



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

It's that time of year when the season is changing, folks are getting ready for the coming holidays, and the air is crisp. The first holiday coming up is Halloween, and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Halloween!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

The biggest thing I brought back from my trip to Denmark three weeks ago was my extreme desire to return. Not only did I get to know Steen's family and trace his childhood footprints and bicycle tracks throughout his village of Iller, very close to his birthplace in Silkeborg, I was also able to visit some birthplaces of several generations and branches of my mother's family tree, Humble and Ristinge on Langeland and Asserballe on Als. Sitting in the Humble Kirke and imagining 400 years of baptisms, weddings and funerals was more emotion than I could hold back. Then later that day, we were surprised by friends, and Fresno lodge members, Jorgen and Kristine Clausen who met us at the ferry between Fyn and Als to escort us to Asserballe Kirke just minutes from where they had been visiting family and I was seeking mine. The Kirke doors were locked this time, but my emotions still flowed all the way from the 1600's. I'm so grateful for my time in our beautiful Denmark, and there's so much more to explore.

Even though this year's Solvang Danish Days got canceled for the second time during Covid, on Saturday the 18th Steen and I joined several dancers from the Fresno Danish Dancers and danced all day on the street with the Solvang Village Folk Dancers. The word on the street was that Solvang has enjoyed a very busy summer, the restaurants, shops and hotels have stayed full. That day the weather was perfect, and it appeared that the merchants and the many masked visitors to Solvang enjoyed the dancing, I

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Upcoming Conventions

Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	March 31 – April 2, 2022
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Upcoming Installations

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know we did. Hope everyone has been able to stay well and will continue to into the Fall and Winter holidays, wow! it's that time again!

“Skåll!” Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

NEW MEMBERS:

IN MEMORIAM:

Dorothey Lancaster, Ydun No. 10, Ferndale

DANIA-DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

In response to a question found in Thor #5's Newsletter this month about members who have over 75 years of membership. My records show Hans Pedersen, #6, Arthur Frydenhahl, #7, Larry Schidt #14, Karl Jorgensen #23, Elmer Lunde, #23 and Hans Nielsen #23. Please check your records and if I have missed one of these special members or if they have passed on, please let me know.

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

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st Friday 11:30 AM. Denny's 1110 Shaw Ave (on the north side, just east of First Street) Fresno. Secretary, Martha Nielsen nielsenmarta@gmail.com

October Newsletter 2021

The month rolls around way too fast for me. We did meet for our local Past President's lunch/meeting at the end of August and caught up on any news that was happening. I talked with Carl Jensen and he's doing good, just keeping up with the house and yard work. Carl has been a member for 74 years, he joined in 1947. We're wondering if there's any member that has belonged to Dania for more than 74 years? Maybe the Dania Grand Secretary would have a record of that, otherwise maybe each lodge has a record of their members. Carl says Betty are doing well with her therapy at the Bethel Home in Selma where she's living. They are in shutdown but will be open this week.

President Kay Jensen has called many members, Barbara Ahlberg, Mary Christensen, Betty Green and they're all holding their own. Susan Christensen is slowly improving with her fractured pelvis. Pam Kjar is doing pretty good, Stan has good and bad days, they're trying to stay healthy.

We attended the Solvang Danish Days weekend. All the tourists were there, with long lines at all the bakeries and restaurants. We enjoyed visiting with those that we hadn't seen for a while. We always stay

at the Solvang Inn which includes the Danish breakfast of Havarti cheese, served with 'still warm from the oven' Rundstykkers, butter, jam and of course pastries. Bent and Susie Olsen is the only bakery in Solvang that offers the Danish breakfast that I know of. Even the guys that own those Antique Danish Nimbus motorcycles came to town, they also stay at the Solvang Inn. It was good to visit with Bob Lacey from San Jose, who has a new sidecar to add to his Nimbus and was showing it off.

We danced Saturday with the Solvang Village dancers on the street. The asphalt can be hard on the legs and the shoe soles, but the weather was perfect. We had 4 couples from our Fresno Danish Dancers that participated.

So many things were the same, but we did miss having aebleskivers and sausage cooked and served on the street, the Saturday afternoon parade, and the horse drawn Carlsberg wagon with the band traveling all over town.

Want to remind you we will be having a lunch/meeting on Friday, October 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's on Shaw ave. Same place, same price-\$5.00, come visit with us. Stay healthy. Martha Nielsen

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. Also a reminder to the Dania Branches that your Semi Annual Membership tax is due based on \$15.00 per member as of July 1st. Thank you to Branches who have paid.

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

I hope everyone is doing OK, but please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. I am in hopes

by January we can assemble again for our Danish Christmas Dinner, I am planning on it. 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

Happy Fall Y'all. We had a super nice gathering/meeting last month hosted by Diane. We had an assortment of salads complemented by pizza, along with great discussions and conversations! Next

month, October 16th, a Saturday, 12:00 noon, we will meet for a potluck gathering/meeting, hosted by Bob & Tracey. Stay safe out there and be 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

Happy Fall Ya'll! Please note, we will not meet in October. We will hold our next virtual meeting in November. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, November 11. 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. Kind 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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Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in September 2021.

Hello again 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 October 9 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 short meeting and of course, have our get-together and lunch. Our president Debbie Cruger-Hansen has promised to again bring some Jubilæums Akvavit to celebrate our second in-person meeting of 2021.

As we have in the past, 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 if weather permits.

Per Johansen and John Cruger-Hansen plan to serve a traditional Danish "Smørrebrød" so bring your appetite.

We do ask that you let John know if you will attend so we have a count of how much food 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 again.

We will, of course, follow state of California and CDC guidelines for the October meeting.

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.

Please 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

The COVID-19 Corona Virus guidelines require members and guests attending all functions to be fully vaccinated.

Oct 2 Valhalla and Ydun Lodge meeting will start at 11:00 with a potluck Lunch at 1:00. Members are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share. This month we lost our dear member **Dorothey Lancaster** she was our vice marshal and lead designer on decorations for all of our events. A memorial

service will be done at a later date when we can get together and celebrate her life.

Grand Vice Marshal, Dannebrog **Lynn Wachter**, PGP, is in the hospital in Santa Rosa having a heart valve surgery. We wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Past Grand President, Dannebrog **Zena Lundberg** has settled into Timber Ridge Lodge in Eureka and is doing well.

Christian Nielsen

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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 met on Friday September 3 at the Odd Fellow Hall with eight members in attendance. We grilled hotdogs and Sena-Marie brought oatmeal cookies for dessert. We visited and had a good time. We also discussed what we should do about our Christmas party and are sorry to say that we concluded to cancel it again this year out of an abundance of caution and due to the Delta variant, which is running like “wildfire.” We missed Ingrid Hedman and Ann-kathrine Sawyer who was home tending to their covid cases. Over the weekend Anette tested positive also. None of the cases were related. The good news is that we are all vaccinated and masks do work, because as far as I know – none of the people we had been in contact with got sick. It is still not fun and anyone who has gone through this can testify that the “no smell and no taste” is for real!

All you can tell from what you eat and drink, is – if it is hot or cold. 😊

We are sending well wishes to our Past Grand Presidents, Elizabeth Jensen, Zena Lundberg and Lynn Wachter. We are thinking about you praying for you. Also sending well wishes to all our members that we have not seen for long time.

Our October 1st meeting will be more of the same. Bring your own picnic baskets for dinner. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall. Our October Birthdays are Paul C. Christensen, Leif Larsen and Linda Hill. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL and Happy Halloween!

Stay healthy, be safe, and wear masks. Take Care, Anette

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined
President Bente Ellis, Baellis06@gmail.com Secretary Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

We had to cancel the September meeting due to Covid restrictions, however, things in our area are looking up with Covid numbers going down, so we hope to have our meeting on Friday, Oct. 15th. Once we know for sure that this is possible, we will let our members know by e-mail. My records show the only October birthday we have is Jim Jorgensen on 10/22. Happy Birthday Jim. Some of the older members might remember the

Halloween parties hosted by Alvin & Holly Olsen for their birthdays on Oct. 30th & 31st. Those were the “good ole days”!!

We want to thank our brothers and sisters from Dannevang #7 for their generous donation to the convention committee. We are now shooting for a start date of March 31st, 2022. Hopefully we will see all of you then.

In the meantime, stay safe. - 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

Oh my gosh, I know September is a short month, but I think someone cut it in half it went so fast.

As of this printing Danneskjold # 17 is still not meeting, therefore there is not much news except on a personal note regarding our members.

Let's see, where to start, Oh I know, let's begin with Lisa McDanial who will be having cataract surgery on October 4. We wish you well. Ellen Jensen is doing well, she suffers from back with pain. My leg is healing well, I am off the medication and no longer need the ace wrapper up to my knee, now I am down to a 6x6 inch bandage at my ankle.

Maud Hansen is doing better. She said she can move her arm and neck more now and is driving short

distances. Britta Lange was having some abdominal issues, but the doctor started her on some medication, and she is feeling much better. I spoke to Ron Nielsen's daughter Kim and got the report that both Ron and Eric Solyst are doing well. Maud Hansen asked me to extend her deep thanks to all who showed up at her door on Sept. 26th with coffee, dessert, plates, napkins, etc. to celebrate her birthday. She said she was so surprised and happy so, Mange Tak from Maud.

So now that I have finished this article, I will go take a nap.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Hejls Minde No. 23 regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6 at Bit of Denmark Restaurant, Solvang. Lunch is served at 12 noon with a

meeting conducted between courses. We always have a good time visiting. Everyone stay well. 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