



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

**July 2024**

## Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

July is here, the month to celebrate Independence Day, a grand event. Dan lives in Morgan Hill and that town puts on a fantastic July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, however we might have to miss it and make a trip to Santa Maria to join in their celebration at Waller Park to enjoy a Santa Maria BBQ picnic. That might call for a side trip down to lovely Solvang. Speaking of Solvang, there isn't much better than to enjoy a "Rudnytsky" that we buy from the Master Baker Bent Olsen. Take them out of the freezer, heat them up, a slice of Havarti cheese and raspberry jam, Yum!!! Only thing better is to actually eat one while in Denmark. Several of our members are making the trip there to attend Rebild National Park Society July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The first Danish American Friendship Society with a mission of strengthening and supporting the cultural bonds between Denmark and the USA. That's a wonderful organization to support. Hope for good weather and no rain this year as they sit on the heather hills of Rebild Bakken.

Safe travels to all who are on the road over the holidays.

Grand Presidents Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen

### Secretaries:

We are sorry for the delay in getting this months' newsletter out. Natalie and I have just returned from a visit to Danmark where we were able to attend the Rebild fest on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Dania and Dannebrog were very well represented this year with two Past Grand Presidents from Dannebrog, and five Past Grand Presidents from Dania, along with two Members.

A reminder for Dania Branches your second half of your per capita Tax is due on July 1<sup>st</sup>

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### Upcoming Conventions

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 10-12 2025	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
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### Upcoming Installations

Dannevang # 7 Danebod #16	October 19, 2024	Lamee's house Livermore
Valdemar #12. Dannevirke # 9	October 4, 2024	IIOOF Hall Reno

**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**

It's July and summer is in full swing. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!  
And Happy Birthday to Kai Sørensen and Daniel Joensen,  
our Danmark #2 July birthdays.

June was a bit of a slow month for the San Francisco lodge. We had our regular business meeting via Zoom, but no social gathering. But our members had a big month with vacations and travel plans. Anne, Thira, Emily, and Lex Maris were in Denmark in June. Tom Martin traveled to Norway and Denmark and won't be back until this month. James Olie Jensen and his nephew Leo Garza drove all over the Sierra Foothills in the 2024 Motherload vintage car rally. My wife Dorothy and I celebrated our anniversary in fine style at the San Francisco Ritz-Carlton. Special congratulations to Peter and Charna Schakow as they celebrated their Golden Anniversary last month! So, it was a busy month after all.

In July we will have our non-meeting meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Hot dogs and nickel beers in the kitchen, short meeting on the roof. It has become a competition of sorts as to who can run the

shortest meeting. Anne Gearhart still holds the record. Contact me if you are interested so we can get the menu right. And bring nickels.

Then on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our monthly social gathering, once again in Tom Martin's Backyard. I imagine it will be a sort of home coming with all of the travelers having returned to the Bay Area. Again, contact me or Tom if you want to come gather with us.

And once again - please mark Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. It is our 2024 Sunol BBQ and Pool Party. We hope to make this an annual event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August. Like before, the San Francisco lodge will provide the meat for the grill, and our guests will provide the salads and desserts. We plan on serving Lockeford bratwurst and chicken, maybe a tri-tip will show up. I hope we can also get some Jello Pretzel Salad. Start sending in your RSVPs, it's never too early. Hope to see you there, or sooner!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,  
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**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)**

We haven't had a lodge meeting this month. Everyone seems to be taking off on an exciting trip. Even our Danish folk dance group will be taking off the month of July. Maybe it's time to lay low, rest and restore your energy. It's about surviving the summer heat.

I called our Cheer Chairman Carl Jensen for updates on our members. He has a new phone and number. He hadn't made any calls lately to check up on members. He did report that Kay Jensen has settled in at her apartment and is quite happy about the move.

I'm still in the process of moving but hopefully almost finished. Son, Dennis came home to take his 1927 Model A into his Fresno home, it's running and looking good. It's always been stored at my home along with his 1940

pickup. The San Juan 21 sailboat is now in a slip up at Huntington Lake ready for the Regatta in July. It's a slow process moving all of his toys. Next, he'll dismantle his spray booth.

I'm learning when you have lots of room you tend to collect stuff. I now have a garage full of boxes which eventually I'll unpack.

I will miss all of the fresh fruit, being able to pick off the trees as they ripen. The other side of all that is, I won't need to worry about watering, pruning trees, picking, making jam or canning the fruit. I'll be going to the farmers market with everyone else.

Wishing everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Enjoy and stay safe. Martha Nielsen

**Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 enjoyed their visit to Rebuild fest on 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)**

Happy July, happy summer. The days have definitely heated up and they will continue to do so, the beach is calling, and we must go.

Congratulations to one of our newer members and my great niece Taylor Thomsen on the event of her wedding last month to Chad Hanville, and congratulations to her sister, Krista Thomsen on pursuing her masters degree in

speech pathology at UC Monterey. If anyone else has news to share please let me know.

Not other much news to report on since we aren't meeting over the summer. Mark your calendars for October 19th, installation at the fabulous Lamee garden venue.

Have a Happy 4th and celebrate the red white and blue. Be safe out there, 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)**

**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**

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Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in May 2024.

Our June meeting will be held at member Birthe Bækgaard'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)**

Greetings from the cool, cool Eel River Valley and Humboldt Bay area, with low 50-degree mornings up to low 70-degree afternoons. Living in the redwoods east of Eureka, the days begin in the upper 40s, afternoons in the mid to upper 60s. Quite a few years ago, we worked and lived in the summer heat of Sacramento. Greater now the pleasure for the shady environment of the redwood trees and the ocean breezes that naturally air-condition Ferndale and the surrounding farms.

The Fourth of July is again with us and with those who travel for the festivities at Rebild Bakker (National Park), Denmark, site of the largest Fourth of July celebration outside of the United States. The first Rebild fest took

place in 1912. Locally, we can enjoy the fireworks above Humboldt Bay and a patriotic parade down Ferndale's Main Street and community BBQ at the Veterans building. Saturday, 6 July, is the date for the next meeting of Valhalla and Ydun Lodges, the first nomination of officers and a summertime potluck picnic. The second nomination and election of officers will take place Saturday, 3 August, followed by a catered birthday luncheon. Labor Day weekend will once again be the two days for Valhalla and Ydun's installation of officers, the ceremonies scheduled for that Saturday afternoon at 5:00, the catered dinner at 6:30, bocce ball Sunday morning at 11:00 and catered lunch at 1:00. Reservation details will soon be available.

**Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 June 7th at 630 pm. A wonderful potluck with a variety of appetizers and dinner. 16 members were in attendance with 2 visitors, Ingrid Hedman's daughter

and of course little baby Graysen. He is getting so big and full of smiles. Anette opened the meeting during dessert and coffee of Devil's Food Cake and strawberries. Not much to discuss, mostly about our San Hans Fest June

23rd with a B B Q 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 light a bonfire, sing and send off the witches. Bring your drinks, something to grill, and something to share. Even though we are getting warmer in Reno, it might get a little chilly along the river. Bring a light jacket or sweater, Sena-Marie is bringing Chocolate Chip cookies. Our July 5th meeting will also be a B B Q. Bring a side dish to share and something you might want to grill. We will begin at 630 pm as well. Still keep on your calendar October 4th for our installation. OPEN FACE SANDWICHES YUMMY. Our sick list is about the same. However, we hope Helen Christiansen and Nina Potter are feeling better. We missed you at our meeting. We are saddened to hear about one of our long ex members Knud Sorensen. He passed away in Fl. May 26th. Sena-Marie talked to Mary Esther, she is doing better, and her tumor is smaller. Thank You Alan for taking care of our dear Mary Esther. Janet Pulsipher has not changed. Ruth Olsen is doing good according to her

### **Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month Time and place to be Determined.**

**President Jason LaBeouf, Secretary Marge Scheuber, [olemarge1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olemarge1@sbcglobal.net)**

Our June meeting was held on the second day of summer, and we are feeling the heat with temperatures at 100 plus degrees. Our president Jason and wife Danielle graciously opened their lovely home for a second time this year and treated us to delicious homemade ice cream with a choice of several toppings.

Fourteen members were in attendance with a few usuals attendings not able to make it because of out-of-town events and minor health issues. Our long-time member Richard Olsen from Elk Grove recently had serious surgery and is on the mend. He is more than anxious to get back working on his spacious beautiful back yard. We were happy our busy grandson Ben Hoover was able to make it to the meeting. We want to keep the younger generation involved.

### **Danneskjold No. 17**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)**

I hope everyone had a safe and sane 4th of July. Folks were a bit crazy around Hollister, but no problems caused by fireworks that I have heard of.

Danneskjold #17 has had no meeting since last May, so news on that front. I have talked to Bob Lacey and both he and Lis have Covid Bob is on lock down at the rehab center and Lis is at home.

The last time I spoke with Maud Hansen she was holding her own. Her legs are still weak, but her lungs are clear.

daughter Karen and her sister-in-law Peggy. Hope Lars and Marian are having fun in Denmark. Missed seeing you. Glenn Fritz wasn't in attendance, he had oral surgery, and we hope to see him at San Hans. Anette is going to have shoulder surgery June 13th. She will be in a sling for 6 weeks. We all wish her well. Great News Our Danish Families are expanding. My cousin Barbara Iler is going to be a Great Grandmother in November. Congratulations to the Garson, Iler. and Archibald families. Oh, by the way it is a girl. Peter and Kristin Eliassen are expecting a baby in December. They have 2 darling little girls. We wish them the best. Before I close and add our birthdays I want to thank Barbara Iler for her donations to our Christmas Raffle. She moved to Verdi and lives with her daughter Lynne and son in law Rod, THANK YOU. Our July birthdays are Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cochlea, Debbie Lamb, Brooke Matuzak, and Olivia Tomozy. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Happy July 4th. Hope all the fathers out there had a great Father's Day. Have a great month, stay safe and healthy. Take Care Sena-Marie

Business was conducted as usual. At our last meeting Roger Gearhart suggested to get to know members and their backgrounds better, we should tell our American Story. We volunteered Roger to be the first. I am sure most of us didn't know Roger was a former physicist at SLAC (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center). He gave us the interesting background of the development of the Atomic Bomb. Previously seeing the movie Oppenheimer I understood some of what he was telling us but having dropped out of chemistry in college his knowledge is beyond my comprehension. I just know his contributions at SLAC were important to our country.

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

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

Here's wishing Kim Giacinto a Happy Birthday on July 15. I also want to wish Edith Andersen of the Livermore Lodge and Carl Jensen of the Fresno Lodge Happy Birthday, as they share July 16 with me. If I miss your birthday, it is because you have not told me when it is. Shame on you.

Happy summer to everyone. DWS

**Hejls Minde No. 23**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,  
President, Kristin Worthley, Karen Haugse, Co-Secretary, and Secretary, Elaine Anes.**

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, is Constitution Day (Grundlovsfest) to celebrate Danish democracy and honor the first constitution of Denmark in 1849 and the current constitution of 1953.

Kristin Worthley called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. and welcomed 17 members and two guests. We sang *God Bless America*.

Members sang *Happy Birthday*, to our guest, Kay, Wayne Allen's granddaughter.

Slim Juhl extended another invitation for us to join the Santa Maria Lodge for their Fourth of July picnic being held at Waller Park Area #5 in Santa Maria starting at noon.

After a delicious lunch of frikadeller served with ærter og gulerødder with an æbleskiver dessert, ending with coffee or aquavit, we sang the *Danish National Anthem*. The meeting was adjourned, and our next meeting will be at noon at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant, July 3, 2024.

Karen Haugse, co-secretary.

**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

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.