



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2023

Dannebrog Grand President

How do we keep our organizations alive and prospering? My grandparents were members, my parents were members, their five children are members, my kids are members, and my grandkids are members! Are your family members in Dannebrog or Dania? If not, why not? Have we reached out to our friends?

Granted it takes more than family and friends. I started going to meetings because they were actually fun to watch and be a part of. Next thing I knew I was going through the chairs. Both of my sons are past presidents of Thyra #9.

Do you have several activities during the year besides meetings. Is your lodge even meeting?

Conventions are a lot of fun! What about that flower power dinner dance at our last convention?

Some branches in Dannebrog and Dania seem to be pretty active. Check them out. Why are they successful? What are their strategies? What works? What did not work?

Anyway, looking forward to Reno's installation on Friday October 6, 2023, and Livermore on October 21, 2023. Hope to see a lot of you at both venues!
Stuart Mahler, Grand President

Dania Grand President

Well, October is almost here and what a month September has been. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Valhalla #11 over the Labor Day weekend. As usual, the friendly folks in Ferndale put on a great event. The highlight was installing my high-school classmate Karl Diehl as Marshal for the upcoming year. Sunday brought us bocce at the park and a great BBQ lunch back at the hall.

I made it down to Fresno for their meeting at Denny's on the 8th and while a small group, it was nice to see everyone again, most had been in Ferndale. Carl Jensen was there and in good spirits. I don't get to see him often enough. It was a nice trip on the motorcycle.

Unfortunately, that's all of the good news for September. I lost my twin brother to cancer on the 12th. I am so glad that he was able to attend the

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convention in April and meet some of our members in person. I've been a bit busy with arrangements and had to miss Danish Days in Solvang. Gloria and I were looking forward to a nice weekend there but, circumstances dictated otherwise.

I'm looking forward to installing the officers in Reno on October 6th and Livermore on the 21st. Bornholm will have a fall picnic at Orange Blossom Park in

Oakdale on the 15th. Come on out and support the other lodges! Regards, Tom Martin, Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Agnes Larsen, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang
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DANIA NEW MEMBER:

Gregg DeMartino, Valdemar #12, Reno

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Dania Secretaries

Branch's Up and coming events.

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!

I want to congratulate Danmark #2's newest Life Member – Poul Andersen. Poul joined Danmark #2 in July of 1987. He has more than paid his dues to our lodge so it's about time we stop asking for them each year. We hope to see you for our Christmas Luncheon this year! We missed you last year and hope to see you soon!

Speaking of Christmas Luncheons, mark your calendar for Saturday December 9th. We have the date set and are securing a venue. It won't be Bosco's Bones and Brew this year as they have closed recently. We had fun there last year but were crowded, so this year we are looking for a bigger venue. Stay tuned dear readers.

September seemed to come and go too quickly. Our monthly gathering was on Saturday the 30th, post newsletter article submission, so I don't have any stories to tell as I write this. But here's a prediction: we had a good time in Tom Martin's backyard again. And to our friend

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

Summer is over and we're winding down for the Fall pumpkin season. I attended the Ferndale installation with my son, Grand Vice Marshal, Dennis. It was a nice weekend. We even played bocce on Sunday.

Our regular meeting was on the second weekend in September. We had a surprise guest, Dania Grand President, Tom Martin. He joined us for our lunch/meeting.

The Fresno Danish Dancers are still dancing for Solvang's Danish Days. Our group tends to be smaller, but we still dance and give it our all. We have live music with our own group, the Great Danes of Fresno. My daughter, Renae, and granddaughter, Mikayla, attended the festivities with me. We were happy to see Doris Skow in Solvang with her

Tom Schroeder – hope you are feeling better and are up to joining us at Tom's. If you can get to my house, I will chauffeur you to our event...and bring a Kringle. My brother James and I visited Ferndale on Sunday September 17th while on our road rally event. We arrived too late to catch breakfast at Poppa Joe's but had a great meal at Tuyas. Always nice to be in Ferndale. We quite literally rattled out of town on Grizzly Bluff Road, but that is a car story for another day.

October means Oktoberfest! We always have an Oktoberfest theme at our October gathering, which normally means more of those amazing Lockeford brats (are you reading this Johanne?). I hope the weather holds out so we can have yet another great backyard barbecue. I'll be scouring the newsletter for any chance to wear my lederhosen and do the Chicken Dance. Fröhliches Oktoberfest! Hope to see you all soon.

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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son Carl and daughter-in-law Elvia. The biggest surprise of the weekend was to have Carl Jensen attend on Saturday to watch us dance and visit with all the Danes. Over the years, Betty and Carl never missed Solvang's Danish Days. Our Grand Vice Presidents, Kathy, and Dan hosted a party on the parade route to view the floats and bands with beer and snacks. It was a family affair with Dan's mom and brothers. Bent Olsen even brought pastry over for us to enjoy.

Looking ahead to October, the Reno installation will be held on the first Friday of the month, so our Fresno lodge meeting will take place on the second Friday, October 13. We'll be at the usual place, Denny's at 11:30 am for our lunch/meeting.

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	Bob & Tracey Lamee's Home

The Fresno Historical Group will be having a dinner on October 15 at Pioneer Village in Selma. Our folk dance group will be dancing along with some of our young Kingsburg dancers.

Sending heartfelt condolences to Tom Martin on the passing of his twin brother, Tim.

We end the month with a celebration of Halloween. I hope everyone will enjoy having trick-or-treaters or at least eating the candy intended for them. 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

All of our Salinas Members send our heartfelt condolences to Tom Martin on the passing of his twin brother, Tim.

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 Fall Y'all! If you haven't done so yet, please hurry it up and RSVP to our installation, Saturday, October 21st, 11:00 installation with our version of an October Fest lunch to follow, for a small price of \$20.00. All done while in the lovely backyard of Bob & Tracey's (our now famous Grand Marshals) house. RSVP to Tracey at tnlamee@yahoo.com or call (925) 819-2785, and please

casual wear only. We will not have a meeting in October since we are so efficient and entirely prepared for this installation. If we don't see you in Reno for their installation on the 6th, we look forward to seeing y'all on the 21st. Enjoy the cool fall weather we are having. Happy Halloween! 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.

Sonderjylland 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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Our next meeting is on Saturday October 14 at 11:30 am. This meeting will be again held at our member Birthe Tarp Baekgaard's home in Santa Rosa.

This will be our second time meeting at Birthe's home, our July meeting there was well attended and worked out well. Birthe's place is practically among the vineyards on Barnes Road in Santa Rosa.

After our meeting we will have lunch and as usual, President Debbie will provide the Aquavit for the lunch. 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

October 7 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 at the Danish Hall for a meeting with a catered lunch following.

Menu will be minestrone soup with Danish pork loin, various salads and dessert.

I hope all will attend and welcome fall. Christian

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 September 1st at 6:30 pm with 12 members and 2 guests in attendance, one of which became a member of Dannevirke #9. It was a very nice potluck dinner and Anette made the Danish Apple Cake (Æblekage med makroner og flødeskum). Sena-Marie had made Banana Pudding with vanilla wafers and a pumpkin loaf, so there was no shortage of desserts. Anette opened the meeting during coffee and dessert. Mostly we talked about our installation on Friday October 6th. Anette asked if anybody could come at 2 pm to help set up and help with the making of (smørrebrød) sandwiches and what else needs to be prepared for the big night. We are starting with cocktails at 6pm, Dinner will be served at 7pm, and installation & dessert & coffee to follow, followed by the introduction of Grand Officers. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

We also talked about our November 3rd meeting, which will be a Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen will be roasting his famous turkey and it is so YUMMY. Ingrid Hedman announced that the Lucia practices will start November 4th and the following 2 Saturdays, Nov. 11th, and 18th.

Anyone with children interested in the Lucia program, please contact Ingrid at dasvede@gmail.com

It is difficult to believe that we are also talking about our Christmas Party that will be on Friday December 1st. I spoke with Steve Myers our Elf (Nisse), and he would be glad to perform his cute show for children and adults alike.

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

On September 15 our members met at Peltier Winery in Acampo to enjoy wine tasting before our meeting which was held down the street at the ranch home of George Dutra. There we met in the lovely back yard and enjoyed appetizers and beverages before partaking in brats barbecued by Chef Dutra. We all look forward to Bodil Whitehouse's Octoberfest menu: Sauerkraut, marinated cucumbers, and Danish apple cake for dessert. So delicious!

We were caught by surprise when our new member Anita Parham walked in the back yard with a guest none other than Roger Gearhart. We knew that Anita had met a man named Roger at the Norwegian Club. She didn't remember his last name. He is the one that recommended that she join our lodge. She was supposed to ride with John and I but called at the last minute to tell us she was getting a ride with someone else. We found out he wanted it to be a surprise. Indeed, it was! It was great to visit with Roger.

Sena-Marie read an application for membership to Dannevirke #9. We welcomed Gregg DeMartino with open arms. He previously belonged to the Livermore Lodge and now lives in Minden, Nevada. It was so nice to see him again, and glad that he joined us.

We have great news to report – Carl Henrik Christiansen's daughter, Nina, was married to Matthew King in Montana on September 2. We wish them much happiness in their future endeavors.

Anette reported that Lone Webb is doing better with her broken arm – in fact – so well that she is on a trip to South Africa right now. Janet Pulsipher is about the same, no real changes. Ann-Katherine moved to a different assisted living, who can better care for her needs. If anyone wants to send her greetings or cards, please send them to 969 Whitaker Drive, Reno NV. 89502. I know she would enjoy hearing from you. My cousin Barbara Iler is doing pretty well after Herb's death. Her daughters and I check on her often. We all hope that Past Grand President Kay Jensen is doing well after her surgery. Hope our other members are doing well.

Our October Birthdays are Linda Hill, Joan Topolin, Paul Christensen, and Leif Larsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone. Looking forward to seeing you in Reno for the Installation. Safe travels to Reno October 6th, be safe, stay healthy, and take care Sena-Marie

September 15th is Susan Mefford's birthday. After dinner Bodil walked out carrying a birthday cake with lighted candles. As Susan blew out the candles, confetti shot out of a gun and floated down all over us seated at the long picnic tables. We all had a marvelous time.

Our next event will be a picnic at Orange Blossom Park on Orange Blossom Road in Oakdale held on Sunday October 15th beginning at 9:30 a.m. featuring aebleskiver by Brian Mefford. There will be time for games and socializing before and after lunch. Lunch will include hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes provided by members. Members are to provide their own beverages. We encourage guests to attend but please RSVP, by October 10th to John Scheuber. Phone -209-541-4092 or by email consultingjohns@gmail.com. Respectfully, Marge Scheuber, Secretary

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, this is a quiet month for the members of Danneskjold 17 as we have no meeting or social having been held.

We did have one birthday in September and that was Lee Dove on the 22nd, Belated congratulations Lee. I have several missing birthdates for our members. Please contact me with the month and date of your birthday so I can complete my list and we can recognize you. If you celebrated a birthday last month, Happy Birthday.

Lisa McDanial is still having problems with her hip and Maud Hansen is still healing from carpal tunnel surgery. We wish you both the best.

I just returned from a 5 day trip to Solvang for Danish Days with my son and daughter in law, Karl and Elvia. We spent 2 1/2 days there enjoying the festivities and visiting with many Danish friends. From there we traveled to Cayucos and the surrounding area seeing some of our family surroundings and enjoying the ocean. This was a great trip with good food and good weather along the way. Happy Halloween to all. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Solvang's yearly Danish Days is over and was well attended as usual. The Danish Maid this year was Stephanie Pedersen. She came to our meeting in her Danish costume and reported on all the festivities she was involved in. Her family has lived in Solvang for many years and she did very well at representing her Danish heritage.

We presented Ella Bransen the 2023 Santa Ynez High School senior a Scholarship. She was very grateful and is now at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

So sorry to report the passing of two members of Hejls Minde. Agnes Larsen was a long-time member and our Treasurer for many years. She and Lucille Wulff made

Aebleskiver at Danish Days and were honored as Grand Marshals in the parade several years ago. Elizabeth Jensen was also a long-time member. We will miss them both. Marie gave us our Danish history lesson for the month. In 1920 the Eskimo Pie ice cream bar was invented by Danish immigrant, Christian Kent Nelson. He was a school teacher and candy store owner in Iowa. A young boy couldn't decide what to buy, ice cream or a chocolate bar. Nelson experimented and made the Eskimo Pie. It sold for 10 cents and was a big hit and made him lots of money. We Danes do like our sweets. Happy fall days to you all, Darlene

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

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