



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

I had a great Labor Day Weekend in Ferndale at the installation. I picked up Kay Jensen Saturday morning for the ride there. She gave me some good company on the long trip. There was less traffic than I had expected for a holiday weekend. The installation went well even though we had fewer members than we normally do. There was no shortage of food, as usual. The appetizers were plentiful and the dinner of salmon and prime rib was outstanding. As always, CC Market did a wonderful job. Lynn Wachter did a good job of decorating using the theme of birds. Enjoyed Mel's collection of duck decoys.

On Sunday we went to the park to play a game of Bocce ball until it was time for lunch. Again, they out did themselves with a luncheon of chicken and hamburgers with all the trimmings. We enjoyed visiting with Pastor Paul Demant who joined us for lunch. We stayed overnight and drove home on Monday.

On Friday, I was packed again and flew to Boston with a friend for a tour. We had a five-day trip touring Cape Cod. Came home the next Saturday and by Tuesday tested positive for COVID.

I should be over it in time to go to Reno for Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 installation. Hope to see you there. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

September was the month of thanksgiving. It started at the Installation of Officers event in Ferndale during the Labor Day weekend. It was a warm evening, and we welcomed the suggestion we make the event casual. We were certainly welcomed, and enjoyed a beautiful, happy event.

The Officers were duly installed, and we were invited to a bountiful table with salads and snacks, followed by a scrumptious Prime Rib dinner with all the fixings. If anybody went away a little hungry it was your own fault. The food was oh so plentiful and tasty.

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Introductions of Past Grand Presidents were made, and Thank You's and speeches. Frances Sweet made the highlight speech when he stood up and expressed his appreciation and thankfulness for the help, cards, visits, and prayers, that have helped him survive a lengthy illness, for which he is so grateful.

It was a wonderful, pleasant evening and as usual in Ferndale, a great time was had by all.

The next weekend was spent in Chicago with my family, celebrating my son's birthday and his beating cancer and extensive surgery. Definitely a thanksgiving event.

Not to forget we had our monthly Bornholm meeting at Marge and John Scheuber's lovely home. We remembered two of our members missing from our group, Ann Stower and Hugo Rasmussen. May they rest in peace. They are definitely missed.

The Jensen Brothers from S.F Lodge invited to a day at their vacation place in Sunol. A delightful, but warm day with lots of good food, libation, and fun. Thank You for a wonderfully relaxing day, in great company.

Now we are looking forward to the Installation in Reno on October 7th. Hope to see many Dania and

IN MEMORIAM:

Niels Jessen, Freja #6, Salinas

DANIA/DANNEBROG SAF

Johanne Gade in memory of Hugo Rasmussen

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Danebod #16 in memory of Shirley Rambow

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Glenn Fritz in memory of PGP Jim Jorgensen, PGP Hugo Rasmussen, and LeRoy Larsen

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dannevang #7 in memory of Ken Thomsen

Doris Skow in memory of Ann Stower and PGP Hugo Rasmussen.

Doris and Peder Hoy in memory of Ann Stower and PGP Hugo Rasmussen.

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

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

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!

September was a busy month with many get-a-ways and gatherings. Labor Day weekend seems like it was much more than a month ago. Hope everyone didn't suffer the heat of that weekend too much. Labor Day did not seem like the end of summer as there has been so much more fun in the sun since then. Who else went camping? Road rally? Sailing? Beach parties? September had it all. We had a great party in Sunol just last weekend. The Kilkare Woods Clubhouse and swimming pool has become a favorite venue for us. We had beer on ice, meat on the BBQ, and so much good food that only a few had enough time to jump in the pool (which was 69°F so you didn't miss much). It was great to see Alex and Carrie and

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #3, & Danmark #2 and Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	April 13-15 2023	The Newark-Fremont DoubleTree
Upcoming Installations		
Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	October 7, 2022	Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	Feb. 11, 2023	TBA

Dannebrog friends for what is certain to be a fun occasion.

Stay well and take good care of each other. Paa Gensyn Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

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their kids again. It had been too long! And we had so many guests. (I'm sorry Susan that you could not make it – hope you are feeling well and we see you soon.) Thank you Beth and Signe Anne for making the trip and providing desserts. It was great that Bente could also join us. It's always good to have the Grand President and a few Past Grands in attendance to make sure we have a good time. For me it was nice to have so many of my family members there as well. Not all have joined Dania or Dannebrog...yet. We are working on that. So good to see everyone!

But there was some business too. It looks like we have secured our 2023 Convention venue. The Newark-Fremont DoubleTree is the place. Put it on your map. Now to work out all the details. And we must decide on

the Friday Night Theme. I don't want to give anything away too soon – can you dig it?
October has two holidays. Halloween for the kids and Octoberfest for the rest of us. With all the candy, food,

and drink, it's difficult to say which is scarier. Prost! Have a Happy Halloween!
Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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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

October Newsletter, 2022 We are doing well, we had 10 members at the September meeting. It was good to see both Carl Jensen and Christie Pettitt in attendance, as I think it's been almost 9 months. Labor Day weekend we had 6 members from Fresno going up for the Ferndale installation and Sunday Bocci. Francis Sweet was there, his son Daniel was able to bring him for the afternoon/evening. He seems to be doing much better. They had the same CC Market doing their wonderful spread of food. Grand Presidents Deanna Dunbar and Bente Ellis along with the Marshals, Kathy Thomsen and Dan Holm, did a fine job of installing the officers. There was a nice turnout considering the long drive for most of us. This last weekend we were dancing at Solvang's Danish Days celebration. It was just like it was back before the pandemic. We had the Friday night torch light parade and Han Christian Anderson (Randel Mcgree) doing his very Danish paper clipping as he's telling the story. Serving

Æbleskivers cooked in the street, the Village dancers performing all weekend, the Carlsberg's horse drawn Beer wagon band and the Saturday parade. Our Fresno Danish dancers along with a few of our young Kingsburg dancers performed on Saturday and Sunday. It was good to be back after a couple years. By the way, the Danish Bien is back in print, I have a copy. They are just starting with a new publisher in Solvang. Just heard from Carl Jensen as he's talked with a few of our members today, Stan's surgery was successful, and they are still house hunting in Fresno. Betty Green is doing 'one day at a time'. Christie Pettitt will be starting therapy for her knee. Carl tells me that he's still seeing the Doctor with his ankle but hoping he will be released soon. We will be having our lunch/meeting on the second Friday, October 14, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's restaurant on Shaw Ave just east of First St. Hope to see you. 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 are saddened to report that Niels Jessen, a 69-year Member, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2022.

His memorial service will be on October 21, 2022, at 11:30 am at St Ansgar Church with a luncheon to follow.

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 Fall Y'all! It's really here. The rain we had and up and down weather proves it. Livermore had a lively, Ok, maybe not that lively, meeting/social get together after being off since May. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 12, 5:00. The theme is Chile and baked potatoes with all the goodies to go with it. One item we did discuss is how much we miss Viola Jensen. She has a birthday this month however I don't have permission from her to give away her age, but a birdie said a couple of years will put her in triple digits. Happy Birthday Viola, we miss you!

Ferndale was a wonderful weekend. I appreciated the informality (especially as Grand Marshals) and the ease with which it helps an installation flow. 3 games of bocci ball was a good way to end the weekend. The drive, all though long, but through the redwoods is always spectacular. Thanks Ferndale!
We do look forward to Reno, does anyone know the dress attire for that fine installation? (still looking forward to the spread of Danish sandwiches, Yum!)
Hope to see you soon. Be well and let's bring joy to wherever we go. 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

Hayward Lodges resumed their meeting schedule on September 8th. The highlight of the evening was the discussion of the Cowan/McNeil family visit to Denmark and Scotland. They absolutely glowed while discussing the sights, the hometown and distant relatives they encountered.

{Please, anyone desiring to take part in the Hayward Zoom meetings to contact Susan Gauthier at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net.}
See you soon, Eric Jorgensen, President

Sonderjylland 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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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 mild 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.

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

October 1 we will meet at Hunan Village in Fortuna for lunch at 1:00. November 5 and December 3 will be

catered lunches. Contact Mel Lundberg for reservations 707.822.3787 to reserve your seat. Christian

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 of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday September 2nd at 7 pm. This was the biggest crowd since Covid. 15 members and 2 little daughters of Peter and Kristin Eliassen, both as cute as could be. Very nice potluck, lots of food. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault. Anette opened our meeting while we were enjoying her delicious Danish Apple Cake and coffee. The meeting was mostly about our October 7th installation. Anyone who's able to help, please meet us at 2 pm at the Odd Fellow Hall to help making sandwiches. The party will start at 6 pm with cocktails, 7 pm dinner of open face sandwiches, 8 pm Installation with dessert and coffee after. Dinner is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to Sena-Marie via email danishgal9@gmail.com or phone 775-224-6230 – leave a message if no answer. The officers are Past President Glenn Fritz, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Eva Demosthenes, Secretary Sena-Marie Freeman #48, Treasurers Carl Christiansen and Ingrid Hedman, Marshal Nina Potter, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jordan Potter, Jens Christiansen, and

Helen Christiansen. Auditors: Leif Larsen, Lars Jensen and Ina Segesman.

We also talked about our November 4th Thanksgiving potluck. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. And believe it or not – Christmas is just around the corner. December 2nd is our Christmas Party, more about that in future newsletters. Ingrid Hedman reported she has not heard from Marlene Swaffar, so she has a call into the Vasa Lodge Grand Officer to see how she is doing. Hopefully doing well. Ingrid Nowland is still not up to par since her hospital stay. Hopefully she will be better soon. Ann-Katherine was in attendance, doing pretty well since her fall last month. Janet Pulsipher still home with her 24-hour caregiver. Her sister-in-law told me, she is very frail and weak. Hope everyone else is doing well. Hope to see our members at our installation. Our October Birthdays are Paul C. Christensen, Leif Larsen, and Linda Hill. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Be healthy and safe and safe travel to Reno for our installation. Enjoy the rest of the hot 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 Marge Scheuber, olemarge1@sbcglobal.net

Meeting: 3rd Friday of every month 7:00 PM

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Marge Scheuber, olemarge1@sbcglobal.net

Our September meeting took place at the home of John and Marge Scheuber. It was a pleasant evening outdoors, so we enjoyed wine and appetizers by the pool. Thanks to Bente for her wine contribution and lovely flowers.

As the meeting began, President, Bente Ellis requested a moment of silence for our newly departed members, Ann Stowers and Hugo Rasmussen. We followed this by sharing our memories of Ann and Hugo. We learned that Bodil Whitehouse and George Dutra had a lovely visit with Hugo this past year where he lives with his daughter in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. George and Bodil were traveling across the states and decided to surprise him. He was thrilled to see them.

It is with deep sadness that I accepted the nomination to replace my little sister Ann Olsen Stowers in the office of

Secretary. We are two years apart and have always been so close, even double dating with boyfriends in high school. I think of her daily and miss her terribly.

We were surprised to hear our member Cindy Higby recently underwent heart surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she may be well enough to attend our next meeting. We are happy to hear that Max Stowers is doing well after his surgery. We hope to see him at the next meeting also.

We had our election of officers. All officers will continue in their current positions except for Secretary and Vice Marshal. George Dutra will be our new Vice Marshal. We finished our meeting by enjoying coffee and Bodil's infamous Danish Aebleskage.

Our next meeting will take place in Linden at the home of Bodil Whitehouse where we look forward to enjoying an Octoberfest dinner.

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, here we are in the beginning of Fall and looking forward to holding a meeting of Danneskjold #17.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer despite that terrific heat wave we had in September.

We will be having our luncheon and meeting hosted by Kim and her dad Ron, at Kim Giacinto's home on Saturday October 15th, at 12 noon. Her address is 5852 Sentinel Street, San Jose. Please email or call her by Tuesday Oct. 11 to let her know if you can attend or not. Her number is 408-314-8626 and the email is kimgiacinto@gmail.com.

I talked with Lisa McDaniel and she is feeling somewhat better. The doctor is changing her medication. I saw Britta Lange a few days ago and spoke with her again the other day. She is feeling better some days and not so good on other days. She is very tired most of the time. As you

know by now Ellen is no longer living in her home. I had a long chat with her son Ken and he said that she is getting adjusted to her new surroundings and has a nice roommate. It is hard to reach her on the phone so cards would be nice. Her new address is in the September Newsletter. Everyone else seems to be doing well and that's a good thing.

As I write this newsletter, I am preparing for a flight to Indiana to spend two weeks with my son Gary and his family. The first flight since Covid. In September I went camping with my son Karl and his wife Elvia, over to Seacliff Beach in Santa Cruz. We had a great four days with good weather and very high crashing waves.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Happy Halloween to all the ghosts and goblins and their friends. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

Our September 7 meeting was opened by President, Finn Runge. Thirteen members and friends enjoyed a few hours visiting in a wonderful airconditioned room. It was 105 degrees outside. Hank Hauge won the door prize, and it was also his birthday so he got a free lunch.

Danish Maid for 2022, Aleena, told us about her beautiful national costume. Some of the materials were also used in her mother's and grandmother's Danish Maid dresses. It is patterned after Southern Copenhagen styles of the day.

That is where her grandfather, Johannas Jaeger was from. She was also selling chances for a trip to Denmark for 2 and there was a lot of discussion who had the winning ticket. Danish Days was well attended and lots of fun, but I did not win the trip to Denmark.

Finn announced that we may be, will be having a Christmas party in December. More about that next month.

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