



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

Hope you are enjoying the summer weather! On June 3, a joint Dania/Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting was held via zoom to discuss items to be brought up at convention, such as future dates for convention and lodges interested in hosting the convention. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts in September. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of this Summer and Happy 4th of July!—
Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Hope you are all managing to keep your cool! Two Danish organizations I've been getting acquainted with here in California's beautiful (and hot) Central Valley are starting to show signs of life again. Fresno's Danish Dancers are back on the dance floor and looking forward to performing at Solvang's Danish Days in September. The Danish American Historical Society in Selma just celebrated the re-opening of their museum located in the historic Pioneer Village in Selma with an open house and an Æbleskiver Breakfast served under the cool shade of beautiful sprawling trees. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces and joyful reunions after the 15 months of social sacrifice we all endured to protect the health of our families, friends and neighbors. I hope you will be able to start enjoying similar gatherings when you are ready. Hopefully by September our socializing comfort level will have taken several leaps forward and we'll be more than ready to gather for Convention 2021. The earlier you get your registration in to our hosts Bornholm #14 the better. They have overcome many challenges and set-backs that came with planning a convention before and through an historic pandemic. Let us show our appreciation with an even more historic turnout! Exceedingly warm greetings, Jana Heer - Dania Grand President

NEW MEMBERS:

Karina Davies, Dannevirke #9, Reno
Jordan Potter, Valdemar #12, Reno

IN MEMORIAM:

Delbert Thompson, Dannevang #7 & Danebod # 16, Livermore.

DANIA-DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade, in memory of Pete Olsen

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Glenn Fritz, in memory of Pete Olsen

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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 and Dannebrog Secretaries

Last month both the Executive Committees of Dannebrog and Dania got together with the Conversation Committee Chairman, for a conversation regarding the upcoming convention in September. According to the Dannebrog Constitution Article IV Par.1: states that they will assemble in Convention at the same time and place as Dania and Dania Constitution Article III Section 2 Par.1: states when a convention is postponed due to an epidemic need to be held within six months after it has been overcome. Such Convention would be a Regular Convention where it would be appropriate to elect and install Grand Officers. Both Organizations agreed that the Convention held in Modesto in September

would satisfy Both the Dannebrog and the Dania Constitutions requirement. The Group also agreed to recommend at Convention that the incoming Grand Officers would hold their respective Offices until a Convention held in April 2023. It was also the consent of all those present to keep April as the month to hold Convention. The Dania Constitution states in Article III Section 1 that The Grand Lodge shall meet at least once a Year, it does not specify a Month.

It was also a concern that we do not have a Branch to host a future Convention, now would be a good time for the members to start thing of 2023, 2024

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!

The June business meeting was business as usual. We miss Anne, but Mike Fox ran the meeting like a pro. The important business of the meeting was arranging our monthly social gathering. And once again (you guessed it), Tom Martin's hospitality made the month memorable.

It was another Saturday backyard BBQ with the usual suspects and more. The entire Maris clan showed up, three generations! Another great time with great food and friends. We don't want to break this good habit.

We are thinking of making Tom's backyard a historical landmark.

Last year seemed to go on forever but this year is moving almost too quickly. It is already July? Time to break out the old stars and stripes and see if anyone is having a parade – Happy 4th of July! Summer BBQ season is indeed in full swing. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer with some normalcy.

Convention is right around the corner. We can't wait to see everyone. Until then...

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
jajensend2@gmail.com , 1-510-299-1855

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

Hoping all of our Fathers had a wonderful celebration with family and friends on their special day.

We had our first lodge meeting last month and had a good attendance. Everyone was pleased to be together and visit. We even had a long time member, Harry Hansen join us and we were happy to see him. We would like to see more of our members come out to a meeting. Our meetings are usually short and sweet, then we eat.

I had never received the secretary's -books, warrants, etc., as we had our installation in February 2020, where I was installed as Secretary, then we had the shutdown. Looking back we thought it would be 2 weeks, who could have guessed it would last this long.

Our plan is to have another meeting this summer. We looked at the calendar and realized July would be on the weekend of the 4th and September would be on the Labor Day weekend. We don't usually meet in the summer months but feel like we needed to catch up. So that's why the change to August 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Dennys.

President Kay Jensen reported on some of our members. Betty Jensen has been in the hospital and has been transferred to the Willow Creek Healthcare Center in north Fresno. They have her up and sitting which is a big improvement. They hope to move her to the Bethel Care home in Selma when she's able to use the walker. This would be closer for Carl as he's visiting with her every day.

Ruth Christensen fell and broke her pelvis, she's at San Joaquin Terrace Gardens and receiving therapy. Bonnie Terkelsen is doing well, was in church Sunday and went to lunch with the church friends. Lone Taylor is doing well after her operation last month. Stan and Pam Kjar are both doing well even with their health issues. Margie Mott, our 100+ year old is doing okay, using her walker and says she has no complaints. She's living with her daughter now up in North Fork.

We have had triple digit heat in the valley 109-111. We came down from Huntington Lake, (altitude 7,000) in the late afternoon Sunday and it was still 104. The lake was really nice, there were 3 races on Saturday for the San Juan 21 sailboats, which Jerry Hansen competes in, he's been sailing since '72, this is a family affair as both sons and grandson have boats

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

Who is ready to meet again face to face in Salinas?? The Masonic Hall is going to be available to hold meetings and I would like to know if you are ready.

and are racing. Even my son, Dennis Nielsen, (San Francisco lodge member), has a San Juan 21. His boat is stored at my place. Jorgen Clausen and Steen Skjellerup, lodge members, also have San Juan 21's. They will all be competing in the High Sierra Regatta held at Huntington Lake in July. I found my garden is surviving with the drip working well. It's wonderful to have fresh sweet tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. I hope all of our lodge members are surviving the heat. Remember the meeting Saturday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Dennys on 1110 East Shaw Ave., Fresno. Members order off the menu for \$5.00, lodge picks up the balance, now where can you get a deal like that??? Notice there is a change in the time as the restaurant requested it for us to use the private room. It's wonderful to be out and about. Stay well, Martha Nielsen

There are a few requirements that we would have to adhere to, but who is ready?? Let me know. 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

Another month has flown on by and here we are heading into July It's a great thing that we are able to celebrate our Independence Day again. We were saddened to hear that one of our long-time members, Del Thompson, has passed away. Our condolences to Joan and all his family and friends. Del joined Dannevang in 1961 and Danebod in 1963. Their daughter, Kristi, and I joined Danebod in 1971, so if

you do the math that makes me a 50-year member. Talk about time flying. Dan and I were able to join the Reno group for their midsummer St Hans picnic and bonfire, such a fun night and the weather cooled down especially for them. It is one of several of my favorite Danish traditions. Let us keep celebrating them, Happy 4th, stay safe, 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

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well and has received their COVID vaccination! Please note, we will not meet in July. We will hold a virtual meeting in August, instead of meeting in September, due to the convention. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, August 12. If you would like to Zoom in

and join the Hayward members meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send an email to s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting date. Best Regards, 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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We wish all our members and their families a happy and safe July 4th holiday and we are looking forward to the day we can again get together safely.

Our next meeting will be an in-person lunch meeting at Kastania Fælled on Saturday August 14, beginning at 11am. We will have our elections of officers at the meeting, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Per Johansen and John Cruger-Hansen plan to serve a "traditional Danish Varme Pølser med brød og kartoffelsalat" so bring your appetite. With luck, there may be some "Jubilæum Akvavit" on the menu also. We really are looking forward to seeing all of you in person again. The entire adult Cruger-Hansen clan has been vaccinated as have Per and Deb Johansen,

and most all of our members too, so getting together should be as safe as before the pandemic began in March of 2020.

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 managing. We would love to share your stories with the other club members. It's a way for all of us to 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: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536

Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

July 3 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 with a catered lunch at 12:30. Members and guests that will be attending need to text or call me for your reservation (707) 499-3746. Guests cost will be \$30 per person.

I have a change of address: Valhalla Lodge c/o Christian Nielsen 3328 I Street, Eureka CA 95503. Phone number is listed above.

I hope we can have a semi-normal summer this year. Things are easing up here and hope you all are safe and in good health.

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 held their 3rd in person meeting of this year on Friday June 4th at 7 P.M. It was small group but mighty group. We hope to be back to normal soon. In attendance was Poul Erik, Anette, Glenn Fritz, Eva Demosthenes, Leif and Bonnie Larsen, Sena-Marie, Kristin & Peter Eliassen and their 2 little girls, Siggy and 1-month old Petra Solvej. Both are so cute. We all enjoyed our picnic basket dinners. The BBQ was ready to grill hot dogs and chicken. Anette opened the meeting during dessert and coffee. Leif suggested that we get a committee together to decorate graves of our beloved members that don't have families close by to do that. That is a great suggestion and more discussion will follow on this next month. On Friday June 18th we celebrated our midsummer St. Hans Fest with picnic and Bonfire at River School Farm. About 30 people braved the heat of almost 100 degrees. We also had the pleasure of a

visit from Kathy Thomson and Dan Holm. Everyone brought their own picnic basket and drinks. The grill was ready for our meats to be grilled. As dusk settled in, we lit the bonfire and send the witches off to Bloksbjerg. Lone brought "snobroed" and homemade strawberry jam to grill on the fire. We also made smores, so no-one left hungry.

Friday July 2nd, we will celebrate with a 4th of July B.B.Q. Bring your own food to grill as well as a side dish to share. Anette will bring dessert.

It is with heavy hearts Cindy Christensen's mom, Barbara Berry passed away June 3rd at the age 94. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by the whole Christensen family. Cindy is a member of Dannevirke # 9. The Reno lodges wish the best of luck to our Grand President Beth Cowan on her treatments. Barbara Iler will be having knee surgery soon, no date yet, but we wish her the best. Also, hopefully Zena

and Nina Brandt and Solveig Asvitt are all doing better. Ann-katherine was not present, she was with the Christensen family, but she told me to tell everyone hello. Now a little about me (Sena-Marie), I will be returning to Room Service soon. There are no more temperatures to be taken for guests and employees. I am on a 3-week vacation. Then I will return to Room Service. Nice to be back to my old job. The gaming board gave the clearance for the Nugget to celebrate the 4th of July fireworks and our annual Rib Cook-off. Yeah!

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 were all looking forward to our face-to-face meeting in June however we had to cancel it when the thermometer for the week reached 109 degrees. However, we are going to try it again in July and keep our fingers crossed. We wished a Happy Birthday to Eloise De-Grendele and also had reports that most of our members that have been on the sick list are doing much better. Unfortunately, members Dave &

We also would like to wish Sena-Marie a speedy recovery. She called me this morning from the hospital – went into ER Sunday June 27 with a burst ulcer. Hope you feel better soon!
Our July birthdays are Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb, and Brooke Matuzak.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL. Be safe, healthy and hope to see everyone soon. HAPPY 4th July to all.
Take Care Sena-Marie and Anette

Mereta Meeks lost Dave's father this week. Our condolences to you and your family. Convention plans are continuing and reservations are slowly coming in. We need to give a count to the Double Tree this month. Chairman John Scheuber request that Lodge Secretaries report names of Delegates so we can get the printing work done. Looking forward to seeing you in September. - 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

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice St. Hans where you were home like me or with friends and family. Now it is time to think about July outings. I would like to invite you to the ranch on Saturday, July 17 at 11:30. We have normally done a barbeque/potluck at Jona and Torbens but this year I would like to change that up and have a Potluck Salad Lunch. I will supply the beverages, Kringle, coffee and a tray of

open face cheese sandwiches and watermelon tray. I will also supply the table service. Please let me know by July 14 if you will be able to attend or not. 408-313-7235 or Doris92ranch@gmail.com If you phone, please leave your name and I will call you right back. I look forward to seeing everyone and do my best to order a comfortable day weather wise. Happy Fourth of July to everyone. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Hurra, Hurra, Hurra! We are having a luncheon meeting at Bit O' Denmark in Solvang on July 7. How wonderful to see each other across the table again. If you feel like a trip to Solvang, we would love

to see you. Call for reservations to Darlene Iversen 805-937-5014 or Marie Jaeger 805-688-5448.
Have a great summer everyone. Darlene Iversen

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

Due to Covid restriction we have to cancel our July 4th BBQ again this year.