



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

December 2021

## Dannebrog Grand President

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to gather with your families and friends this year. December is a busy month with decorating the house inside and out, shopping, baking, and parties. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

## Dania Grand President

Two weeks ago Steen and I took a trip up to Ferndale to celebrate the life of Zena Lundberg and offer our support to Mel. With regrets, Beth Cowan our Grand President of Dannebrog, wasn't able to attend. As a Past Grand President of Dannebrog I substituted for her in contributing the Dannebrog Funeral Ritual. Zena was also a member of Dania. Steen Skjellerup as a Past Grand President for Dania, substituted for me in contributing the Dania Funeral Ritual to what was a lovely memorial service for Zena. There wasn't an empty chair in the Dania Hall as her church Pastor, friends, lodge members and family shared loving thoughts and memories. We all said our goodbyes with our hearts and tummies full. It was an honor to represent Dania and Dannebrog in this way. Days after our return I realized the historical, and personal, significance of Dania and Dannebrog's commitment to taking care of their members. I was looking through my family archives and came across the clipping of my Great Grandfather, Hans Frost's obituary dated 1917 in Salinas, "The funeral was largely attended and was under the auspices of the Dania Lodge." It's why we're here, and what we do. If anyone is facing the heartbreak of honoring a loved one's life, please reach out to the Grand Presidents and the Grand Secretaries, we'll make sure someone is there to help. Meanwhile, keep your loved ones as close as you can

## NEW MEMBERS:

## IN MEMORIAM:

Christine Christensen Hoskins; Thora #11, Fresno  
Rene Lastreto; Thor #6, Fresno

Finn Kjaer, Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma

## DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Marlene Swaffer in memory of Zena Lundberg  
Mary Esther and Alan Filiu in memory of Zena Lundberg  
Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleeson in memory of Zena Lundberg  
Valborg #1 in memory of Zena Lundberg

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this holiday season, whether long distance or face to face. Hope you all had a warm and tasty Thanksgiving and wish you a very Merry Christmas. Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår! Jana Heer, Dania Grand President.

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

Johanne Gade in memory of Zena Lundberg

## **DANIA GENERAL FUND**

Marge and John Scheuber in memory of Zena Lundberg

### **Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries**

Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår!

### **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! And also, Glædelig Jul!

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to enjoy it with friends and family. By the time we all read this, the leftovers will be gone.

The San Francisco lodge had a very business-oriented month with officer nominations and the settling of our bills. Even our social gathering was a working lunch of sorts. We paid a visit to the Odd Fellows Hall for a bit of clean up and inventorying.

Unfortunately, the mustard went bad in our time away. But fortunately, we found 3 bottles of Daniel's special blend of akvavit and a couple of "extra" cans of Carlsberg. We were a small work crew, but we did enjoy a few perks.

And now it is December. We are finally closing out 2021 with our sights on an even more prosperous 2022. But not so fast – we still have Christmas! The entire lodge and I are very excited to hold our Christmas Luncheon once again. Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. Thanks to those who have already RSVPed. Still not too late – the last day to RSVP is December 3<sup>rd</sup>-ish. We can't wait to see everybody. And don't forget there will be an Ugly (or Beautiful) Sweater contest so break out those Christmas specialties.

Glædelig jul og godt nytår. 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)**

Now that our Thanksgiving dinners are over, it's time to plan our Holiday parties.

The Memorial for Zena Lundberg, a Past President of Dannebrog was well attended. Mel, Zena's husband, hosted a beautiful service for her. Jerry Hansen drove to Ferndale with me to attend. The Danish lodge hall was full of members, friends, and even Mel's softball teammates. The service was presided over by Reverend Paul Demant, the former Easton Pastor. Our afterthoughts on him were if we had such a Pastor, we would all be in church every Sunday - you wouldn't want to miss what he had to say. The C.C. Market provided their delicious buffet, which is a Ferndale expectation.

I talked with Lynn Wachter at Ferndale. I didn't recognize her with the mask and short hair. She's looking good and says she's feeling better now that she's over the cancer treatments.

I called Carl and Betty Jensen and I got Betty on the phone. She was a delight to talk to, sounding so good. She says if she could get her legs stronger, she would love to be home. Carl tells me that the Bethel Home will only allow

two people for one hour a day to visit. I passed along Mel's greetings to Carl and Betty.

President Kay Jensen has returned from her Alaska trip. Her grandson's wedding reception was held 6 hours driving time north of Anchorage. On the return trip, they were stranded (weather-related) and had to find accommodations with friends. Coming home she spent a week in Washington visiting with her sisters.

We have lost another one of our Dannebrog members, Christine Christensen Hoskins. d.o.b. 6-14-19, died 10-24-2021. She was the oldest sister of the Christensen family that came from Denmark and settled in Easton. At 102 years of age, she's outlived her brothers and sister.

Our Christmas lunch will be held in the private room at Denny's on December 3, at 2:00 PM. There will not be a meeting. I hope everyone will come to join in our celebration since with the virus we had to pass on it last year. Perhaps Covid has made us appreciate the times we can get together with family and friends. Enjoy your Holiday parties and stay healthy. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! 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 taking reservation for our Danish Christmas Dinner, to be held on January 2, 2022, at the Salinas Masonic Center. Please let us know if you are planning on attending. Our email above is the best way to contact us with your reservation.

We are looking forward to our first gathering in 2 ½ years. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår!  
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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 December! Thanksgiving just flew by, however enjoyable it is to gather around the table with loves ones, it seems to just merge into the Christmas season. We took a trip to Nordic House to gather all our Danish holiday specialties to find out they will be closing January 2022. So get there if you

can. Livermore will be having its holiday get together at Kathy's house, Saturday, December 11th, 11:00 for æbleskiver and other goodies. Hope to see you there. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. 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)**

Please note we have cancelled the zoom meeting scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>. However, please save the date for our Holiday Party! On Saturday, December 18th, we will celebrate the holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and appetizers, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert. The cost is just \$10 per person to offset the cost of meat and beverages. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette no later than December 10th at 510-

508-8849 or [pab0718@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pab0718@sbcglobal.net). We hope you will join us.

*A Note from Hayward Treasurers:*

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please mail to the respective Treasurers.

Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510.

Enjoy the Holidays! 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 had no meeting in November 2021.

It is with a heavy heart that we are informing you of our most senior member, Finn Kjaer's passing in Florence, Oregon on November 5. Finn was born in Hadsund, Denmark, on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1943 and he just celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. Finn was until just recently very involved in the Danish Societies in the Bay Area, last as president of our own Sønderjylland #10 branch of Dania. Finn was initiated in Dania on October 8, 1979. It was Finn who graciously convinced Debbie and me to join Sønderjylland #10

more than 10 years ago. We will miss him. Finn suffered a massive heart attack. Our thoughts go with Jeannie.

Our member Sabrina Wilcox is back home from a long hospital stay and is doing well.

Because of the current increase in Covid-19 infections we will not have a member Christmas party this year, it is just too dangerous for our membership to come together indoors.

We wish everyone a Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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*

**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 Ydun #10 Ferndale CA

We will not be holding a meeting in December due to the holiday party being held on December 12, Sunday this year.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 with gathering around 12:00. Our committee of Marji Smith and Mary Enos will be decking the hall to get us in the Christmas Spirit.

January 8, 2022 Valhalla will celebrate 129<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with cake and a soup, salad potluck.

Meeting at 11:00 with lunch served at 12:30.

This month we find that Francis Sweet has checked into First Choice care home in Fortuna to get some care that he needs. He is currently under hospice care and working hard to build back his strength. We all send him our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. I hope this month finds you all in good health and enjoying time with family and friends.

**Christian Nielsen (707) 499-3746**

[ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)

**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 November 5th at the Odd Fellows Hall with 14 members in attendance. So nice to see more of our members. We ate our picnic basket dinners and Sena Marie brought Chocolate Chip Cookies for dessert. Anette opened a meeting to discuss the December meeting. Not much to discuss really, since the Christmas party has been cancelled again this year.

Our December 3rd meeting, we are having a regular meeting at 7 pm at the hall. It will be coffee and dessert and one of the items is a Pumpkin Loaf that Sena Marie will bring. The lodge will supply the coffee and other drinks. We are going to put together Christmas bags for our members as we did last year.

They were such a big success last year that we are doing them again this year. We will deliver all the bags around Fallon, Carson City, Fernley, and the Reno, Sparks area that weekend. Thank you to all members that are making items for the bags and delivering them. If anyone would like to participate, please let Anette know.

We are continuing well wishes to Grand Past Presidents Elizabeth Jensen and Lynn Wachter. Reno sends our deepest sympathy to Mel Lundberg in the passing of his wife Zena, our Past Grand President of Dannebrog. We hope the family will find comfort in the beautiful memories they shared, and we know she will be missed.

Sena-Marie spoke to Donna Vanderbeck, and she and Michael are doing well. They plan to return to our meetings soon. Sena-Marie also spoke to Solveig, she is having issues with her back and is so thankful to John who is a great caregiver. Hope to see them again soon. Janet Pulsipher is still in rehab in Carson City. Ann-katherine fell at her assisted living place and was admitted to the hospital. She needed minor surgery on a dislocated shoulder. She also has three fractured ribs. Quite bruised up and a big gash on her leg. She is now recuperating and doing quite well. Barb Iler also fell and broke her hip. She is also healing well. We are sending well wishes to all members that we haven't seen in a very long time and hope you are going well!

We also have some BABY NEWS. Lisa Christensen, Anette and Poul-Erik's daughter had a baby girl, Brooke, born November 22. Grae-Marie Biggs, Helen and Carl Christiansen's daughter is also having a baby girl in the early part of December.

Congratulations to you all parents and grandparents.

Anette arrived home from Denmark November 4th. She had a great time, a little jet lagged, but was at lodge. We also want to wish Carl Christiansen a safe trip to Denmark.

Well, fingers Crossed, hopefully 2022 will be a better year. We are hoping for better attendance, potlucks, our installation in May and a Christmas party. Our

December Birthdays are Nick Szewczak, Michael Vanderbeck, Grae-Marie Biggs, Nina Brandt, Monica Brooks, Cindy Christensen, Susie Jensen, Heather Matuzak, Irene Schack von Brockdorff, Eva Snuffer,

and Marie Stafford. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe New Year. 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)**

Season's Greetings from Bornholm #14. Hope everyone is well, happy and enjoying the Holidays. We were able to meet this month at the home of Marge & John Scheuber. A big thank-you from all of us who were able to attend and also to Bodil Whitehouse for providing the dessert. Most of our meeting focused on the up-coming Convention. Committee Chairman John has been very busy with

the many details involved. The Double Tree has renewed the contract with the same conditions. Updated Registrations Forms will be online. We also want to thank the lodges who have contributed funds to finance this endeavor. We won't have a meeting in December so our next meeting will be in January. - Ann

**"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL"**

**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)**

I do hope everyone had a nice holiday with family or friends around now that we can socialize with CARE. Well the turkey and the trimmings are gone and the snapps has gotten warm, so what do we do now?? Well, take down the Autumn decorations and get out the tree trimmings and the Christmas Carols and lets rock around the Christmas Tree. I have spoken to some of our members and find that Lee Dove has just gotten over kidney surgery and is doing well, so good to hear; also Lisa McDaniel had

to postpone her second cataract surgery as she had gotten a bad cold which is much better now. Surgery is rescheduled for Dec. 21.

I sent Thanksgiving cards to all of our members and heard back from some of them. It is nice to keep in touch.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas Holiday and ask you to please keep in touch with one another. Until next year, I wish you all Glade Jul og Godt Nytaar. 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**

Holiday greetings to all our friends in Dania and Dannebrog. We are all fine here in Solvang. Lots of Christmas decorations all over town and it is a pleasure to see all the festive lights everywhere. Lucille Wulff, a longtime member of Dannebrog and the Danish Sisterhood in Solvang is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday December 2. She is a Solvang pioneer and a wonderful lady. Our meeting on December 1 will be honoring her with a Skaal of snaps, delicious

lunch, and Danish Birthday Cake. Congratulations, Lucille.

At our November meeting it was voted to donate \$1,000 to the Solvang Theater Fest remodeling fund. It is a nonprofit 700-seat amphitheater offering outdoor concerts and events.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month of December. 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**