



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

December 2022

Dannebrog Grand President

We are having such a beautiful fall with all the red, orange and yellow leaves still on the trees. We are coming up on the Holiday season. All of the Lodges are planning their Christmas parties. I am looking forward to the New Year. I hope you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog's Grand President.

Dania Grand President

Hope your Thanksgiving was a Happy day with Family and loved ones around the table. It was a day to be grateful. Just a quick look back two years ago is enough to help us realize how fortunate we are. Now we are looking at the last month of 2022. The days are getting shorter and activities are gearing up. As I light our Advent and Calendar candles, my wish is for all our Brothers and Sisters in Dania and Dannebrog Lodges to enjoy a Joyous Christmas and be ready to welcome a Healthy 2023.. Be sure to take time to enjoy the love and fellowship this season provides. I am looking forward to seeing many of you during the opportunities this season provides. Glaedelig Jul Everyone. Paa Gensyn Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

Dania Semi Annual Tax is due on January 1st. The rate is \$15.00 per Member as of January 1st. Please make your payment to "The Danish Society Dania". The Dannebrog annual reports and membership dues are also due on January 1st but not before.

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Upcoming Conventions

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

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| Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11 | Feb. 4, 2023 Noon | Denny's on Shaw Ave |
| Danmark #2 & Thyra #3 | Feb. 11, 2023 | TBA |

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!

Happy Turkey Sandwiches everybody! We hope Thanksgiving was a great time for all, shared with friends and family. It was a nice way to end such a busy month. And a fitting way to end any diets for the remainder of the year. The San Francisco lodge had another fun gathering earlier in November, this time at Mike Fox's house up in Mill Valley. What a view! For those of us who made it up them thar hills, we were spoiled with barbecued shish kebabs, artisan breads, an extravagant green salad, and all the Carlsberg we could drink. Us guests rounded out the lunch with homemade potato salad, carrot salad (which is becoming one of my favorites), cheeses, salami, pickled herring, and not one but two Kringle. It was a nice sunny day for November and we couldn't have spent it in a nicer spot. Thanks Mike! And now it is December – the last and possibly the busiest month of the year. But busy having fun is all right with me. First on the calendar is Aldersly's 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Saturday the 3rd. It is a

fund raiser for a great cause. If you are there, look for us at the Danmark #2 table.

Then it's the Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 Christmas Luncheon on Saturday the 10th. The Christmas carols, the Bloody Marys, and the Ugly/Beautiful Christmas Sweater contest. Cheers to all who RSVPed. We know there are so many other events going on in December – thanks for joining us! You should get, or have gotten, an email from me confirming your menu choice. Please contact me if you don't see it. And for those who didn't RSVP, well it might not be too late. Then comes Christmas. Like a little kid, I can't wait for Christmas, and I know I'm not the only one. I might even have enough time to shop and get ready this year. How about you? No traveling for me this season, but I hope everyone who is traveling has an easy trip. Spending time with friends and family is the best gift. Here's hoping you get everything on your Christmas list.

The San Francisco lodge wishes you all the best!
Glædelig Jul and Godt Nytår! Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

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 enjoyed their Thanksgiving and now we are into the Holiday Season.

We have actually had some rain in Fresno and also snow in the mountains, enough to open the China Peak Resort early.

We took care of our usual business with nomination of the officers; Jerry Hansen will be the new Vice Marshal and Deanna Dunbar will fill the Vice President spot.

We discussed having our installation this year and decided we will meet at noon on the first Sat. in February, that's our usual date. We'll have it at the Restaurant, and you'll have two choices of entrees. We will have an RSVP in our January newsletter.

The Christmas luncheon was decided on and it will be on the first Friday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's on Shaw Ave., just east of First Ave.

The Lodges will all be having their annual Christmas parties and it's always a fun time to visit some of them. I'm looking forward to going to San Francisco's and Modesto's.

December means the end of the year is here and it's time to pay your dues for the New Year. You can send it in to our Treasurer Christie Pettitt, 1291 East Floral Ave., Fresno, CA 93725.

Have a Wonderful, Jolly Christmas with friends and family and Wishing you a Healthy, Wealthy New Year. 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

Happy Holidays to all! It is that time of year for our 2023 dues to be paid; Freja \$25.00 and Dana \$15. Please send them to Tim Heer, 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz 95060.

Looking forward to when we can all get together again, for many major celebrations!! T&N

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meet 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, dansfarm@yahoo.com

Here it is time for wishing Christmas blessings to one and all. There are so many memories of past Christmas parties at Livermore Dania Hall that we all hold so dear never to experience again but they are in our hearts. Another tradition I enjoyed was going to Nordic House for an open house the weekend after thanksgiving, but that's another memory to enjoy. We carry these memories and traditions with us as we make new ones.

If you are a member of Dannevang No. 7 or Danebod No. 16 you will be happy to know that dues are no longer required. That is your Christmas present this year.

Hope your holidays are merry as we continue to make new traditions and enjoy the ones of Christmas's past. 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

Greetings from Hayward! We hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please note the Hayward Lodge has cancelled the zoom meeting scheduled for December 8th.

However, save the date for our in-person Holiday Party on Saturday, December 17th.

We will celebrate the holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546.

We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and appetizers, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you would like, please bring your favorite dish to share – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert.

Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette no later than December 9th at 510-508-8849 or

pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us.

A Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year.

Please mail dues to the respective Treasurers.

Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580.

Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! 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

Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

This year's (2022) Christmas Lunch is tentatively scheduled on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 12:30 pm at Aldersly, 326 Mission Avenue, San Rafael. We originally were scheduled for December 10 but had to cancel because of a Covid-19 outbreak at Aldersly. We were fortunate to be invited to join the Danish Sisterhood's annual Christmas Party, which they

traditionally hold at Aldersly every year. We hope that all our members will be able to attend.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other and have a Glædelig Jul and Godt Nytår 2023! 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

December 3 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00
with a catered lunch afterwards. Reservations can be

made to Mel Lundberg at 707.822.3787
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 Odds Fellows Hall on Friday November 4th at 7 pm, with fifteen in attendance. What a wonderful Thanksgiving Potluck. Lars Jensen prepared his famous turkey. What a treat. There were three different kinds of potatoes, dressing, gravy, green bean casserole, and cranberry sauce. What a great meal, and no-one left hungry. During desserts of pumpkin loaf, pumpkin pie, apple cake, cookies and coffee, Anette opened the last meeting of the year. She thanked Lars for cooking the turkey and Ingrid for hosting the Lucia practices at her home. It was so nice to see Lars and Marian back after almost two and half years since Covid.

The meeting was mostly about our annual Christmas party, Friday December 2nd. It will be our regular Christmas fest. Starting at 6 pm with Gløgg and æbleskivers, 6:30 Lucia performances with children singing in Swedish directed by Ingrid Hedman. Following the performance, we serve dinner in the traditional Danish style with all our favorites. The Nisse Man (Steve Myers) will perform for the children and adults alike. He will also pass out the gifts from under the tree. Raffle prizes will be drawn after

dessert of rice pudding, made by Marian Gndant, and Sena-Marie will bring cookies. Sena-Marie will be selling raffle tickets at the door, and you can also pay for next year's dues, which starts January 1 - December 31, 2023

On our sick list we have Solveig who fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and went to rehab. We wish her well and a speedy recovery. Barbara Iler is doing better and will be out of her neck brace soon. Janet Pulsipher is still very weak and frail. Ann-Katherine was missed at our meeting. Jordan and Nina will bring her to the Christmas party. I talk to her almost every day. Sena-Marie found out that I am going to be a great grandma, twice in 2023. My youngest stepdaughter's oldest son and wife are having a boy, and her daughter and husband are expecting in June. I am excited. Now for our December Birthdays: Michael Vanderbeck, Gre-Marie Biggs, Nina Brandt. Monica Brooks, Cindy Christensen, Susie Jensen, Heather Matuzak, Irene Schack von Brockdorff, and Marie Stafford. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL! Happy Holidays and see you soon.

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 # 14 members met at the beautiful county home of David and Merete Meeks where they served us wine and appetizers followed by delicious homemade minestrone soup and Caesar salad. We were surprised and thrilled to have Danish Kringle for dessert. Thank you, David and Merete, for being such elegant hosts.

We were happy to have all our officers in attendance. There were 14 members attending our meeting. We were then given a report on the health of some of our members. Danielle LeBeouf informed us that her mom went through a very scary and serious second heart surgery. Danielle expressed her thankfulness

that her mother pulled through and is recovering and getting stronger every day. John Scheuber spoke to Mary Zoller's daughter who informed him that her mom is in the hospital having dialysis for a kidney problem. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they recover.

We begin our Christmas celebration by donating our annual contribution to our local Soroptimist Organization to insure that children in need will have a Merry Christmas. Our members will then meet at LaParilla Restaurant in Modesto on Saturday for a Christmas luncheon on December 3rd.

We spent time planning for 2023. Members signed up for hosting the monthly meetings. John will be putting together a yearly program booklet. Our president Bente Ellis wants to host one of the meetings at her house. We agreed that she travels to Modesto for all the meetings so we should surely drive to San Jose.

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 hope everyone had their fill of Turkey, Ham or whatever for Thanksgiving. The main thing is that we were all thankful for something in our lives. I am thankful to have you all as my friends.

Danneskjold 17 will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11. We will start at 1:00 p.m. at

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455

We hope everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 treasurer Johanne Gade wants to remind members to pay their dues for the upcoming year. They are due in January. \$30 for regular members and \$35 for beneficiary.

Bornholm # 14 wants to wish everyone happy and healthy Holidays.

Secretary, Marge Scheuber olemarge1@sbcglobal.net

the home of Kim Nielsen Giacinto, 5852 Sentinel Street, San Jose, 95120. RSVP is a must. Call 408-314-8626 no later than Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Our special greetings go out to those who are either shut in or live to far away to attend.

Glædelig Jul, DWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Darlene