



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2024

## Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

Just like that it is summer of 2024! June just might be my favorite month, perhaps because it's my birthday month, just saying. It was a fine and rainy day celebrating with the Danes at the soldier's club at Kastania Park. Congratulations to Jana Heer for most authentic Danish costume, her escort Steen was in fine Danish apparel also. If you haven't heard Mads Tolling on the violin, for goodness' sake put that on your bucket list, he puts on a fabulous show, especially his interpretation of the Flintstone's Theme. Scott and Ever did a fantastic job pulling the day together and hopefully it will be a yearly event, despite the weather. We went to Ferndale to attend Christian Nielsen's memorial. He had a huge turnout of people who greatly appreciated him and will miss him. His Member of the Year plaque was on fine display. The Ferndale group will continue the tradition of Labor Day installations. It's a long drive but it's California at its best, with miles and miles of beautiful redwood trees. Next stop will be joining the San Jose group at Doris Skow's ranch in Hollister. It is a lovely place off the beaten path. Hope to see you there, or sometime soon. Enjoy June, like I said it's my favorite month. Grand President's Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen

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**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 John A. Jensen**

June is here. Summer is here! Congratulations to all the grads, and Happy Father's Day to all the Dads. The month of May was as full as it could be for our lodge and all things Danish. The kickoff was Denmark Day at the Danish Soldiers Club on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This was a very special event, and I am happy to have attended. The hard rain in the morning could not dampen the festive spirit, although it did make quite a bit of mud in the parking lot. I think it was Jesper Kamp, our Danish Consulate General, who said there were so many Danes and Danish culture there, we ended up with Danish weather as well. The food, music, singing, and dancing were all exceptional. Especially enjoyable was the music from violinist Mads Tolling – mesmerizing. Thank you to all members of the Danish Soldiers Club for hosting such an awesome day. I understand it will be an annual event, so be sure to mark your calendar next year. It is not to be missed. The next weekend our lodge met at the Odd Fellows Hall in the city for lunch and a meeting. Our very own Vice President Dennis Nielsen stepped up in Jessica's absence to run the meeting. Well done for his first time with the gavel. We had a good turnout for smørrebrød from Copenhagen Bakery. Truly a treat, especially when it was accompanied by so many homemade goodies. The Danish Apple Cake from Yoko was my favorite (I think it's made with brown sugar – yummy!). Add akvavit, some birthday songs, and more desserts to make a memorable May meeting. As I always say, we love the hall. We will be there again for the July meeting, which is traditionally our non-meeting. Hot dogs and nickel beers in the kitchen. Contact me if you are interested.

**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 was a busy month for the Danes that were able to attend all of the functions held in May. The month started with the Danish celebration held at Kastania Park in Petaluma. Our member, Jana Heer, took first place with her authentic Danish women's costume, and Steen Skjellerup took second place with his authentic Danish men's costume. People reported that it was rainy and cold. The third weekend in May we had the Kingsburg Festival. The Danish folk dance group was joined with many of the Kingsburg students for dance performances on Friday night at their smorgasbord and Saturday for the crepe and sausage breakfast.

Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 10-12 2025	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		
Dannevang # 7 Danebod #16	October 19, 2024	Lamee's house Livermore
Valdemar #12. Dannevirke # 9	October 4, 2024	IOOF Hall Reno

The next weekend we met in Tom's Backyard for another BBQ extravaganza. The home-made sausages from friends in Ferndale were amazing. A perfectly cooked tri-tip from Peter Maris, wonderful salads from Dennis and Karen, and homemade leverpostej from Anne rounded out the menu. Everybody brought something and I can't remember it all, but I do remember the peanut butter buddies from Judy. It was great to see Judy and Tim from Sacramento. They were once members of the Sacramento lodge a while back, and we hope to convince them to join Dania and Dannebrog once again.

Please mark Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as our 2024 Sunol BBQ and Pool Party. It was so much fun last year, let's do it again this year. Like before, the San Francisco lodge will provide the meat for the grill, and our guests will provide the salads and desserts. More details as the date approaches but it's never too early to RSVP. Hope to see you there, or sooner!  
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,  
[jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 1-510-697-4658

This weekend many of us will place flowers and American flags at the cemetery. June typically brings graduations and weddings, though I'm not involved with any this year. We wish all of the fathers a Happy Father's Day surrounded by family and friends. Our lodge will suspend activities for Fresno's hot summer months. We will reconvene in September on the first Friday of the month. On Friday, September 6, at 11:30AM at Denny's on Shaw we'll have a meeting and lunch.

I'm continuing to get rid of Gunnar's tractors as I'm making the transition to town living. One down, five more to go. Give me a call if you're interested. Have a great summer - 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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Tim and Natalie are planning on attending Rebuild fest July 4<sup>th</sup>. So excited! This is the first time for us. If you want to know about this very Danish activity, let us know. We will be glad to share.  
Please select dates that would work for you to gather to discuss the future of Freja and Dana. Share them with

Natalie, Secretary, and we will plan on providing a special Danish luncheon for all.  
We have had such fun and want to share this with others. Keep in mind, we are here for our Danish community and welcome anyone who is interested in continuing the Salinas Lodges.

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

**Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 5:00PM; 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)**

We are excited to announce we have a new member in our Livermore group. Louie Esposito submitted his application and there was no hesitation to accept. If you were at convention, you more than likely bought raffle tickets from him, if not you certainly should have.  
Welcome to our club Louie! After several cancellation of meeting dates due to Mother's Day and funerals, we met in Bob & Tracey's backyard, and had a feast of Mexican food

ending with dump cake. Why oh why do I always eat so much at these meetings? Good company, good food, those are the best of times. Speaking of meetings, we are taking the summer off and will meet again in September, location and time to be determined.  
Fly your American Flag high, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day. Enjoy June (my favorite month) 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)**

The Hayward Lodges resumed their meeting post convention on May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The main discussions were reports on convention goings on. Despite the fact there was little business to relate, all agreed it was extremely nice to get together in person and

the venue was excellent. Our next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>  
As a reminder, Hayward Lodges do not meet in July or August. Anyone desiring to attend our meetings should contact Stuart Mahler at [smahler52@gmail.com](mailto:smahler52@gmail.com) to get onto the Zoom link distribution list. EJ

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of April, June, August, and October at 11:30am,  
at the Danish Soldiers Club Facility at 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma.  
John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2557  
Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070; E-Mail: [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)**

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting in May 2024.  
Our June meeting will be held at member Birthe Baekgaard's home in Santa Rosa on Saturday June 8 at 11:30. Our lunch will be Danish Hotdogs with all the trimmings and San Francisco Potato Salad, (Danske Røde Pølser med Brød, Ristede Løg og Kartoffel Salat).  
As this will be our first meeting in 2024, we will have nominations and elections to the Board and we will discuss our future operation.

Please let Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen know if you will attend and/or bring a guest. 510-375-5070.  
Guests are always welcome. Please contact John if you do not know Birthe's address on Barnes Road in Santa Rosa. 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: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536  
Secretary, Donald T. Christensen, [dtchkhc@gmail.com](mailto:dtchkhc@gmail.com)**

It's June! The days are warmer, the rain has abated, and the afternoon sky continues to clear.  
Members discussed a number of items of business during the last meeting. Discussions will continue during the July meeting. Grand Lodge Dania awarded Christian Nielsen

'Member of the Year.' Daniel Barney presented Christian's brother Jim Nielsen with a plaque from the Grand Lodge convention. Jim expressed his gratitude and said he would like to see the plaque be a part of the hall. Thank you, Pat,

Colleen, Lynn and anyone who helped with the setup and decorations for the Syttende Mai celebration.

Reports on the Grand Lodge convention was presented by Lynn Wachter and Daniel and Tamara Barney. Valhalla and Ydun Lodges' delegates told us about the attractive grounds, Bent Olsen's tasty pastries, discussions regarding the Senior Assistance Fund and the funds and investments of the lodges, the 'country hoedown,' the Danish Consulate's words of world partnerships and offshore wind turbine farms (in the planning stages for Humboldt County) and the nomination and election of Grand Lodge officers. Congratulations to the new Grand Lodge officers for Dania and Dannebrog!

No meeting 1 June, instead, Valhalla will celebrate its 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with a catered dinner, with a choice of

### **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; President, Anette Christensen,  
[anettechristensen@charter.net](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net)**

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met on Friday May 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Odd Fellows Hall. A wonderful potluck with a variety of appetizers and dinner. 20 members were in attendance and 2 little visitors. Baby Graysen and Lone Webb's granddaughter. Anette opened our meeting while we were enjoying our wonderful desserts and coffee. First, we talked about the lovely convention we had just attended in Santa Nella, so well organized by the Livermore Lodges. Not the best weather, but everyone had a wonderful time. Job well done – Livermore!

Again, congratulations to our own Jillian Baker as Dannebrog Grand Trustee #3. I told her I went in as Grand Trustee #3 at my first convention in 1972. Now Reno repeats itself. Jillian also accepted the office of Auditor in the Reno Lodge. Thank you, Jillian and Anette, for the rides and being great roommates.

Next on the list was the election of officers. Here is the list of our newly elected officers to be installed on October 4, 2024. Past President Glenn Fritz, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Leif Larsen, Secretary Sena-Marie Freeman #50, Treasurers Carl Christiansen, and Ingrid Hedman, Marshal Nina Potter, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jordan Potter, Helen Christiansen, and

### **Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month Time and place to be Determined.  
President Jason LaBeouf, Secretary Marge Scheuber, [olemargel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olemargel@sbcglobal.net)**

April Showers may come in May. Indeed, it does! Those Danes that showed up at the Soldiers Club on Denmark Day found out. It made no difference in the well-planned day we were treated to: plenty of drink choices, delicious Scandinavian food, excellent program and entertainment and a chance to meet members from other Danish organizations and learn what they have to offer. Thanks to all those who worked hard to put this altogether.

prime rib or fish. If interested in attending, contact Mel Lundberg, 707-822-3787, as soon as possible. Birthday congratulations to Dick Tirsbeck and Jessie James.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association will hold a picnic Saturday, 22 June, at Fireman's Park, just a couple of blocks from the Danish Hall. The first picnic was held in 1951, and has been held annually, except for the COVID years. You're encouraged to wear your country's traditional attire. Enjoy an afternoon of games, flag ceremony, potluck picnic and accordion music. If there's space at the bocce ball courts, display your skill. The first nomination of officers is scheduled for the 6 July meeting. Mark your calendar.

Jens Christiansen, and Auditors Jillian Baker, Lars Jensen, and Ina Segesman.

For our June 7th meeting we will have a potluck starting at 6:30 pm. Sena-Marie will make a dessert and you may bring anything your heart desires.

Sunday June 23, 2024, we celebrate St. Hans fest with a BBQ and bonfire at the River School Farm, 7777 White Fir St, Reno, NV 89523. We start at 7 pm with a picnic and as the sun sets, we will light the bonfire. Feel free to bring a witch if you have an extra laying around. 😊 Please bring your drinks, something to grill & something to share. For more info, please contact Sena Marie or Anette. Everyone is welcome!

Our sick list is about the same, Janet Pulsipher's condition has not changed. Ruth Olsen is doing all right, according to Ruth's daughter, Karen. Hope Bob Lacey is recovering well and to see him at the convention in 2025. We missed you. We also wish Mary Esther a speedy recovery, missing seeing her and Alan at our convention. Our June Birthdays are Helen Christiansen, Hanna Matuzak, Louise Myers, La Rue Purdum, Jillian Baker, Courtney Webb and Alex Baker. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Have a great month, Stay Safe and Healthy. Take Care Sena-Marie

On May 18, our members were excited to once again travel to San Jose to partake in an authentic Danish Luncheon put on by the master, our past president Bente Ellis. We are always in awe of the presentation, the beautiful Danish dinnerware, and the taste and quantity of the Danish food. Thanks to Johanne Gade, Bodil Whitehouse and George Dutra who went to San Jose the night before to give her some assistance.

Our delegates Bodil Whitehouse, George Dutra, and Marge Scheuber reported on the convention in Santa Nella at the Mission De Oro. Comments were made about the good food, the interesting and informative speaker Jesper Kamp, Consulate General of Denmark in the Silicon Valley, the appropriate, fun music for dancing, the extensive art collection throughout, and the friendly service from the staff. One comment was a request for the hotel to place our Dania/Dannebrog rooms together rather than us being spread out across the hotel. Special thanks to Bob and Tracy Lamee for all their work and their committee in assuring we had a successful fun

### **Danneskjold No. 17**

**Meeting: 3rd 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)**

Not much to report this time as we will have our meeting June 1.

Bob is progressing well the last I heard, not sure if he has gotten the prosthetic yet or not, I know he was fitted for it. Maud is improving slowly, Karl and Elvia have both

### **Hejls Minde No. 23**

**Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,**

**President, Kristin Worthley, Karen Haugse, Co-Secretary, and Secretary, Elaine Anes.**

Orange poppies are everywhere this month. California's State flower since 1903 and, according to *Google*, they were called, dormidera in Spanish, which means to fall asleep because they close up at night and sometimes on cloudy or foggy days.

Kristin Worthley called the meeting to order at 12:06 and welcomed 21 members. We sang *God Bless America*. Members sang, *Happy Birthday*, to Jeannette Richardson and Elaine Anes.

Elaine Anes, Kristin Worthley, and Bent Olsen shared their knowledge/experience from attending the Convention in Santa Nella. Slim Juhl attended representing the Santa Maria Lodge.

Slim Juhl extended an invitation to join the Santa Maria Lodge at noon for their Fourth of July picnic held at

### **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**

Santa Maria invites you to our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ picnic held at Area 5 at Waller Park. Meat, Beans and the Bread are provided. Bring your own table service and drinks. Also, bring your own coffee. There will be a table for

convention. We look forward to going back to Mission De Oro next year. Our president Jason suggested that more members might plan to schedule their time to attend next year. We were pleased though to have 8 of our members in attendance.

John and I missed out on dancing this year but we both so enjoyed being entertained by the dancers: especially John Jensen since he seemed to be having so much fun doing the Macarena. Hope everyone had as much fun as our members did. Goodbye May, Hello June! Happy New Month to everyone! Marge Scheuber

been sick. She is still pretty sick. Karl says he is feeling better.

The only birthday I know of this month is our president, Laila Solyst. Many happy returns.

Our next meeting will be in September. DWSUSDK

Waller Park, Area #5, in Santa Maria. Meat and beans are provided, bring your own place setting and beverages. You are invited to bring/share a side dish or dessert. The cost is \$5.

Karen Haugse shared a short story about Dania, the oldest organization in Solvang founded in 1912.

Maia Wilson shared an article from *HELLO!* magazine from England, comparing the similarities between Queen Mary of Denmark and Princess of Wales, Kate Middleton. Bent Olsen, Alice Quimby, Jytte Kirk sang a new Akvavit song called, *CHEERS!*

In closing our meeting, we sang the *Danish National Anthem*. Our next meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant. Karen Haugse, co-secretary.

potluck items such as salads and desserts. We also have a raffle table with prizes. Hope to see you there. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937-4720 or Darlene Iversen at 805-260-3601 for more information.