



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

April 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

Congratulations to the new Grand Officers. I'm wishing all of you a great year that I know you will enjoy. Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your Grand President. I enjoyed this journey much more than I had imagined; however, I thought the office was to be for one year! Little did we know then that it would be extended to three years! Thank you so much for your friendship and kindness. I will see you soon.—*Beth Cowan, Grand Past President*

Dania Grand President

Agendas and costumes and reports! OH MY! Sometimes it feels like the last 24 month journey since Convention 2020 DIDN'T happen has been a mysterious and sometimes frightening trip to OZ! Now OZ (convention) is just a few days away and as I put the finishing touches on my preparations. I need to take a brief break and a deep breath to say "Thank You".

I'll be thinking fondly of all of you who are having to take a pass this year. We've all had to make difficult choices and decisions as a result of this historic life changing pandemic. And here we are...so please keep making the right choices and decisions and we'll see each other when the time is right and once again I can start saying "Tak for Sidst!" Yours truly, and soon to be Jr. Past Grand President of Dania, Jana Heer



NEW MEMBERS:

Karen Haugse, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang

IN MEMORIAM:

Erik Solyst, Danneskjold #17, San Jose

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Carl Jensen in memory of Zena Lundberg

Lynn Wachter in memory of Betty Jensen

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Peter & Doris Hoy in memory of Erik Solyst

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Signe Ann & Roland McNeil in Memory of Don Pettitt

Ole Pedersen in memory of Erik Solyst

Doris Skow in memory of Erik Solyst

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

See you all at convention!

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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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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! And a successful Convention.

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

Hope you are checking your newsletter as we will not be having a Lodge meeting in April. Our Danish Convention held in Modesto will be meeting March 31, 1 & 2 of April. This will be the first convention in 2 years. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone. Our own Deanna Dunbar will be installed as the Dannebrog Grand President. President Kay Jensen has been out of town so I've made some calls. Betty Green is doing better now that she's home from rehab after a month. She also had Covid while there. Carl Jensen is still in the wheel chair recovering from the fracture of the ankle, has two more weeks before he can put any weight on the foot. Christie Pettitt is still suffering with back/hip pain. She has been to several specialists and will have an epidural this week.

Hopefully that will help. There was a good attendance at the Danish/American Historical Frikadelle dinner, held in March in Easton at the church. Lucille Dennis is still busy compiling the genealogy of the Valley Danes. The museum has moved back to Selma. Visited with many of our Danes including Glenn Jensen and family, he tells me that he may show up at the lodge meeting sometime. We will be having our meeting on the first Friday in May, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's as usual. Remember if you haven't paid your dues for 2022, send them to Christie Pettitt. Happy Easter!! Hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of chocolate goodies. 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

Looking forward to welcoming back Delegates, and Grand Officers in the near future. Let us plan on May 1st Please let me know if that works for you!!

Thank you for those who have paid their dues to Freja #6 and Dana #15.

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

If you're anxiously awaiting spring here in California you've missed it, we are now suddenly in summer. But wait, we are only in March, well almost April, and almost time for convention. Something I think we are all looking forward to, seeing one another again. We will not be

meeting in April, our next meeting will be May 14th, with a cinco de Mayo theme, and we will also be celebrating a couple of birthdays, and one is an especially big birthday. More details to follow in the next newsletter. See you in Modesto, KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom

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, April 14, 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. Best 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 March 2022. We will meet on Saturday April 9 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma at 11:15 for a get re-acquainted, (it's been so long since we were together last) get together with appetizers, and with a short business meeting at noon. We will have lunch afterwards consisting of Danish Open-faced Sandwiches, Smørrebrød. As we have in the past, hopefully everyone will pitch in with the preparation. As has become a tradition, president Debbie Cruger-Hansen will be serving the traditional Akvavit and John Cruger-Hansen will serve the Danish Æblekage for dessert. John and Debbie will provide all the ingredients for the Smørrebrød and Æblekage. Please let John know if you are planning to attend and if you will bring guests please Email or call, thanks. At the business meeting we will have an election of officers and president for 2022, so be prepared to give your input.

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

April 2, Valhalla and Ydun lodge will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting with a lunch at 12:30. The members of

Since the meeting is on April 9, which is the 82nd anniversary of the World War II occupation of Denmark in 1940, we will also have a short commemoration of that awful day for the Danes and Danish communities in the United States and throughout the world. If any of our members have any tales or stories about the German Occupation, we would love to hear them at the meeting. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_invasion_of_Denmark_\(1940\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_invasion_of_Denmark_(1940))

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

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 March 4th at 7 P.M. A rainy start and a snowy drive home. 9 were in attendance. Everyone enjoyed their dinner basket. We had a short meeting, but it turned out a little longer during dessert and coffee. A Bundt cake brought by Sena-Marie. First on the agenda was planning some new things for the coming year. There will be no meeting in April, because the 1st Friday falls on convention weekend and most of us will be in Modesto. We are very excited that on May 6th, we will be going back to our potluck dinners. Sena- Marie will bring dessert. We are hoping to be granted permission for a later Installation of Officers this year. Normally we are the first Lodge to install new officers of the year. We have not had enough members to have election of our officers so we hope to have the election soon. Anette will be sending out emails to try and get more attendees. Please, members help us out. The Covid cases have really dropped in the Reno and Carson areas. Hope to see as many members as possible. We are also excited that June 24th will be our annual Sant Hans Fest at the River School. Everyone is invited. Come one, Come all. It is a lot of fun, bon fires, burning "witches", food and drinks. It really is a lot of fun. Bring sweaters or jackets, because it can get chilly along the river. We are really excited to get back to normal. The

May 6th meeting will be at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 P.M. Glad to see Michael Pennington, he did well after his minor surgery. We missed Glenn Fritz - Sena-Marie got a little worried, because he normally calls me if he is coming or not. I called him Saturday and he was fine. He said he was sorry for not calling and did not want me to worry. You are forgiven. Ann-Katherine is out of lockdown at assisted living. Her bump on her head and black eye is healing and her arm is healing as well. Janet Pulsipher is doing pretty well in the rehab in Carson City according to her sister-in-law. Sena-Marie talked to Ruth Olsen's daughter and Ruth is doing well. Ina and Anette talked to Knud Sorensen and he is doing pretty well. Hope everyone else is doing well. We really miss you all. Hopefully we will see you soon. REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE; still have not heard from some members. Please send \$30 to Carl Christiansen 615 Beckwourth Drive Reno NV. 89506 for Valdemar and for Dannevirke send \$20 to Ina Segesman 1027 Tyler Way Sparks, NV. 89431. Our April Birthdays are Carl Christiansen, Glenn Christensen, Peter Jensen, Jesper Olsen, Sena-Marie Freeman, and Brandur Jensen. WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL and Happy Easter everyone. I Can't wait to see everyone at the convention. Safe travels and 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

At our meeting on March 18th most of our time was spent preparing for convention. Many members signed up to assist with registration, selling raffles tickets and helping decorate for our two major functions. Scheuber indicated he had sent a memo to all participants to "Come to Convention Prepared." This included having a mask, should it be required, studying the Constitutional Revisions if you are attending the Dania session and being prepared to nominate and elect some new Grand Officers for both Dania and Dannebrog. It appears that our sign-ups are going as expected with around 65 registered at this time.

It was moved to transfer some funds from our investment account to the Treasurer in preparation for other convention expenses. Our Sunshine Chairperson apprised us of the birthdays for the month.

The entire membership got involved in preparing our "goodie bags" that we will distribute to each convention attendee. While we've had two postponements, we now are looking forward to time to celebrate a long-awaited convention. We feel we are prepared and hope you join us at the Double Tree in Modesto for a productive, fun-filled convention. We hope to see you all soon.

Ann Stowers, Secretary Bornholm #14

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

Happy April 1st. Oh my goodness no, it's only March 24th. April Fool. Tim asked for this early so this is what you get.

As I am writing this I am hoping that everyone going to the convention has a good time and stays safe.

I will not be attending this year but look forward to the report that our delegate Bob Lacey will bring home. I also hope that by the next issue I can report that we will hold our first meeting since the Covid Outbreak, and that is no April Fool! For the most part our members are doing well, however I am sad to report that Laila Solyst called to tell

me that her dad Erik Solyst had passed away on the morning of March 12th. Erik was a strong Supporter of our lodge and of the Scandinavian community. He was president for many years of the Scandinavian Club of San Jose until its closing. He was also a member of Rebild and was serving the start of his third year as a member of the board. Up until Covid, he was a regular attendee of our Danneskjold 17 meetings. He passed away peacefully at home with his son Mark at his side. Our prayers and sympathy go to his family. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Our March meeting and luncheon was enjoyed by 21 people. It was so nice to be such a large group of members and visitors. Our new member, Karen Haugse, was welcomed. There is talk of opening up Copenhagen Drive to vehicle traffic again. Many mixed feelings about

that as many people enjoyed walking the street and eating outside. The city council will vote soon.

Best wishes for a wonderful convention and congratulations to the new officers. Darlene

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