



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2023

Dannebrog Grand President

You would never know that we are now in summer. Temperatures are in the low to mid 70's in the bay area. Hope the temperature improves soon as we would love to get some pool time!

Now that Covid is pretty much behind us it would sure be nice to see a lot of you during the Labor Day weekend up in Ferndale for their installation of officers. They always provide a great time for those who attend.

Other than that, not much is going on. The Hayward lodges are taking July and August off and will resume Zoom meetings on the second Thursday in September at 6:30PM. Feel free to join us and see how it is done.

A good thing that did occur was the recent ten game win streak of the San Francisco Giants. We still have a ways to go to October. Hope they will continue playing great baseball!

See you on the road or in the next newsletter...

Grand President, Stuart Mahler

Dania Grand President

The summer weather is here and I'm taking advantage of it.

Valhalla celebrated its 130th anniversary at the Sea Grill in Eureka on June 3rd. We had a good turnout for a nice dinner. No meeting, but no-one complained about that! I had a nice drive back down the Lost Coast and Anderson Valley on a beautiful day.

I attended two meetings on the 10th of June. The first, at the beautiful Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. We had a small group for a very informal meeting. We discussed ways to grow the declining membership and I provided them with a lead. My Great-Great-Grandfather settled in Petaluma and had 13 children there. Only one moved to Ferndale and that was my Great Grandfather. I must have dozens of distant cousins in the Petaluma-Santa Rosa area that I've never met. Debbie reached out to one potential candidate via Facebook while we discussed it. I hope she gets a response. Even though it was cloudy, it is always nice to meet outside.

Later that day...I arrived in Livermore to find I hadn't done a very good job of reading the newsletter. I was quite late for dinner but in time to grab the last sausage. Another small group, but with a mission. We discussed some of the plans for the upcoming convention but I swore to secrecy so I'll not be offering any clues here. It was great to see everyone and I hope to see some of these

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faces at other places as I make my way around this summer.

By the time you read this, I will have been to the St. Hans Fest in Reno and the Mid-Summer Festival in Ferndale. I'll report on those happenings in the next newsletter. I hope to see some of you at these events and don't forget the Fabulous Fourth of July BBQ in Santa Maria!
Regards, Tom Martin, GP

NEW MEMBER:

Karen Lysmer, Thyra #3 San Francisco

IN MEMORIAM:

Charles "Chuck" Allman, Danneuskjold #17 San Jose

Annie Mae Wentworth, Ydun #10 Ferndale

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

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Dania Secretaries

July 1st the second half of the per capita tax is due. It is based on \$15.00 per member as of July 1st. please make your check

Branch's Up and coming events.

I hope some of you are thinking about the Campout at the ranch in Oct. As of this writing I have only had 3 folks tell me you are interested. Let's face it, if I don't hear soon from you that you want to attend this fun event. Then I will not plan on it. I am not asking for a total commitment just a yes I'm interested and would like to come, tell me more. The date as suggested is Oct. 13-15. It is a dry self-contained campout.

As we have done in the past, we will have beverages and light dinner snacks on Friday, BBQ/Potluck on Saturday and in addition we will have a light breakfast on Sunday. Saturday is a nice chance to see the Downtown, go to San Juan Batista or visit

The Santa Maria lodge, Holger Danske, is holding its annual 4th of July BBQ picnic at Waller Park in Santa Maria.

“Danmark #2 and Thyra #3’s August Gathering Saturday August 26th at Noon Kilkare Woods Association Clubhouse in Sunol”

I will send an email with more details to the secretaries. Hope you can make it!

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!

Apologies dear readers! Last month’s newsletter submission got stuck in the gears of the internet. Long story short, I didn’t realize my email hadn’t been sent until it was far too late. Thank you Tim for sending it out electronically after the fact. But it’s worth mentioning again – we are very proud of two San Francisco lodge members this year. Thank you Dennis Nielsen for stepping up and becoming Dannebrog’s newest Grand Vice Marshal. And thank you James Jensen for stepping up and becoming Dania’s newest Grand Vice Marshal. Yes, my brother beat me to it.

June was a busy month for us. Let’s do the rundown.

All of us in the San Francisco lodge are very thankful for Anne Marie Maris’s speedy recovery this past month. Early in June, she went to the doctors not feeling well and ended up having triple bypass surgery that very day. Her recovery was speedy and we were able to see her at our June gathering on the 24th. It was only her second outing since the surgery. Wow, we are all amazed and thankful!

Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 11-13 2024	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		
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

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Thank you. Tim Heer

the Pinnacles National Park or just stay around camp visit or play games. Please email me at "doris92ranch@gmail.com" to at least let me know you are interested. Let's face it--there is always work to do in preparation for an event like this and if I only have 2 or 3 rigs coming I will cancel. So the ball is in your court.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 408-313-7235. Be sure to leave your name and number because if I don't recognize the number I may not pick up right away. Thanks for understanding.

Doris Skow

season yet so I can't give away the ending. Tune in and root for Bravo Team! Rumor has it that there may be more Netflix shows in Javier's future. Track him on Instagram at @HungryGuyOnABicycle and find out. It was great to see you again Javier and we hope to see you again soon.

Not only did we get a chance to say goodbye to Alex and say hello again to Javier at our June gathering, but we also had the pleasure of initiating our newest Thyra #3 member, Karen Lysmer. Karen has been a guest at our gatherings for the past couple of years and has been a de facto member since the start of 2023, but we needed that official ceremony. Welcome Karen! Our Dania and Dannebrog rituals are important to us, so it was an honor to host the initiation of such a great friend in my very own backyard.

What else can I say? We had a great gathering this past month. Thanks to all who could make it – Mike, Robert, and Janet Fox, Jessica Jobe Sea, Tom Schroeder, Peter Schakow, special guest Annette Lysmer, Thira, Peter, and Allan Maris, Dennis Nielsen

and guest Tom Jamison (Dr.), and of course my wife Dorothy. Special thanks to Peter Maris, our newly appointed grill master! July looks to be equally as busy, maybe more so. I am headed to upstate New York for a couple of weeks and will miss the July meeting and gathering combo. We have a tradition for our July meeting. Hot dogs and nickel beers, and the shortest business meeting possible. I hope that President Mike Fox will try and break the record for the shortest meeting ever. I think Anne Gearhart holds the record at just under four minutes?

August will be here before we know it, so now is the time to invite everyone to Danmark #2 and Thyra #3's August Gathering – Saturday August 26th at the Killkare Woods Association Clubhouse in Sunol. It will be a potluck style event, but we will have plenty of beer and barbecued meat to share. There's a swimming pool so let's hope it's hot, but not too hot. RSVP to me early and often and I will update with the details. Happy 4th of July everybody!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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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

School's out and graduations are past, everyone is settling in to enjoy the summer. A few of our lodges members have already taken off on vacations. We don't meet again until September so they can enjoy a long vacation.

Hope all our Fathers had a great day on their Special Day!! I attended my Grandson's wedding held outdoors at Tilden Park, Berkeley, CA. What a beautiful mountain side setting for the wedding. The weather couldn't have been any better. It's unusual to find both the bride and groom sharing the same date of birth, same day, month and year, just different towns. They met at Cal Poly in their Freshman year and have been together since.

I talked to our Cheer Committee Chairman Carl Jensen to find out the news of our lodge members. He reported that Stan and Pam have now moved and are living back in Fresno. We hope to see them at our next meeting.

Betty Green is still battling cancer, we wish her well, as I'm sure that takes all your energy to stay on top of it.

Bonnie Terkelsen is doing well at the Windham Care home. She's 96, which is marvelous.

Deanna Dunbar and her sister Kathy are back from their Canada vacation. Sounds like it was a great trip. Deanna thinks she had been exposed to the Covid virus on the return trip, as she came down with it after returning home.

Christie has been seen at church, out and about, but her back pain has increased so she's now needing shots for it.

Carl tells me that he's still doing very well; it's always a joy to talk with him. I'm glad he's checking in with our members monthly.

I was reading the Sun Maid newsletter and they are forecasting a "hotter than normal" summer. Last year there were 69 days of over 100° degrees. They are predicting an 'El Nino' weather pattern for this summer. I guess we really don't have a choice in the matter. Try to stay cool and healthy.

Wishing everyone a wonderful 4th of July celebration with friends and family. Play it safe with the fireworks, (not even sure we're allowed to have them now). We want everyone to survive the hot summer ahead. Martha 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

Jana and Steen are traveling in Denmark, and Colleen and Mark have moved to Baja California, and Patricia Heer Anderson and

her Granddaughter Violet will be celebrating their Birthdays' on July 16th . One will be 04 and the other 80.

We are working to have election of Officers in August. TH

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 July! Summer has arrived! Livermore had a brief meeting/social gathering last month. Sue Frederich did a great job filling in as president, we'll keep her until our October Installation. We had just enough hot dogs that there was one left when Grand President of Dania Tom Marten called and was outside of our door. Boy does that guy get around. Dan and I went to Reno to celebrate the summer solstice at the River Park Farm. It is always a delight to see the way Danish traditions are upheld by the Reno group, well done!!! (By the way GP Tom was there also). We are usually off for the summer but with an

installation and convention coming up we decided there is no time to slack off, so we will have a meeting Saturday, July 8th, 11:00, place to be determined. We can sure use some extra support, it would be great if some of our members we haven't seen in a while step up and join us. By the way if you read last months article it stated there was 890 people at Diane's memorial, it was really just 80, which is still a great turn out. She is missed.

Happy safe 4th of July, be aware GP Tom might just show up to your celebration. 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

Anyone desiring to attend our meetings should contact Stuart Mahler at smahler52@gmail.com to get onto the Zoom link distribution list.

The Hayward Lodges met on June 8th with nothing new to report. The Hayward Lodges will be taking the months of July

and August off. We will resume zoom meetings on September 14th.

There was no winner of the progressive attendance drawing, so the drawing for our September meeting will be \$40. Enjoy your Summer EJ

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

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Sønderjylland #10 met on Saturday June 10 at Kastania Fælled, the Danish Soldiers Club facility in Petaluma.

The weather was overcast and cool for an outdoor meeting, but not too cold and fortunately the sun came out eventually and it became quite comfortable. Meeting outdoors in early June in Petaluma is usually always warm and comfortable, but with all the late rain and cold weather over the San Francisco area we encountered a definite cold weather event.

We were eight members and one guest present. Fortunately, five of those present were on the Sønderjylland's Board of Directors so we had a quorum and we were able to conduct our regular business. Since we had nominations and elections at our last meeting and everyone on the Board were re-elected, we didn't need to have an installation of officers this year. We were graced with a visit by Dania Grand President Tom Martin, who arrived in style on a motorcycle completely disguised as a man from Mars, with insulating suit and helmet and all.

We discussed the future of Sønderjylland #10. We are still down to just 14 members. We also discussed the difficulty in attracting new members. 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. Dania Grand President Tom Martin spoke about the many other Dania

groups and how they were having events and the like to attract new members, especially events around fourth of July and other summer holiday events.

Since some of our members, who live in Santa Rosa have difficulty travelling to Petaluma for our meetings, we discussed the possibility of having our August meeting at our member Birthe Baekgaard's home in Santa Rosa instead of at Kastania Fælled. Birthe has gracefully accepted an offered to host our August meeting at her home.

After our discussions, we all enjoyed a typical Danish "Fast Food" lunch of "Røde Polser med Brød" with agurkesalat, diced and roasted onions and Remulade among other things. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen provided the Snaps, (Aquavit).

Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 12 at 11:30 at Birthe Baekgaard's home at 4121 Barnes Road in Santa Rosa. 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. 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

June 19 Annie Mae Wentworth a lifetime member of Ydun Lodge was laid to rest at Ocean View Cemetery in Eureka. After a short time in rehabilitation from breaking her hip, she passed on June 5, 2023. She was a very active member until the end, she will be missed.

June 24 Scandinavian Midsummer Picnic at the Danish Hall, 11:00 Boccie, 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.

July 1 Valhalla – Ydun will meet at 11:00 for a meeting at the Danish Hall, with lunch following. Members are asked to bring a dessert or salad to go with the pulled pork sandwiches, vegetarian options will be available.

July 10 Scandinavian Midsummer meeting at 6:00 pm at the Danish Hall with a potluck dinner. All are welcome. We will be electing new officers at this meeting.
Christian Nielsen

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 Friday June 2nd at 6:30 pm. 15 members in attendance and 1 guest. We had a very nice potluck and great assortment of food. During dessert of banana bread and coffee Anette opened the meeting. First, we held election of officers, and they are as follows: Past President Glenn Fritz, President Anette

Christensen, Vice President Eva Loevgren, Secretary Sena-Marie Freeman #49, Treasurers Carl Christiansen, and Ingrid Hedman, Marshal Nina Potter, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jordan Potter, Jens Christiansen, and Helen Christiansen, Auditors Leif Larsen, Lars Jensen and Ina Segesman. Then we talked about St. Hans Fest (Midsummer fest) June 23rd at 7 pm. at the

River School Farm. Anette closed the meeting after she read an email from our dear friend Ingrid Nowland who moved to Utah. We had a wonderful St. Hans Evening last Friday with 25 in attendance. We were privileged to have our Grand President of Dania, Tom Martin and Grand Vice Presidents Kathy Tomsen and Dan Holm in attendance. Everyone brought something to grill and a side dish to share. It was a beautiful evening and not too hot. When the sun set, we lit the bonfire and send a few paper witches off to "Blocksbjerg." Sena-Marie had made chocolate chip cookies, but we missed her presence. She was at a dinner with her cousin Barbara Iler and family, who just lost her husband Herb at the age of 88. We are sending our sincere condolences and hope the family finds comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. "Æret være hans minde." We also missed Lars and Marian, who are having a good time in Denmark and Ingrid Hedman had her daughters on a visit.

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

We had to change our meeting to the 4th Friday for the month of June, since so few members could make it on the 3rd Friday. We will be meeting at the home of Brian and Susan

For our July 7th meeting we will celebrate 4th of July – a little late – with a BBQ. We meet at the Lodge at 6:30 pm and everyone should bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Sena-Marie will bring a dessert.

On our sick list we have Solveig who fell and broke her femur bone. She is home now and doing better after a visit to the rehab place. We all wish her well and a quick recovery so she can return to our meetings. Ann-Katherine was in the hospital with an atrial fibrillation condition but bounced back. Nina and Jordan brought her to lodge, and she attended St. Hans, too. Glad to see she is feeling better. Janet Pulsipher's sister-in-law told me she is holding her own. Her memory is getting worse. Ruth Olsen is doing well according to her sister-in-law. Our July Birthdays are Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb, and Brooke Matuzak. Happy Birthday everyone! Happy 4th of July. Be safe and healthy, Take care Sena-Marie

Danneskjold No. 17

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

President, Laila Solyst atlailaspring@hotmail.com Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

Well, can you believe that we are now at the beginning of the second half of 2023.

I don't know where the time goes but it also seems like I just wrote a newsletter article and here I am again.

I am sad to say that Danneskjold 17 just lost another member. Charles "Chuck" Allman passed away on June 8. He had been under Hospice Care at the Veterans Hospital for the last few months. Our sympathies go to his daughter Pam and her family. RIP Chuck, you will be missed.

Mefford on Friday June 30th. Our members are keeping busy with vacations and enjoying the benefits of summer weather. Secretary Marge Scheuber

As I stated last month, we will have our next business meeting in August. It will be held here at my Hollister Ranch on Saturday August 12. We will gather around 11:30 and have lunch at 12 noon. Our meeting will be followed by dessert and socializing. The address is 4989 Southside Rd. Hoister.

As of the writing of this article I'm happy to say that I have not heard of anyone on the sick list. Let's keep it that way. I hope all the fathers out there had a great Day. Now go get the sparklers ready for the 4th of July Celebrations. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, Secretary, Darlene Iversen and Elaine Anes

Our June Meeting was well attended with 19 members. Everyone was in a good mood and busy catching up on news. We have a new president! Kristen Worthley has accepted the position and we are looking forward to a great year. She attended convention for the first time and was happy to meet

new people and learn more about Dania. Past President Finn Runge was thanked for his 4 years of service and we sang "Han Skal Live" to him. We have June gloom on the central coast so are hoping for a warmer sunny July. Hope everyone enjoys the 4th of July where ever you are celebrating. 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 4th 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