



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2021

## Dannebrog Grand President

Is it really November already? Where has the time gone? November is the month we honor our Veterans and give thanks for our blessings. My wish for all of you is to have a very Happy Thanksgiving!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

## Dania Grand President

Fall weather is here! Sweaters and jackets and socks! I love it! Being born in the Fall might have something to do with it. There's another lodge member's birthday coming up, a very special one, I had the pleasure of chatting with her in Solvang in September that weekend that wasn't Danish Days. Dressed in Danish costume, Lucille Wulff an active member of Dannebrog and Dania in Solvang since 1955, was the center of attention and surrounded by her family. She was anticipating the arrival of her Great (Great?) Grandson in his first Danish costume (toddler size). Seeing the two of them admiring each other warmed my heart even more than that beautiful sunny day. They will be celebrating her 100th birthday in December. Wishing you the Happiest of Birthdays Lucille !!! Speaking of long lives, got your Booster? Just scheduled mine, Nov. 2nd. Our precious lives are put at risk everyday. That's why we sniff the milk, and look both ways before crossing the street, not that drinking sour milk is going to kill us but it can make us uncomfortably sorry we didn't take a whiff. But, always look both ways, especially when one might be a bit distracted by the beauty and energy of Copenhagen and accidentally take one step too far into the line of cyclists, those two wheeled Danes have no mercy! My point? Get the shot please, whether it's the 1st or 3rd, it's worth the risk. Several of the Danish groups I've become familiar with since moving to Fresno are planning their Christmas celebrations, I'll be checking out your articles to see if anyone here in D&D are making plans of your own. It still might be too soon, and when it comes to getting together, I hope you are all still doing whatever feels right for your group. "Safe and Sane"

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## Upcoming Conventions

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

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is historically reserved for the Fourth of July, but I think it's appropriate for all celebratory gatherings at this point in our history, don't you? Seasons Greeting to all! Jana Heer, Grand President, Dania.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

Michael Pennington, Valdemar No 12. Reno  
Elizabeth Hefner, Dannevirke No. 9, Reno

## **IN MEMORIAM:**

Dannebrog PGP Zena Lundberg, Ydun No. 10, Valhalla No. 11, Ferndale

## **DANIA-DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Hejls Minde No 23, Solvang

## **DANIA FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND**

Hejls Minde No 23, Solvang

## **DANIA GENERAL FUND**

### ***Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries***

By now you should have received your invoice for the 2021-2022 insurance year, if you have any question, please feel free to e-mail them to me. During the past year the Dania Executive Committee had several questions regarding the premium charged to the different Branches. I have supplied the insurance writer with the current Membership numbers for each

Dania and Dannebrog branch and adjustments have been made. The insurance is written to cover all Dania and Dannebrog activity, it was a necessary increase to the Grand Lodges portion to cover the activities that the insurance Company thought were not currently being adequately covered by our previous premium schedule.

### ***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!

We all hope you had a great Halloween. October was both rainy and sunny, but fun all month long. The San Francisco lodge had another backyard BBQ. We missed a few of our friends but those who could attend made enough noise for everybody. We miss you Johanne and Elizabeth!

November's holiday is Thanksgiving, but they always put up the Christmas decorations right after Halloween. So in that spirit...

The San Francisco Lodge is going to have a Christmas Luncheon. Someone ring a bell! It will be noon on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. Different location than in the past but we plan on the same fun event. Steak or salmon? And always the Christmas carols. Please contact John Jensen at the email address below for details and reservations.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

### ***Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11***

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:nielsenmarta@gmail.com)**

Hope everyone got their pumpkins carved into Jack-O-Lanterns in time for Halloween and candy.

President Kay Jensen did her calling early to the Dannebrog Ladies. She'll be taking off for Alaska to be with her Son and attend her Grandson's wedding. Many of the ladies were out and about which hopefully means they're good. She had a conversation with Stan Kjar, he's recovering from a recent hospital stay. Pam was down in the valley with a family gathering.

Doris Lastreto was doing good, she spends the day with Rene' and says he is hanging in there. Mary Christensen was doing well. Ruth Christensen is still recovering also her daughter Susan, both with pelvis fractures.

Kay talked with Betty Jensen and says she's doing much better at the Bethel Home in Selma, improving and getting stronger.

Our meeting in Oct didn't have many attending but we did nominate our slate of officers for next year. Kay Jensen will remain as President, as will Secretary, Martha Nielsen and Treasurer, Christie Pettitt. Also Trustee, Steen Skjellerup and Auditor, Kathy Mehrten will remain. Jerry Hansen will be our new Vice Marshal, which leaves Vice President and Marshal positions open.

We do need a Cheer Chairman to send out the cards for the shut-ins, with the Covid, we haven't made home visits. We will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 3, first Friday, at the same place, same time. Denny's has a

large private room so we'll be having our Christmas tree and music.

Kay will still be in Alaska for our meeting in November so Deanna Dunbar will sub in for our meeting.

We are finally having nice fall weather. I've been gleaning the walnut orchard as I walk and Jerry cracks them for me, reminds me of the Squirrels putting away for winter. Jerry helped me pick my olive tree and I've finished the curing process. There's always something to do here as

the pomegranates are bright red and cracking open, will have to crush and make jelly. The Fuji persimmons are also turning bright orange and getting sweeter. I've dried some in the past but they're better fresh. Keeps me busy just trying to keep up with what the trees produce. Remember our next lunch/meeting at Denny's November 5, first Friday at 11:30 a.m. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with Family and Friends. 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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

We are currently taking reservation for our Danish Christmas Dinner, to be held on January 2, 2022, at the Salinas Masonic Center. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. More detail next month.

Freja and Dana both express our sincere sympathy to PGP Mell Lundberg in the loss of his Wife Zena.  
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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 November, a month of fall colors, cooler weather, maybe some rain and giving thanks. Currently Dan and I are traveling in Arizona with the Rebild National Park Society. We have been to a dude ranch with a campfire dinner, the amazing Grand Canyon, and feeling the hygge spirit in

Sedona. These annual meetings are quite different than Dania/Dannebrog convention, where the meetings take second place to the side trips. Speaking of meetings there is a rumor that our next meeting will be in December and might include æbleskiver. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for more info. Happy Thanksgiving y'all! KRT

### **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 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](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting date.  
Happy Thanksgiving, Susan

### **Sønderjylland 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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Sønderjylland #10 members met on October 9 at the Danish Soldiers Club facilities at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. The weather started out rather cool with a breeze so the eight members and one guest attending decided to move a couple of tables out in the open to take advantage of the clear sunshine and be warmed by the sun. It was great to get together in person for the second time this year and catch up on everything.

By lunchtime it had gotten quite warm in the sun and we moved the tables into the shade next to the kitchen. Our president, Debbie Cruger-Hansen, then conducted a short

meeting. Two of our members are on the sick list, Grace Gustofson and Dorothy Petersen. We wished both well. We also discussed the possibility of again having a traditional Christmas party, and also possibly a Valentine's Day lunch next February. John Cruger-Hansen and Karen Lysmer will investigate and keep everyone informed if we are able to safely have such parties and for possible locations.

Unfortunately, our Vice President Deb Droubay Johansen and our parliamentarian Per Johansen had to cancel due to an emergency with their dog and we had to get along

without them. And since Per was to help make Smørrebrød together with Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen for the lunch, all attending decided to pitch in in the kitchen and make Smørrebrød. It was quite an assembly line. John and Debbie had brought all the ingredients and with all the great help, we had the most wonderful Smørrebrød you can think of. There was Roast beef med remoulade, skinke med Italiensk Salat, Leverpostej med Asier og ristede løg, Æg, Rejer and French bread with Havarti cheese. It was quite a feast, and we all agreed that not only was it fun working together in the kitchen, it was something we might do in the future, it was that good.

President Debbie Cruger-Hansen served the obligatory Aquavit as promised

### **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)**

Valhalla 11 and Ydun 10, Ferndale CA

**Nov 6 Valhalla and Ydun Lodge** meeting will start at 11:00 with a catered Lunch at 1:00. Members need to make reservations to **Mel Lundberg at (707) 822-3787** for the Turkey lunch with all the trimmings.

**Sunday Dec 12 Valhalla and Ydun Lodge** will be celebrating Christmas with a catered lunch at 1:00, No meeting this month. Reservations are required for a count to **Mel Lundberg at (707) 822-3787**.

### **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 met Friday October 1st at the Odd Fellows Hall with five members in attendance Ina, Ann-Katherine, Anette, Glenn Fritz, and Sena-Marie. We had the pleasure of meeting two visitors, Michael Pennington and Elizabeth Hefner and guess what? They are now new members! We welcomed them with open arms. Michael went online and wanted to find out about his Danish background, since his Grandparents were from Denmark. He found The Danish Society Facebook Page and came across Susan Gauthier. Through her, he found out that Reno has a lodge and he emailed Anette and now we have new two members, a brother and sister. Great Job Susan. We ate our sandwiches and had coffee & dessert, Banana Nut Bread, which was Sena-Marie's aunt's receipt. We visited and had a good time. Glad Anette, Ann-Katherine, and Ingrid Hedman are all doing better from their Covid. Sena-Marie had two other cousins that had Delta Covid in September as well. Glad everyone is doing well. We want to continue our well wishes and prayers to Past Grand Presidents Elizabeth Jensen, Zena Lundberg, and Lynn

After the great lunch everyone pitched in cleaning up also, a real community effort. Thank you to all, and because we all had such a good time we didn't break up and go home until nearly three o'clock.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday April 9, 2022 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

Send us your stories and pictures about how you and your family are managing. We would love to share your stories and pictures 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

It is with sadness that I have to report of the passing of Dannebrog's Past Grand President **Zena Lundberg**. Zena was struggling over the past few months, but always had a happy outlook. She will be missed by all. A memorial Service has been set for November 14 at the Danish Hall. Lunch will be served at 1:30 give Mel a heads up for the lunch count.

**Christian Nielsen**

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Wachter. We heard that John and Solveig are doing better health wise. Nina and Jordan were on their way to Oregon for the fall break from school. They told me to tell everyone hi. Safe travels. Janet Pulsipher fell and is in a rehab in Carson City. We wish her well. Ruth Olsen has been doing well since Pete's passing. Her family looks in on her every day. Well wishes go out to our members that we have not seen for a very long time. We want to wish Anette and her family a great trip to Denmark. They will be back for our November meeting. Our November 5th meeting will be the same. Sena-Marie will bring dessert and members bring their own picnic basket for dinner, the lodge will supply drinks. We will meet at 7 P.M. at the Odd Fellows Hall. We are all so sad that we had to cancel our Christmas Party. We are only taking precautions against Covid. Our November Birthdays are Nina Christiansen, Donna Vanderbeck, Lone Webb, and Michael Pennington. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL; Happy Thanksgiving. Stay Healthy and be safe and please keep wearing masks, take care Sena-Marie

**Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined**

**President Bente Ellis, [Baellis06@gmail.com](mailto:Baellis06@gmail.com) Secretary Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

Hope everyone is enjoying the change in weather. Last week was a little scary what with the wind and rain but at least our lawns are no longer brown! Love the rain but don't like the wind. We did not have an October meeting because many of our members were vacationing. Haven't heard from the "continent" travelers but hope to catch up at our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. John and Marge Scheuber

will host an "in-person" meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. President Bente will provide pie for dessert. Please let Margie & John know if you will be there so they can provide seating. I did hear that Bente recently had a fall and messed up her leg. Also, her son is quite ill. Please keep her in your thoughts. Happy Halloween!! - Ann

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

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)**

Greetings to everyone, I hope Halloween was too spooky for any of you.

Well, where we are heading into the holiday season of 2021. Where did this year go? I mean really, we stayed home, maybe gardened, watched TV, read books or did nothing. As for me, I played cards with my son and daughter in law, did some family research or went to Drs'. Most fun was the card games.

Now down to the more serious business--I sent inquiries out to the members as to what to do about meetings and 3/4 of the members said they felt more comfortable not meeting at this time, so it was agreed that we will not have any meetings until after the first of the year and then we will assess the situation again in February and decide what to do at that point.

Believe me it has seemed strange not to have met for so long, but I will feel even more strange not getting together for a Christmas Party at lodge.

I do have a suggestion to hopefully perk everyone up I think it would be nice to either send a holiday card or email to each of our members. I know I always enjoy opening the mailbox or the computer and seeing a greeting from my friends. We always visit our shut-ins, let us remember we have all been shut-ins for 2 1/2 years and let us shower each other with greetings. Lisa McDaniel just had her second cataract surgery and is doing very well. She has one of her sons and one grandson living with her now and she is happy about that. Bente is recuperating from her fall and Maud is doing better also. Ellen is doing well also. If you hear about any member not feeling well, please let me know.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy that turkey. DWS

**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**

Our October meeting was missing Marie Jaeger and Elvin Slim Juhl and daughter Elaine because of vacations and you were all missed. We had a nice surprise, and we were happy to welcome Grand Secretary's Natalie and Tim Heer. Lots of visiting and good food and drink were enjoyed. The weather was good, and Wednesdays in Solvang has a farmer's market with lots of good things for

sale. It is a chance to get out and walk after consuming so much food.

It was announced that our annual Christmas Party is on hold. Our Master Chef, Mogens Mortensen has retired. He always put on a beautiful Danish Smørbrød for us and we will miss him and also dancing around the Christmas tree and the singing. Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday. 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**