



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

March 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

It is the month of March and time for convention! I am so anxious to see all of you. Let's give our support to the Modesto lodge and their committee for their hard work in preparing for this convention through the pandemic, change in venue, and postponements. Please come prepared to have a good time and give some thought to running for office. Dannebrog will be looking for a Grand Vice Marshal and a Grand Trustee. Wishing you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!—
Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

For the record, if you ever wondered why you hadn't received your newsletter on the 1st of every month, it was always my fault. Lucky for me I know the editors pretty well and I didn't get into too much trouble, which may or may not be a good thing - getting in trouble that is. Thank goodness for this newsletter keeping us all in-touch and "Mange Tak Tim and Natalie Heer!" for making it happen month after month. So, here we are, after all these years, 30 day countdown to convention. As I get my thoughts together in preparation, what's most on my mind is all of you and all you did to get through the last two years, but even more importantly, all you didn't do: You didn't go anywhere. You didn't hug your grandchildren, especially those brand new ones. You didn't visit your neighbors. You didn't gather for holidays, birthdays, weddings or funerals, or for lodge meetings, or installations. You put your lives on hold to protect yourself, your loved ones, your friends and your community, and I admire you greatly for that. Once again, as mandates are lifting, faces are emerging, handshakes are no longer a no-no, and crowds are crowding, it's still hard for me to let down my abundance of caution. As of today I can't say for sure that I won't be wearing a mask to convention. But, I will be wearing something fun and 50's on Friday night, after all, I have had almost 3 years to think about it. And "prom dress for Saturday"? what a great idea. . . the Grand President of Dania in a tiara, wouldn't that be something! Jana Heer, and till shortly after 2pm 4-2-22, I remain your Grand President of Dania 🇩🇰 ❤️ 🇩🇰

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Bornholm #14 in memory PGP James Jorgensen

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

Convention Update

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

After Covid caused us to postpone our conventions twice, we are now set to proceed. Our Dania and Dannebrog conventions are set for March 31st through April 2nd at the Double Tree in Modesto. If you sent your registration in earlier and didn't request a refund you should be set. For those requesting a refund will have to re-register. To date (February 22nd) our count is around 50 participants but we expect to hear from more of you once the Covid issue diminishes. More concerning is that at this date we only have 7 rooms reserved at our hotel. Remember the deadlines for the best price: The hotel will give you our special rate through March 15th and Bornholm will increase its registration fee if we don't receive your forms by March 10th. Our American Graffiti theme should be fun. Friday Night will be a Casual Night so wear your 50's/60's attire and enjoy the evening with music from that era. Saturday Night

Nominations for Grand Officers

Every year, at this time, we seek nominees for our various Grand Officer positions. Please provide your current Grand Officers with any suggestions you may have. Dania will need to replace 3 Grand Trustees, a Marshal and a Grand Vice Marshal. When talking to

Come to Convention Prepared

Over four years ago we started a major undertaking when we started the process to revise our Dania Constitution which was in need of an updating. More than 10 of us have served on this committee to recommend some needed changes. Most of these committee members have either been a Grand Officer or an experienced Local Branch President. With all of this expertise it is time to bring this revised

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!

It is already March? I hope everyone had a great February. It was a short month but many of us managed to pack a lot of fun into 28 days. We had a nice social gathering again in my backyard. It was close to a full house (We all missed you Tom!). Even the sun managed to make an appearance on an otherwise cloudy day. Special thanks to Johanne for making the long trip and spoiling us with her Leverpostej, and to Dennis for bringing us another fine bottle of akvavit.

will be our dress up night so don't forget your Prom Dress.

Please note since Modesto is the home of American Graffiti a classic car museum just opened about 1 mile north of the Double Tree. If you have time we would encourage you to visit it.

Many have asked about Covid restrictions. This continues to change, but at this point we encourage all of our guests to be fully vaccinated and please bring your masks. Some of the masks requirements could change, but at this time we need to comply with the hotel policy. In order for our program to go to the printer on time we need each Local Secretary of Dania and Dannebrog to provide us with the names of your Delegates by March 10th. I will need those as will your Grand Secretary.

JPG John Scheuber, 2022 Convention Chairperson

Beth Cowan, the Dannebrog Grand President, she tells me they will need a Grand Vice Marshal and one Trustee. Please consider this opportunity to serve your organization.

JPGP John Scheuber, Dania Nominating Chairperson

document to fruition. The revised document can be found on-line and needs to be reviewed prior to convention. I highly recommend the passage of this revised document knowing we can make minimal revisions as needed in the future. A special note of appreciation for all of those who helped in this process.

John Scheuber, Dania Jr. Past Grand President

The only business of last month was to make sure we are ready for the convention this month. We had the delegate shuffle and registration form review. But now we are ready...we think. One more lodge meeting and then its convention time.

I want everyone to know that my mother Elizabeth is doing much better and getting better every day. She was able to restart her physical therapy and is getting back on her feet. She is a strong lady – love ya' Mom! Hope to see everybody in Modesto. Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
jajensend2@gmail.com , 1-510-697-4658

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

March Newsletter, 2022 The Almonds are in full bloom which means warm weather is just around the corner. We didn't elect to have an installation this year so we're missing the dinner party that we always have in February, with all the Grand Lodge Officers coming in. President Kay Jensen had the usual meeting and reported a nice attendance. They were happy to see Allen and Mary Thomsen attending. I was in Auburn, at my sister's Memorial service which was held on the same day as our meeting. I talked with Carl Jensen to see how he was doing following a fall he had taken. He finally went to the Doctor after walking a couple weeks on the foot and he had broken a couple bones in his foot/ankle. He's not able to put any weight on it now for 6 wks, Dr's orders. That's going to be hard for Carl as he's always on the go. I talked to Pam Kjar at our Past Presidents luncheon. She informed me that they were thinking of moving back down to Fresno, to be closer to their daughter and the Doctor's. So we may have them attending more of our lodge functions. I picked up

Doris Lastreto for lunch and she's doing very well and everyone was glad to see her. Kays sister, Bev from Washington was visiting her so came to lunch also. Kay has had three of her sisters coming in to stay a week or so with her this month, it's nice to have family visit. We miss the famous Fish dinner that Peter and Doris Hoy and family has always had the first Saturday in March, hopefully it will happen next year. That was one great party, dancing and aquavit. Remember to wear Green to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th of March and having a Cabbage and Corn Beef dinner with Green Beer. That's a party itself. Looking forward to the convention to be held in Modesto the last of March/April. We'll see all the friends we've missed this last year with the Covid shutdowns, plus we will support our lodges. Our next lunch/meeting will be held at Denney's restaurant on Shaw Ave., the first Friday of the month, March 4, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you. Martha

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

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.

Looking forward to welcoming back Delegates, see next month's newsletter for more information about when and where!!

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 March y'all! We had a small but delightful February meeting in the farm bureau building. They did a really nice job of fixing it up and we are certainly happy to be back meeting there once again. We were honored to have Johanne Gade join us, visitors are always welcome. We missed Viola and Jackie though,

but we hope to see them at our next meeting, Saturday, March 12th, 5:00. On the menu is Tracey's fabulous corned beef. We have the cabbage, potatoes, jello and dessert covered, so any side dish that fits in will be great. Hope to see you there, be well! 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, March 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:

Sonderjylland No. 10

**Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fæled, 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 February 2022. We wish all our Sonderjylland #10 members and our Dania friends a happy St. Patrick's Day 2022. 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 Fæled in Petaluma. We will keep you all posted. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen and Husband John celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a 14-day cruise from Florida to Panama and the western Caribbean. A year late though, the cruise was scheduled to be in February of 2021 but was postponed to February 2022 because of Covid. Every

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

year for the past six years they have planned a cruise to correspond with Valentine's Day to celebrate their anniversary, they had a great, safe, and sunny cruise. They will celebrate their actual 43rd anniversary on October 18, 2022.

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**

Mar 5: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a catered lunch at 12:30. RSVP to Mel Lundberg
Francis Sweet has a new address, he is living at: First Choice 456 10th Street, Fortuna CA 95540 **Corrected** phone number **707.726.7836** he has recently been

seen attending church in Ferndale and attending Brotherhood meetings. He is walking with a cane and spending most of the day watching tv and enjoying visitors. He misses the ranch and his independence. Overall, he is doing well. Christian Nielsen

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 February 4th at 7 pm. There were 8 members in attendance. Everyone enjoyed their dinner basket meal with an excellent bowl of Clam Chowder that Lone Webb surprised us with - an excellent pot of Clam Chowder. Thank you

Lone. We had a very short meeting during dessert and coffee. Chocolate Chip cookies and ice cream brought by Sena-Marie. First on the agenda was getting delegates for the upcoming convention. They are Leif Larsen for Valdemar and Bonnie Larsen and

Lone Webb for Dannevirke. The conventions are lots of fun and great friendships builders. The rest of the evening was just casual chatting. Our March 4th will be at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 pm. Bring your own dinner baskets again, we are still taking precaution with Covid. Reno cases are down, but still trying to be safe. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. The Lodge will supply coffee and other drinks. We were sorry to hear that Knud Sorensen resigned due to ill health and Ellen Webb resigned since her and the family moved to Florida. We missed Glenn Fritz, he called me and said he had a cold and didn't want to attend. Mike Pennington also called me and wasn't going to attend, because he was having minor surgery and wanted to stay home and be safe. He also told me that he will be at the meeting in March. Ann-Katherine was in lockdown at the assisted living, because of covid cases. I heard she fell again and was taken to the hospital. Nina told me she has a bump on her head

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

Due to technical difficulties beyond our control, we are unable to include an Article from Bornholm this month. Looking forward to greeting you all at convention!!

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, what do you know, it's the end of yet another month. This was a short month with nothing earth shaking to report. San Jose members are still not meeting as it is too cold outside and those I have spoken with are not yet ready for meeting indoors. I have talked with some of our members and they seem to be holding their own health wise. I spoke with Laila Solyst this evening and she says Erik is doing OK. You all know that Erik is Erik and I mean that is a good way. He gets out of bed in the morning, spends his day doing what he wants and relaxes in the evening. What could be better.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

and a cut on her arm. She is back at her assisted living and doing okay. Sena-Marie had lunch February 5th with Barbara Iler, her 2 daughters and one other cousin and Barbara is doing well since her minor surgery. Janet Pulsipher is still in rehab in Carson City. Hope all the rest of our members are doing well. We miss you all very much. REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE. Please send \$30 for Valdemar to Carl Christiansen 615 Beckwourth Drive Reno, Nv. 89506 and for Dannevirke send \$20 to Ina Segesman 1027 Tyler Way Sparks, Nv. 89431 Our March Birthdays are Ted Johnsen, Tim Bailey, Cynthia Birk, Barbara Iler, Janet Pulsipher, Ina Segesman, and Karina Davies. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Happy St. Patty's Day, don't forget to wear your green everyone. Hopefully we see you all in March at the convention, we miss you all so much, be safe and healthy. Take Care Sena-Marie

If Gr. Lodge is able to hold a convention this year, Bob Lacey will be our delegate. If you have read over any of the constitutional changes and have any views or suggestions please share them with Bob. I can't find my membership list so I'm not sure if we have any birthdays this month but if we do and you are among them then we wish you a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Put on the Green this month and practice your Irish brogue as we all celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. DWS