



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 2022

## Dannebrog Grand President

The summer is supposed to be winding down but here we are looking forward to another 10 plus days of over 100 degrees. Schools are starting this week. I hope their air conditioners are working. The table grapes have been picked and now they are picking grapes to be dried for raisins.

I have made my reservations with Mel for the Ferndale Installation. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and the good food on Saturday. On Sunday there is bocci ball and more good food.

A week after the installation I will be leaving for a week in Cape Cod. I'm looking forward to cooler air.

In October we have Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar#12 installation in Reno. I hope to see all of you there.

Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

Hope you are enjoying these late, warm summer days. Soon we will settle down to a routine we call "regular", with schools back in session and fall activities. Coming up over the holiday weekend is the Installation festivities in Ferndale. I hope many of you will be able to join us in this event, which is always a great and fun event. The drive there is also a beautiful adventure.

We are so sorry to have lost our good friend Ann Stowers and are keeping her loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. Ann was a very outgoing and happy Lady. A great contributor to Bornholm Lodge, where she served as Secretary for several years. We will miss Ann's happy presence.

At this time, I am traveling through Utah to Bryce Canyon, on to Grand Canyon and back to San Jose. My brothers Eigil and Frede traveled from Denmark to Chicago, where we met up and traveled to some of the beautiful places back to California.

I attended the annual Folkemode in Tyler MN before I drove to unite with them in Chicago.

This has been a trip in the planning for several years and I am so grateful to be able to complete this wish and have such a wonderful summer.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you around the "Dania Circuit"!

## IN MEMORIAM:

Ann Stowers, Bornholm #14, Modesto  
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Take good care of each other. Paa Gensyn. Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

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Doris Skow in memory of Ken Thomsen  
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**Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries**

October is fast approaching, If your Branch has a Member already receiving assistance please remember to submit an updated application for them. If you have a member that needs assistance, please fill out an application for them and submit it to us, by email or USA post. The Applications can be downloaded from our website under documents.

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

**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 lodge wishes you good health!

It is with a sad heart that I must inform Dania and Dannebrog of the passing of our member LeRoy W. Larsen. LeRoy joined Danmark #2 in March of 1983 and was one of our honored Life Members. He passed peacefully at his home in Daly City on July 24<sup>th</sup>. As per his wishes, there were no public services. His son Niels mention that LeRoy “would have liked for members to toast his life at the lodge meeting.” We encourage everyone to do so. LeRoy was one of a kind and he will be missed.

Apologies to the readers for my missing the August newsletter submission. I returned home in late July from a very extended 4 week-long vacation and immediately came down with acute bronchitis. Even though it was not COVID, or even pneumonia, I was wiped out and missed the deadline. Getting bronchitis these days gets you little to no sympathy. “Not COVID? Not pneumonia? Well then, I guess you’re fine.” It’s like winning the bronze medal – no one really makes a big deal about it.

So much has happened since my last newsletter submission in mid-June. Let’s try and recap:

Many of you know that my parents Jim and Elizabeth were staying at my house in Alameda while Elizabeth rehabbed from hip surgeries. Yes, plural. Suffice to say my Mom is tough. They moved back into their house in Sunol in early June. Like everywhere in California, it has been very dry in Sunol. One bad effect is that oak trees will dry out so much that a branch will simply break off. Unfortunately, it is all too common in Kilkare Canyon in Sunol. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a branch decided to break off a tree outside my parents’ house and it landed on the power line running from their house to the garage. It did not break the line, but it stretched it such that the insulation broke at a mounting point and a spark shot out. One spark landed in their garden of dried grass. You guessed it – a fire started right outside their house. A neighbor noticed the smoke before my parents did and called them. When my Dad went outside to look, he saw his garden on fire and the flames right up against his house! What would anyone do? He grabbed a garden hose and went after the fire. My parents live up on a hillside and water pressure is provided by an electrical pump and is not that great, so you must

understand this is not a guaranteed win. While the neighbor helped my Mom evacuate the canyon, my Dad stood his ground and kept the fire from taking hold on the house. The fire spread away from the house and lit his work shed on fire. With one hose and low water pressure, he had to watch as “Grandpa’s Workshop” went up in flames. He kept the water on the fire for about 25 minutes and worried that the power would go out, and it did. A few moments after the power cut off (yes, now almost zero water pressure), the fire department arrived in a tanker truck and quickly put out the fire on the side of his house and garden. My Dad was exhausted and a little dejected. He was sitting in a lawn chair in his driveway when one of the fire fighters grabbed him by the shoulders and told him “You saved your f\*\*\*ing house!” Good job Jim! So the entire canyon was evacuated, the ground crews kept the fire from spreading down into the canyon, and air tankers successfully fought the fire as it spread up the ridge. In all, 71 acres were burned and one structure, the tool shed, was destroyed. According to the media, the structure was “possibly an outhouse”. And that is how the Jensen’s of Sunol became known as the family that had the last outhouse in Alameda County. All kidding aside, we are grateful for the outcome. If they had not moved back home when they did. If they had been out to town that day. If the neighbor had not noticed the smoke. If anything was different, it would have been a much worse outcome. Jim and Elizabeth are back home on that hillside and repairs are underway.

How could anything in July top that? Maybe a lot of fun had by all. My family and I, the Jensens of Alameda (no outhouses), had a great vacation on the East Coast. We had a slow rolling road trip from upstate New York to Kitty Hawk North Carolina and back again. We hit 11 states in all plus Washington DC. Our business Zoom meeting for July, which I attended from the Outer Banks, felt a lot like our traditional July meetings on the roof of the Odd Fellows Hall. Little business, a lot of laughs. Tom Martin once again hosted a backyard extravaganza late in the month, but unfortunately, I missed it as I had that bad case of bronchitis. And it was a good one I hear. Brats from Lockeford – thanks Johanne!

Which brings us to August. Early in the month, I got a call from our friend Kai Sørensen out in Florida. He told me of his recent trip to Denmark to visit his sisters. He traveled to Aalborg where he lived as a boy after the war. This trip he stayed at the White House in Aalborg on the top floor and said the view of the city was amazing, now like a “city from outer space”. He also traveled to Skjern at Ringkøbing Fjord and saw acre after acre of the harvest bloom. Kai described a beautiful trip through Denmark, but then gave a stark warning – “Don’t travel right now. The airports are a mess!” I think we all know this now or learned it the hard way this summer. Kai and I shared stories of lost luggage and cancelled flights, but I think we both agreed it was worth it to get out this summer and see the world. We had our August gathering in my backyard in Alameda. It was a relatively small group, but we were happy to see a couple of

### **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)**

September Newsletter, 2022 We’re surviving in Fresno after 50+ days of triple digit heat, plus today’s 107°. My electric bill shall be high, but it’s worth it, at least that’s what I tell myself. They’ll be picking my grapes at the end of August, so I want it to be hot enough to make raisins, but not to burn them. I talked to Carl Jensen to find out who he’s been in contact with this month. He’s my “one man cheer committee”. Christie Pettitt is doing better, not so good in the mornings, but by evening she’s better. Betty Green has been taking treatments for the tumor. The Doctor found with the X-rays that the tumor was shrinking. That’s wonderful news to hear, the treatments were working even though it’s been a rough road for Betty. Lone Taylor has been taking care of her daughter that had the Covid virus and it was so severe that she landed in hospital. She’s slowly recovering. Happy to hear you’re better. Stan Kjar is scheduled for a Kidney stone operation in September. They are in the process of locating a home in Fresno to be close to their daughter and the medical facilities. No more driving down the mountains for them. Gail Hansen is doing well at the care facility she’s in; she tells the family she doesn’t want to move anywhere else. She’s happy right there. Carl says he’s heard that Norm

### **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)**

Can not believe all that has gone down in the past few years, Covid, relocating to Tahoe to care for a friend, and trying to advance our Branch Members get together. If anyone needs assistance or knows of anyone who needs a card or a hello,

### **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)**

Greetings all. September is arriving and it is gearing up to be a busy month. We will be in Ferndale for their installation on the third, and I did hear from Mel that Tuxedos are not required, the dress attire being black pants and a white shirt (not sure if that applies to the ladies, haha).

Back to Livermore we will resume having meetings on September 10th, 5:00, farm bureau building. We can all become

special guests. It was great to see Karen Lysmer and Stuart Mahler. So glad they could make it and help me drink my akvavit.

But summer is not over yet. September will be one more warm month (with hopefully no more fires). Just because its September and the kids are back in school does not mean summer is over. Let’s keep at it even if we have to brave the airports one more time.

Still looking for the convention venue. San Francisco and Hayward will have news soon. 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

Jensen is back at the Dept. of Ag, inspecting figs and later it will be almonds. He has the extra time after the loss of his wife Jerrie. Margaret Raven is doing pretty good as the shots in the knee have really helped and she’s able to get around now. Carl was relating to me that he had Betty’s Presidents Lodge pin; in our lodge we have recycled them for our next local Lodge President. I wear a Grand President’s 1941 pin from Thora Finder up, that her son Elmer gave me when I started through the Grand lodge chairs. It is so special to receive a pin worn by a former Past President. Our President Kay Jensen wanted to send greetings to everyone and hope they are having a good summer. I was so shocked and sorry to read about Ann Stowers' recent passing. She was the Secretary in Modesto’s Bornholm. She was also Marge Scheuber’s sister. Our condolences to husband Max, sister Marge and family. I’m staying cool inside; between canning cling peaches and cooking down the garden tomatoes for the freezer I’m keeping busy. Remember to come to the lunch/meeting on the second Friday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. Denny’s Restaurant on Shaw Ave. east of First Street. Hope to see you. Stay cool and well. Martha Nielsen

please let us know, our cell phone numbers are listed with the Grand Officers on page one.

We are hoping to get back home in mid-November. Stay safe and well T&N

reacquainted over a potluck dinner. Then on the 17th we will be in Solvang for Danish days, a very fun event, if you haven’t been I highly recommend going although I don’t think there is a hotel available in the town. October will start out with a bang for a trip to Reno for their installation. I’m already tasting the Danish sandwiches, (hope that is on the menu). Hope to see you at one or all of the events. KRT

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

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

**President, Eric Jorgensen, [e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com](mailto:e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

The Hayward lodges will resume their zoom meetings on September 8th at 6:30 p.m... Our members are located in several

states. If you would like to join, please notify Susan Gauthier at [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net).

See you soon, Eric Jorgensen, President

**Sonderjylland 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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We had a great meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday August 13, 2022. The weather was perfect for an outdoor meeting at the Danish Soldiers Club's wonderful facility. For the first time in two years the entire Cruger-Hansen clan attended, including President Debbie and Secretary/Treasurer John, their three daughters Kirsten, Catherine and Caroline, who came with their three dogs and Kirsten's two boys, William and Henry and daughter Ellie. Also attending were all our other members except the Johansen's and Sabrina Wilcox. Member Lavon Christensen also brought her granddaughter, Lavon, and great grandson, Mateo, to the meeting. It was good to see past president Karen Friis Lysmer looking good after her bout with Covid-19. We also welcomed Dania Grand Trustee Johanne Gade who made her way all the way from Modesto to Petaluma. After a short business meeting most of us descended on the Soldiers Club kitchen where we made a well-organized assembly line to make the great Smørrebrød we served for lunch. For dessert we had a great strawberry birthday cake brought by Inger-Marie Andersen.

After lunch and visiting with each other, we all helped clean up, wash dishes and left the facility in as clean and orderly shape as when we arrived.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 8 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

We are planning to serve Danish "Boller i Karry", (special Danish meatballs in a curry sauce with rice) a very traditional Danish meal.

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: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

October 1 we will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting followed by lunch at a place determined at the meeting. We had planned to meet at Hunans, but some members decided that another place might be better due to the apple harvest festival.

October is Ydun 110th anniversary and we wish them well.

November 5 we will be having a catered lunch. Reservations are a must for both of these events to Mel Lundberg 707.822.3787.

Welcome Fall, Christian

**Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Odd Fellows Hall on Friday August 5th at 7 pm. There were only 8 in attendance, but we had a nice potluck and desserts from Anette. Carl Christiansen set up the grill and everyone enjoyed "all most Danish" hotdogs, which is what we call the Casper hotdogs. They were very good. Anette opened a short meeting during dessert and coffee. The meeting was mostly about our September 2nd meeting. We will have another potluck. Anette said she will do dessert for me because I will be working Friday morning shift at our annual Rib Cook Off. Thank you, Anette, for bringing desserts the last 2 months because of working 2 Fridays for Hot August Nights and Rib cookoff. Our Installation will be Friday October 7th at the Odd Fellows Hall 1300 Stardust St. Reno. We start at 6 pm with cocktails and snacks, 7 pm dinner of Open Face Sandwiches, 8 pm Installation, with dessert and coffee after. Dinner will be

\$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to Sena-Marie via email [danishgal9@gmail.com](mailto:danishgal9@gmail.com) or Anette Christensen via email [anettechristensen@charter.net](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net) by September 25th, so we have a count on how many sandwiches to make. THANK YOU! Now, as Secretary I have a request to all our line officers, if you cannot attend, please, let me know so I can find substitutes. It will be easier to know ahead of time by October 4th, via email or phone 775-224-6230, if I don't answer leave a message.

Nina Potter (Sawyer) has upscaled Ann-Katherine's care at the assisted living, so she hopefully doesn't fall anymore. Ann-Kathrine should be using her wheelchair more. She fell and broke her pelvis and a rib but is doing better. Janet Pulsipher is back home with her dear husband Cleo with a 24-hour caregiver. She has some good days and some bad days. Ingrid Nowland was in the hospital with dehydration but is home now and doing

pretty well. Hope everyone else is doing well. Hopefully, we see all of you soon. Covid cases are a lot lower in Reno right now. Some really good news. Helen Christiansen announced her retirement, she has worked at Renown Hospital for over 20 years. Congratulations!  
Our September Birthdays are Steve Myers, Jennifer Baker, Anette Christensen, Eva Demosthenes, Glenn Fritz, Bonnie Larsen and Elizabeth Hefner. HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone. Be safe and healthy and enjoy the rest of the summer. 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)**

Bornholm Lodge is grieving the passing of our Dear Ann Stowers.

Ann was a delightful and happy member of our group, as well as being a wonderful helper and contributor to our group.

Ann served as our Lodge Secretary for many years and always with willing hands. We will miss our friend. A wonderful Lady and Friend to all. Condolences and prayers to the Family and Friends. Of Ann. Æret være Ann's minde.

#### **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, here we go off into the fall season of 2022. I hope this finds everyone making some fun plans for the Labor Day Holiday.

NOTICE; Change of date: Danneskjold #17 will hold their September barbeque/meeting on Saturday Sept. 10 NOT Sept. 17. We will gather at the Skow Ranch, 4989 Southside Rd., Hollister, between 11:30-12 noon and eat about noon. I will prepare the lunch, so you don't need to bring anything. Please let me know by Wed. Sept 7, if you can come or not. Call and leave a message at 408-313-7235 or email me at [doris92ranch@gmail.com](mailto:doris92ranch@gmail.com).

#### **Hjls 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**

Our August 3, 2022 meeting at Bit of Denmark Restaurant in Solvang was attended by 19 members and friends. We enjoyed an authentic Danish meal of Frikadeller with all the trimmings and Æbleskivers with whipped cream and raspberry sauce for dessert.

Our president, Finn Runge, brought his son's homemade akvavit to sample. It was very tasty. We have been unable to purchase Danish akvavit for many months in Solvang and no one seems to know why.

#### **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**

P.S. I have something fun to tell you all, I was busy at work August 6th and at the cash register, my line died down and I had a guest come up to me that was in line to come in and eat. And Guess What? Her name is Sena Marie. She is Danish and lives in Carson City. I asked my boss if I could leave for a few minutes, so I could talk to her. She had her husband take a picture of us so she could send it to her mom. I gave her my email and phone number and address of our hall. Hopefully, she and her husband will be at our September meeting. How Funny is that? Sena-Marie

We cancelled our August meeting due to Ann's passing.

The planned August meeting will take place Friday September 16, 7 p m at the home of Marge and John Scheuber. Hope to see you there and hear about your summer adventures.

Stay safe and healthy, and take good care of each other.

See you on September 16th.

Paa gensyn.

The weather is expected to be around 89 so it should be a nice day.

I have not heard of anyone on the sick list right now. I am glad to report that Britta Lange is feeling better and hopefully will join us at our meeting.

Our long-time member Ellen Jensen has moved from her home in Campbell.

Her new address is Princess Lodge 552 W Hacienda Ave., Campbell, 95008 and her phone is 669-328-0670.

DWS

September is Danish Days month and this year's maid is Marie Jaeger's Great Granddaughter, Aleena. Marie has the distinction of having her daughter, Glenda, her Granddaughter, Ashley, and now great granddaughter, Aleena, serve as a Solvang Danish Maid. They decide what national Danish costume to wear and have to find all the different materials and sew it. Help is accepted. Congratulations to Marie for keeping her Danish heritage alive in her family.

Darlene