



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

May 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

Well, the 2020, 21, and 22 convention is over, and a good time was had by all. Thank you, Bornholm, for a great convention. Friday night everyone came in their 50s attire and a fun time it was. Saturday night was Prom night. At the Prom Night Ball, I was so excited to present the Member of the Year Award to our Wagon Master, Pat Brouillette. She has led us on some wonderful trips. It was a grand affair. Thank you, Modesto lodge, with John and Marge Scheuber did a fantastic job. I am looking forward to working with Bente Ellis, Dania's Grand President, and her staff as we begin our journey. Have a wonderful Easter. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

First of all, Thank You to everyone who attended the Convention in Modesto. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to hang with us during all the changes and postponements It worked out finally and we all enjoyed seeing each other in person and being social again. From where I sat it appeared everyone enjoyed the time.

Thank you for the honor and confidence you showed in electing me to the office for the coming year. Here is hoping it will be a year without pandemics, but wonderful social gatherings. I am confident we will move forward together in harmony and good fellowship,

Let's try to get back to what we remember as "Normal".

I cannot thank my fellow Bornholm members enough for their tireless efforts and patience in getting the Convention pulled together. A Very ways of showing you our appreciation for all your efforts. Until next time Stay Healthy and Safe.

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Special Thank You to the Co-coordinators Marge and John Scheuber. A dynamic and hardworking team pulling together. In many cases, I believe most of us would have given up the second time we had to put it on hold. Saying Thank You to both of you seems so small, but we hope there will be other

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Bente Ellis,
Dania Grand President

Dania Jr. Past Grand President

Dania's 140th Convention was even more extraordinary than I had imagined it would be the only thing that could have made it any better would be to have reunited with members who for many unavoidable reasons couldn't attend this year, you were missed. There were a few new comers and their presence and participation were very much appreciated and enjoyed. A very special "Congratulations!" to Dannebrog's newly installed Grand Trustee Jessica Jobe Sea from San Francisco, this was her first convention, she rolled up her sleeves and jumped right in. This is the young energy we've been hoping for, "Thank you Jessica!" One of my highest points during convention was the moment that the proposed revisions to Dania's constitution were unanimously approved and accepted, "Whoo Hoo!" and "Mange Tak" to each and every Constitution Committee member and Chairperson since the effort was put in motion at the 2016 Convention, and for the support of all the Law Committees, Executive Committees and this year's Advisory Board. To every Grand Officer, past and current that offered their advice and good counsel. To every Dania member willing to listen, read and contribute to the process of reviewing, analyzing, discussing, rewording, and rewriting. And last but not least to every Delegate to the last three conventions that sat through the deliberations and still kept coming back. We all did it, it was a huge effort with many ups and downs, but in the end we walked away with smiles on our faces and pride in a very important job done well! Just so you know, as of May 2, 2022 Representatives" will finally be legally referred to as "Delegates", and, it's about time because Dania has

NEW MEMBERS:

Ed Skitt, Hank Haugse, Elizabeth Jensen and Ken Harwood, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

Danmark No. 2 & Tyra 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!
Apologies for missing the April Newsletter. The timing of the convention (and all other things April 2022) had me quite discombobulated.

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #3, & Danmark #2 and Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	TBD	TBD
Upcoming Installations		
Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	June 4 ,2022 11:30 A.M.	885 Heritage Pl., Tracy, CA
Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	October 7, 2022	Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno

been using the word Delegate in every Convention Program since 1929, maybe even sooner but that's the oldest one I can document. The other high point for me was at the installation of Grand Officers after Beth and I were honored and received our Past Grand Presidents pins, we were each surprised and emotionally overwhelmed when gifted with a special Past Grand President ring, mine from Doris Skow and Beth's from Mary Esther Filiau, wish I'd thought to tuck a hanky in my belt. Many thanks to Bornholm #14 for the monumental task of successfully organizing and hosting a convention through a two year pandemic. Boy, do you ever know how to throw a party! Congratulations to the newly installed Grand Officers, both Dania and Dannebrog have a full slate again thanks to all of you and to the nominating committees as well! And finally, my deepest and profound gratitude for all the support and encouragement, and all your hospitality and friendship since I started this journey in 2016. It's been a wonderful life changing experience that I highly commend, especially to that young energy out there. Tak for sidst. Jana Heer, Jr. Past Grand President Dania "Skål!"

And speaking of the convention, I can safely report that it was a success! A long time coming, but worth the wait. Thanks once again to the Bornholm #14 Convention Committee and all members of the Modesto Lodge. And congratulations to our new Grand Presidents Bente Ellis and Deanna Dunbar! We have a full slate of officers in

both Grand Lodges. They even got me to raise my hand...say hello to the new Dania Grand Trustee #2. Also raising her hand was our Jessica Jobe Sea the new Dannebrog Grand Trustee #3

I attended the convention as a delegate of Thyra #3 but was lucky enough to sit in on part of the Dania proceedings. Each lodge has a unique identity. As a single society, we should work to always preserve both lodges. Like I have said in the past, with two lodges there is more fun to be had.

Our Dania members should note the Dania Constitution Amendments were voted on in their entirety and accepted. Finally! Also, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 members should

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

We skipped our April meeting as the convention was held the same weekend in Modesto. There were delegates and friends from all the lodges. Everyone had a good time renewing friendships and visiting. There were many beautiful raffle prizes to select from, which meant you just had to purchase more tickets. Our Fresno lodge contributed gifts of baskets from Sun Maid, The Fresno State Store of wine and nuts and from Circle K an assortment of chocolate covered nuts and dried fruit. Also, a beautiful large sculptured Bear from our local artist Margaret Hudson. We also contributed a couple cash gifts. Our own Deanna Dunbar was installed as the Grand President of Dannebrog. She will be making the rounds of the lodges to install the Dannebrog Members this year. It feels good to have everything back to somewhat normal after the shutdown of the last couple years.

With May here, we need to Wish all the Mothers a wonderful "Mother's Day!!", hopefully spent with family and friends.

May 5 is also the official day for all the Danes to celebrate the independence of Denmark from Germany in 1945. In

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

Thank you, Bornholm #14, for your hard of putting on a very successful Convention enjoyed by all. Congratulation to the new Grand Officers may you have a fun year. Such a wonderful surprise in the presentation of Member of the Year Dania Alan Filiau and Dannebrog Pat Brouillette. So pleased in your awards.

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 May to all, may it bring an abundance of health and happiness. I don't know about you, but I really enjoyed the convention, especially seeing faces of dear friends and acquaintances we've missed the last couple of years. Congratulations to the new Members of the Year and the

know that the San Francisco and Hayward lodges will jointly host the 2023 convention. Watch out – you might end up on a committee!

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 had a small off schedule zoom meeting this month. But we managed to have a well-attended social gathering at my house last weekend. We hope to continue this trend into the summer months. It is nice to visit the Odd Fellows Hall for special business, but nothing is better than a backyard BBQ complete with herring and Leverpostej (Thanks Johanne!)

Until next time...Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

Denmark they put candle lights in their window for remembrance of that time.

We will also be celebrating our own Memorial Day on May 30, of all the Veterans we've lost through the years.

With the warm weather here and roses blooming it's a sign to get out of the house and enjoy, plus it's time to plant that garden.

The Kingsburg Festival will be happening on the third weekend of May, with our Danish Folk Dancers dancing on Friday night at the smorgasbord and Saturday morning for the Swedish crepes breakfast. They have the parade through town and the children dancing around the Maypole. It's quite an event for the town, a homecoming with everyone coming to enjoy.

We will be having our lodge meeting Friday, May 6, at 11:30a.m., at the Denny's restaurant on Shaw Ave. just east of First Street.

It looks like there will be lots of happenings in May, got to stay healthy to enjoy them. Martha Nielsen

Our luncheon to welcome back delegates has been postponed. At this printing we haven't set a date, so keep watching this space.

Dues are now due, please check and if you haven't paid, please pay them now, Thank you NFH.

slate of Grand Officers, including yours truly and Dan Holm for filling the empty slot of Grand Marshals. (What were we thinking?) and to Bob and Tracey for jumping in as Grand Vice Marshals. So, Livermore is once again well represented.

Fun times lay ahead for the four of us, and we hope all of you will come out and support us.

Our condolences to Diane Reinstein and her family in the passing of her sister Shirley, and to the Lamee family for the passing of their brother Jimmy (the best gravy maker

ever) both were previous members of Livermore. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Next meeting is Saturday, May 14th, 5:00 at the Farm Bureau Building. We will have a Cinco de mayo feast and celebrate the birthday of the forever young Diane Reinstein. Hope to see you there, 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 meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, May 12, 2022. If you would like to join the Hayward branches in their virtual 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.

Our Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 4 at the home of Susan Gauthier, 885 Heritage Place in Tracy. The installation will begin at 11:30 AM, with lunch

following. The attire for our installation is casual, as it will be held in the patio area of our yard. The cost is \$25 per person for lunch, which includes beer & wine. Please place reservation with Signe Ann McNeil at 510-490-6114 or signemcneil@gmail.com no later than Sun., May 29.

Reservations are a must, including Grand Officers, as we need a firm count for catering! We will attempt to have the installation available via Zoom, for our members that would like to attend virtually. Enjoy your day, 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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

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

May 7: Valhalla – Ydun Aebelskiver breakfast has been cancelled. See you next month

Happenings and other news: May 30: Ferndale Memorial Day parade at 10:00 followed by the finish line of the kinetic sculpture race.

June 3 – 5: Danish Brotherhood Sisterhood convention in Solvang. . 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

With no meeting in Dannevirke 9 & Valdemar 12 on April 1st, we want to start the May newsletter with how much fun we had at the Convention. Anette, Lone, Bonnie and Leif Larsen, Glenn Fritz and I drove over “the hill” and didn’t miss a beat starting with the meeting at the Senior Assistance Fund on Thursday afternoon and the welcome reception in the evening. Friday meetings and especially the great coffee break with Bent Olsen’s lovely Kringle. The Past Grand Presidents luncheon on Friday was preceded by a cocktail at Stuart Mahler’s room where we welcomed our incoming Grand Past President, Beth Cowan after a long time coming. Great to have you aboard. Friday evenings dinner was clever and fun served in best 50 – 60ish style. Of course great drinks and dancing to the Oldies but Goodies music provided by DJ Efren Martinez. Saturday morning meetings and then a wonderful installation of Grand Officers. So happy to see

Tom Martin (Dania) and Stuart Mahler (Dannebrog) be installed as Grand Vice Presidents. This is their round number two. Thank you so very much. The big news is that there are two husband & wife team officers - Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen as Grand Marshals and Bob and Tracey Lamee as our Vice Grand Marshals. This will be Kathy's second round going through the chairs in Dannebrog. Congratulations!

At the Saturday dinner party, it was revealed that Member of the year for Dania went to Alan Filiau and member of the year for Dannebrog, went to Pat Brouillette. Both members from Hayward and both so well deserved. Congratulations! Then it was time to party again. First the incoming Presidents reception hosted by Grand Presidents, Bente Ellis and Deanna Dunbar followed by a wonderful dinner and more dancing. We always request the last song to be Auld Lang Syne (Skul gammel venskab

rejn forgo). Everyone held hands in a circle on the dance floor, with arms crossed. What a wonderful tribute to all of us, because we had not seen each other since 2019. This was a very tearful, but very joyful convention. Thank you, Bornholm #14, Dania for a great time, great raffle prizes, and great meals. Great job all around!

The Reno Lodges will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall at 7 pm, Friday May 6th. We are going back to potluck dinners. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. We are hoping as many members will be able to attend helping with the most important part of the evening. Election of officers - PLEASE COME. We have requested from the Grand Lodge that our Installation of Officers to be on Friday October 7th, 2022.

We are also celebrating Sankt Hans Fest at the River School Farm, 7777 White Fir Dr. Reno, June 24th at 7pm.

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

Thank You to everyone who made it to the Convention and helped make it a great event, Our members showed themselves proud with all their work and cooperation. It would not have happened without you.

We do need to appreciate all the work and patience of John Scheuber.

After all the delays and cancellations, not to mention frustrations, involved, it was wonderful to finally be able to enjoy the fruit of your labor.

The convention was a Cheerful and Happy event with lots of fellowship and enjoyable hours.

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

EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Up-coming on May 21, 2022, The members of Danneskjold # 17 will hold their first meeting since the Covid outbreak. We will gather at the home of Bob and Lis Lacey at 11:30 for lunch out in the yard, (weather permitting). This will be a business meeting so if you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know or bring them with you.

We will be welcoming home Bente Ellis, Newly installed Grand President of Dania and Bob Lacey, Danneskjolds' delegate to the Dania Convention, who will give us a report on the convention.

Please call Lis at 408-379-0844 to let her know if you will be attending or not so she can plan for lunch.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you, it has been a long time.

I was very pleased on April 21 to have a visit from Jana Heer, PGP of Dania. We went to lunch and had a wonderful visit before she headed home to Fresno.

Come one and come all. Everyone is welcome. Bring sweaters or jackets because it can get chilly along the river. It is a lot of fun for the whole family, bon fires, burning witches, food and drinks.

Janet Pulsipher is still in rehab in Carson City and doing pretty well. Ann-Katherine is doing well in her assisted living. We hope everyone is well and hope to see all our members soon.

REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE: For those that have not paid please do so. Refer to the past newsletters so you know where to mail your dues – or bring it to the meeting. Our May birthdays are Ken Downey, Lars Jensen, Greg Nielsen, Marian Gndt, and Nina Potter (Sawyer) HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all our Dania and Dannebrog members. Take Care Sena-Marie

Everyone seemed so happy to be able to interact with each other again. And Yes, we had not forgotten how to act around people

It was decided not to have a meeting in April, We are planning a Welcome Home Delegates Party for May 20, 2022. Place to be determined. Please keep the date open, and expect a phone call with information when we get it all pulled together.

Once again THANK YOU for a wonderful time. Until next time stay safe and healthy! Paa gensyn
Bente

We wish the following members a Happy May Birthday, Lis Lacey, Ron Nielsen, Jonna Robinson and Karl Skow, May you all have a wonderful birthday. If you have a May birthday and I have not mentioned you, it is because you didn't share the information. I have several gaps and would like to fill them. So let me know and I will update my list for the future. Please know that you are wished a Happy Birthday, however.

If you would like to host an upcoming meeting, please let us know at the next meeting. I would like to put together a schedule. I would like to hold the July meeting at the ranch.

I hope you enjoyed the April Showers and have lots of May flowers to see and enjoy.

See you soon.  DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

We had a great lunch and meeting on April 6 at Bit of Denmark, Solvang, with 20 people in attendance. There were lots of things to celebrate. Solvang Lodge is 110 years old and we just got more new members. Ed Skitt's father was a charter member and Ed has now joined. Hank Hauge, Elizabeth Jensen and Ken Harwood have also joined and there are a few others that have showed interest. Wow. We are happy to see new faces. Welcome to all of you. Lucille Wulff, who was 100 years young in December, came with her son. It was a pleasure to see them both.

Bent Olsen gave a very informative convention report. We understand you were very busy. Thanks to all the delegates for the work you do to keep our Danish Societies going. It is always interesting to read the Grand Secretary's report after convention.

Slim Juhl from Santa Maria announced that Holger Danske Lodge, Santa Maria, is having their July 4th picnic. It was cancelled for 2 years because of Covid. Everyone is welcome.

Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. 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

Great news from Holger Danske 27. The July 4th Bar-B-Q is on. Two years of Covid shutdown but the team is ready, and we are looking forward to

having lots of visitors. Call Wayne Allen 805-937-4720 or Darlene Iversen at 805-937-5014 for information. Hope to see you here in Santa Maria.