



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

April 2023

## Dannebrog Grand President

It is hard to believe that the installations are done for this year. The year has gone by so fast, and I have enjoyed it very much. The last installation of the year was Thyra #9 and Valborg #1, held at the Cattlemen in Livermore. I picked up Kay Jensen and Martha Nielsen at Kay's house very early in the morning because we had the Dania and Dannebrog annual auditing of the Grand Lodges' books.

When we were done, we went into the area for the installation of officers. Following this, we moved to the banquet room for a delicious lunch and lots of visiting with friends.

Coming up next is our convention, April 13 -15, at the Newark-Fremont Doubletree. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Happy Easter everyone.

Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

Here we are with April 1st staring us in the face. March with all the bluster and rain is almost behind us.

We enjoyed a great day in Livermore with Installation, great food and a very enjoyable time with friends. Preparations were made for the CONVENTION--- yes, the Convention is coming at us in less than 2 weeks.

Palm Sunday. Holy Week and Easter will soon be a memory and we will be heading to Fremont. Hope your plans for joining us are almost finalized. Happy Easter and looking forward to seeing everyone for busy and fun-filled days.

Take good care of each other og Paa Gensyn.  
Bente Ellis, Dania Grand President

## IN MEMORIAM:

PGP Beatriz Djernaes, Dana #15, Salinas, from Haabet #19, Solvang

## NEW MEMBER:

## DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Martha Nielsen in memory of Jerry Hansen

Johanne Gade in memory of Jerry Hansen and Francis Sweet

John & Marge Scheuber in memory of Jerry Hansen and Francis Sweet

Ole Pedersen in memory of Niels Jessen

Danmark #2

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## **DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Glenn Fritz in memory of Francis Sweet

Doris Skow in memory of Jerry Hansen and Francis Sweet  
Danmark #2

## **SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

### **Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries**

The Current Dania Constitution is now available on our website.

## **CONVENTION CORNER**

The 2023 Convention is just around the corner! If you haven't already done so, please get your registration form sent in. You will find the form on the website under announcements  
<https://danishsociety.com/announcements/>

We are seeking raffle items and contributions from our members to support the raffle. As in all conventions the host lodges bear a financial obligation. We attempt to meet the convention funding efforts via a charge to the delegates and guests who attend the convention and enjoy the festivities. However, those fees do not cover the entire costs of hosting a convention. To meet those needs, and to balance the budget, lodges conduct a raffle to make up those added costs of hosting such an event. Do you have items in your garage or home you no longer need or use, that are gently used, which

### **Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

Once again, the entire San Francisco lodge wishes you good health!

I would like to congratulate Danmark #2's newest Life Members: Gunnar Larsen and Gordon Petersen. We have not seen our friends in a while, but we are thinking of them, and we honor their long-time commitment to our lodge. Gunnar Larsen joined Danmark #2 in November 1982. Gordon Petersen joined in February 1954 and like his father Chris has been an active lifelong member. Thank you, Gunnar and Gordon. Congratulations!

It is April and yes, the convention is just around the corner. Everything is coming together, and we are looking forward to a good time at a successful convention.

One thing we are still working on is raffle donations. Please keep the items coming. Contact me and/or Susan Gauthier with your donations. It's for a good cause – all of us! Nothing beats hearing your name when they draw the ticket for that big prize. This year one of the top prizes, if not the top prize, is one week at the Playa Grande Penthouse in Cabo San Lucas. July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. This penthouse has 2 bedrooms (one room with a king

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	Oct.6, 2023	Odd Fellows Hall Reno
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	Oct.21, 2023	TBD

others may enjoy? Those would make great raffle prizes. If you do not have an item to share, please consider making a monetary contribution so we may purchase items for the raffle. Please contact one of the Raffle Committee members listed below regarding your donation. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,  
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bed, the other with 2 queen size beds), 3 bathrooms, pullout bed in living room nook with TV, kitchenette, and a large porch that overlooks the private beach and the multiple pools at the Playa Grande. Wow! I'm going to stuff the can on this one. What else will be on the table? March was a busy month. A lot of business to take care of and a lot of planning. It seems our Zoom meetings are getting longer and longer, and apparently my cheap computer can't keep up. The lodge actually passed a resolution forcing me to go buy a better computer. The camera failures are actually quite entertaining, but not reassuring. A word of advice – if you see a cheap grey laptop on the raffle table, don't bid on it. With all that happened in March, one thing did not happen. The month ended without our Corned Beef and Cabbage feast. Oh well, we will try again next year. We did have a great lunch when we visited the hall last Saturday. It was just a reconnaissance mission to retrieve items for the convention, but many showed up and turned it into a party. Authentic Danish pastries, excellent cheese platter,

delicious salads, and hot dogs. Add beer and akvavit and yes, it was a party. Tak!  
Can't wait to see everybody at the convention.

"We're getting the band back together!"  
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,  
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**Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:nielsenmarta@gmail.com)**

It's looking better in Fresno as we've had 3 warm sunny days, but expecting more rain even though the vineyard has water standing in the rows.

The Blossom Trail is starting to open, this is a map of all the fields of fruit trees that's blooming right now in the Valley. They have a local artist produce a poster depicting the scene of blooming trees each year and it really lovely.

The Cheer Chairman Carl Jensen has talked with Betty Green and she's sounding upbeat as she's finished with the radiation now. Next will be the chemo. He had heard from Lone Taylor, she's back in town now. Her daughter has cancer and had a transplant down south. Hoping all will be good with them and sending our prayers.

I asked Carl about his talk at the Historical dinner, says it went very well and there were about 60 people in attendance. That's good to hear as most of our lodges are down in attendance for their meetings. Maybe if we give

them something or someone special to hear they'll come back to our meetings.

I attended the Hayward installation held at the Cattleman's Restaurant. Our Grand Presidents Deanna and Bente are doing so well not even a hitch in their delivery. The G.V. Marshals Tracey and Bob Lamee were able to practice the Marshal duties as Grand Marshals Kathy and Dan were caught in the back up traffic. They made it for the lunch. Bob Lamee is so very tall, he makes me think I'm standing in a hole when standing next to him.

We will be having our lunch/meeting on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. east of First St. Come join us.

Remember to get those Chocolate Easter Bunnies for the loved ones in your life. April will not only have Palm and Easter Sunday but also our annual Convention. Hope to see you there as it's going to be great, don't miss out on a good time with all the 'Great Danes'. Martha Nielsen

**Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA Secretary, Natalie Heer, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

**Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.**

**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

Happy April! We originally planned a meeting for Saturday, April 8th, but due to it being Easter weekend looks like we will have to cancel.

Well, the Grand Marshals (Dan and myself) blew off the Hayward installation (not intentionally) but due to Highway 680 being closed down to road construction we were over one hour late. Luckily Grand Vice Marshals Bob

& Tracey stepped up in our place and did a fine job, thank you! We did get there in time to enjoy lunch and some social time. Thank you to Hayward for the gift and our lunch which we felt we didn't deserve. Looking forward to Easter and convention the weekend after. Maybe by that time we will get to enjoy some sunshine. KRT

**No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom President, Eric Jorgensen, [e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com](mailto:e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.**

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Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting in March 2023.

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

We are planning to serve Danish "Smørrebrød", (Open faced Danish sandwiches) a very traditional Danish lunch menu. As has become tradition, our President Debbie Cruger-Hansen will provide the Aquavit, (Snaps) to be served with the Smørrebrød.

This is our first 2023 meeting, and we will have nominations and elections for the President, Vice President and Board of Directors at this meeting. 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](mailto: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](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

April 1: Valhalla – Ydun will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting followed by a potluck lunch following the meeting.

April 3 Scandinavian Midsummer meeting at 6:00 Sons of Norway hall with a potluck dinner. All are welcome. Ring the doorbell to get in.

### **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](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net)**

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odds Fellows Hall at 7 pm on Friday March 3rd. We had 22 members in attendance and 6 visitors that started out with a nice variety of appetizers, and all enjoyed the wonderful potluck of corn beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, cornbread, and other breads. Thank you everyone for a great spread. For dessert we enjoyed a Dark Guinness Chocolate cake made by Anette, a lime Jell-O dessert and cookies all in St. Patties colors and coffee. Anette opened the meeting at 9:15 pm. Lots of talk about the convention in SF from April 13- 16th. Our delegates are Leif Larsen for Valdemar # 12. Bonnie Larsen and Eva Loevgren for Dannevirke #9. I want to thank Anette for the ride again this year to the convention. Our election of officers will take place in June, so start thinking about what positions you would like to “run” for. Our installation of officers will be October 6th, 2023. St.

April 8, Saturday, the Ferndale Masonic Lodge will be holding an Æbleskiver Breakfast at the Ferndale Veterans Building from 8:00 to 11:00. Cost is \$12.00  
Ferndale's Queen of Bridges is open to two-way traffic again after the December earthquake. Ferndale is back on track.. Christian Nielsen Secretary

Hans Fest is scheduled for Friday June 23rd at the River School Farm, as it has become a tradition. Everyone is welcome. For our April 7th meeting we will have an Easter Potluck. Everyone, please bring food that is related to Easter. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. It was nice to see several members that we have not seen for a while at our meeting. Ann-Katherine, Nina and Jordan were in attendance as well. Janet Pulsipher's niece told me that Janet is still very weak and frail, she is just hanging in there. I talked to Nina Brandt and she moved back to Reno from Carson City. She told me she will be seeing us soon. Our April Birthdays are Sena-Marie Freeman, Brandur Jensen, Glenn Christensen, Peter Jensen, Carl Christiansen and Kurt Tomazy. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE. Happy Easter and safe travels to the convention. See all of you soon at the convention. Take care, Sena-Marie

### **Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined**  
**President Bente Ellis, [Baellis06@gmail.com](mailto:Baellis06@gmail.com) Secretary Marge Scheuber, [olemarge1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olemarge1@sbcglobal.net)**

Our March meeting took place on St. Patrick's Day at the Scheuber home as the Danish flag was flying in the wind above their garage door. Marge being 47% Irish and 47% Danish decided to combine the two cultures by serving Irish appetizers before the meeting and Danish Kringle for dessert. President Bente Ellis opened our meeting and to our surprise all officers were in attendance. Tis the luck of the Irish! We were pleased our Los Gatos members Roger and Cindy Higby were able to attend again this month. Johanne received a nice note from our Vancouver member Lise Christian. We were happy to hear she is doing fine. Seven of our members traveled to Livermore on Saturday, March 18 to attend the Installation of Officers for Valborg # 1 and Thyra # 9. Those attending were Peder and Doris Hoy, Bente Ellis, Johanne Gade, Martha Nielsen, and John

and Marge Scheuber. We had a fun time and enjoyed a delicious luncheon as one can always expect from the well-known Cattlemen's Restaurant.

We are looking forward to the upcoming convention hosted by San Francisco Lodges Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 and Hayward Lodges Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 in Newark-Fremont. Our delegates attending will be Bodil Whitehouse and George Dutra. Marge Scheuber will be the alternate.

“Good Health, Good Luck, & Happiness Today and Everyday”

Marge Scheuber, Secretary

Note: Last month I mistakenly wrote the wrong last name for Bodil Whitehouse.

### **Danneskjold No. 17**

**Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

Our members met at the Home of Grand President Bente Ellis in February.

We discussed the future of the lodge and set some future dates. Bob Lacey and I were elected as delegates to the Convention April 13-15, 2023, in Newark.

As for myself, I am looking forward to seeing some friends.

Our Next meeting will be held at Kim Giacinto's Home on Saturday May 20.

Please mark your calendars and when the time gets closer, please let the hostess if you will be attending or not. I will

put a reminder in the next issue of the Newsletter as well as include more information regarding the day.

Some of you may have known Beatriz Djernaes from Solvang. She was a Past Grand President of Dannebrog. I was in contact with her son Chris and was told that she passed away on January 30, 2022. Her husband Niels is living in a care facility in Solvang.

I don't have a list of birthdays but if your Birthday is in April, we wish you the happiest of days and that is no April Fool.

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**Hejls Minde No. 23**

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

Our March 1, 2023, meeting and luncheon was well attended with 18 members and guests. Four Birthdays were celebrated, and we sang Happy Birthday to Finn Runge and Kristin Worthley, Alice Quimby and Kate Nielsen could not attend. Bent Olson won the door prize.

The meal was delicious as always. Lots of visiting around the table. The upcoming convention was talked about, and we will have 2 delegates attending, Kristin Worthley and Finn Runge. Best wishes for a wonderful convention from Solvang. 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**