



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

Aug 2024

Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 10-12 2025	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		
Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10	August 31, 2024	Danish Hall Ferndale
Valdemar #12. Dannevirke # 9	October 4, 2024	IOOF Hall Reno
Dannevang # 7 Danebod #16	October 19, 2024	Lamee's house Livermore

Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

Greetings one and all. Hope you are having a fantastic summer and avoiding the extreme heat (if you can). We had a grand time at the Solvang meeting in Bit of Denmark. A long table full of fun people and being served Aquavit and Herring, followed by a traditional roast pork dinner.

My brother Allen popped in to join us for lunch on his way to Santa Barbara. Good to see him.

July 4th at the park in Santa Maria was a fun event, I think I won 5 raffle prizes. We wrapped up the night watching fireworks from Bent Olsen's lovely house. Thanks to all for a good time.

Back home we were pleasantly surprised to have a knock on the door, and open to see Anette and Paul Christensen from Reno. They were on their way home after attending a Rolling Stones concert at Levi Stadium in Santa Clara. I imagine there's still a little rock and roll in all of us.

As you are reading this, we will have our toes in the Baltic Sea of northern Germany on the island of Ruegen. We are spending a week with my grandson's other set of grandparents and his uncle and cousins. Looking forward to that! Hopefully much cooler weather. But first we land in Copenhagen and spend a few days before we drive to Sweden and then take a ferry down to Ruegen. After touring more of Germany, we will head back to Copenhagen for our return flight.

I think we will be home in time to join San Francisco for their annual picnic in Sunol. Hoping Johanne will be up and back on her feet by then. Next stop, Ferndale, Labor Day Weekend.

See you soon.

Grand Presidents Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen

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Secretaries:

A reminder for Dania Branches, your second half of your Per Capita Tax was due on July 1st. Hope to see everyone at Thyra #3 and Danmark #2's Sunol BBQ and Pool Party and in Ferndale for Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10

Special Announcement:

I have been informed of the passing of Past Grand President, Robert Schall. The Celebration Life for Robert will be held at: Grace American Lutheran Church, 2201

IN MEMORIAM:

PGP Robert Schall, Hejmdal No. 4, Sacramento.

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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 John A. Jensen

It's August and we hope you are beating the heat, not the other way around. Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Jensen (Hi Mom!), Ever Dominguez, and Poul Andersen, our Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 August birthdays. We also wish Palle Thomsen a very special Happy Birthday. He celebrated his 99th birthday back on April 15th. His daughter Paula was nice enough to contact me and let me know he still enjoys the newsletter and stays up to date with news from the many Danish organizations of which he is a member. Palle has been a member of Dania for 40 years. I thank you Paula for reaching out and please be sure to tell your father that we are proud to have him as a Life Member of Danmark #2.

We should all wish Johanne a speedy recovery. Last month she hurt her heel and, well, she just kept trying to get around with the injury and ended up taking a bigger and worse spill. Johanne – you're too tough for your own good! She broke her left elbow and her nose. When last we spoke, she was still waiting for the orthopedic surgeon to determine the right course of action. I hope it's all settled and the injuries are set. We are all thinking of you. Get well soon Johanne!

In July we had our non-meeting meeting on the roof of the Odd Fellows Hall. President Jessica had a competitive

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're in the middle of the summer, which is fast coming to a close. All the schools seem to be starting earlier in August than they use to be.

installation of officers. See their articles below for more details.

Bonita Dr., Rancho Cordova, at 11:00 A.M.
on Saturday, September 14, 2024

meeting time of 4 minutes 30 seconds. It was followed by a big lunch complete with sauerkraut, carrot salad, cucumber salad, potato salad and Kringle. Thank goodness we all found enough Casper hot dogs to go around. It was a great lunch with great company, but now we are out of akvavit at the hall.

The next weekend the lodge had a small gathering in Tom's Backyard. Only a few members showed up but the BBQ was hot and the beers were cold. An intimate affair I would say, and well worth it.

Don't forget Saturday August 17th – it's right around the corner. Join us for our 2024 Sunol BBQ and Pool Party. We hope to make this an annual event on the 3rd Saturday each August. As mentioned before, the San Francisco lodge will provide the meat for the grill, and our guests should bring salads and desserts and anything else you crave. We will have Lockeford bratwurst, hot links, chicken, and plenty of beer on ice. And we have secured a set of cornhole boards and bags, so bring your best game! And your swimsuits! Please send in your RSVPs to my email below. Hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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I talked to our Cheer Chairman Carl Jensen for news of our members. Gail Hansen is still at the Bethel Home in Selma. Kay Jensen has had her son from Alaska visiting,

helping her take care of business. Christie Pettitt has had family visiting with her.

I went to the regatta held at Huntington Lake in July. We have three Dania lodge members that have San Juan 21 Sail boats that were in the race. They competed on Saturday and Sunday, but the weather wasn't cooperating, had rain, hail then "no wind", you just sit out there and wait it out. Jorgen Clausen came in 2nd flying the Spinnaker, Steen Skjellerup placed 2nd in his group and Dennis Nielsen raced without the Spinnaker.

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**

Tim and Natalie enjoyed their visit to Rebuild fest on July 4th. 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

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meet 2nd Saturday at 5:00PM; the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.

Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Livermore wishes you all a great summer. Happy birthday to our local and Grand President Dan Holm. No meeting until September. See you then, 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

Hayward is still on vacation. The zoom meetings will resume on the second Thursday of September. New people should contact Stuart for the Zoom link if they desire to attend. EJ

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August, and October at 11:30am, at the Danish Soldiers Club Facility at 4560 Kastania Road, Petaluma.

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Sønderjylland #10 held their last meeting on Saturday June 8 at member Birthe Bækgaard's home in Santa Rosa. Six members and three guests attended.

As this was our first meeting in 2024, we decided that the existing board of directors would continue through the end of 2024.

We then discussed our future operation. It was decided that we would continue to have our regular meetings in August and October and then probably close down our organization. Our membership is down to only 10 members, of which the Cruger-Hansen clan is five. Member Per Johansen has returned to Denmark and our Vice President Deb Johansen will be joining Per there shortly. Since President Debra Cruger-Hansen and Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen, having led Sønderjylland #10 for the past several years, are not up to

Dennis's family were up to sail with him, son, Connor & wife, Rachel from Washington were his crew on Saturday and son, Ian crewed on Sunday. It was a family affair with camping at Huntington. I visited with them but then came down to Shaver Lake to stay with daughter, Renae's & family.

Fresno has had some unbelievable triple digit days. Most everyone has had to learn to get up very early to do anything outside, then to stay inside to survive the heat. Not a lot of activity happening. Stay healthy and cool. M Nielsen

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.

continuing Sønderjylland's leadership, and since no other members are willing/able to take over, we will ask Dania for advice on how to close down Sønderjylland #10 organization after the 2024 season.

Except for the Cruger-Hansen girls and President Debbie, all of our remaining members close to their 80s or older. It's an end of an era unfortunately, but without an influx of new and younger members we just cannot continue.

After our business meeting, our lunch consisted of Danish Hotdogs with all the trimmings and San Francisco Potato Salad, (Danske Røde Pølser med Brød, Ristede Løg og Kartoffel Salat).

Our next meeting will be at Birthe Bækgaard's home in Santa Rosa on Saturday August 10.

Please call or text or email Secretary John Cruger-Hansen if you plan to attend or will bring a guest.

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, Donald T. Christensen, dtchkhc@gmail.com

Vær hilset... Fødselsdagsfest at the Danish Hall this first Saturday of August following the meeting, second nomination and election of officers. Enjoy a catered birthday lunch from CC Catering.

August 31 – September 1, you are invited to attend and be a part of that Labor Day weekend's Installation of Officers for Valhalla and Ydun Lodges. Take a break from the valley and city life and visit us in Ferndale, the Victorian Village, surrounded by dairy farms cooled by ocean breezes. The Danish Hall is next to the Victorian Inn, near the south end of Main Street.

Enjoy historic Ferndale's unique shops prior to making yourself at home Saturday afternoon in the hall. The

installation ceremony is scheduled for 4:00, followed by ample time to visit old and new friends before the catered dinner at 6:30. Choose either a prime rib, salmon or vegetarian main course. CC Catering's food is the best. The next morning, beginning at 11:00, you will have the chance to display your skill on the bocce ball courts at Fireman's Park, a short couple of blocks away from the hall. Catered lunch will follow two hours later.

It is important that reservations be sent to me by August 24. Expect two days of fun and camaraderie.

Questions? Email me at dtchkhc@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you. DC

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

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday July 5th at 6:30 pm. The BBQ was really nice with hot dogs and a variety of salads and chili. We had a small but mighty group of 12 in attendance. Many members were on vacation and the 103 degrees weather kept a lot of members home where it was cool. We missed Nina & Jordan and baby Graysen, they were in Oregon celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary. I received a cute picture of Graysen dressed up in red, white and blue – such a cutie. Anette opened the meeting during coffee and desserts. Not too much to discuss, but our August meeting will be another BBQ on Friday August 2. Same as the July meeting, bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Sena-Marie will bring Chocolate Chip Cookies, upon request from Zoey (Anette's Granddaughter). September will be our regular potluck, and that meeting will be a little longer, because we need to discuss our installation coming up on October 4th. Remember OPEN FACE SANDWICHES.

☺ Hope to see a lot of California Friends and neighbors at this installation. Our sick list is about the same. Janet Pulsipher is about the same, no changes. Ruth Olsen is doing well according to her daughter and sister-in-law Peggy. Anette is doing well after her shoulder surgery on June 13th. Thank you everyone for helping Anette who was working with only one arm set up and cleanup after our meeting. We all appreciate you Anette for all you do. Nice to see Glenn Fritz back in attendance after his oral surgery. I had breakfast with Barbara Iler, her daughter Lori and another cousin. Barbara is happy to be back in Verdi, living with her daughter Lynne and Rod and next door to her other daughter Lori and Don. Barbara is doing well. Our August Birthdays are Ruth Olsen, Skye Matuzak, Poul-Erik Christensen, and Jordan Potter. HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone. Stay cool, healthy, and safe. Hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July long weekend. Take Care Sena-Marie

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month Time and place to be Determined.

President Jason LaBeouf, Secretary Marge Scheuber, olemargel@sbcglobal.net

Our next meeting will be held on August 16 at the Scheuber residence. Have a great summer everyone! Stay cool and healthy! Marge Scheuber

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

The next meeting of Danneskjold #17 will be held at noon on Saturday Sept. 14th at Lacey's home.

Happy summer to everyone. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

Copenhagen has been able to call itself one of Europe's absolute jazz capitals. The Copenhagen Jazz Festival, in summer and in the winter, is one of Europe's most reputable jazz festivals and one of Denmark's most important music events.

Dan Holm, Dania Grand President; Kathy Thomsen, Dannebrog Grand President; and, Kathy's brother, Allen Thomsen, were guests who joined us for lunch.

Kristin Worthley called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. and welcomed 22 members and three guests. We sang *God Bless America*.

Members sang *Happy Birthday* to Else Hansen. Even though Ken Harwood and Jean Kardel were absent, they were included in the song. A special Danish layer cake honoring Ken's 100th birthday was enjoyed.

Karen Hauge gave a short report about Denmark's annual Fourth of July festival known as *Rebildfesten* – one of the world's largest celebrations of American Independence outside the United States since 1912.

Slim Juhl reminded everyone to join the Santa Maria Lodge for their Fourth of July picnic and raffle at noon in Waller Park, Santa Maria.

Kristin read a thank-you card from Stefanie Pedersen who was a 2024 scholarship recipient and Solvang's 2023 Danish Maid.

In closing, we sang the *Danish National Anthem*. The meeting was adjourned and our next meeting will be at noon at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant, August 7, 2024.

Karen Hauge, co-secretary.

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

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

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Thank you to all who attended our July 4th BBQ. See you all again next year!!