



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

January 2023

Dania Grand President

Godt Nytaar! Hope everyone had a great Christmas. It was very pleasant to be able to relax the covid regulations a little. A little nervous at times, but eventually we will find the new normal.

I was very happy to enjoy several Lodge Christmas parties. A great month started with my home Bornholm's very enjoyable party at La Parilla Restaurant in Modesto.

We had lots of great food and if the noise level was an indication, a great time was had by all.

Next, it was Hejls Mínde's celebration at Bit of Denmark in Solvang. It was great to see a full table from Santa Maria enjoying the evening. The food was great and it just kept coming. I have been fortunate to attend their Christmas party for many years, it was so enjoyable seeing long-time friends.

Next time you see Finn Runge ask him about his special Breakfast!

Next was Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 1 celebrating at Bosco's Bones & Brew in Sunol. Just the name of the place should get you in a party mood. Lots of fun and even an ugly sweater contest.

Great to see so many Dania and Dannebrog members enjoying the wonderful food.

The next day was Danneskjold No. 17 in San Jose for a beautiful luncheon in Kim Nielsen Giacinto's lovely home.

This group is always happy and lively and we enjoyed the wonderful food. Thank you, everyone.

It was a fantastic month with lots of great conversations and happy hours.

Not looking forward to what has to happen in January. If all goes well I will be attending Sønderjylland No 10's Christmas Party on January 14th. It was planned in December at Aldersly but was canceled due to the Covid lockdown of the facility.

Here is the reality check: "Welcome 2023."

We are looking forward to Installations and a great Convention

Take care of each other on Paa Gensyn
Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

Dannebrog Grand President

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our lodge had it's Christmas party on the first Friday of the month. It was wonderful to see people we hadn't seen for awhile. We had so much fun visiting we hated to leave. On the 10th, Martha Nielsen, Kay Jensen

and I went to San Francisco's lodge Christmas party at Bosco's Bones and Brew. They had an Ugly Sweater contest that was won by Greg Gleeson by a slim margin. We sang a few Christmas Carol's followed by a wonderful

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meal. Then came the door prizes. We had a wonderful time. Thank you to both lodges. Looking back on 2022, some of the lodges are beginning to hold in person meetings again but not all of them. I

hope 2023 will be a safer year and people will want to get together. See you soon.

Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SAF

Bodil Whitehouse & George Datra in memory of PGP Hugo Rasmussen

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Glenn Fritz in memory of PGP Hugo Rasmussen and Niels Jessen.

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 after the Dannebrog Grand Secretary sends out the Annual Lodge Reports to each.

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 New Year! Godt Nytår! What a year 2022 turned out to be. Like every year it had its ups and downs, but I'd like to think there were more ups for us this past year. One big one was that Dania and Dannebrog finally had their long-delayed convention. And with new Grand Officers there have been installations for lodge officers once again. I think many can relate, it was a long term of office that just ended in 2022. And speaking of long terms in office – Thank you Anne Gearhart for continuing to be our president into 2023. Even though you are up in Oregon, you have stuck with us remotely. We will see you in February for your well-deserved recognition. Stay tuned for details on Danmark #2 and Thyra #3's installation party in February.
Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Christmas Luncheon. You braved the severe weather to be with us for food, fun, and songs. Thank you, Johanne, for the lovely poinsettias and everyone for all the fabulous door prizes. And special thanks to Grand President Bente Ellis for the generous gift of spirits to Danmark#2. Mange Tak! And what a turnout we had! It was more popular than we

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

As we recover from our month of Holiday festivities, hoping with the New Year our world will get back on track and in shape. Our lodges have all suffered from the last

anticipated so we were a bit crowded. Hope it wasn't too cramped for everyone. The food was good, the wine was great, and the company was excellent! To sing and drink together was a great gift for me and many others. It was a good Christmas party. However, we may have a new rule for this year's upcoming Ugly/Beautiful Sweater contest. No repeat performances (wink-wink). Our friend Greg has been collecting trophies with that “beautiful” jacket and hat for two years now. Very hard to beat that amazing outfit, but now I think it must go into the Hall of Fame. This year, some rookies will have to step up to win the grand prize.
We hope Christmas day was good to everyone and that Santa brought you everything on your list. At my house the tree is still up and there is still eggnog in the refrigerator, so the season persists. The month of January brings us our traditional æbleskiver feed and we hope to keep the custom going at our gathering this month. No two are alike, and that goes for the recipes too. I can't wait. Once again - Godt Nytår! Here's to a bright 2023! Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com , 1-510-697-4658

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #3, & Danmark #2 and Valborg # 1 & #. 9 Thyra	April 13-15 2023	The Newark-Fremont DoubleTree
Upcoming Installations		
Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11	Feb. 3, 2023 11:30 AM	Denny's on Shaw Ave
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	Feb. 11, 2023	TBA

few years, as we've all become too accustomed to staying home, of course the cold weather hasn't helped.

We had our Christmas luncheon, and it was nice to have the Clausen's and Thomsen's, our members come join us. This year I've ordered my Danish sausage (Medisterpølse) for the holidays from Brandon Palsgaard, one of our own lodge members. This is a family business, using an old recipe handed down in his family. They had a booth at the Kingsburg festival and the line was so long they had sold out by early afternoon. That would tell you it's really good. You have to call or text Brandon to order, 559-316-9815.

I attended the San Francisco Christmas party, riding up with Deanna Dunbar and Kay Jensen. It was a fun and lively affair with the Jensen family in charge. They had a large gathering even with the heavy down pour of rain. It was so good to visit with some that we haven't seen in a while, even Elizabeth and Jim Jensen were there. Most of the lodges were represented; I also visited with my son, Dennis and grandson Ian, of the San Francisco lodge. Ian was driving down from Davis where he's in grad school for his PhD. They had their usual drawing of names and most went home with a gift. I came home with a beautiful pink Poinsettia.

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 New Year to all! You still have time to pay your 2023 dues. Freja \$25.00 and Dana \$15. Please send them to Tim Heer, 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz 95060.

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, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Happy New Year to one and all. Hope you brought it in safely and may all your resolutions come true! Christmas flew by and we enjoyed several Christmas parties. Livermore had a hygge frikadeller dinner at Kathy's house where we initiated two new members, Taylor Thomsen

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 wishes all Grand Lodge members a healthy and joyous 2023.

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 no meeting in December 2022. The 2022 Christmas Lunch has now been scheduled for 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.

I talked with Carl Jensen, to get his report on our members. Pam Kjar had called him, Stan had fallen and had been at ER but was back home now. Gail Hansen had called to visit. She hasn't made friends at the new place so in January her family will be moving her into the Assisted living facility where there will be more social activity. Our Installation has been changed to the first Friday, Feb. 3, at 11:30 a.m. held at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. just east of First Street. You have a choice of Salmon or Chicken, the price is \$20. You need to call Christie Pettitt with your reservation by January 24, 2023, phone #559-259-0718.

Remember to send in your dues for 2023. Dannebrog, Thora#11 pay \$20 and Dania, Thor #5 pay \$36 for social members and \$40 for the benefit members. If you want a hardcopy of the newsletter add \$10 to your dues. Send your checks made out to Thor #5 or Thora #11 to Treasurer Christie Pettitt, 1291 E. Floral, Fresno, CA 93725.

Our usual lodge luncheon/meeting will take place at Denny on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 11:30. Hope you can make it. Martha Nielsen

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

and Krista Thomsen, the lovely sisters are 4th generation members of the Thomsen family. Stay tuned for the announcement of our next meeting. Bring on 2023! KRT

Our monthly zoom meetings resume on the 2nd Thursday of each month. See you then.

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. Please let John Cruger-Hansen know by Sunday, January 8 if you will attend. Text

or call: 510-375-5070 or email:
j.crugerhansen@comcast.net.

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

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

Dec 20: Ferndale had a 6.4 earthquake our 1910 “queen or bridges” Fernbridge state highway 211 suffered damage. The approaches separated from the bridge and the pilers are leaning. Today, Dec 22, the bridge has been shored up and is open to one way-controlled traffic. Tomorrow I will be able to go visit the hall and clean up what damage we may find. Rio Dell suffered the most damage. **Sandra and Wally Close**, our caters from CC Catering, had major damage to their foundation of their Rio Dell home. Their dish cabinets that had latches on them opened up and dumped everything onto the floor. They are cleaning up one room at a time and still catering. They are OK and no one got hurt. Keep them in your prayers and thank you to

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

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. The Reno lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 held our “first” Christmas Party since 2019 with about 80 people in attendance. The evening started at 6 pm with Gløgg and æbleskiver. At 6:30 pm Ingrid Hedman led the St. Lucia Performance with Zoey Christensen (Anette's granddaughter) as Lucia and her darling followers, star boys and a Santa's helper. It was a great performance and always so special to watch. We want to thank Ingrid Hedman for all her work and letting the children practice at your home. Following the Lucia performance, dinner was served in Danish Traditional smørrebrødsbord. After dinner, our beloved Nisse, Steve Myers, performed for the children and adults alike. He passed out presents to all the children. During coffee and dessert, we finished off the evening with a wonderful raffle of fantastic prizes. Thank you to all the members that donated great raffle prizes. Thank you everyone who helped put this party together. Thank you to Marian Gmandt for making the ris a la mande and cherry sauce. A big special thank you to Anette for all you do at your home to get all the food and decorations ready. Thank you to all the kitchen helpers, Lars Jensen, Jens Christiansen, Carl Christiansen, Ingrid Hedman, Denise Topoian and her daughter for washing the dishes – and anyone else I may have forgotten. 😊

I understand that the cleaning crew got home about 1 am.

😊 Again, Thank you so very much. What a great ending of 2022!

Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other and we wish everyone Godt Nytår 2023!

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

all who called and texted me checking up on our situation. Power is back on for most of Humboldt and we only had two deaths that were both related to medical issues.

Jan 7: Valhalla – Ydun will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting followed by catered lunch. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Reservations are a must to **Mel Lundberg** 707.822.3787.

Jan 9: Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will meet at the Sons of Norway Hall at 6:00 for a potluck dinner and talk about planning our 70th midsummer picnic. All members are invited to attend.

Your friend, Christian Nielsen

Looking to 2023 we will start the new year off with a "Torske Gilde" (Fish dinner, potatoes and mustard sauce.) There will be a \$10.00 charge and please RSVP, so we know how much to cook. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. On our sick list we have, Nina Potter (Sawyer), who was in the hospital with a rare form of pneumonia. She is home now and will be on oxygen 24-7 for the next 2 months. She will be able to return to work in January after the Christmas break. We really missed you and Jordan at the Christmas party. Thank you, Jordan, for all you do for our family. You are the greatest. It was nice to see Solveig and John at our party after your hip surgery. I talked to Janet Pulsipher's sister-in-law and Janet is very weak and frail. She does not walk anymore. So sad. She is being taken care of by a 24-hour caregiver. Barbara Iler still has her neck brace on. The bones are not quite healed. Barbara told me that she will get out of the brace in January. I talked to Ann-Katherine, and her assisted living is in a lock down again because of covid cases. Missed her at our Christmas party, too.

A message from Ingrid Hedman about our dear friend and member Ingrid Nowland. December 5th, 2022, Ingrid Nowland is moving to Midway UT, to live with her youngest daughter and family. I went to visit Ms. Nowland one more time. I was greeted by her lovely daughter and as I was leaving, I had a chance to meet her daughter's husband as well, and I knew Ingrid would be in good loving hands. She will continue to be involved in church and there are a lot of activities for retired folks in the tight knit community with only one stoplight. She will not be alone and bored. I

knew Ms. Nowland was not able to attend our Danish Lucia Fest this year, so the Lucia kids sang for her over the phone, while they were at my house rehearsing on November 19th. It was equally special to her as well as the Lucia kids. They knew singing in Swedish was incredibly special to Ms. Nowland, the Swede. I first met Ingrid Nowland in 1982. With work and raising families there was

not always a lot of time for just us. The times we shared were very special. She will be missed here in Reno. Our January Birthdays are Jens Christiansen, John Matuzak, Ingrid Hedman and Marlene Swaffar. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Happy New Year, have a wonderful 2023. Take Care and please be safe and healthy. Sena-Marie

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 7:00 PM To Be Determined

President Bente Ellis, Baellis06@gmail.com Secretary Marge Scheuber, olemarge1@sbcglobal.net

Greetings from Modesto. We hope everyone has been staying healthy and enjoying the holidays. On December 3rd, our members gathered for a lovely Christmas Luncheon at La Parilla restaurant in Modesto. The only item of business was each member receiving a program booklet for the upcoming year. Thanks, John, for taking on the task of putting that together.

On December 10th four of our members, Bente Ellis, Johanne Gade, John and Marge Scheuber joined Danmark No. 2 & Tyra No. 3's Christmas Luncheon in Sunol. We had a wonderful time visiting, enjoying wine, tasty food, and entertainment. A big thank you to their members for putting on a great party.

At this time of year, it has been a tradition that two or three of us take shut in members a poinsettia. It was sad

and strange not to have my sister Ann Stowers along with us this year. John and I met Brian and Suzy Mefford at Valley Comfort here in Modesto to present my aunt, Gunver Olsen with a beautiful red poinsettia. She was excited to see us and so pleased with the plant. Then John and I drove to Samaritan Village in Hughson to present one to Elouise Degrendle. She has dementia and did not recognize us at first. When we explained we were from Dania Bornholm, she lit up and thanked us kindly for the poinsettia.

Doris and Peder Hoy will host our next meeting on January 20th.

We wish you all a Happy New Year! Stay safe and stay healthy. Marge Scheuber

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

Hello to all. I am hoping you are getting rested from the Christmas Holiday.

As we begin a new year my wish for all of you is that you stay well and that all of the health issues that have plagued us for the last couple of years will stay on the low list and we can enjoy visiting family and friends again.

As I stated in November, Danneskjold # 17 will hold 2 business meetings a year.

The first one will be held in March. I will report more on that in the next issue of the Newsletter. There are no additional socials planned at this time.

Godt Nytaar, 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 and guests gathered at Bit of Denmark Restaurant on December 7, 2022, for our annual Christmas celebration. Danish Smørrebrød and snaps and beer were enjoyed by all 32 people attending. We were happy to see Grand President Bente Ellis and it was lots of

fun visiting with everyone. The tables were decorated, and it was very festive. Music and singing were enjoyed by all. A very enjoyable evening.

Next meeting is January 3. Happy New year to all members and friends. 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