



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

**May 2023**

## Dannebrog Grand Past President

Congratulations to the members of Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 and members Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 for a successful convention. Congratulations to Dannebrog's New Grand Officers. I hope you have a wonderful year. Deanna Dunbar, Dannebrog's Grand Past President

## Dania Jr Grand Past President

First: Sincere Thank You for allowing me the Honor, Pleasure, and just plain grand time serving as Grand President. It was a year of fun celebrations, great conversations, and wonderful fellowship. And what a Great Convention. The Committee truly knocked it out of the park. Oh, what fun we had and what wonderful memories. A hard act to follow!

Congratulations and Best wishes to the newly elected Grand Officers for a successful year.

Congratulations to John Scheuber on being voted Member of the Year. A well-deserved Honor. You have worked diligently for Dania.

Remembering especially all the Convention planning, for events that never materialized.

We had a few choice words for Covid!

A Huge Thank You to the Grand Officers that served and supported this last year, and a Special word of Gratitude to Peder Hoy for accepting the job of Advisor. There could not be a better Choice.

THANK YOU ALL.

So now the title of Past!! I have no intention of fading into the Sunset. I intend to continue to work for the benefit of Dania and visit you in your Branches.

It truly has been a wonderful year. Thank You og Paa Gensyn, Bente Ellis, Dania Jr. Grand Past President.

## Dannebrog Grand President

Congratulations to the convention committee on a job well done. I am confident that all of those who attended the convention had a great time. Friday night "Flower Power" was enjoyed by all and a lot of interesting costumes from the past. The photo booth was a big hit and the music both nights added to the festivities.

A special treat for me personally was recognizing Kathy Thomsen as Dannebrog's Member of the Year! Kathy has been very active in her lodge and at the Grand Lodge level. She is a Past Grand President, Past Grand Trustee, Past Grand Treasurer and now is the Grand Vice President. I have had the pleasure of knowing her for over forty years.

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We first met when I went through the chairs in the Grand Lodge as Kathy's mother was going through the chairs at the same time as me. **Congratulations Kathy!**

Dania and Dannebrog has had a lot of new members during the past few years. Have you heard of the Danish retirement home in San Rafael? It is called Aldersly Retirement Community. The community was formed over 100 years ago, and it was created by members of Dania

and Dannebrog. When you get a chance check out their web site at [Aldersly.org](http://Aldersly.org) Better yet, call them and set up a tour and see what our two organizations helped to create! To keep current with regulations, infrastructure, and supporting their residents, Aldersly could always use your generous contributions to support these efforts.

**Dania Grand President**

I want to start my term as Grand President by thanking the convention committees of the Hayward and San Francisco Lodges. The ladies of Valborg #1 and the Jensen brothers did most of the heavy lifting and a great job they did. I do believe a good time was had by all. I was a little long winded there, so I'll be a bit shorter here. We start our new year with a complete slate of Grand Officers and a big shout-out to James O. Jensen who

- IN MEMORIAM:**  
PGP **Diane Reinstein, Danebod No. 16, Livermore**
- NEW MEMBER:**  
**DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP**
- DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Johanne Gade
- SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

**Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries**

**Branch's Up and coming events.**

Campout: Attention to those who like to camp. Doris Skow has set a tentative date of October 13-15, 2023, for a campout at my Hollister Ranch. If you are interested and would like to get information, please send her your e-mail address. Her address is [doris92ranch@gmail.com](mailto:doris92ranch@gmail.com).

Fourth of July: The Santa Maria lodges, Holger Danske and Valkyrien, are holding their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ picnic at Waller Park in Santa Maria.

**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! Do you need to hear it again? The 2023 Convention was a great success! Thanks to everyone who made it possible and especially to those who attended and made it so much fun. Many of you traveled from far away to be there with us and we really appreciate it. Special thanks to all who donated to the raffle, and to those who helped run the raffle room. So many wonderful things, we were running out of room to display all of them. And the grand prize of a week in Cabo San Lucas went to my brother James. Awesome! Thanks again Peter for that incredible donation. I hope everyone walked away with their favorite item or items. On a side note, if anyone is looking for a Royal Copenhagen or a B&G Christmas plate, send me the year and I'll see what I can do. I have a procurement agent (thank you Dorothy my love).

Congratulations to all the Grand Officers in Dannebrog and Dania. I look forward to our journey this year until we meet again at your local lodge meetings and our 2024 convention hosted by Livermore. Dannebrog Grand President Stuart Mahler

accepted the nomination for Grand Vice Marshal. James will be working with Dennis Nielsen from Thyra #3 of San Francisco. We will be in good hands. I'm looking forward to making the rounds and visiting all of the branches, so make sure to let me know what's happening so I can make plans. Dania Grand President, Tom Martin

<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 11-13 2024	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	Sept. 2-3, 2023	Danish Hall Ferndale
Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	Oct.6, 2023	Odd Fellows Hall Reno
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	Oct.21, 2023	TBD

We all owe an extra thank you to Bent Olsen. He went above and beyond this year to treat us with his fabulous creations. I'm glad we could arrange for the use of the "hot box" from the hotel but Bent did all the work. I have always said that Olsen's Danish Village Bakery is one of the key elements that makes our gathering at the convention so special. This year it seemed extra special. Mange Tak min Ven! And to the Convention Committee – it was great to work with all of you professionals! Signe Ann, Beth, Susan, Sarah, Stuart, Jessica, Tom, Mike, James, and Mac deserve a big thank you and congratulations from all of us for a job well done. You guys made it look like I knew what I was doing – not a trivial feat. Last month I posted that we had voted to make Gunnar Larsen a Life Member of Danmark #2. I am sorry to inform you that this vote was too late, but it will still stand. Gunnar Larsen passed away in June of 2020, just seven

weeks shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Gunnar was born in 1920 in Nykøbing Sjælland. He joined Danmark #2 on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1982. I will share some words from our friend Vibeke Petersen about Gunnar. Thank you Vibeke. "Gunnar Larsen and my husband Knud Jensen were Krigssejler (Danish Merchant Marines during WWII). In 1995 they were both honored along with 30 others by Queen Margrethe II and the Danish government in Copenhagen. Festivities included a reception at City Hall, a memorial service at Holmens Kirke, dinner and entertainment onboard the Queen's yacht, and a special play at the Royal Theater. To top it all, the Seamen's Union organized to gather them all to be seated together by the Memorial Anchor in Nyhavn, Copenhagen where Queen

Margrethe II showed up and was seated opposite. Each name was called up and the Queen would look at each exactly one minute as a thank you for their bravery during the war. Very touching and memorable." Dania and Dannebrog have a rich past and bright future. I have closed the past few articles with the quote "We're getting the band back together!", but I think we are back together now. It is already May and the summer will be here before we know it. Keep checking the calendar for activities everybody! Don't let an opportunity to gather and have fun pass you by. I hope to see you soon. Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 1-510-697-4658

### **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.co](mailto:nielsenmarta@gmail.co)**

We're already slipping into springtime and I'm looking forward to warmer weather. We had a fantastic convention, seems everyone had a great time, even had a few attending that we haven't seen in a while. We now have two new Grand Presidents Stuart Mahler, for Dannebrog and Tom Martin for Dania. My son, Dennis Nielsen went in as Grand Vice Marshal of Dannebrog along with James O. Jensen for Dania. Wishing all the Grand Officers a good year or years as it is a commitment for several years when you start through the chairs. It was good to visit with Doris Skow also Peder and Doris Hoy. Now that we're out and about, hoping all our members will drift back to attending our local meetings. I talked to the Cheer Chairman Carl Jensen, he was doing well, but he didn't have anyone to report sick, that's good. We will be having our lunch/meeting on May 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. and First St. Come join us.

Looks like May shall be a very busy month with all the holidays. May 5, is Denmark's Liberation Day, when the Danes were liberated from the German occupation in WWII. It's celebrated in Denmark with a candle lit in the window as observance of the holiday. Mother's Day is May 14, remember to honor your Mother on her special day. Cards, flowers, chocolate or even taking her to lunch will be sufficient. The Danish-American Historical Society will be having their Aebleskiver breakfast in Selma on Saturday, May 13. The third weekend of May is the Swedish Festival in Kingsburg that the Fresno Danish dancers will be performing on Friday evening and Saturday morning. We have Memorial Day, when we remember all the Veterans with programs, speeches, flags and jet fly overs, that have lost their lives to keep our nation free. Hoping you stay healthy to enjoy all the activities this month. 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)**

Livermore has lost a beloved member Diane Reinstein, she was a very active member, a Past Grand President, member of the year and our current President. She joined Danebod No 16 in 1959. We didn't realize at convention it would be the last time spent with her, we are thankful to have had her with us all these years. Our meetings will not be the same without her. A special thank you goes to San Francisco and Hayward for an outstanding convention. The accommodations were

great, the food terrific, and the "flower power" party was a blast. The highlight for me of course was receiving the Dannebrog 2023 member of the year award. What made it extra special was the presentation from our new Grand President Stuart Mahler who was also Grand President with my mom in 1980. Congratulations to John Schueber on his award for Dania's member of the year, and to all the newly elected Grand Officers. 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)**

Congratulations to the San Francisco lodge (with capable assistance by the ladies from Hayward) on a successful Convention. It was so good to see old friends after the Covid years. Mange Tak!

The Hayward lodges will resume the monthly meeting on May 11th. There has been one change. The zoom

teleconference instructions and meeting number will now be generated by Stuart Mahler. Any guests desiring to attend the Hayward meeting should contact Stuart at [smahler52@gmail.com](mailto:smahler52@gmail.com)

### **Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 met on Saturday April 8 at Kastania Fælled, the Danish Soldiers Club facility in Petaluma.

The weather was perfect for an outdoor meeting, not too cold and no wind. Meeting outdoors in early April is always somewhat risky, but we lucked out this year.

We were only six members present, but since five of those present were on the Sønderjylland Board of Directors, we had a quorum, and we were able to have nominations and elections. All present voted to re-elect the existing board for another term.

We then discussed the future of Sønderjylland #10. We are down to just 14 members, and 8 of our 14 are "very" senior citizens. We then discussed the difficulty in attracting new members. It appears that Danes coming to the Bay Area only stay for a short period of time before returning to Denmark, and the existing Danish or Danish descent population seem to have less interest in joining Danish organizations here.

We then discussed the possibility of meeting with the Danish Soldiers Club. Sønderjylland #10 has a long history of friendship and association with the Soldiers Club and the Kastania Fælled facility, and this might be a way to preserve that association.

After our discussions, we all retired to the Soldiers Club kitchen and, as a group, prepared our Danish Smørrebrød lunch. A lunch which was at least as good as could be had at any restaurant in Denmark. A special thanks to Per and Deb Johansen for bringing homemade Rullepølse and to John Cruger-Hansen for bringing Karrysild and Leverpostej. Danish condiments consisted of Asier, Rødkål, agurkesalat, and Remulade among others.

President Debbie Cruger-Hansen provided the Snaps, (Aquavit). Since we were serving sild, (herring) the proverb goes "fish have to swim" and therefore the Aquavit.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 10 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

We are planning to serve Danish "Røde Pølser med Brød og Kartoffelsalat, (Danish Hotdogs with Potato Salad), hopefully as good as served from a Danish Pølsevogn at Jernbane Stationen or Rådhuspladsen. As has become tradition, our President Debbie Cruger-Hansen will provide the Aquavit, (Snaps) to be served with the lunch.

This is our second 2023 meeting, and we will be discussing the future of Sønderjylland #10 and planning our future meetings.

Many of us have family members living in the area, family that presently are not members of Sønderjylland #10, family that easily could become members. As an example, the Cruger-Hansen family, all five of them, are members of Sønderjylland #10. And speaking of the Cruger-Hansen family, they expanded by one, Markus Cruger-Hansen Ajamian, born on April 14 to member Catherine Cruger-Hansen. Congratulations Catherine.

Please let me know if you will attend and/or bring guests (guests are always welcome) or potential new members.

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*

The following is submitted by Karen Friis Lysmer. P. Pres (ED)

The 141st Dania-Dannebrog Convention in Newark began April 13th/23, Thursday, with the Senior Assistance Fund Meeting. At 7pm we enjoyed a Welcome Reception for a couple of hours.

April 14/23 Started with the official opening of the Convention. Dania and Dannebrog had separate meetings as always, but we would all come together to socialize at the coffee breaks twice a day for the delicious pastries from Bent Olsen's bakery in Solvang.

Friday's meetings were basically reviewing the past year by the Grand Secretary Tim Heer and Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson. There were a couple of key points brought up, that members can take away from this:

Encourage members from fellow branches to attend/support each other's Installations, great time to socialize and meet new friends! Another point: To read the monthly reports from the other branches, so we know what's going on as a whole. That was a surprise to me, as I

have always followed what is happening, and learned from it as well.

Grand President Bente Ellis gave a summary of her year as Grand President That evening, we had our FLOWER POWER Costume Dinner Dance. The crowd did not disappoint, I estimate 95% were in various stages of costumes. Tie-dyed being the dominating! The food was great, I never had such a huge porkchop!

The music matched the theme and there was a fun photo booth, where we could document our good time, as well. Saturday April 15/23 's meeting was short, with the election of the new Grand Officers, (all listed in the beginning of this Newsletter). In the afternoon we had the formal and ritualistic Installation of beforementioned Grand Officers, to the un-intentionally noisy, but happy birthday party and music in the next room! This was followed by the Grand President's Reception and then onward to the Grand Ball and Dance. It is always

### ***Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10***

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

#### **Upcoming events:**

We would like to Schedule Installation of Local Officers for Labor Day Weekend September 2-3, 2023.

We will be celebrating Valhalla's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 3, 2023, at the Sea Grill in Eureka Dinner served at 5:00 pm. Contact Mel Lundberg for more information (707) 822-3787 and to make reservations.

#### **Newsletter submission:**

**May 6: Valhalla – Ydun** will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting followed by a Syttende Mai (Norwegian Independence Day) potluck lunch following the meeting.

### ***Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9***

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Odd Fellows Hall at 630pm. We had 24 members and 4 visitors in attendance. The long table was with white tablecloths, Easter Decorations and Tulips. Everyone enjoyed a nice variety of appetizers, and all enjoyed a wonderful potluck of ham, potatoes, and vegetables with all the trimmings. Thank You Lars Jensen and Marion for helping put on this lovely meal. Thank you everyone for a great spread and a great variety of desserts as well. During dessert and coffee Anette opened a very short meeting at 8:50 pm, mostly about the convention. Anette announced that she won't be at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, it will be a regular potluck and a social night starting at 630pm. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. Anette thanked me for opening and closing. Anette wished Kurt (April 1), Sena-Marie (April 6) and Carl (April 8) all happy birthdays. Our June meeting will be a regular potluck with election of officers. Our installation of officers will take place October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. St. Hans Fest will take place at the River School Farm June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. everyone is welcome. It was so nice to see so many members and guests. Eric Hansen brought his granddaughter. The last

enjoyable to see old friends from the other branches and catch up. This was my 23<sup>rd</sup> Convention, actually my 22<sup>nd</sup> officially, as I was a guest in 2000, in Reno and was then initiated as a member of Sønderjylland #10 the following month by the newly elected Grand President Gunnar Nielsen, during our local Installation. We later change our Installation month to August. Finally I would like to congratulate the newly elected Grand Officers, and a big thank you to the Convention Hosts Danmark #2, Thyra #3 of San Francisco and Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 of Hayward, for a smooth, enjoyable and efficiently run Convention.

I was the only delegate from Sønderjylland #10 this year, as President Debbie Cruger- Hansen and husband John, our Secretary/Treasurer, stayed close to home to receive a new grandson April 14/23. The new mother is Catherine, also a member of Sønderjylland #10. Hjertelig Til Lykke. Respectfully submitted, Karen Friis Lysmer. P. Pres.

#### **Jun 3 Valhalla will be celebrating their 130<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary** with a banquet dinner at Sea Grill in Eureka. Reservations are a must to Mel Lundberg 707.822.3787. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm.

**June 24 Scandinavian Midsummer Picnic** at the Danish Hall, 11:00 Boccie and board games at the Danish Hall, 12:30 potluck lunch at the Danish Hall, 2:00 music and dancing. Bring a potluck item to share and whatever you want to BBQ for yourself. Coffee and Lemonade will be provided as well as plates and utensils. This will be our 60<sup>th</sup> Festival / gathering. Christian Nielsen, Secretary

time we saw her was when she was very small at one of our Christmas parties. Sena-Marie handed her an application for membership. Ina asked me for a membership form for her daughter's boyfriend. Maybe we will have a couple new members in June. Nina and Jordan brought Ann-Katherine. She is doing as well as can be. We will miss Eva at the convention. We hope her family will be better soon. Barbara Iler is in rehab after a knee replacement. Her daughter told me she is doing pretty well. Janet Pulsipher is holding her own. Sena-Marie talks to her sister-in-law and keeps me updated on Janet. We want to wish Anette a safe trip to Denmark and London. We will miss you at our May meeting. The Reno Lodges want to send our sympathy to the family of Past Grand President Beatriz Djernaes. She will be missed. She was from Solvang. Our May Birthdays are Marion Guandt, Nina Potter, Lars Jensen, Greg Nielsen, and Eugene Guandt. Happy Birthday All. Safe travels to and from our convention. Happy Mother's Day to all of the Dania and Dannebrog members. Take Care Sena-Marie



Leif, Bonnie, Anette and I want to thank the San Francisco and Hayward Lodges for a wonderful convention.

Everything was really great and fun. The dinners on both Friday and Saturday were very delicious. The flower night

was so much fun. All we want to say is THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

Sena-Marie

### **Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined**

**President Bente Ellis, [Baellis06@gmail.com](mailto:Baellis06@gmail.com) Secretary Marge Scheuber, [olemargel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olemargel@sbcglobal.net)**

Welcome Home to our delegates and members who had a marvelous time at this year's convention in Newark. Bodil Whitehouse and George Dutra, two of our committed members, represented our lodge as delegates. We had six other members attending: Grand President Bente Ellis, Johanne Gade, Peder and Doris Hoy, and John and Marge Scheuber.

We so appreciate Dania and Dannebrog lodges Thyra #3, Danmark #2, Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 for their hard work and dedication to insure a successful, fun-loving convention. We cannot say enough about the delicious dinners and of course the mouth-watering pastry Bent Olsen always brings from Solvang.

Friday night was a blast from the past. It was delightful to see the creative outfits worn by those in the spirit of

Flower Power: bright colored fabrics, Tie-dye shirts, flared trousers, and long-haired men with head bands.

We had a great D. J. who put us in the mood as he supplied us with the tunes of the 60's. We danced to the Twist, YMCA, rock and roll and other favorites which kept the dance floor full of us old timers reliving our youth. This is the first time I have ever witnessed a D. J. on the dance floor teaching a line dance.

Our lodge was pleased to hear our member, John Scheuber being selected by the Grand Lodge as Member of the Year. As his wife I know he has spent countless hours over the years dedicated to Dania activities. We were just as happy to see Kathy Thomsen, so deserving as Member of the Year for Dannebrog.

Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather. Marge Scheuber, Secretary

### **Danneskjold No. 17**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

**President, Laila Solyst [atlailaspring@hotmail.com](mailto:atlailaspring@hotmail.com) Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, [kimgiacinto@gmail.com](mailto:kimgiacinto@gmail.com)**

The May meeting of Danneskjold # 17 will be held on SUNDAY MAY 21 at 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF MAY 20.

I truly hope this does not keep anyone from attending. This will be our welcome home delegates meeting complete with convention reports and highlights. We will meet at the home our Secretary Kim Giacinto, 5852 Sentinel St. 408-314-8626 at 1 pm for lunch. Please let her know by May 17 whether or not you can attend.

Get well wishes goes out to Robert M and Brenda Lacey who had a round of covid. So glad to hear you are both doing better now. Please if you hear about any member being ill, please let me know.

This month's birthday greetings go to Jonna Robinson May 5, Karl Skow May 11 and Ron Nielsen May 13. If you had a May birthday and are not remembered, it is because I don't have your birthday on my list. Please help update my file. I only need the month and date, not the year. Please remember to wish that special lady in your life HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY. DWS

### **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**

The April 5, 2023, meeting was well attended with 19 members. We welcomed Maia and Tom Wilson as our newest members. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Karen Haugse, Doris Jensen and Jytte Kirk. Elaine Anes won the door prize drawing of \$20.00. A delicious meal was enjoyed of Clam Chowder, pumpnickel, fried fish, potato salad and of course Akvavit to make the fish swim.

Dessert was birthday cake and coffee.

Slim Juhl announced that the Santa Maria lodge, Holger Danske, is holding its annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ picnic at

Waller Park in Santa Maria. Everyone is welcome to attend. Appetizers and fellowship begin at 12 p.m. followed by a wonderful steak BBQ and a potluck of salads and desserts. There is also a raffle of different prizes. Feel free to call Wayne Allen at (805) 937-4720 or Darlene Iversen at (805) 260-3601 for directions and information.

Our next meeting will be May 3. 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 805-937-4720; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen 805-260-3601**

The Santa Maria lodge, Holger Danske, is holding its annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ picnic at Waller Park in Santa Maria. Everyone is welcome. Appetizers and fellowship

begin at 12 p.m. followed by a wonderful steak BBQ and a potluck of salads and desserts. There is also a raffle of different prizes. Feel free to call Wayne or Darlene