



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 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	IIOOF Hall Reno
Dannevang # 7 Danebod #16	October 19, 2024	Lamee's house Livermore

Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

Greetings from us back in the good ol' USA! My dad's favorite saying was "out is good but home is best" of course he said it in Danish but I'm not going to attempt that here, and yes it's good to be home. Thank you to San Francisco (and the Jensen family) for putting on a super good picnic barbecue. It was well attended by the San Francisco group and a few from other lodges. It can't be expressed enough that we do need to get out and support each other whether it's a social or business event. That said, with upcoming decisions to be made, whether it's our local branches future, or even politics (yikes) we need to participate in meaningful discussions, not division, and develop a plan of cooperation. That is actually the Danish way and is stated in Dania's constitution. Something to think about.

We will see you in Ferndale, yes please make the long drive, it's definitely worth the trip.

September 20-22 is Solvang Danish Days. We will be at our regular cottage on the corner to watch the parade at 2:30.

See you soon.

Grand Presidents Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen

Secretaries:

Both Dannebrog and Dania Convention Reports are available online, plus we have a complete printed version for you. In this year's Dania Convention Report a new list of all Branches past and present has been added per request made at the convention. Making the list became

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quite a challenge, and a surprise to see numbers being reused. This list should include the date that the branch closed, so if anyone has any information regarding when a Branch closed, I would appreciate the help. Also is "Standford" a Danish word?

IN MEMORIAM:

Lavon Christensen, Sønderjylland, Petaluma

DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Glen Fritz in memory of Linda Cumming
Valhalla #11 in memory of Christian Nielsen
Glen Fritz in memory of Christian Nielsen

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Doris Skow in memory of Christian Nielsen

SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANNEBROG GENERAL 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 John A. Jensen**

Happy Birthday to all our September birthdays! Maribeth Jensen from Thyra #3. Erik Eichner, Glenn Fritz, Gordon Pedersen, and Brad Porter from Danmark #2. So many birthdays this month!

I am happy to report that Johanne is patched up and on the mend. Tom and I visited her last month. She has an ankle boot and an elbow brace, but she's home and in good spirits. We are all thinking of you Johanne and we will see you soon.

Our Sunol barbecue last month was a great success. Thanks to everyone who made it out to Kilkare Canyon. For an August weekend, it was not nearly as hot as last year. As James pointed out, it was not pool weather, but it was great barbecue weather. We went without Jello Pretzel salad, but who could complain with all the great food

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

Fresno's Dannebrog, Thora #11 and Dania, Thor #5 will be having the first meeting this fall on Friday, September

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

August Newsletter reprint as originally submitted.

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.

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

everybody brought. And yes, we had way too much food. Mange Tak!

September is a busy month for our lodge, but we're going to make it to the Oddfellows Hall for a meeting and lunch again. We will be there Saturday the 21st at noon if anyone wants to join us. And speaking of joining us, the good news is we've secured the Hotel Mac for our Christmas luncheon again this year. We're working out the details but go ahead and put it on your calendar now, Saturday December 14 at noon. Always the second Saturday of December and always a good time! Details will follow. Hope to see you all soon!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
jajensend2@gmail.com , 1-510-697-4658

6, 2024. Held at Denny's Restaurant at 1110 East Shaw (just east of First Ave.), at 11:30 AM.
Come join us. MN

Spinnaker, Steen Skjellerup and Dennis Nielsen raced without the Spinnaker.

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

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**

We came close! We had a date and were all set but due to illness we had to cancel our get together. Looking forward to the new date of Sept. 19th, noon for lunch.

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 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**

After a long break from meetings, we will meet on Saturday, September 14, 5:00, at the Farm Bureau Building in Livermore. After our potluck feast we will have nomination of officers, make plans for our upcoming installation, (there might be a celebration that day for a

very special member of ours who is entering triple digits). Be sure to mark your calendars for October 19th and pray for no rain so we can enjoy Bob and Tracey's lovely backyard. 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 zoom meetings will resume on the second Thursday of September. New people should contact Stuart for the Zoom link if they desire to attend.

Sønderjylland 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.
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**

Sønderjylland #10 held their August meeting on Saturday August 10 at member Birthe Baekgaard's home in Santa Rosa. Six members and one guest attended.

We again discussed our future operation. It was decided that we would have our regular meeting in October and then close down our organization. Our membership is down to only 10 active members, of which the Cruger-Hansen clan is five. Vice President Deborah Droubay Johansen has gone to Denmark to explore the possibility of moving there permanently, joining her husband Per Johansen.

Tom Martin from Danmark #2 was our guest and advised that our members were welcome to transfer to Danmark #2 if we wanted to. If not, we could transfer directly to Dania and retain our benefits there.

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 we enjoyed our lunch in Birthe Baekgaard's wonderful outdoor picnic area in her garden. Our next meeting will be at the Danish Soldiers Club facilities at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday October 10. Since that will be our last 2024 meeting, we will be serving traditional Danish Smørrebrød. 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**

By the time you read this, the following officers have been installed: Larry Lancaster, president, Tom Martin, vice president, Don Christensen, secretary, Mel Lundberg, Valhalla treasurer, Colleen Daastol, Ydun secretary, Karl Diehl, marshal, Lynn Wachter, vice marshal, Daniel Barney, Valhalla trustee (1-year), Don Christensen, Valhalla trustee (2-year), Tom Martin, Valhalla trustee (3-year), Pat Ponnay, Ydun trustee (3-year) and Mary Kemp, auditor. My many thanks for their willingness to serve as officers for Valhalla and Ydun Lodges.

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, Friday August 2nd at 6:30 pm. We started up the grill and the BBQ was really nice with hot dogs and a variety of salads and other side dishes. We had a small but mighty group of 13 in attendance. This happens usually during our summer months. We had a surprise visit by Past Grand President Karen Faraldo. Thank you, Karen. Kurt, and Olivia for helping me to set up. Anette was arriving later. We had 2 guests attending from Incline Village, James and Crystal Marshall and their 2 children. Of course, I didn't waste a minute and handed out applications to them. 😊 Hopefully we will have 2 new members at our September meeting. Before they went home, their 2 children, Silas and Lene, told Anette "Tak for mad" - they were so cute.

Anette opened the meeting during dessert and coffee & cookies.

Our September meeting will be a regular potluck, and we will meet at 6:30pm on September 6th.

And then we mostly spoke about our upcoming installation on Friday October 4th. OPEN FACE SANDWICHES, so YUMMY and only 25 dollars per person. Make your reservations with Sena-Marie by September 25th (Wednesday) so Anette and her crew knows how many sandwiches to make. Email me at danishgal9@gmail.com or phone 775-224-6230. The

Bornholm No. 14

**Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month Time and place to be Determined.
President Jason LaBeouf, Secretary Marge Scheuber, olemarge1@sbcglobal.net**

Summer is winding down, but Dania Bornholm # 14 is gearing up after being dark in July. We had our August business meeting on Friday the 22nd at John and Marge Scheuber's back yard after enjoying appetizers, libations and an Italian pizza and salad dinner. Fifteen members were in attendance. We were happy to see our member Martha Nielsen make the long drive from Fresno to attend

Everyone who attended our Labor Day Installation enjoyed two days of camaraderie and wonderful food and weather. Thank you all, local and out-of-town members and officers, for making the weekend so special.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 October, 11:00 am, followed by celebrating Ydun's 112th Anniversary with a potluck lunch. Remaining dates for meetings and socials are 2 November, 7 December and 4 January 2025. The days continue to speed by. A new year is but four months away. De bedste ønsker!

officers elect are Past President Glenn Fritz, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Leif Larsen, Secretary Sena-Marie, Treasurers Carl Christiansen and Ingrid Hedman, Marshal Nina Potter, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jordan Potter, Helen Christiansen and Jens Christiansen, Auditors Jillian Baker, Lars Jensen, and Ina Segesman. If you are unable to attend the installation, Please let me know by October 1st via email or phone so I can find substitutes for the evening danishgal9@gmail.com or 775-224-6230 Thank you.

Ina Segesman has moved to a Senior Living place, and she is doing well. Janet Pulsipher is getting weaker according to Peggy, her sister-in-law. Karen, Ruth Olsen's daughter told me Ruth is not doing so well. My cousin Barbara Iler loves living back in Verdi with her 2 daughters and sons-in-laws. Our sympathy goes out to the Schall family with the passing of Bob Schall, Past Grand President of Dania. He was such a lovely gentle man and will be missed. We missed a lot of our regular members. Hope all are doing well. Anette is out of her sling from her shoulder surgery, and she is doing well. Our September Birthdays are Jennifer Baker, Anette Christensen, Eva Loevgren, Glenn Fritz, Bonnie Larsen, Kaylee Merlino, and Steve Myers. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Everyone. Stay safe and healthy and hopefully we will see a lot of our California friends at our installation. Take Care Sena-Marie

our meeting. We welcomed two guests: Tom Martin and Louise Spurgeon. (Johanne Gade's sister.)

Many of you know by now that Johanne suffered a bad fall a few months ago and had to undergo two surgeries: One on her ankle and one on her arm. Although she was in pain, she wasn't about to miss our meeting. Our thoughts

were with our missing members Peder and Doris Hoy as Peder is recuperating from Covid. During our meeting we made plans for our upcoming picnic on October 20th at Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale, CA. We all look forward to enjoying aebleskiver in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. Johanne

reminded those planning to attend to bring their National Park Pass to avoid paying a fee to enter the park. Our next meeting will be held on September 20th at George Dutra's home in Acampo. We always look forward to Bodil and George's October Fest Dinner. Hope everyone had a great summer. Happy Fall Y'all! 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

Well let me start this issue off with the birthdays from August.

Bente Ellis, Lis and Bob Lacey all had birthdays last month. Happy

Belated Greetings. So while I'm at it, let's wish Happy Birthday to those celebrating in September, Lee Dove and Maud Hansen. Cheers.

Danneskjold #17 will hold a business meeting on Saturday Sept. 14 at 12 noon at the home of Bente Ellis. Please be sure to call and let her know if you will be attending or not. 408-981-3562.

This is a very important meeting regarding the letter sent to all members.

Everyone's' input is valued so, if like me, you cannot attend, please send your thoughts in writing to our secretary, Kim Giacinto.

Here's an update on our members who have been on the shut-in list for awhile. Maud has had pain in her legs but is

working with the doctor. Lis Lacey has been suffering with hip pain. Bob Lacey is now home from rehab and learning to get around the house and garage with his new leg. They both have pain issues, but Bob tells me they are doing OK. Ron Nielsen is recuperating from bladder surgery and has started 6 weeks of BCG treatments on the 27th of August. Lisa McDaniel is struggling with a bad hip and may have surgery in the near future. Here's wishing all a speedy and complete recovery. I hope this will find everyone else on the GOOD HEALTH LIST.

I will be leaving for Indiana on Sept. 10th and returning on Oct. 8, to spend a month with my son Gary and his family. Bente is on a road trip and Britte is in Denmark doing a house search.

Hope everyone has a good Labor Day Weekend.
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.

The historic Bit O' Denmark restaurant in Solvang, California is a Danish-American owned and operated family restaurant and the oldest restaurant in town. This landmark is located in one of the first buildings erected when Danish settlers established Solvang in 1911.

Kristin Worthley called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. and welcomed 18 members and one guest. We sang God Bless America.

There were no August birthdays.

After a delicious lunch with coffee and dessert, the meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be at noon at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant, September 4, 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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