



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

Summer is off with a bang. We're already hitting 100 degrees and it's only the middle of June. Kay Jensen and I traveled to Tracy for the Hayward installation. It was the first one since Covid. It was held in the backyard of Susan Gauthier's home. It was a fun event beginning with a lot of greetings and visiting. The installation was led by Beth Cowen and Jana Heer. They were not able to install Hayward in March of 2020 because of the Covid shutdown and asked if they could lead this one. This was followed by a delicious Italian luncheon. When all had eaten their fill, cake was served.

I went camping this past week with my church family. I have sold my motor home, so I slept in my car with a tent for a dressing room. This was a new experience for me. Our lodge did not have our end of the year picnic this year due to no one being in town. We will start up again on the second Friday in September. Looking forward to the next installation in Ferndale. Hope to see everyone there. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Hello from rainy VIBORG, Denmark. It was exciting to finally board the plane for the long-awaited trip to Denmark. I am spending a few days with my sister in VIBORG, then on to Nord Jylland, before participating in all the Rebild festivities. We will be a group of 6 from my family joining in the 4th of July celebration in the Rebild Hills. The plan is to return home on July 12, IF, they settle the pilot strike issue. At this point it looks a little iffy. Wish you all a safe and happy 4th celebration. Promise I will have a lot more news next month. Take good care of each other and stay safe. Paa Gensyn. Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Marjorie Mott, Thora #11, Fresno
 Harry Hansen, Thor #5, Fresno
 Dixie Allen, Valkyrien No. 23, Santa Maria, and Hejls Minde No. 23, Solvang
 Ken Thomsen, Danebod #16 and Dannevang #7, Livermore

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

As of July 1st the second installment of our 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 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. The Grand Secretaries wish all members a safe and sane fourth of July with family and friends!!

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!

We are getting back into the swing of things with actual June events. Graduation parties, camping trips, and some of us have actually dared airline travel. A few of us from the San Francisco lodge attended Hayward's installation on Saturday the 4th. Thank you Susan for hosting such a great event. Tom and I, and everybody, had a lot of fun. Speaking of fun, thank you Tom for another backyard BBQ extravaganza. We were a relatively small group but we got the job done – the job being eating and drinking

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

This seems to be heading up to a very hot dry summer, we are into triple digits heat. You have to be up very early to beat the heat in order to check out the garden and yard, making sure the drip irrigation is working and everything is still green. Those of you living in cooler areas have no idea what that's like. We have lost a couple of our long-time members. Marjorie Mott died June 3, 2022, at the age of 101+8 months, DOB 10-2-1920. Many of you remember her coming to the Dania conventions when she was married to Rey Nielsen, who was her third husband. She went on to marry 2 more and has outlived all 5 husbands. That's quite a legacy. Rey always said she was a great cook, there might be something to that saying about catching those men by feeding them first.

We lost another one of our Dania members, Harry Hansen died May 14, 2022, DOB 10-16-1940. Harry was always such an up beat guy with a smile and laughing as he's telling you one of his latest feats with either his newest corvettes or those trips he was

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

and having a good time. Aidan Jobe Sea and Peter Schakow are both in Denmark this month. Aidan is looking for the best tebirke and has promised us an update on the best pastries he can find. And now I am off for almost a month touring the east coast. I will seek out the best akvavit in upstate New York, Washington D.C., the Outer Banks in North Carolina, and all points in between. Here's looking forward to a fun filled July! Skål!

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

always taking. We would see him at the parties but he did surprise us at a regular meeting earlier in the year. His obituary said even though he lost a two-year battle with cancer, his approach to facing cancer exemplified how he lived his life; focus on the things that give you purpose and pleasure. Cancer didn't fit into his plan, so he chose to continue to live his life to the fullest and he did. This was Harry, we will miss seeing him at all the parties.

We hope everyone will have a wonderful 4th of July celebration with all the trimmings: BBQ, watermelon, homemade ice cream, firecrackers and all of it shared with family and friends.

The sailing season has started up again so weekends will be spent at Huntington Lake. I'll be fishing on the pontoon Tracker boat of Jerry's. I need to invest in a new fishing reel as I'm losing too many trout. My reel slips when I'm reeling them in and they wiggle off. There's nothing like the thrill of getting them in the net, then having them flipping out and jumping all over the boat to catch them.

Stay safe, healthy and cool.

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 sane July 4th.

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 July, 2022 is officially half over. With all the heat it feels like summer should be almost over but we are just entering into July. Our June meeting was cancelled due to conflicts and I'm not sure when our next one will be, but we'll keep you posted. Kudo's to the Hayward group for an enjoyable and very unique installation. Hopefully we have more just like it.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of my and Allen's brother, Ken Thomsen on June 8th. There was a lovely celebration of his life at Fry's memorial chapel, you can go to the website and I believe the service is recorded for a month. He was a 50-year member and a past president. Here's wishing you all a safe and sane and grand 4th of July. 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

On Saturday June 4th the Hayward Lodges performed a long-awaited installation of officers for both lodges. Delays due to Covid are still present but we were encouraged to see so many Grand Officers, old friends, and Hayward members in person, in one place and at one time.

It was a beautiful day with perfect weather. Thanks go to Susan and Mike Gauthier for the use of their home, courtyard and man cave. As a reminder, the Hayward Lodges are not having meetings in July and August in order to enjoy the Summer. 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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland #10 had their June meeting on Saturday, June 11 at Kastania Fælled at the Danish Soldiers Club, 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma. The weather was perfect for our outdoor meeting, temperature in the mid-70s and a mild breeze made the Soldiers Club facility absolutely stand out as the perfect meeting place. It's easy to get to from Highway 101 and there's plenty of parking.

11 members along with member Kirsten Cohen's three children, attended, and we had a wonderful time visiting with drinks and hors d'oeuvres before our business meeting and lunch.

During the business meeting Karen Lysmer gave her report on the Dania Convention in Modesto in April and John Cruger-Hansen gave both the Secretary's and Treasurer's report.

We discussed our next meeting on Saturday, August 13 and our Marshal, Per Johansen, suggested our menu should be "Boller i Karry", (Danish meatballs in a curry sauce served with rice) a Danish specialty. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

After our business meeting, our lunch consisted of homemade Danish "Medisterpølse" which was made by president Debbie Cruger-Hansen's eight-year-old grandson Henry Cohen, in partnership with Secretary John Cruger-Hansen. The sausage, served with cold potato salad was well received as was the Danish Æblekage for dessert. Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 13 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

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

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

The Reno lodges Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 held their monthly meeting at the Odd Fellow Hall on Friday June 3 with 8 members in attendance. A small, but mighty group. 😊 We had a nice potluck dinner and Sena Marie brought the dessert. We didn't have much of a meeting but enjoyed each other's company.

Our big event this month was the St. Hans picnic and bonfire at the River School Farm on Friday June 24, 2022. This is always a favorite and among our 35 members and guests that attended, was a special guest from San Francisco, Grand Vice President, Tom Martin. Thank you for making the trip to Reno, it is always an honor to see you! Everyone brought something to grill and we had a nice spread of side dishes. Sena Marie made chocolate chip cookies to everyone's enjoyment. As the sun was setting, we lit the bonfire and sent all the beautiful Witches

off to the Broken Mountain in Germany (hope all four of them made it 😊)

It was also great to see kids attend and there was 10 of them, ages 7 months to 13 years. They were having a great time making smores and baking "snobrod" (twisted bread) over the fire and just running around being kids. Such a beautiful evening was had by all.

For our July meeting on Friday the 1, we are celebrating 4th of July early with a BBQ at the Lodge. Please bring your choice of meat to grill and a side dish to share. If we time it right, we may be able to hear and see the fireworks from the Ace's baseball park.

Happy birthday to all our July members: Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb and Brooke Matuzak. Have a happy and safe 4th of July. Anette for 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

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

Well, believe it or not but Danneskjold 17 will hold their next meeting on July 16.

This will be the second one this year.

This will be at the Skow Ranch starting with gathering around 11:30 a.m. We will have an outdoor picnic on the patio. Karl will barbeque hamburgers and there will be 2-3 salads and beverages. Following a short meeting we will have coffee and dessert. All you need to do is let me know if you are coming or not so I can plan the set up. 408-313-7235 or doris92ranch@gmail.com by Tuesday July 12.

Grand President Bente Ellis has already told me she will be here. She gets home from DK on the 12th. Look forward to a report on Rebild and the rest of the DK.

I think I finally see a light at the end of a long dark Covid tunnel. Karl, Elvia and I took a 4 days holiday up to Yosemite a couple weeks ago. What a treat and it was so

beautiful. There is still some water in the falls but the river is low and there is still so much devastation to be seen from the fires.

I have talked to Ellen Jensen and she is holding her own. She misses the lodge and sends her greetings to all. She did tell me that her Danish son Finn, who lives in Utah, was coming for a visit. Lis Lacey has been keeping me up on how Britta Lange is doing. As of a few days ago she was home from the hospital and recovering slowly. She still has an infection in one leg and has to keep it wrapped. I talked to Ron Nielsen a few days ago and he is feeling somewhat better. As far as everyone else goes, I have not heard anything so I am assuming they are all fine. ❤️
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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**

Thank you, Tim for submitting June's article for the newsletter. I thought I would be able to write it but found out even minor surgery can put you out of commission. We were saddened to hear that Dixie Allen passed away on June 11, 2022. She was a lifetime Santa Maria native and a member of both Santa Maria and Solvang Danish lodges. Dixie had a smile for everyone and was a kind a loving

friend. She leaves behind her husband Wayne, daughter Renee and son Michael. We will miss her. It is so great to have a so many people attending our meetings and lunch. Singing and a few Skoals are enjoyed by everyone. We will continue to have meetings this summer. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe 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

It is with great sadness to report that our longtime member, Dixie Allen, has passed away. Dixie always had a smile and kind word and was willing to work where she was needed. She leaves her loving husband Wayne and children Michael and Renee. We will miss her.

The July 4th picnic is in the works, and we are all looking forward to all visitors and friends. Area 5 at Waller Park from noon on. Hope to see you there.
Darlene
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