



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

February 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

I'm sorry to say I don't have much to report this month. Stay healthy and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. Wishing all of you a very Happy Valentine's Day!

Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Hard to believe that finally in two months we'll be gathering for our annual convention after a two year wait! On this second to the last month of my presidency I'm taking the opportunity to remind everyone of an important order of unfinished business Dania will be discussing and voting on, the revisions to our constitution. It is very important for your delegates to come to convention prepared to represent your Branches' wishes in regards to these proposed changes. The most recent "Proposed Changes to the Dania Constitution" are on the Dania and Dannebrog website. At the top of the website page you'll see "Dania Info" two options will appear when highlighted, one will be "Dania Forms and applications", click on that and you'll find "Proposed Changes to the Constitution" at the bottom of the page. When you click on that you'll find 3 documents: 1) the cover letter; 2) a summary of changes; 3) the constitution with the current wording and the proposed changes highlighted in color. All the documents are in PDF format and if needed can be printed from the website or downloaded to a computer, saved and printed, whichever works best for each lodge. The changes are highlighted in color, so it will be a lot easier to navigate your way through the proposal if you print it out in color. Please read all 3 documents. The cover letter gives you a brief overview of how we got to this point and which parts of the constitution still needed updating. The summary outlines in a little more detail about the changes being presented in the Proposed Changes to the Dania Constitution. The Constitution as it is written in this proposal reflects the changes that were approved in 2019 with the exception of the wording in regards to gender. The concept of changing the language was approved in 2019 and is being worked on by the Grand Secretary and will be presented at a

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later date. Please don't be too shocked by the fact that there are 39 pages in the proposal, 7 of those pages pertain to the Dannebrog and Dania Old Age Fund which is not being changed. 2 of those pages are the table of contents, no change there (well, except for 1 word), the actual constitution is 30 pages and only 18 of them have changes, and of those 18 pages, 6 each have less than 5 word changes. 12 pages will need your most attention and consideration. I think it's very important for me to point out that even though some pages have very minimal word changes, many appear within different articles, sections and paragraphs and had we presented each change in the format approved in 2019 there would have quite a bit more than 39 pages for the members to sort through. Considering the quantity of changes necessary to

bring our constitution up to date and reflect the way we now conduct our business since the last major overhaul in 1986, the committee feels very confident that what we have prepared for you is the most manageable and efficient presentation. We thank everyone for your time and effort to review this proposal. I know that every branch is facing unique challenges conducting their business and I appreciate

every adaptation you are making to have your branch represented at convention. I remain yours very truly,
Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

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

IN MEMORIAM:

Geraldine Jensen, Thora #11, Fresno
Grace Ann Gustofson, Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma
Arla Hoj, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dorothy Petersen a Donation
Mel Lundberg in memory of Betty Jensen

DANIA-DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade in memory PGP James Jorgensen

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Glen Fritz in memory of Rene Lastreto and PGP James Jorgensen
Marge & John Scheuber in memory PGP James Jorgensen

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

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**

Once again, the entire San Francisco lodge wishes you good health!

January seemed to be business as usual, or at least the usual business we have gotten used to over these past couple of years. Our zoom business meeting was by the book, and we finally have a complete set of new officers for both Thyra and Danmark. When everyone is ready, look for an installation party!

One tradition we revived this year was our January Æbleskiver Feast. It has been a long time since we've had this treat. We met at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Francisco for a Saturday lunch of homemade æbleskivers,

with a few extras like sausage and beer. Anne, Jessica, Tom, and I all made a batch, so we had plenty and a good variety. It was nice to visit the hall again, but it seems it is a daytime destination these days.

We are counting down the days until convention, keeping our fingers crossed. Can't wait to see everybody again. Happy Valentine's Day! And please note my new phone number.

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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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

Dania and Dannebrog Newsletter February, 2022. This is one of the first bright sunny days we've had in this foggy valley. I should be one of those that go south for the winter months. President Kay Jensen called many of the shut ins that we haven't seen even though we are having lunch meetings. She says that those that answered were, Marge Mott, our 101 year old is doing well, Doris Lastreto was doing well also. Pam and Stan were doing, keeping up with Stan's Doctors' visits. Christie Pettitt is still having much pain in her hip and leg and the Doctor is deciding what to do for it. She's busy getting Don's estate settled. We lost another one of our members, Geraldine Jensen, Norm's wife was put on hospice in December. She passed

January 13, 2022, she had been unwell for several years. Had a call from Carl Jensen with this message for the newsletter, "Wanted to thank all the friends, lodge members and Grand Lodge Officers for coming to Betty's Memorial Service, it was very gratifying to see so many showing their appreciation for her." He also added, "Thanks to everyone for all the contributions to the Scholarship, Senior Assistance and General Funds in honor of Betty." I would have to add that Betty was truly 'one of a kind' that you don't see many of that caliber. In our January meeting we voted to skip our installation this year, as the Officer will remain in their same positions for another year. We are looking forward to the convention

and our Delegates will remain the same as voted on earlier. We have a reminder from our Treasurer Christie Pettitt to pay your dues for 2022. Thora #11's \$20, Thor #5's \$40 and the printed Newsletter \$10. Send to her at: 1291 East Floral Ave., Fresno, CA 93725. Remember to celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved ones. Cards, candy and/or flowers say it all, also jewelry. It's a good time to let

them know how special they are to you, as you never know what can happen suddenly and unexpectedly. We will continue with our lunch/meetings at the Denny's restaurant on Shaw Ave, the first Friday of the month, February 4, at 11:30 am. Hope to see you. Happy Valentine's Day!! 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

Just as a reminder Freja and Dana's dues are due. Dana's is \$15.00 and Freja's is \$25.00 please mail them to Natalie Heer at 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz. CA 95060.

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 February! Livermore will be back at the newly refurbished Farm Bureau building after months of either the rebuild after the fire or the dreaded Covid keeping us apart.

It will be so good to be back together. We hear they have all new appliances and remodeled facilities. We did have to get a new storage cabinet and will have to update our kitchen supplies we kept in there. Thank goodness for Costco, we'll have that stocked in no time. We didn't really lose anything of value which is a blessing (Maybe a few decks of cards).

Keeping our fingers crossed we plan to hold a meeting there, Saturday, February 12, 5:00. We will be bringing our own food since we will be inside for this meeting. Last month when writing this newsletter, we were getting tons of rain and snow in the mountains. Now looking outside to see the almond trees are pushing bloom because they think it's spring. We just have to stand by and see what mother nature has in store for us. See you Saturday, the 12, and Happy Valentine's Day! 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 via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Valborg & Thyra members could win a drawing, if attending the virtual meeting. ...Don't miss out! If you would like to join the Hayward branches in the Zoom meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send an email to s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent out, a few days prior to the meeting.

A Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring 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. Best Regards, Susan

Sonderjylland 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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting in January 2022. We wish all our Sønderjylland #10 members and our Dania friends a happy Valentine's Day 2022. Because of the current increase in Covid-19 infections and the Omicron variant infecting vaccinated persons, we will not have our traditional Valentine's Day lunch in February, it is still too dangerous for our membership to come together indoors. But we hope the Virus will have run its

course by our scheduled meeting on Saturday April 9 and that it will be safe to meet outdoors again at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. We will keep you all posted. On a sad note, we lost our member Grace Ann Gustofson just before the New Year. Grace had suffered from Alzheimer's Decease for some time and passed away just six days before her 87th birthday.

We heard from Vibeke Jensen that she had visitors from Denmark from after Thanksgiving and all of December and they had a great visit. Our President Debbie Cruger-Hansen is seriously considering retiring at the end of this school year in June. Debbie has been teaching for 25 years and will celebrate her 65th birthday in March.

It is that time of the year to pay our annual membership dues, \$30 per member, and an additional \$10 if you get the Dania printed Newsletter via the mail. Only a few members have yet to pay. Thanks to those members who

already paid the 2022 dues. Please mail a check made out to Sønderjylland #10 to 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2557.

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: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536
Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

Feb 5: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a potluck lunch at 12:30.

Francis Sweet has a new address, he is living at: First Choice 456 10th Street, Fortuna CA 95540 **Corrected** phone number **707.726.7836**

Fraternally Yours,
Christian Nielsen Secretary

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 Friday January 7th at 7 P.M. There were 8 members in attendance. Everyone ate their dinner baskets meal. We had a really nice surprise; Lone Webb brought a big pot of split pea and ham soup. Everyone enjoyed a bowl with their dinner. Thank you Lone, very good! We did have a short meeting during dessert. Desserts were made by Sena-Marie and Anette. Anette brought Danish Rice pudding (Ris a la mande) and a Danish Lemon pudding (Citron fromage). Bonnie found the whole almond and won the prize - a marzipan pig. Sena-Marie read Christmas Cards and thank you cards for the goodie bags we delivered to members before Christmas. Sena-Marie also received a Christmas card from the Olsen family; Ruth is doing well, but really misses Pete. We are looking for members as delegates to the convention. If anyone is interested, please contact Anette or Sena-Marie before our February meeting. Thank You. If all goes well the convention is March 31 – April 2, 2022. Everyone enjoyed the rest of the evening, telling us about Christmas and New Year's gatherings. Sena-Marie went to Verdi to be with family on Christmas Eve, supposed to go back out there for Christmas Day, but 2 hours before that, the weather turned into a huge white out with snow. I decided to stay home because the driving was horrible. Verdi had almost a foot of snow in 12 hours. Donner Summit was closed for 5 days.

For our February 4th meeting, we will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 P.M. Please bring your own dinner basket again. We are still taking precautions with Covid on

the rise. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. The Lodge will supply coffee and other drinks.

The Reno lodges sends out our deepest sympathy to Shirley Jorgensen in the loss of her husband Past Grand President, Jim Jorgensen. He will be missed, and may the family find comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared.

Our sick list is looking better. Solveig Asvitt is back home after her back surgery and rehab, which makes her happy. Sena-Marie's two cousins, Barbara Iler and Ann-katherine Sawyer are out of rehab and doing well. Barbara did end up in the hospital again for another minor surgery but was with us at Christmas Eve dinner. Ann-katherine was in attendance at our Friday's meeting and was looking good. Janet Pulsipher is still in rehab in Carson City. On a happier note, Erik Jensen is living in Fresno as an intern doctor there. A friendly reminder dues, are due. Please send \$30 for Valdemar to Carl Christiansen 615 Beckwourth Drive, Reno, Nevada 89506 and for Dannevirke send \$20 to Ina Segesman 1027 Tyler Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431. If any members have moved or changed phone numbers, please let us know so we can update our records. February Birthdays are Peter Eliassen, Eric Hansen, John La Roche, Michael Robbert, Ann-katherine Sawyer, Lisa Christensen, and Kristin Eliassen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL! Happy Valentine's Day everyone. Please get your boosters, be safe and healthy and hopefully, see you soon. Take Care, Sena-Marie

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 canceled January's meeting due to the same issue we have dealt with for far too long.

Taking precautions to keep us all safe.

We will of course miss our annual Fish dinner for the same reason. Hoping to revive a great Dinner for 2023.

We will be having our monthly meeting Friday, February 18.

At this time, we are not certain what form it will take, in person or virtual, but we will contact you to give you the information.

We are moving forward with Convention planning, at the same time keeping an open mind and listening for the newest version of restrictions and numbers.

You know the drill. It depends on COVID.

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

Well, here we are starting month 2 of 2022. January disappeared so quickly that I almost missed sending you this very important February Newsletter. So, let's see now what is important about this month?? Oh yes it contains a very special holiday, it's called "Valentines" and it is the time to greet your family and friends with smiles and joy and let them know you care about them. SO, TO ALL I KNOW, HAPPY VALENTINES.

It looks like this may be starting out as another one of those times when we will be spending more time at home and not holding meetings and get together, so try to make use of that thing called a phone and keep in touch with one another.

With the cold weather we have been having lately, my friend "Aurthor-I-tus" has been coming to call too

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,

Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455

At our January meeting we were saddened to learn that Arla Hoj has passed away. Arla was born in the Santa Ynez valley and her parents were pioneers in the dairy business. Her picture is in many Solvang cookbooks dressed in a Danish costume. She was the wife of Kurt Hoj, Past Grand President of Dania.

Longtime member of Santa Maria Dannebrog, Ann Christensen, was visiting from Texas and Slim Juhl, daughter Elaine, and Darlene Iversen helped her celebrate

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

George Dutra and Bodil have had a couple of difficult months. George had a knee replacement before Christmas and is doing well, starting to ride his bike.

Last week George lost his 52-year-old son to Covid. David (Robert) Dutra leaves his wife, children, and grandchildren.

We would like to send condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the Dutra Family.

Johanne would like to remind us that it is time to send in your Membership Dues.

Wishing you a Happy Groundhog Day (maybe we will see rain) and Happy Valentine's Day.

In the meantime, please stay safe. Bente

often. I am putting in a request for warm sunny days so that we can all enjoy the outdoors and watch the garden critters romp around the yard. It seems as though the new year is starting off in good shape. Our members seem to be doing fairly well. However, our good friend and former member Eva Rasmussen was in the hospital for a few days the end of January but is home again. Ellen Jensen is doing pretty well and does have homecare. At age 96 and with some assistance Erik Solyst is holding his own. I have not heard any reports on any of our other members, but I wish everyone good health. Eva celebrated a birthday in January and Ellen will celebrate one this month. Congratulations to both ladies.

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her 95th birthday in Solvang. Ann is a Fresno native and her sister, Karen, was very involved in the Danish lodge there. A delicious lunch was enjoyed sitting in the outside area of the Red Viking Restaurant. The weather was perfect and it was fun to see all the people with their dogs walking the street.

We are looking forward to seeing our Atterday members this meeting. They were in Covid lockdown in January.

Everyone stay well. Darlene Iversen