



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

August 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

WOW! Convention is just around the corner, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you. It has been way too long since we have been able to greet each other in person. In the meantime, I hope you are having discussions in your own lodge regarding items to bring forth at the convention. Also, if you haven't submitted your registration form, please do so in order for the convention committee to have an idea of the number of persons participating. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the Summer!—

Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

I'm staring at my blank computer screen feeling a bit overwhelmed that this will be my second to last message to you before convention, and after all this time (2 years 3 months and 15 days, but, who's counting) maybe only twice have I managed to get my report to the editors before the last couple days of the month! Thanks for your patience Tim 'n Nat. Before I get up to my neck preparing to put down the gavel on September 10, I have a few final thoughts to share, I'll try not to be too long - Since I started this journey, my grandest goal has been to infuse a little bit of Dannebrog into Dania and even entice them to go see for themselves what's going on "over there". During my term as Grand President of Dannebrog 2004-2005, I played a part in D&D's brave yet unsuccessful attempt to blend our two organizations into one. Then in 2007 as a resident of San Francisco I decided since I talked the talk I better walk the walk and was very excited that Danmark #2 accepted my application for membership. In 2016 after having left my heart in San Francisco, my own Freja #6 loosened up their membership requirements to allow women to join and I transferred my membership home. I had waited for my sisters Colleen and Judi to finish out their terms as Dannebrog Grand President's before I accepted my brother Tim's nomination to Vice Marshal of Dania in that same year. During that time, two of our Dania members, Stuart and Alan beat me to the finish line and are proudly wearing their Past Grand President pins from both Dania and Dannebrog. The blending is slowly happening naturally, as maybe it should. As I finish out my term, I wholeheartedly encourage those you who haven't taken the leap, become members of

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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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both D's and attend that convention meeting on the other side. I still believe it's possible for the Grand Lodges of Dania and Dannebrog to come together as one, but we've got to get to know each others different ways of conducting business (of which there are many) before we can start opening up that wall. I also understand that one individual having dual membership could cause an extra burden for some

branches in how they pay their per capita taxes, but *maybe* D&D can work *together* to make an allowance for that, it certainly would be a good place to start. Now, a little about promoting sociability among our members: Even though that light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter everyday, we are still having to make daily decisions about our safety, masks or no, inside or out, and what the heck happened to social distancing? They removed the floor decals at my local Trader Joes! People are bunching up! EEEK! Suddenly I'm wearing my mask again. Convention reservations are coming in slowly and causing a little concern for our hosts, it would be helpful if you normally come to convention and have decided against it this year, please contact John Scheuber, john.scheuber@vsi.cc and let him know, that way they won't wait for your registration and will have a better idea of what to expect. And if you plan to join us please get your registrations in as soon as possible. You'll find the registration form on the website under

"Dania Info" > "Dania Forms and Applications". Now, last but not least, as directed at Dania's last convention in April 2019, there will be a proposal from the Constitution Committee 2019-2021 of changes to the Dania Constitution. Due to the pandemic's impact on most branches ability to meet regularly over the last year and a half, the editor of our Newsletter has offered to publish the committee's proposal on our website until convention. Within a week or so it will be available for members to review, our intention is to give the branch delegates the opportunity to confer with their branch members and come to convention ready to discuss and vote on this very important step towards the future. Look for a new tab under "Dania Info". The Constitution Committee is very optimistic about their easy-to-read proposal and looking forward to presenting the results of many hours of lively and rewarding deliberations.

Jana Heer - Dania Grand President

NEW MEMBERS:

Jason LeBeouf, Bornholm #14, Modesto

IN MEMORIAM:

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

To the Members of Dania, in the coming week the proposed changes to the Constitution will be available on the web site. This will be removed after convention. These changes are a culmination of two different convention committees, with many months of work and deserve your attention. All questions regarding the changes can be directed to Chairman Robert Lamee or me, Tim Heer.

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

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 had an excellent July gathering in Sunol. The Kilkare Woods Association Clubhouse is an excellent venue, not to mention their swimming pool. A BBQ extravaganza with all the fixings and cold beer to boot. We had a great turn out – Johanne was there along with the Maris Clan, the Jensen Clan, the Fox brothers, the Jobe Seas, and so many Filiss kids we almost lost count. We had a great time, and we must revisit!

And some bad news, but things are getting better. My mother Elizabeth fell and hurt herself this past

month. She is on the mend but could sure use some good cheer. If everyone could wish Elizabeth "Get well soon!" it would mean a lot. Get well soon Mom, we all love you.

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,

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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 already been a long hot triple digit summer and we're trying to stay cool. Hope all of you had a blast on the 4th of July, with a BBQ, potato salad, watermelon, and 'old fashioned' homemade ice cream. That's the menu for the day.

President Kay Jensen has made her usual calls to check on many of our members, those that don't answer the phone, we figure they're out and about. Mary Christensen wasn't having a good day, so was staying in bed. Pam and Stan were doing good as was Betty Green. Doris Lastreto is good and Rene is still using a wheelchair. Ruth Christensen is now home but still having pain and needs help. Her daughter, Susan is taking care of her and feels that she doesn't have the time to give to the lodge now so is withdrawing as Vice President of Thora #11. Betty Jensen is still at the Willow Creek Healthcare Center, she is working on her therapy to be able to get about

with the walker. The facility has had a covid case so has been in lockdown making it difficult for Carl to visit, so it's phone calls or visits outside the window. Carl Jensen has had an important Birthday, 92 years old, he shares the same date with Doris Skow. Happy Birthday to both of you. Kay Jensen also celebrated a birthday recently with her sisters coming from out of town to stay almost a week with her. She's one of 6 sisters. They survived the heat, and everyone had a good time visiting.

My garden is fading with the constant heat, the only vegetables thriving are the tomatoes and Japanese eggplant. There's a limit on my consumption of eggplant, whereas I can eat sweet tomatoes daily. Remember our meeting on August 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at Denny's, 1110 East Shaw Ave. Fresno. Notice the change in the time. Hope to see you, stay well. 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

Here we are within sight of convention, and hoping we can all gather in September enjoying the fellowship we have missed in the past months. If you

are interested in attending please let Natalie know and don't forget to send in your registration, which can be found on the website. N&T-H

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

It is August, well almost, and the news is not good about the path we are going in. I'm not so sure I want to put on the brakes and go backwards when we were just beginning to open up and go about our daily lives as usual. Let us hope it's short lived, so that we can gather together as we should in summer, with

barbecues and picnics at the beach, or at restaurants, breweries, wineries, attend concerts, wherever we want to go I want to see you all in September at convention, and not get a message that it has been cancelled. Let's keep our fingers crossed, and do what is best for ourselves and each other, 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 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. 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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Hello to Sønderjylland #10 members. We are all hoping that the Delta strain of the Covid-19 virus won't interfere with our plan to meet in-person on Saturday August 14 at 11:30am at Kastania Fælled at the Danish Soldiers Club facility, 4560 Kastania Road in Petaluma.

The plan is for us to have a board meeting, have election for the board and also discuss our participation in the Dania Convention in Modesto on September 9 – 11. And of course, have our get-together and lunch. Our president Debbie Cruger-Hansen has promised to bring some Jubilæums Akvavit to celebrate us getting together again, and she has promised to keep the board meeting very short.

We do ask that everyone attending has been fully vaccinated. If you haven't been vaccinated, or live in a household with unvaccinated people, please don't attend this meeting. Some of our members are in the at-risk category, and we want everyone to be comfortable with the safety of attending. The meeting will be held outdoors.

Per Johansen and John Cruger-Hansen plan to serve a traditional Danish "Varme Pølser med ristede løg, brød og

kartoffelsalat" and John's Æblekage for dessert, so bring your appetite.

We do ask that you let John know if you will attend so we have a count of how much to bring. Text or call 510-375-5070, or email j.crugerhansen@comcast.net. As usual, we ask for an \$8.00 donation to offset the cost of the meeting facility and food.

We really are looking forward to seeing all of you in person again.

Fully vaccinated guests are welcome.

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.

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

Aug 7 Valhalla and Ydun Lodge meeting will start at 11:00 with a Lunch at 12:30. Committee Chair Don Christensen and his helpers will provide sandwiches and salads. Birthday cake will be served in honor of Don Christensen celebrating his birth date.

Ferndale will hold the Humboldt County Fair August 18 – 29, 2021, See you at the fair. Enjoy the summer and see you at convention.

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

On Friday July 2, the Reno lodges held their 4th of July celebration at the Odd Fellow Hall. That means, most members celebrated it somewhere else. 😊 I think everyone went camping? Only a handful of members attended, Glenn Fritz, Nick & Jillian Szewczak, Lone Webb and Anette, so we dropped the planned BBQ and enjoyed what we brought for dinner instead. We missed Sena Marie, who was in the hospital with an ulcer and had surgery June 27. She spent about a week there and came home Saturday July 3. She had thirty-five staples removed on July 9 and is continuing her recovery. July 27 she will go back to work part-time to begin with. We all wish you well and take it easy!

Here is a thank you note from Sena Marie:

To all the members of Dania and Dannebrog and all my local members. Thank you so very much for all the emails, visits, and phone calls, during my stay in the hospital. You don't know how much I appreciated it. Now, to all my cousins Nina, Jordan, Ross, Barbara, Lori and Sherry - the visit, texts and calls to checking on me. I even had calls from my cousins in Maryland, and Washington State. One last thing: A very huge thank you to my neighbor, who stepped in and got me to the hospital via Remsa, taking over feeding Starr & Dumplin and watching over my place. It is wonderful to have such a great friend and neighbor. To you all of you, THANK YOU again! I am getting better and better each day.

Love to all and see you in September, Sena-Marie

We also have to report that Paul Christensen (Ann Kathrine's brother) is home from the hospital and doing well after a double bi-pass surgery on Friday

July 16. Cindy and Paul had just arrived home from a trip to Colorado and he was feeling very fatigued – went to ER and they kept him. Glad he acted on the instinct that something was wrong, and we are wishing him a continued, speedy recovery!
Another one of our dear members, Knud Sorensen, who now lives in Florida, was in the hospital four weeks ago with a stroke. After two weeks in the hospital, he was transferred to a Rehabilitation Center and just received word that he will be going home on Thursday July 29. Thank you to Didi & Kurt Rasmussen who keeps us informed about Knud and are taking such good care of him. Wishing him well and a speedy recovery!

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

In July we met for a potluck dinner at Marge & John Scheuber's home. This was the first time we've been able to meet, shake hands & give hugs for many months. Many thanks to John & Marge for entertaining us in their beautiful home and yard. After partaking of all the wonderful dishes provided by the members, President Bente Ellis called the meeting to order at around 7:30. Roll call indicated that all officers were present. The minutes from the June Conference Call were read and approved as read. V.P. John welcomed new member, Jason LeBeouf, husband of current member, Danielle Higby. Also, we were glad to welcome members who have been on the sick list but are feeling better: Peder Hoy and wife Doris; Mary Zoller & Max Stowers. Also, it was great to see Martha Nielsen and Jerry Hansen from Fresno, and Roger Higby and wife Cindy. Sunshine Chairperson reported birthdays to be celebrated in August: Ann Stowers, 4th; Bente Ellis,

We are hoping that all our members are safe and out of the danger of all the fires raging around us. It is devastating to watch and hope the brave firefighters gain control of it soon.

On Friday August 6th we will attempt to have a BBQ at the Odd Fellow Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Wishing for the fires and smoke to be gone by then. Bring your picnic basket with what you would like to eat. August birthdays are Ingrid Nolan, Ruth Olsen, Poul-Erik Christensen and Jordan Potter. Happy Birthday everyone and may all your wishes come true! See you soon at the Convention! Anette

6th; Mareta Meeks, 7th; Marge Scheuber, 8th; Gunver Olsen 22nd, & new member Jason LeBeouf, 30th. Convention Chairman John Scheuber reported that the food selections for the dinners are Pork Loin, Chicken Marsala & a Vegetarian meal. The theme will be "American Graffiti". Feel free to dress accordingly. Martha Nielsen reported that the Fresno Lodge will make a monetary gift to the committee to be used for the raffle.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, August 20th. Since the Convention is so close, this meeting will be devoted to getting ready for that event. Looking forward to see you all there. Ann

P.S. Just heard that our long-time member, Jim Jorgensen has been placed in a Rehab Center. Because of the Covid restrictions, he cannot have visitors. Please keep both Jim and Shirley in your prayers.

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 want to begin this article with a big "Thank You" to the 11 members that got together with me at my ranch for our July Social. In addition to the 10 members of Danneskjold #17, we were joined by Dannebrog Past Gr. President Kathy Thompsen and Dan Holm.

It was a perfect day for enjoying the patio. We had a potluck salad lunch and finished up with watermelon and kringle.

We will meet on August 21 at Lis & Bob Lacey's. Lis will prepare the lunch.

We will gather about 11:30 and eat at noon. Be sure to call by Wed. August 18th to let Lis know if you are coming or not. We will have a short informal meeting that day as we have some catching up to do. Enjoy the summer weather and stay well. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

We are having a luncheon meeting at Bit O' Denmark in Solvang on August 4. 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**