



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

February 2023

Dannebrog Grand President

January was a quiet month. I used it to recuperate from all the holiday celebrations.

This month we honor our presidents and celebrate Valentine's Day. We also have two installations. The first is in Fresno on February 3rd at Denny's. The 2nd one is in San Francisco on February 11th.

Dania Grand President

Hello from Frosty San Jose. We are very thankful for the rain.

Drove to Modesto for Bornholm's regular meeting and enjoyed looking at all the green fields and hills. Then you see Old Glory waving in the breeze, and you are almost ready to march.

So sorry to hear we lost Frances Sweet, and condolences to Family, Friends, and fellow Lodge members.

The memory of his joy of being able to attend the Installation this fall is one I will always treasure. RIP Frances.

Condolences and prayers to the Family, Friends, and fellow Lodge members of Jerry Hansen of

IN MEMORIAM:

Jerry Hansen, Thor #5, Fresno

Frances Sweet, Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun #10, Ferndale

Mary Quist, Thora #11, Fresno

New Member:

Kurt Tomozy and Eugene Gndt, Valdemar #12, Reno

Kristin Worthley, Hejls Minde # 23, Solvang

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Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

By now every Branch has received their packet for the annual report, if you have not received it yet, please let me know.

I also want to remind you of the convention coming up in April.

I'm looking forward these events and hope to see you there.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Deanna. Dunbar, Dannebrog's Grand President.

Fresno. RIP Jerry, I will miss your friendship and beautiful smile.

Unfortunately, the same day as Jerry's funeral we were having a Celebration of Life for our Bornholm member and Secretary Ann Stowers. A meaningful and beautiful Service for a great friend.

Heading to Fresno for Installation on Feb 3 and on Feb. 11 it will be off to San Francisco's installation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Safe travels and Paa Gensyn. Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

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 A.M.	Denny's on Shaw Ave
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	Feb. 11, 2023	Encinal Yacht Club
Thyra #9 & Valborg #. 1	March 18 th , 2023 at 12:00	Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore.
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	Oct.21, 2023	TBD

Danmark No. 2 & Tyra 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!

It's February and we (finally!) have a venue for our installation. Our installation will be a luncheon at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda on Saturday February 11th. \$25 per person and that includes the meal, table wine, and one drink ticket. What a deal! If you are interested and have not yet done so, please RSVP to my email address below. The RSVP deadline is Feb 4th, so not much time. Heck, just call me and I can give you all the details.

And speaking of things finally ready – the 2023 Convention Registration form is finally ready for use. It's a little later than the convention committee planned, but it's ready. It will be posted on the web site soon, or I can send a copy via email to anyone who wants an immediate copy.

The convention committee has been working hard to make sure all is ready. One item for everybody's consideration is raffle donations – yes, we love them and yes, we need them. There is always at least one item we want so bad we stuff the coffee can. Do you have a new or gently used item, or a new creation that will be that coveted item for someone else? If not, feel free to make a monetary contribution to where we could purchase items for the raffle. Do you know people or business contacts who could contribute items to our raffle? Anybody who has run a convention (haven't we all at one point?) knows that the raffle is an important revenue source that makes the conventions possible. Please contact both me and

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

I'm sure everyone is finished with the rain, as most are flooded. The only ones happy and thriving are some of the citrus trees --like mine. It was so hot this summer that they were stressed most of the year. We've lost a couple of our members recently. Mary Quist, a Dannebrog member passed January 15, 2023. She had been in a facility but recently came home with a caretaker. She was born in Mount Ida, Arkansas, 10-15-28, she was 94.

We lost a Dania member, Jerry Hansen on January 16, 2023. Most of you have seen him with me at all the Dania functions I've attended these last 5 years. He's also been my Danish Folk dance partner for a

Susan Gauthier if you have an item you wish to donate.

Our January gathering was indeed a blast (we are so sorry you could not make it Tom). We met on the last Saturday of the month at the old Odd Fellows Hall in San Francisco for our annual Aebleskiver Feed. We had a great turn out and some of us hadn't seen each other since March of 2020. Rik Leipold was there even though he has since moved out of the city. Roger and Anne Gearhart were both visiting from out of state, but from different states. It really felt like old times. The feed was great with so many homemade aebleskiver to choose from – thank you Jessica, Johanne, Anne Gerhart and Anne Maris, and Peter Schakow. Peter insisted he was cooking aebleskiver with his “learner's permit”, but they tasted fully licensed to me. And the snaps! We had at least 3 different akvavit bottles to choose from – thank you Daniel and Alex (bad timing for Dry January). The akvavit certainly had something to do with the singing. To hear those Danish songs in the old hall again really was a blast from the past. My brother James commented “We're getting the band back together!” and I think he is right. As we look to the rest of 2023, I'm going to think of it that way. We are getting back together, and I can't wait to see everybody.

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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while. We met in our dance group and became partners after our spouses passed. He was admitted to the hospital on Christmas Eve and after 3 major surgeries in 3 weeks his body had, had enough. He always had a smile for you, he was so laid back, everyone was his friend. Was always helping someone out, but no one ever knew all that he did, a man of few words. He was a farmer of almonds and Barbera wine grapes. His name is well known in the small town of Kerman, just outside of Fresno. He was always there for me and my world was happy. He will be greatly missed. His DOB 10-16-38. It's

amazing how in 3 weeks your world can turn upside down.

I called our Cheer Chairman Carl Jensen to hear his report. Betty Green was taking radiation every day for the month and it's taking a toll on her. Our love and prayers are with her.

Pam and Stan are doing good. Stan has been doing a lot of walking with his walker out in the park as part of his therapy.

We will be having our installation on Friday, February 3, at Denny's. Hope you remember to come.

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

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

February already! Where does the time go? We had a brief meeting last month to take care of some business. We do have an installation and possibly a convention in the works now that we have some grand officers amongst us. Details are currently somewhat vague, but we seem to be on track for some time in the future, so stay tuned. Following installations in Fresno and San Francisco we will have

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

The Hayward Lodge zoom meetings resumed on Jan. 12th.

First election of officers occurred and will be confirmed in our February meeting.

Stuart Mahler Jr's name was called for the drawing, but he was not present.

Visitors desiring to attend our zoom meetings should contact Susan Gauthier

at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net for the zoom link. All are welcome.

Plans are underway for the installation of officers of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 on Saturday, March 18th at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, followed by the traditional Cattlemen's luncheon. Cost per person will be \$35. Mark your calendars and please contact Signe

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 no meeting in January 2023.

Our regular lunch/meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. east of First Street.

Wishing everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day" on February 14. Remember to buy some chocolates or flowers for your Sweetheart, unless you have jewelry in mind, as that always works.

We also have the President's weekend in February, so many of you will be enjoying the 3-day holiday. Stay safe and healthy. Martha Nielsen

a meeting Saturday, February 18, 5:00, Farm Bureau building, with a theme of open face sandwiches. In the past Dorothy Lamee and Audrey Goncalves always put on an open face spread in February so we celebrate them as we continue the tradition. Oh, and we mustn't forget Valentine's Day♥☐ Be seeing you around KRT

Ann McNeil to reserve a

spot. signemcneil@gmail.com We hope to see you then.

Our meeting in April will not occur so we can support the Grand Lodge Convention in Newark, CA.

A Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year.

Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, should be mailed 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, should be mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510.

See you soon, Eric Jorgensen, President

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.

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

Feb 4 Valhalla and Ydun will meet for a Chicken Lunch with potluck sides salads or desserts. Meeting at 11:00 with lunch served around 12:30.

Sad news, **Francis Sweet** passed away last night. He is at peace and without pain. Memorial Service will be in Ferndale on February 11, 2023. Paster Paul will preside over the service.

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 on Friday January 6th at 7 pm. There were 12 in attendance but could have been more if it wasn't for the bad weather. The parking lot at the hall was not plowed. I almost didn't attend but thank God for Anette. She picked me up and took very good care of me. THANK YOU. The evening started with a wonderful fish dinner, Cod, potatoes with parsley and mustard sauce. Everyone enjoyed dinner. During dessert and coffee Anette opened the meeting. I read 4 Christmas cards we received from members and Past Grands. The highlight of the meeting was that we welcomed 2 new members for Valdemar #12. Kurt Tomozy and Eugene Gmandt. Then we decided what we were going to have soup potluck for our February 3rd meeting. Sena-Marie will bring French bread, butter and dessert. It will be fun to taste different soups and the weather should be perfect for that. Glad to hear that all our members in Ferndale are okay, with the 2 large earthquakes. We also hope that all our members in California are doing well with

all the rainy weather. Nina Potter is doing better after the rare form of pneumonia. We missed Jordan, Nina and Ann-Katherine. Jordan told me they will be there in February. Ann-Katherine is out of lockdown and doing pretty well, Barbara Iler will be out of her neck brace in late January. Janet Pulsipher is about the same, still very weak and frail. We hope that Carl and Helen Christiansen had a good trip to Denmark for the holidays. Hopefully everyone else is doing well. Also, there should be more members at our February meeting and the weather will be better. A friendly reminder dues are due for 2023. Valdemar #12 dues are \$30, Dannevirke #9 dues are \$20. Valdemar's to be mailed to Carl Christiansen 615 Beckwourth Dr. Reno NV 89506; Dannevirke's to be mailed to Ingrid Hedman 3275 E. Golden Valley Rd. Reno, NV 89506. Our February Birthdays are Peter Eliassen, John LaRoche, Erik Hansen, Lisa Christensen, and Kristin Eliassen. Happy Birthday All. Happy Valentine's Day. Be safe, stay healthy, and 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, olemargel@sbcglobal.net

Greetings from Mo Town!
Hope everyone is managing to stay dry in this wet wintry weather. Dania Bornholm # 14 began our January meeting after a delicious Frikadeller dinner prepared by Doris Hoy at their lovely country home. Thanks to Peder for being a gracious host making sure we had wine and appetizers. We were pleased to have all officers in attendance.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend Jerry Hansen from Fresno. We were reminded of Ann Stower's memorial being held on January 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Modesto. She was our dedicated secretary for several years after Bob Sorensen retired from that office he held for many years. She was my beloved little sister. I am missing her every day.

Our longtime member Gunver Olsen and my dear aunt broke a bone in her hip the day after Christmas. After having surgery, she is doing quite well. We are looking forward to San Francisco and Hayward's convention in April. Our delegates will be George Dutra and Bodil Rasmussen. Some of our

members will be attending the installation ceremonies for Fresno and San Francisco.

Our next meeting in February will take place at the home of David and Merete Meeks. 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

Danneskjold # 17 will hold a business meeting and lunch at Bente Ellis' home beginning at 11:30 a.m. February 18.

I had a nice chat with Ellen Jensen the other day. She is adjusting to her new surroundings, but she says she is bored and would like visitors. I just got a call from Lis Lacey to let me know that our long-time member Chuck Allman has now been moved the VA Hospital

and is on hospice care. Chuck turned 97 the 16th of December. Lis and Bob will go see him in a few days. I had a nice chat with Lisa McDaniel, and she is holding her own. I am doing fine and look forward to attending the Convention in April.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Hejls Minde No 23. held its monthly meeting on Wednesday January 4 at the Bit of Denmark Restaurant in Solvang CA. We were 12 members present, a smaller group than normal because of rainstorms and a warning to stay off the roads. Some of our members suffered rain damage. Our new

member, Kristin Worthley, drew the winning number for the door prize and Hank Haugse was the winner.

We are off to a good year and hoping the same for you. The next meeting will be held on February.1.

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