



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2022

## Dannebrog Grand President

On May 6th I attended Fresno's "Welcome back Delegates." Convention reports were given, and all agreed it was a great convention and a good time was had by all. Our first installation will be Hayward's Thyra No. 9 and Valborg No. 1 on June 4th. I am excited to begin the rounds of installations again after a two-year hiatus. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

Again, Thank You for electing me to the office of Grand President. It is indeed an honor as well as a challenge to enter this position. I am looking forward to visiting and getting to know more of you during this coming year. I started with the meeting in Modesto on May 20. My home lodge Bornholm met at Doris and Peder Hoy's home for a Welcome Home Candidates affair. It was a great evening with lots of food, drinks, and conversations. The highlight of the evening was my first chance at initiating a new member. Jason LeBeouf, who is not a stranger to us since he has helped at other functions as well as the Convention, was the candidate. It was an honor to welcome Jason and wish him good experiences in Dania. Saturday, May 21 at 12 noon it was off to Robert Lacey's home for the Danneskjold No. 17 first meeting since the Covid pandemic. A beautiful day. We met in the garden of the Lacey home for a lovely lunch and a meeting followed. Doris as usual did an excellent job conducting the meeting. Robert (Bob) gave a well-composed convention report. We remembered our Friend and Member Erik Solyst's passing and had a moment of silence in his honor. Other items were discussed but that will be in Doris' report. Thank you for the hospitality. I ended the month of April by attending the Rebuild Convention in cold, rainy, and windy Chicago. It was a great convention, again with everyone so happy to socialize finally! It was fun to visit with Illinois Dania members, and there were Anniversaries celebrated every day. No lack of food or libation. A great occasion.

Wishing everyone a Happy and safe Memorial Day. Stay healthy and Paa Gensyn Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

## Dania Grand President

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## NEW MEMBERS:

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Jason LeBeouf, Bornholm #14, Modesto

## SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Dannebrog Grand Lodge donation

## IN MEMORIAM:

Henning Sørensen, Hejls Minde No. 23, Solvang

## DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Doris Skow in memory of Erik Solyst

### *Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries*

Please note the Branch's installation that are on the calendar and remember when your Branch is planning for an installation date, please let us know so we can get the Grand Presidents approval.

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #3, & Danmark #2 and Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	April 13-15 2023	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
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	Feb. 11, 2023	TBA

### *Danmark No. 2 & Thyra 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 lodges wishes you good health!

May was a relaxing month for our lodges. Our business meeting was relatively short with only a few topics to discuss. We didn't have a social gathering in May due to scheduling conflicts. May was somewhat slow paced. The secretary has used the time to try and catch up on lodge duties and communications. It should be mentioned that Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 will install our officers elect in February 2023. This way we stay on schedule with the Grand Lodges and our new officers can serve a full year. And now it is June. Already? It will be summer before we know it and we will be on our vacations soon. Seems

### *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)

Our Dania/Dannebrog May lunch meeting was held on our usual Friday at Denny's Restaurant.

President Kay Jensen opened the meeting. We had 10 members present including a new member, Brandon Palsgaard, who is Norm Jensen's cousin.

We greeted Carl Jensen back, he's walking and driving himself, says he's being careful and using a walker. It was good to see him looking so well.

Our Treasurer Christie Pettitt is now dealing with a very painful knee problem. She's having an MRI to determine the cause of the pain. We miss her at our meeting.

### *Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15*

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup>. 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)

Hope everyone had a peaceful Memorial Day and a Happy Father's Day to come.

everybody has a full schedule this summer, this secretary included. 2022 is the year to get back to the crowded airport and long lines at the ticket booth. There are so many events that have come back to life, it is hard to stay shut-in anymore. One would be hard pressed to attend all the parties mentioned in this newsletter. But I am going to make some for sure! Time to get that next booster and hit the road. Our lodge hopes to see you out there. Until then...Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!  
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 1-510-697-4658

We won't be having a June meeting as everyone has some other place to be at instead of in Fresno.

We always pass on the summer months of July and August, so no meeting. We will start again on the second Friday of September, on the 9th at Denny's at 11:30 a.m. for our lunch/meeting. The first Friday is going into the Labor Day weekend which would limit our attendance. We will repeat the date of the second Friday in October. We have to remember to vote on the 7th of June. My ballot is already in the mail as I write this.

Wishing everyone a fun-filled vacation this summer, stay healthy. M. Nielsen

**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 June y'all! It could be my favorite month, it marks the beginning of summer vacation, maybe trips to the beach, picnics and barbecues with family and friends. What could be better? Oh and it's also my birthday month, (big deal, right). Let's hope for a good month, safe from fires, crime and whatever else awful and evil lurks out there.

Livermore is enjoying meeting back together at the Farm Bureau building. Our next one will be Saturday, June 11th, 5:00. Hot Dogs seem to be the theme to get us in summer mood. We do miss seeing Viola Jensen though, she's always been a good one for keeping us on track, she's well,

**No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>.Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom**

**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)**

Our Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 4 at the home of Susan Gauthier in Tracy. The installation will begin at 11:30 AM, with lunch following. We will attempt to have the installation available via Zoom, for members that would like to attend virtually. Please contact me, if you wish to attend the Zoom installation, and I'll forward the zoom invite out a few days before the event.

**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 May 2022.

Our June meeting will be on Saturday June 11 at Kastania Fælled at the Danish Soldiers Club, 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma beginning at 11:30am.

As usual we will have a get-together before our business meeting and lunch.

Since the Nordic House closed in January and we lost access to many of our sought-after Danish foods, I have learned how to make authentic Danish Medisterpølse with all the right ingredients and spices.

I and my 8year old grandson Henry Cohen, (Henry loves to cook), perfected the process with the help of some Danish recipes that I was able to translate and convert to ounces and cups. The Cohen and Cruger-Hansen families consensus is that this Medisterpølse is actually better than the Nordic House version. For one thing, it is made without any fillers like potato flour and egg whites.

it's just difficult to get her to the hall. Discussion has been under way pertaining to having an installation this year and a possible change in officers. We are looking forward to Haywards installation at the home of Susan Gauthier. That might be something to continue in the future, breaking up the need for having the installations in big halls with only a handful of people sitting on the sidelines. I know, you might be thinking we've always done it that way, marching around in formals and tuxedos, which we can still do, just not at every installation. The times they are a changing, there's no stopping it.

On that note, stay safe and be well, KRT

We will hold a meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, June 9, 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](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.

Best Regards, Susan

And that is what will be served for our lunch. Homemade Warm Medisterpølse with Red Cabbage and Cold Potato Salad, (Lun Medisterpølse med Rødkål og Kold Kartoffelsalat), and John's Æblekage for dessert. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen will of course provide the Aquavit as has become our tradition.

Please let me know if you will attend and/or bring guests, (guests are always welcome). Send me a text or call to 510-375-5070 or email to [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net).

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

Valhalla Ydun lodge Ferndale  
June 4 we will be holding a meeting at 11:00 with a potluck lunch following. The members would like to wish all a happy midsummer. Even though we are still not holding

our 70th festival this year we hope you will be celebrating in your own way.  
Due to the July 4th holiday, we will be holding our July meeting on the 9th the second Saturday  
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](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net)**

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odds Fellows Hall on May 6th at 7 pm. It was our 1st Potluck after the pandemic. There was a nice assortment of food. Some members still brought their own dinner which is perfectly fine. Ina made a great chili. It was nice to see 15 members in attendance, we are finally getting back to normal, hopefully. For dessert and coffee Sena-Marie made a confetti cake and Solveig & John brought a lemon Bundt cake. Anette opened our meeting by reading emails received by members. Then we had election of officers and we have a full slate – yeah! They are Past President Glenn Fritz, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Eva Demosthenes, Secretary Sena- Marie Freeman #48, Treasurers are Carl Christiansen and Ingrid Hedman, Marshal Nina Potter (Sawyer), Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jordan Potter, Jens Christiansen, and Helen Christiansen, Auditors Leif Larsen, Lars Jensen, and Ina Segesman. There was some discussion on how to get more members. Several ideas, maybe at our June meeting there will be more ideas. If you have ideas to how we can increase our membership, please send them our way.

We will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall Friday June 3rd at 7 pm. Potluck dinner, Sena-Marie will bring dessert. Also on Friday June 24th is our Sankt Hans Fest at the River School Farm 7777 White Fir Street, Reno. Everyone brings their own drinks & meat to grill and a side dish to share. The lodge supplies plates, napkins, plastic wear and charcoal. Sena-Marie will supply a dessert. Bring a sweater or Jacket since it can get chilly along the river. This is a fun event for the whole family with a bonfire. If you want to make or bring a witch, we send them off to the Broken Mountain, which is tradition. Everyone is welcome. Come One Come All.

Thank you to the Grand Lodges, for accepting our October 7th installation at the Odd Fellows Hall. It will be 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, installation to follow, dessert and coffee. More information in the upcoming newsletters. A little mouse told me that there might be open face sandwiches.

Sorry to hear Bonnie Larsen and Helen Christiansen were not feeling well. Janet Pulsipher is still in rehab in Carson City and is doing ok. Good to see Ann-Katherine at the meeting. Thank You Jordan and Nina for bringing her. Hopefully we will see more members soon. We miss you all. A little news on Ruth Olsen, I spoke to her April 23rd, and she was so happy to hear from me. She still misses Pete very much. There is some exciting news, when Pete passed there were 36 great grandchildren and now there are 4 more on the way, for a total of 40. Wow! She said there were 52 at her house for Easter Dinner. She also told me to say hi and thank you for all the well wishes. Paul Christensen has had 2 falls in the last week. Cindy and he were unable to attend our meeting. We wish everyone well. Barbara Iler fell a week before Easter, she received 4 stitches on her forehead and a black eye, broke 4 fingers on her left hand. I had dinner with her and her family Mother's Day. She is doing pretty well. Hopefully we did not miss anyone.

Great news all the Valdemar members have paid their dues. There are a few from Dannevirke that have not paid yet. We will be getting a new Treasurer in October, so it would be nice to have the books complete and up to date. June Birthdays are Alex Baker, Helen Christiansen, Hannah Matuzak, Louise Myers, Mette Olsen, LaRee Purdum, Sandra Steffersen, Jillian Szweizak, and Cortney Webb. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Happy Fathers to all Dania and Dannebrog Members. Be safe and Take Care 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)**

We enjoyed our May meeting at Doris and Peder Hoy's Party House, Thank You so much for hosting us. The meeting was held on our regular Friday meeting night May 20 with 15 members present, plus we welcomed and initiated a new member, Cindy LeBeouf's husband Jason. So happy to have both of you in our midst. Cold Table Danish style with all the traditional trimmings was enjoyed, Convention was discussed, reports given, and appreciation voiced to all who worked and participated along with Marge and John Scheuber being toasted for all their efforts, staying the course and completing what looked at times like Mission Impossible. Under new business discussions of nominations of officers and changing the frequency of meetings to every other

month. These were tabled to be determined at our next meeting on June 17 at 6:30 pm again at the Hoy's. Thank You.

We missed Mary Zoller and David Raube who had planned to attend, but at the last minute it did not work out. We hope to see you in June. Our sunshine Marge wished all the May celebrants Happy Birthday. Max Stowers will undergo surgery on June 23, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers, along with Elsy and Henning Rasmussen who are fighting health battles. Wishing everyone a Happy and safe Memorial Day. Stay safe and well. Paa Gensyn Bente

### **Danneskjold No. 17**

**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)**

Well, it happened. We held our first meeting/get together at Bob and Lis Lacey's home on May 21. There were 12 members present. Lis served a delicious lunch out in the backyard. We followed this with a short business meeting at which we honored the passing of our good member Erik Solyst who passed away in March. During this meeting we discussed our meeting schedule and decided to hold a meeting every other month rather than every month.

Our next meeting will be on July 16 at Doris' ranch in Hollister. She will prepare lunch.

Bob gave a good report of the convention and then Grand President Bente Ellis shared her views of the event with us.

Lis reported that Britta Lange had been in Kaiser hospital but was home with a visiting nurse twice a week.

Lis was going to see her and would take some nice fresh fruit rather than flowers. We all send our best wishes. No one else was reported sick but as I write this newsletter, I am recovering from covid which I tested positive for on the Thursday following our meeting. I have a mild case and feel like I have an old-fashioned head cold, nothing more. I do not know where I got it, but I wish everyone else good health.

Following the meeting Lis served fresh strawberries and cream, cookies and coffee. Wishing everyone safe and happy travels as the summer Starts. ❤️ 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**

Darlene is recovering from shoulder surgery last week, so I have given her the month off to recover.

Their meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> at the "Bit of Denmark"

On March 22 Henning Sørensen, the owner of "the Bit O' Denmark" and the "H&P Vinhus" passed away peacefully surrounded by his Family. Henning was born in Roslev, Denmark. He immigrated to California in 1958 and in

1966 Henning and his friend Erwing Schaffer bought the Restaurant "Bit of Denmark" and later in 1970 he and Paul Hanberg became partners in the "H&P Vinhus". He will be greatly missed in Solvang. For the complete story about the life of Henning Sørensen, see Arne Brinkland's article in the April issue #8 of "The Danish Pioneer" Newspaper.

### **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 and Valkyrien #23. The July 4<sup>th</sup> 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.