registration will be Thursday with a reception in the evening. Friday will be meetings and a casual dinner. Saturday will be installation of the Grand Officers and a Dinner & Dance in the evening. The committee is

working diligently on the final details and will be sending out the registration packet by mid-May. We

hope you will all be able to attend.  
Respectfully submitted, Ann Stowers, Secretary

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

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

**President, Doris Skow, [Doris92ranch@gmail.com](mailto:Doris92ranch@gmail.com) Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, [kimgiacinto@gmail.com](mailto:kimgiacinto@gmail.com)**

Hi everyone, May first is the time for May Baskets and blooming flowers, so I hope you all have some type of garden growing that you can pick from. The future is beginning to look a little brighter as we go into the spring and summer. I am hoping that soon we will be able to have our meetings and socials again. I was happy to hear that Ferndale is planning a get together this month. I hope all goes well. San Jose has not yet planned a gathering but hope that in a couple of months we will be able to gather for a picnic at my ranch. Lots of open space to roam or sit on the quiet patio and visit.

I attended my first group outing with my Red Hat ladies in mid April. The first time in a year we have been together. Lis Lacey was our hostess and served a lovely soup and sandwich lunch followed by a game of cards. Thanks Lis. Five of the eight ladies are members of Danneskjold 17.

Wishing Erik Solyst a belated 96 birthday and Ron Nielsen a Happy 89<sup>th</sup> and Karl Skow's 65th Birthday coming up in mid May.

I hope everyone travels safely and stays well and we will meet down the road soon.

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**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**

It is always fun to visit Solvang and Wednesdays are especially great. Farmers Market starts at 2 p.m. on two blocks of Copenhagen Drive which is closed to all traffic. Tables and benches to sit and enjoy a drink or meal and lots of vendors selling their local vegetables and products. I was there last week with a past member, Pat Hansen, who was visiting from Saint George Utah. We met up with Marie

Jaeger for coffee at Olsen's Bakery. Wonderful to be able to sit inside without a mask on and visit. Our members are doing well and business is being conducted via telephone as we have not had any meetings. As we started last year, donations of \$1,000 each to Wheels On Meals of Solvang, Buellton and Santa Maria are in the mail. A high school scholarship will be presented after graduation. Hoping everyone is well, 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**