



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

August 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July. I was so glad that the weather cooled off enough to enjoy a picnic here at our park. It was nice to sit outside and watch the fireworks.

Now the heat has arrived. I was looking forward to getting out of the heat and joining Danneskjold No.17 for their picnic but it had to be canceled due to illness.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer, stay cool and I'll see you at Ferndale's installation in September.
Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July celebration. I was so fortunate to celebrate the day in DK with my family in Rebild Bakker. The Lunch and preceding arrangements were wonderful and well attended. The Luncheon sold out and as usual was very tasty and no shortage of liquid refreshments. The highlight of the celebration was our Queen Margrethe's presence. She arrived along with lots of rain as well as a few thunder claps. The program was entertaining and informative, and very well prepared. Too bad it was interrupted so often with a choreography of Open Umbrella —Close Umbrella. Suffice it to say, I have never been so drenched in my life.

Needless to say, the majority headed for home after the program and missed out on the after party prepared in the tent. All in all, I found it a great day, including the two showers!

I ended up staying 4 weeks in DK due to the SAS Pilot strike. It was a wonderful trip and SAS got me back via Amsterdam on United Air. Happy to report I got out before the family started drawing lots on who was the next in line. A wonderful time with lots of family gatherings and sightseeing.

I am hoping to bring more Dania news next month. Stay well and take good care of each other. Paa Gensyn.
Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

As of July 1st the second installment of your Semiannual capita tax for the Dania Branches is due. The Tax is calculated based on your total membership as of July 1st at \$15.00 per member
Please note: The Grand Secretaries have been living in Tahoe taking care of our close friend. We do not know how long we are going to be here so please see the changes to our Phone numbers in the Officer list.

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!
Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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 are all surviving the triple digit heat, but then this is a usual summer in Fresno. Since we are off for the summer, the only time you see lodge members are in church, that's if they're not in the mountains, out of the heat. I talked with Carl Jensen who had just celebrated his birthday. Happy Birthday Carl!! He does check in monthly with many of our members, which he shared with me. Glenn Jensen has had back surgery recently and his wife, Lee said he was home now and was doing much better. It's wonderful to know the surgery was successful. Christie Pettitt has been having shots in the knee and it seems to be helping her as she's able to walk. He's talked with Stan and Pam and they're doing well. Margaret Raven is still not able to get around much because of her knee and the Doctor is making the decision if an operation would help. Betty Green is staying in her condo for now, she was contemplating moving to one of those "live in resorts" where everything is taken care of for you. Glad she's able to stay in her own place for now. Carl had a visit from the Ferndale Minister Paul Demant, who was in the area at Hume Lake attending a Christian Camp. They have been close friends since the pastor served at the Easton church for many years. He gave Carl news on friends in Ferndale,

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #3, & Danmark #2 and Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	April 13-15 2023	TBD
Upcoming Installations		
Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10	September 3 – 4, 2022	Danish Hall Ferndale
Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	October 7, 2022	Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	Feb. 11, 2023	TBA

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Mel Lundberg was doing well as he's navigating widowhood and Francis Sweet was living in an Assisted Living home now. Talking with Carl is like catching up on all the news of those he's talked with. Kay Jensen was home for a change, having a new roof on her house. She has many sisters that she spends time with. I have been spending many weekends at Huntington Lake fishing and watching the San Juan races. My new fishing rod and reel has helped a bit as it's so much easier to reel those trout in. I had no idea you could invest this much in fishing gear. I cook the trout and they are delicious grilled. My son Dennis Nielsen of the San Francisco lodge has just raced in his first San Juan Western National Regatta, which makes it exciting to watch. We have decided to change our meeting dates to the second Friday of the month for September and October. Both Ferndale and Reno's installations fall on the first Friday of the month. We will meet at the same time, 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. Fresno. Hope all of you are having a great summer, staying cool and healthy. 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**

We have not been able to organize a meeting or any activity yet. We are looking forward to the day when we

can get together again in the near future. Till then we wish you all a safe and fun filled Summer.

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**

Hope you all are having a wonderful summer. We haven't had a meeting in Livermore so there isn't much to report on. On a personal note I am the grandma to a beautiful baby boy, Cosmo Tyson Kohler. He brings a lot of joy and love to our family. On a different note we are in the middle of hop harvest here in Tracy. Yes, we grow hops

and are finding a market in local breweries. So please go out and support your local breweries by raising up a cold one and saying skål!, check out our website at <http://www.Thomsenhops.com>. Congratulations to Denmark on the big win for the Tour de France. Hope to see you in Ferndale KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

**Meeting: 2nd.Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom
President, Eric Jorgensen, e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan,
beth.cowan@att.net**

The Hayward Lodges are taking July and August off. Wishing all members the best Summer vacation

possible. Join our Zoom meeting in September - info to follow
Eric Jorgensen

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 July 2022. During the month of July, most of the Cruger-Hansen clan was vacationing at President Debbie's summer home, (sommerhus) in Clear Creek in Lassen County, (county named after Danish Explorer Peter Lassen) close to Lake Almanor. Both Clear Creek and the surrounding forests fortunately were spared from the devastating Dixie fire in 2021. The grandkids, William 10, Henry 8, and Ellie 4, were spending time visiting at Lassen National Park and Mount Lassen where there still is snow, and on the Cruger-Hansen's 21-foot patio boat in Lake Almanor where they were swimming and playing in the lake for hours. Day temperatures on the lake were in the nineties and night temperatures in Clear Creek in the forties, a perfect climate to vacation in. In the beginning of August, the grandkids and their parents Kirsten and Ricky are going to Legoland, the one just North of San Diego, not the one in Billund, Denmark. Then it is time for returning to being normal people again, which means school and work. Past President Karen Lysmer informed me that she unfortunately got infected with Covid-19 and has had a difficult time with the infection. Karen is fully vaccinated and boosted but it still had her down for several weeks.

She got Plaxlovid treatment which helped somewhat but it took longer than anticipated to get better. Karen said she had been extremely careful and yet it snuck up on her. Karen's neighbors have been especially helpful in looking out for her. Karen says be careful out there, she never expected it would get her and if it did, that it wouldn't be as bad as it has been. Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 13 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. We were planning to serve Danish Boller I Karry, but will instead serve Danish Smørrebrød and reserve the Boller I Karry to the October meeting where a hot dish is probably more appropriate. 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. 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

August 6 Valhalla and Ydun lodge will meet at 11:00 with a pizza lunch following. Members are asked to bring a dessert or salad.

September 3 we will be having our installation of officers. Due to the high volume of Covid-19 cases, 50 -

60 per day, we require that all attendees be vaccinated for your safety. Contact Mel Lundberg for more details 707.822.3787.

Sincerely 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

First of all, thank you Anette for writing the July newsletter. The Reno lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on July 1st at 7 pm. Anette was absent due to a family emergency, so I opened the hall with the help of Glenn Fritz. There were only 7 in attendance, but we had a very nice evening. Thank you, Glenn for setting up the Barb-b- que and taking it down at the end of the evening. So many members were out for the 4th of July weekend. We didn't have an official meeting, but enjoyed everyone's company. Our August 5th meeting will be a potluck and if anyone would like to grill something, we can quickly set up the grill and have another BBQ. The weather is hot enough for it.

I talked to Janet Pulsipher at her rehab and is doing pretty well. Ann-katherine is having hip problems. The assisted

living gave her a wheelchair, just to be on the safer side. Now, if she would just use it – that would be great. 😊 I talk to her every day, and she is doing as well as expected. Jordan and Nina Potter were both ill and Nina had pneumonia but is doing much better now. They are hoping to get away to Oregon for a few days. According to the family, Paul Christensen is doing very well after a spinal surgery. Hope everyone else is well. Covid cases are on the rise in the Reno area. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. Our August Birthdays are Poul-Erik Christensen, Jordan Potter, Ingrid Nowland, and Ruth Olsen. Happy Birthday everyone. Be safe and stay healthy. Enjoy the summer. 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

Our June 19th meeting was hosted once again by Doris and Peder Hoy, and a huge Thank You to you both. It was a warm evening in Modesto but the enjoyment of our members catching up once again was huge, Doris Hoy had baked delicious refreshments and was certainly enjoyed by all. Thank You once again Doris. You are such a great example of a Team Player.

We had a very productive meeting It was decided we will continue our monthly in person meetings, resume our outreach and contributions to the Modesto Community. All were in agreement it was most important to get back to our pre-Covid visions and being helping hands in the community.

Different activities were discussed and will be followed up at our next regular meeting on August 19th 7 pm. at the Scheuber home.

We were missing Elsy and Henning in our midst, hoping the summer has brought you both healing and strength. We are asking you to keep the Stower's in thoughts and prayers. Max had his surgery June 25th and is doing better, follow -up with his Doctor on Aug. 4th. Ann fell and broke her femur in three places. She Is still hospitalized but anticipating coming home July 31. Sending you loving thoughts and prayers for healing.

Heard on the street-- Bodil and George went to the 4th of July Barbeque with Holger Danske Lodge in Santa Maria. We will be anxious to hear all about that at our next meeting. Attempting to catch up after my wonderful 4 week vacation in DK.

See you on Aug. 19. Until then take good care of each other and stay safe and Healthy.. Paa Gensyn.

Danneskjold No. 17

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, Doris92ranch@gmail.com Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

I would like to start off with an apology to those who had planned on attending our July 16 hamburger barbeque and meeting for the last-minute cancellation. My son Karl took sick 2 days before and thinking perhaps it was covid, I felt more comfortable not having the get together. We will do it in September at our next scheduled meeting.

I want to thank all of those who sent me cards and greetings for my birthday. It was so nice to hear from so many.

I am happy to report that after a weeklong delay due to pilot walkout in DK, Bente made her way back home. Lee Dove was down with covid but feeling better. Britta is improving from her health problems and is back at

home. Lisa McDaniel is having hip problems and her doctor is treating it with shots at the present time. Ellen Jensen will be moving around the middle of August to a care facility as she cannot live alone, and her grandson has to move back home to take care of his father who was in a terrible motorcycle accident. This will be a big change for Ellen as she has lived in the home that her husband built since 1952.

I have not heard of anyone else on the sick list but if you know of anyone, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you in September, enjoy the summer.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

Our July 6th meeting was well attended, and everyone was in good spirits after celebrating the holiday. We opened the meeting with a minute of silence in memory of Dixie Allen. Dixie was a longtime member of Valkyrien #23 Santa Maria and the Solvang lodge. Condolences to her husband, Wayne Allen. She is missed by us all. We sang God Bless America and the Danish National Anthem. President Finn Runge opened nominations for new Trustees. Karen Haugse, Elaine Anes and Darlene Iversen were elected. Past Mayor Richardson of Solvang was a

visitor and said he remembered when the Danish Gymnastic Team was visiting Solvang and performed at the elementary school. The audience was asked to stand and sing the national anthem. Everyone stood and sang Der er et yndigt land. He was so impressed and never forgot the good feeling of hearing all those people singing it and he was happy to hear it today again.

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all.

Everyone stay safe and enjoy the summer. 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

Our July 4th picnic was a big success and enjoyed by about 50 adults and children. The BBQ team did a fantastic job as always and they walked around and served linguici sausage. Delicious! Many thanks to all the volunteers that put out the flags, decorated and covered all the tables with tablecloths, put up the shades, raked the area and just made it all look great.

We were happy to see Grand Vice President, Tom Martin and his lovely wife Gloria, and George Dutra and Bodil Whitehouse from Modesto. Also attending was Alice Quimbly and her daughter, Susan, from the Solvang lodge.

It was fun meeting new people and getting acquainted. After eating, the Raffle ticket numbers were called. There was a full table of gifts to choose from including wine, Danish beer, a large basket with wine, cheese and crackers and also 15 apple pies that were made by Debbie and Kenny Jacobsen. Also on the table were many gifts for the children to win. After missing two years because of Covid it was good to see each other again. Thanks to everyone for helping make it a success.

Darlene