



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

Fall is in the air. Raisins have been harvested, almonds have been shaken from the trees, swept up and sent to the processor. Leaves are turning color and jackets are coming out of the closets.

Kay Jensen and I drove up to Reno for their installation. They had a very good turnout. Anette Christensen and her crew from Denmark did a beautiful job with their open-faced Danish sandwiches. They tasted as good as they looked. The installation was well attended, and everything went smoothly.

The next morning, we met up with Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleeson for breakfast before we headed home. Have the happiest of Thanksgivings and I hope to see you soon.

Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

The month of October was certainly welcomed with the cleaner and cooler air, as well as the changing of trees and flowers. Fall is my favorite season of the year. Waiting for a promise of rain!!! We always ask for more, do we not? Had a wonderful evening in Reno celebrating the Installations of Valdemar No. 12 and Dannevirke No. 9's Officers. The drive to and from Reno was beautiful and pleasant. The smoke from the terrible fire had subsided. We arrived a little early and watched the busy hands creating beautiful pieces of delicious Smorrebrod. Delightful to admire and delicious to consume. Truly pieces of art. We enjoyed a wonderful repast with the addition of the Aalborg akvavit and of course a beer. For those of you who did not make it to this event-- you really missed a treat.

The ladies with Annette and her family visiting from Denmark, and the friends from the lodge deserve every bit of appreciation and admiration they received. After our delightful Dinner, we managed to move into the beautiful hall for the Installation Ceremony. Glenn Fritz was thanked and honored as the Past President, and Anette Christensen took the helm as President. Eva Demosthenes is the new Vice President and Sena Marie Freeman accepted the job as Secretary for term # 48. This must be some kind of a record, difficult to match. Carl Christiansen was installed as Treasurer for Valdemar # 12, Nina Potter is the Marshal, and Erik Jensen Vice Marshall. Jordan Potter, Jens Christiansen, and Helen Christiansen are the Trustees, and Leif Larsen Lars Jensen, and Ina Segesman completed the group of officers as Auditors.

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After the installation, we moved back to the Dining room for a wonderful dessert and a social time, followed by Thank You's and an introduction of Grand Officers.

A beautiful and happy evening and so many thanks to all the friends in the Reno group that made it such a wonderful occasion.

So now we are looking forward to another great meal!
 If you are looking for a group to share the Holiday with, I still have room around my table. Happy Thanksgiving to All. Paa Gensyn Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Mary Jorgensen, Dana #15, Salinas
 Dan Beattie, Hejls Minde # 23, Solvang

DANIA/DANNEBROG SAF

Bodil Whitehouse and George Datra in memory of Hugo Rasmussen

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Ole M Pedersen in memory of Niels Jessen
 Marge and John Scheuber in memory of PGP Hugo Rasmussen and Ann Stowers

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris and Peder Hoy in memory of Niels Jessen and Jan Thyring

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 website under

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!

October went by too fast. Only the Halloween candy is left. But many plans were made for our future benefit.

First on the calendar is our Christmas Luncheon. If you are reading this, you are invited! Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 will have our traditional festivities on Saturday December 10th at Bosco's Bones & Brew in Sunol. The door and the bar will open at noon. I say it's traditional because we always have the same line up, and it's great every time. We will have a few door prizes, our Annual Ugly/Beautiful Sweater Contest, and of course some Christmas Carols. Please come help us sing those Danish classics. Rumor has it that Santa Claus himself may stop by (he will be welcomed even if he is Norwegian ;-). And as always, the menu choice is salmon or steak. Still only \$30 per person, unadjusted for inflation. RSVP to my email (jajensend2@gmail.com) with your head count and menu choices. Hope to see you there!

Next on the calendar will be our Installation and Anniversary party. We have a date picked out in February, but we are still working on the details. Dinner and dancing? Barbecue and horseshoes? Party boat? That's what committees are for. Stay tuned.

And then there's Convention in April – oh boy! Thank you, Signe Ann, Beth, and Susan, for keeping us on top of the planning. We are working on more details to share, but now I can leak some more info. Our Friday Night Theme will be San Francisco Bay Area Flower Power of the 60s and 70s. Groovy!

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

Hope everyone has survived their Halloween 'trick or treaters' this year with no tricks given. Fresno is having some of the best fall weather, I guess you would call it an Indian summer.

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

documents. If your Phone number is affected by the upcoming change of area code, please inform your Branch Secretaries and let us know too.

Get out your tie-dye shirts and bell bottom jeans. Be careful as they may be valuable vintage clothing by now. The registration form is in the works so look for it soon on the web site. But October wasn't all business. The San Francisco lodge had a good time at our gathering in October. Where? You guessed it – in Tom Martin's Backyard. His backyard should become a Dania Dannebrog landmark at this point. We reminisced about how it was our first meeting place when we were in bubbles (remember bubbles?). Always social distancing as best we could back in 2020 and 2021, but it would all fall apart when we were around Johanne's Leverpostej. This time it was no different. We did have a special treat from our friend Peter Schakow. We will call it The Artifact – a 76-year-old bottle of akvavit, and it was fantastic! The story, modified to protect the innocent, is as follows: While at his daughter-in-law's Grandfather's 100th birthday party, Peter was perusing a cabinet of wines when he saw a bottle that didn't match the others. Mixed in with the Two Buck Chuck was an old bottle of Aalborg Jubilaeums. It was a special bottle from 1946 that celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Aalborg Jubilaeums. Peter was persuaded (by his own curiosity) to give it a try – and it was excellent. "Somehow" the bottle came home with Peter. We cannot blame him because he shared it with all of us. So, we are all co-conspirators now. Thanks Peter! Tak for sidst! Hope to see all of you soon - Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog! Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com , 1-510-697-4658

I will be glad when this election is over as that's about all you hear on TV. They make everyone sound like they turn into the opposite of what we thought we were voting in.

We had our lodge meeting later in October, because many would be at the Reno installation. We will elect our officers for next year at the November meeting as it looks like we may be having the same officers with the exception of the Vice Marshal. We discussed whether to have an installation and will make the final decision at the next meeting.

Carl reported on several members he's talked with this month. Gail Hansen has been moved to the Bethel Home in Selma. Stan and Pam are still looking for a home in Fresno. Bonnie Terkelsen was doing well.

The Reno installation was held at the usual Oddfellows building. It was good to see and visit with their members. Sena Marie Freeman greeted us, this is her 48th year as Secretary. Annette Christensen made the beautiful and delicious

Danish open face sandwiches. She introduced her Sister and a couple cousins visiting from Denmark that helped in preparing them.

The installation was a dress down casual and relaxed atmosphere which takes the pressure off of the Officers.

We took the back way home going down through Nevada to Carson City and coming over the Carson Pass. We ended up in Sonora where I visited with my sister at her Assisted Living home.

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 4th, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. just east of First Street.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday celebrated with family and friends. M. 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 another longtime member Mary Jorgensen passed away peacefully. Mary wished to not have a service. Our sympathy to her daughter and family. Mary and her Husband Jon played a major roll in both Salinas Lodges and the local Danish communities in general. They may not have

attended every meeting but if food was needed, Mary was in the kitchen and the same can be said for Niels and his wife Ella.

We attended the Celebration of Life for Niels Jessen, and such a wonderful life he and Ella had with their three children Margit, Elsa, and John. Such loving families. T&N

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

Now that the spooky goblins and remnants of Halloween are gone, we slide on into the month of thanksgiving, but don't put the pumpkins and fall decorations away just yet.

By the way if you weren't at the Reno installation you missed out. The smorrebrod feast put on by Anette and her visiting sister and cousins from Denmark, along with the Reno members, was simply perfection and oh so delicious. It was a

very fun evening, thank you to the Reno members for putting it on.

I'll admit the Grand Marshals are in need of practice so if you haven't decided on an upcoming installation, well what are you waiting for?

Livermore will have their next meeting at the Farm Bureau building Saturday, November 12, 5:00. Chili beans and baked potatoes are the theme. Hope to see you there. 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

Wishing all members a Happy Thanksgiving and hope your Halloween was not toooo scary.. {Please, anyone desiring to take

part in the Hayward Zoom meetings to contact Suasn Gauthier at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. }

See you soon, Eric Jorgensen, President

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 their October meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday October 8, 2022. As expected, again, the weather was perfect for an outdoor meeting at the Danish Soldiers Club's wonderful facility.

We were 11 members and one guest. Past President Karen Friis Lysmer brought a friend, Inger Coble, from the Danish Sisterhood.

During our short business meeting, we decided to change the way we work our lunches at our meetings. Instead of getting a donation of \$8.00 for the food and \$2.00 for drinks, we decided to ask for a \$10.00 donation for the food and a drink. Just a small change, but making bookkeeping easier. It also makes us

comply with a new state law regarding serving alcohol to members.

Karen Friis Lysmer asked if we have had any opportunity to offer assistance to seniors of our organization and said she would reach out to our senior members who might be in need of help.

We then discussed our annual Christmas Lunch, which had been put off in the past two years because of Covid 19. In the past, we had paired up with the Rebild Society and joined their Christmas Lunch at Aldersly. John was tasked with contacting the Rebild Society and Karen Lysmer was tasked with speaking to the Danish Sisterhood, who also has a traditional Christmas Lunch at Aldersly.

It turns out that the Rebuild Society has not made any plans for a Christmas Lunch, but the Danish Sisterhood has.

Here is Karen's Report on Christmas Luncheon:

As promised at our last meeting, I did the research for our upcoming Christmas Luncheon. Reaching out to our friends at Rebuild Society, I found out they have no plans as of this date. We would like to continue the tradition at Aldersly, and it is time to plan now!

I have friends in The Danish Sisterhood and know that they use Aldersly for their lunches and meetings.

I emailed a formal request to the President, Lizette Burtis on October 17, 2022, proposing that Sønderjylland #10 would like to join The Sisterhood for their Christmas Luncheon. On October 24th I got a nice response, that the membership had voted to include us. Sønderjylland #10 and The Sisterhood have approximately the same number of active members, (less than 20) each. Combining certain events among the Danish Clubs and Lodges, therefore seems to be a logical solution, as we are all "shrinking" in numbers, for lack of a better term!

The traditional Danish Christmas Luncheon at Aldersly will be December 10th, 2022, at 12.30 PM.

Price to be announced at a later date, but less than previous years for us, since members will be contributing side dishes, while the Pork Roast is cooked by Aldersly's Chef.

Please plan to sign up ASAP with John, so we have a firm number to report to our new friends at The Sisterhood.

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

Nov 5: Valhalla – Ydun will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting followed by catered lunch. Appetizers will be served at 10:30 with lunch served at 12:15. Reservations are a

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 October 7th at 6 pm for our first installation of our officers since 2019. WOW, what a wonderful evening, 45 in attendance. Thank you to all the Dania and Dannebrog members of the Grand Lodge from California that attended. This is what made the evening so much fun. We started at 6 pm with cocktails and then 7 pm open face Danish sandwiches, then following the installation of officers around 8:30 pm with dessert and coffee too after that. Thank you to our installing Grand Presidents, Bente Ellis and Deanna Dunbar. Also, a huge thank you to our Grand Marshals, Kathy Tompson and Dan Holm for a job well done!

During coffee and dessert, Grand President of Dania, Bente Ellis introduced her Grand Officers and any Past Grand Presidents, including other Grand lodge positions and members of the year. Grand President, Diana Dunbar followed with the announcement of her officers. Anette thanked everyone that came at 2 pm to help set up and get ready for the big night. Thank you to Anette's sister Marianne and two cousins, Birgitte and Tina for the great sandwiches that they created. GREAT JOB YOU 3! Thank you to Jens and Carl Henrik Christiansen for bartending. From me, a thank you to Paul Christensen for substituting for Erik Jensen as Vice Marshal and Bonnie Larsen for substituting for Helen Christiansen as Trustee. I really

Hilsen, Karen

Our lunch consisted of "Boller I Karry" a traditional Danish hot dish for the fall. Per Johansen and John had prepared the meal and with the help of several of our members, we served everyone at the tables, restaurant style. As usual, our President, Debbie Cruger-Hansen, donated the obligatory Aquavit. John had brought authentic Danish "Smørkage" and "Kringle" baked by the "Taste of Denmark" bakery in Oakland, an absolute "hit" among our members. (Unfortunately, we have received word the Taste of Denmark Bakery has closed their doors).

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 regular meeting is scheduled on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

Please let me know if you will attend and/or bring guests (guests are always welcome) to the Christmas Lunch at Aldersly on December 10. 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

must to Mel Lundberg 707.822.3787. Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share.

Dec 3: Valhalla -Ydun will be celebrating a Christmas party, contact Mel Lundberg for reservations. Christian

appreciated this. It was a great evening, and it was so nice to be able to meet in person.

Now for our November meeting – we will have a Thanksgiving Potluck on Friday November 4 at 7 pm. We will cook a turkey and please bring a side dish that will go with a Thanksgiving dinner. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. A little birdie asked me to bring my pumpkin bread.

Now, believe it or not, our Christmas party is coming up soon - on Friday December 2nd. Anette will send out emails to members about the party. If you are interested in our Christmas party, please contact Sena-Marie or Anette. I bet our Nisse Man will be there too!

It was so nice to see Mike Pennington, Debbie Lamb, Solveig and John in attendance. We missed you so much. Thank you to Nina and Jordan for bringing Ann-Katherine, it was so nice to see her as well. On our sick list is Janet Pulsipher who is still home with her 24-hour caregiver. Her sister-in-law told me she is very weak and frail. Barbara Iler fell and broke two bones in her neck. She is going to be all right. THANK GOD. She is in a neck brace for 6 weeks.

We are sad to announce that our member, Marie Stafford's husband Greg slipped away peacefully in his sleep on September 20, 2022. Hoping the family finds comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. Æret være hans minde!

Our November Birthdays are Nina Christiansen, Donna Vanderbeck, Lone Webb, Michael Pennington, and Erik Jensen.

Happy Birthday All and Happy Fall. Happy Thanksgiving, stay healthy and safe. 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

Bornholm members were treated to an Octoberfest celebration at the welcoming, beautifully, fall-decorated home of Bodil Whitehouse. Following beer, wine, and appetizers, we feasted on delicious brats barbecued by George Dutra, two tasty cabbage dishes by Bodil and Johanne Gade. Bodil had a surprise dessert we were anxiously waiting to see. She baked and decorated two adorable doll cakes and whipped up homemade Danish ice cream. It was a first for us American Danes.

Our meeting followed with old and new business. Johanne reported on the fun times had at the Ferndale and Reno installations. Peder reported on his and Dori's visit to Henning and Elsy's home where they had a pleasant time playing cards. John Scheuber reported that Cindy Higby is still recuperating from her recent surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as we wish her a speedy recovery.

Dania Bornholm # 14 will continue our Christmas tradition of sending money to the Soroptimist Organization to purchase gifts for needy children.

Max Stowers informed members of an upcoming Celebration of Life for his wife Ann Stowers. It will be held on January 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Modesto.

We were pleased to celebrate Johanne Gade and Mereta Meeks as President Bente Ellis presented them with their 25-year pins. Johanne presented Bente with a Past President pin for her service as president in our local lodge.

Our next meeting will be at the lovely country home of David and Marete Meeks where we are told we will be having a "Winter Supper." Sounds delightful!

Marge Scheuber, Secretary

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 almost to the end of 2022. From my side of the hill things are looking up. On October 15 Danneskjold 17 held its first indoor meeting at the home of our secretary Kim Nielsen Giacinto. I am sorry that I was not able to attend this meeting, but I would like to say Tusind Tak to Kim and her dad Ron for hosting.

The main part of the business meeting was dedicated to electing new officers. Thanks to all for the blessing of letting me graduate to the office of Past President. This was the 3rd term that I served over the years and this one lasted 20 + years. A special thanks to Laila Solyst for taking the office of president. The remaining officers mainly stayed in their stations. I will continue to do the newsletter.

It was voted to hold 2 business meetings a year, one in March and one in October. The rest of the months will be socials. We

have nothing scheduled for November but will get together for Christmas at Kim's' home

We will continue to gather at our members' homes as we have done in the past.

Our March business meeting will be at Bente Ellis' home. More details later on that.

I was gone for 2 weeks to Indiana to visit my son Gary and his family and had a wonderful holiday. The colors were beautiful and the traffic very light.

The last I heard our members were in pretty good shape for the shape they're in. A better update on them in the next issue.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

DWS 

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

Members gathered at Bit of Denmark Restaurant on October 5 for a delicious lunch and enjoyable conversations. President Finn Runge led the meeting. Sad to report that a longtime member, Dan Beattie passed away. He joined the lodge in 1964.

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with your loved ones nearby. 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