



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2023

Dannebrog Grand President

October was a fun month. Drove up to Reno for their installation on October 6 with my wife and two sisters. A lot of chatting and talking about the past when Dannebrog and Dania had more members and the activities we used to experience. Arrival in Reno was somewhat delayed due to an accident on west bound freeway 80. Took some time to get by that as we were down to one lane east bound. When we arrived at the hotel, we all went for a stroll after checking in and found a location for a nice lunch along the river.

Anette and her committee did their usual outstanding job with the Danish style meal and the conversations around the various tables. After dinner Tom and I conducted the installation of officers along with the awesome outstanding team of Grand Marshals, Tracey and Robert Lamee!

Next up was a journey to Livermore for their installation on October 21 at the home of Tracey and Robert Lamee. However, I was fashionably late as my car battery was playing possum and I needed to jump start my car to get to Livermore. I did get there in time for the installation. It is great working with Tom doing the installation of officers along with the more than capable Grand Marshals, Tracey and Robert Lamee! The yard setting was beautiful, and it was a gorgeous afternoon. A fabulous luncheon followed the installation with some great conversations. After, Rowland Mac (McNielsen) assisted me in jumping my car battery so I could drive home back to Benicia. I am now the proud owner of a new car battery. I must admit it has been a while since I last purchased a car battery. The costs have gone up a bit!!!

My wife, Susan, and I wish all of you a great Thanksgiving holiday! Stuart Mahler

Dania Grand President

I had a nice visit with Mel Lundberg and Karl Diehl on the 5th as Mel needed to service his car and he takes it to Santa Rosa to get that done. We met at the Olive Garden for lunch while they did his service. It takes about 90 minutes on the motorcycle each way

to get there, but I can't pass up the opportunity to see Mel and Karl when they get that close. Soon, I will be having my hip surgery and won't be travelling much for a while.

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The next day I was on the road for the installation of officers at Reno. As usual, Anette and her team put together a fabulous spread of open-face sandwiches. We had a good turnout for one of the few places we have left to do formal installations. A big room is a big help. Bob and Tracey did a fine job of marching everyone around the room. While I didn't get to see Glenn Fritz as he had fallen and was unable to attend, I did see a familiar face behind the bar. Welcome back to Greg DeMartino.

On the 15th, I attended Bornholm's fall picnic at Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale. Over 40 people turned out for a nice day of fun. Brian and Susie Mefford had the æbleskiver breakfast in full swing when I arrived and everyone was taking advantage. I brought along some of the Linguiça that my brother's group of friends made in February. We served it with the hamburgers and hot dogs (and a lot of side dishes) for lunch. Danielle LeBouf topped it all off with homemade ice cream for desert (mine on the

lemon cake). While we were there, we installed the officers of Bornholm in an informal ceremony. It was nice to see a few other Grand Officers present at this impromptu event.

We had a very nice gathering at the Lamee's home for the installation of Livermore's officers. A good turnout of folks from other branches and several of our Grand Officers were in attendance. As usual, Bob and Tracey took care of everything. They set up an outdoor meeting area that worked really well and then fed us a nice Oktoberfest meal of sausages and beverages. I had too much cake...

I had my left hip replaced on the 25th of October and am recovering, though it will take some time. I don't expect to make it to any November events but if the rehab goes better than expected, I may just surprise you. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Christmas parties, so please make sure I know when you are having yours. Tom Martin, Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

DANIA GENERAL FUND/DANIA SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA NEW MEMBER:

Allysen Mefford, Bornholm #14, Modesto

Anita Parham, Bornholm #14, Modesto

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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!

Before we talk about November, I must mention the last day of September. As predicted, we indeed had a good time at Tom Martin's place. And Tom Schroeder was mended enough to make it...with a Kringle in hand. We had a great turn out and great food, just under the wire to make for a memorable September Gathering. But October was a different story. Besides the solar eclipse, everyone was busy and all the weekends were booked. We had no gathering in October – gasp! But no need to feel sorry for us as we all had fun at so many October events, just not at a Danmark and Thyra backyard barbecue.

Many of us got to enjoy an excellent Oktober Fest backyard extravaganza at the Livermore Installation. Thank you Bob and Tracey for hosting! The food was awesome, just like the company. The Grand Officers almost have the ritual down (Haha – close enough). And about that guy who forgot to pay before he left, I hear that the check is in the mail.

Oktober Fest and Halloween are over, except for the left-over sauerkraut and candy. Now it is November and it

seems odd that the year only has about sixty days left. We must make the best of them. Save the date for Saturday December 9th for our Christmas Luncheon. We have the date set. All we need now is a venue.

I'd like to make sure that we all send Glenn Fritz a collective "Get well soon!" He took a spill and is laid up (No pun intended, but I bet he has an appropriate inappropriate joke for the occasion). All of us wish you a speedy recovery Glenn.

Also, we wish a speedy recovery for Poul Andersen. We hear he had a short time in the hospital, but all is well. He is home recovering while his daughter is visiting. Poul, we hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon. I'll save a bottle of rosé for you.

What else can I say? Happy Thanksgiving! Happy World Series! Happy Football! Have a great November and hope to see you soon.

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 11-13 2024	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		

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

We had our October meeting a week later, as we didn't want to interfere with any of our members going to the Reno installation.

We still had the usual members show up for the meeting at Denny's.

Carl Jensen our Cheer Chairman gave a report on the members he had talked to. Betty Green has moved to Kingston Bay, she says that may be her last move. We hope this will be a good move for her and wish her well. Norm Jensen is doing well and is back inspecting figs for the USDA.

We discussed having our Christmas lunch on the second Friday in December, the 8th, at Denny's.

Looking forward to Livermore's installation on Oct. 21, will visit with everyone.

I didn't get to attend Reno's function as I was attending the National Danish Sisterhood Convention that meets every 4 years. It was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the hotel adjacent to the large Mall of America. The eastern lodges seem to be much more active than ours in CA.

My raisins bins have been delivered to Sun Maid and now the vines will be dropping leaves, then its pruning, tying and dormant until they start over again. It's come time for me to let the home place go and to move. It's bittersweet as many of you know that's been through the process. Not sure where that will take me.

We will have our usual lunch/meeting on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's on Shaw Ave. east of First Street.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. 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

Speedy recovery to Tom Martin, Glenn Fritz and Bob Lamee. Happy Thanksgiving to all!! 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 November! Guys if you missed out on our installation, well you just missed out. A big shout out to Bob & Tracey for hosting a perfectly eloquent informal installation in their lovely backyard. The location was perfect, the food was delicious and the beer was flowing. We even had a keg, thanks to Zack Reinstein. A good time

was had by all. Congratulations to our new president, Dan Holm. A speedy recovery is wished for Bob as he goes in for a new knee. No meeting is scheduled for November.

Stay well, stay healthy!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! 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

The Hayward Lodges resumed zoom meetings in September and October. Our next zoom meeting is November 9th at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no meeting in December. Instead, we will be gathering at Greg Gleeson's home on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. for our traditional celebration.

The drawing in November will be for \$50 and \$10.

Guests desiring to attend our meetings should notify Stuart Mahler to obtain the zoom link.

The Hayward Lodges wish you all a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving. Eric Jorgensen

Sonderjylland No. 10

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

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Sonderjylland #10 unfortunately had to cancel their October 2023 meeting.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Saturday April 13, 2024 at 11:30 am. at the Danish Soldiers Club Facility at 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma.

We are looking into us having a Christmas Lunch, if possible. Date, time and location to be determined. Meanwhile, we wish all our members and friends, and Dania members, a very Happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

November 4 Valhalla – Ydun will meet for a meeting at 11:00 with a Swedish Pancake lunch to follow.

December 1 Scandinavian Festival meeting at 6:00 upstairs at the Sons of Norway Hall with a potluck dinner Christmas party. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange, all are welcome.

December 2 Valhalla – Ydun will be having a Christmas Party. Reservations are a must to Mel Lundberg 707.822.3787. Menu is Felet Menyon, Prawns and Vegetarian Lasagna with various salads, side dishes and desserts. 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 October 6th for our installation of officers. I opened the hall while Anette was waiting for the Pear pies to finish baking. 😊 Thank you to Gregg, Debbie, Ina, Eva, Lone, Bonnie, Karina, Sena Marie for helping to set up tables & chairs, making Smørrebrød and getting us ready for the event. Also, thank you to Gregg for your help at the bar. We all appreciate you. We had a very nice turnout, and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I know that the Reno Lodges enjoyed seeing all our friends from our neighboring state. We enjoyed some drinks and great Smørrebrød before the installation. It was a great installation performed by our Grand Presidents Stuart Mahler and Tom Martin. Equally excellent job performed by our Grand Marshals, Bob and Tracey Lamee. Finishing off the evening with coffee and desert while our Grand Presidents introduced their Officers and Past Officers. Thank you, Stuart, for recognizing Janet Pulsipher, even though she was not present. That was so sweet of you. Thank you to Lars, Eugene, Gregg and Lone who stayed till the end helped with the night cleanup. I had to leave a bit early, my legs said to me go home, please.

Our November 3rd meeting will be a Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen will be roasting his famous turkey and

Sena-Marie will bring dessert. Everyone should bring their favorite Thanksgiving dish to share.

Anyone interested in the Lucia performance, please contact Ingrid Hedman dasvede@gmail.com. Practices are Saturday November 4th, 11th, and 18th from 1 – 3 pm. Remember our Christmas Party is December 1st. and Steve Myers our Elf (Nisse) will be there as well.

We really missed Glenn Fritz at the installation, he fell and broke his vertebra. The following week he had surgery and several screws, plates, and pins later, he is on the mend.

We wish him a speedy recovery. MISS YOU BUDDY. I talked to Janet Pulsipher's sister-in law and Janet is about the same. Ruth Olsen is doing well. She must walk with a walker now, but always in a great mood. Janet's husband Cleo, 96 years young, fell and bruised his face, but he is ok. We hope Jens Christiansen had a nice trip to Denmark.

Missed you at our installation. Hope everyone else is doing well. Hope to see you all soon. Our Sympathy goes out to Tom Martin on the loss of his twin brother Tim. It was nice to see Ann-Katherine at our installation. Thank you, Jordan and Nina, for bringing her. She is now wheelchair bound. Hang in there cousin. Love You. Our November Birthdays are Lone Webb, Denise Topoian, Erik Jensen and Michael Pennington. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Be safe, stay healthy, and Happy Thanksgiving all, 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

Instead of our regular Friday meeting we chose this month to have a picnic at Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale. We spent many years having picnics at this lovely outdoor setting alongside the Stanislaus River. It was a pleasure to return after a few years. This year we decided to have our installation of officers at the same time in an informal setting.

Early arrivals were treated to delicious æbleskiver made to perfection by Brian Mefford with wife Susan assisting. After games of Frisbee and Ladder Toss enjoyed by children and John Scheuber, we began our installation with our Grand President Tom Martin and Bob Lamee presiding.

In addition to Tom and Bob, we were pleased to have in attendance the following state officers: Tracey Lamee, Kathy Thomsen, and Dan Holmes. Two of Johanne's great granddaughters Paisley and Caitlin patiently held the

Danish and American flags throughout the entire installation. Our new officers are President, Jason LeBeouf, Vice President, Brian Mefford, Treasurer, Johanne Gade, Secretary, Marge Scheuber, Marshal, George Dutra, Vice Marshal, Merete Meeks, Trustees, John Scheuber and Danielle LeBeouf, and Auditors, Bodil Whitehouse and Merete Meeks.

Following the installation we enjoyed grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages by chef David Meeks. Thanks to Tom Martin for the tasty sausages. Our members and some others provided the side dishes and desserts. Thanks to Jason and Danielle for the special homemade ice cream. We were very pleased to have 42 attendees the most we have had in recent years. Our next meeting will be held at the home of the LeBeouf's in Modesto.

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

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween this week. I have not had a chance to talk to any of our members this week as I have been going crazy getting a new computer set up and figuring out how to work with it. We will be meeting this month but are planning on a really nice festive and fun Christmas Party on December 16 at the home of Bette Ellis. Be sure to put the

date on the calendar. There will be more information in the next Newsletter. It will be great to see our President at the party. Since she moved to Everett, WA we only see her at our meetings. Welcome back to CA Laila, even if it is only for a few days.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy the turkey.
DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

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

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