



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2024

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

Welcome Fall and cooler weather, along with shorter days. October looks to be a busy weekend with events almost every weekend. February used to be the busy month, now I think it's October. We had a nice time in Ferndale, I think Dan and I passed our first installation, but I must say it was the Grand Marshals, Dennis and James Olaf who showed us up. Look for good things from those two. Dan and Bob Lamee were the Bocci ball champions, and they are looking to be challenged at the upcoming convention. (We just need to find out how many courts Mission de Oro has). If the drive up to Ferndale wasn't long enough, we took another road trip up to Oregon to buy Hop plants for our Hopyard in Tracy. The weekend after we drove south to Solvang for the "De Dansk De Dejlig" (It's Danish it's wonderful) Danish Days. It's an annual event for us and it never gets old. Now a word about Reno's installation, shhh, it's a surprise, Dan's mom, Rita, is joining us for her 92 birthday which is on the 4th, but little does she know Dan's brothers and their families are also joining and surprising her. They have never been to one of our installations, so they are in for a treat, I think! The 12th we are headed to Petaluma for what might be one of Sønderjylland's last meetings. It wasn't that long ago Petaluma was one of the first to talk about merging, and then Danner (I believe that was Petaluma's Dannebrog lodge) dissolved. The 19th is Livermore's installation, and the 20th is Bornholm's picnic.

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Phew.... Then the holidays are upon us like a freight train.

It's all good, right? Enjoy and have a good time.

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

IN MEMORIAM:

Urban Jensen, Thor No. 5. Fresno

DANIA GENERAL FUND:

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Vibeke Petersen-Jensen in memory of Lavon Christensen

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 October birthdays! Marissa Christensen from Thyra #3. Mike and Robert Fox (both brothers are October babies), David Gallegos, Lasse Green, Henrik Nielsen, and Aidan Jobe Sea from Danmark #2. So many birthdays this and every month! September was indeed a busy month for our lodge members. Parties, meetings, travels. Sadly, my brother James and I did not make it to Ferndale during our vintage car rally. Not due to car trouble, but because we took a road less traveled. After a few potholes, we realized why it was less traveled. But it was a good time. We will get to Ferndale next year if not sooner.

It was a smaller group at the Odd Fellows Hall for our September monthly meeting, but we had a good time. Only downside – our akvavit supply at the hall has run out. I think that will be corrected soon. How many lodges have a standing Akvavit Committee? The last weekend of the month we had (will have, at press time) our social gathering at Tom's Backyard. It was (will be) good to see Johanne again WITHOUT the boot or brace. And our

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

I attended the Ferndale installation, along with son, Dennis and James Olef Jensen. There was a nice size crowd for the installation and the Grand Marshals, and the Grand Presidents performed their duties beautifully. We even played Bocce on Sunday morning, then had a delicious buffet by CC Market before leaving. I talked to Carl Jensen, Cheer committee chairman, for his report. We have lost a long-time member, Urban Jensen,

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?

friend Alex Lund is back visiting from Denmark and was (will be) there. It was good to see everybody back from faraway places.

October we will have a boring Zoom business meeting. Hopefully we will spend some time to plan an Oktoberfest for ourselves. But the rest of Dania and Dannebrog will keep us busy this month. Reno on the 4th! Livermore on the 19th! I hope to be at both, but plans are getting hard to nail down this month.

If you are reading this, then you are invited to join us at the Hotel Mac for our 2024 Christmas Luncheon. The date is Saturday December 14th at noon. The price is \$30 per person, unadjusted for inflation. As always, the menu selection is salmon or steak. Danish Christmas Carols, Ugly/Beautiful Sweater Contest, complementary Bloody Mary – you know the drill. Send in those RSVPs and menu choices to my email below.

Happy Oktoberfest and Happy Halloween!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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DOB 3-30-31, died 8-30-24. He was a member of Dania Thor #5 for 47 years. He was 93 years old. Christie Pettitt's dog was hit on the road by a motorcycle. For Christie taking it to the vet, she suffered bites on her hand, arm and leg. Hope both of you have a speedy recovery.

We have a couple residents at the Bethel Care Home in Selma now. Gail Hansen is there and doing well. She has a friend that was a close neighbor many years ago and is

now keeping her company. Kay Jensen has an apartment there also and is loving it. This weekend will be the Solvang Danish Days celebration. Our band, "The Great Danes" play for the Friday night opening ceremonies, all day Saturday and Sunday, including for our dance group. Our dance group is getting smaller as we've lost so many of our dancers, but we are still dancing.

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

Eight members of Freja and Dana met for lunch to discuss our Branches wellbeing. We all enjoyed our gathering and were encouraged by the positive feed back from those in attendance. We all agreed we need to continue gathering and want to plan a Holiday Party. More details to follow. We were given updates on our members: Inger Rasmussen, Elsa Jessen, Sharon and Mike Richardson and Maren Turner. Happy Birthday to Danebod #16's member Viola Jensen on her 100th birthday.

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

Happy Fall y'all! We had our first meeting since May in September. President Dan Holm opened his last meeting in regular form. We enjoyed a taco and Ceasar salad and a delicious lemon dessert. Convention details were discussed, but we prefer to actually drive down to the Mission de Oro and meet with the event coordinator followed by lunch.

Our upcoming installation was top of the discussions, officers were elected, menu planned. It will be loosely based on Octoberfest with Lockeford sausages, all the

My raisins are now in the bins, waiting to be taken to Sun Maid packing, then we start another year. I won't be farming next year.

Don't forget that October is Happy Halloween month, buy all your favorite bite size candy that you love. It keeps in the freezer, if you have any left over.

Our next meeting will be a week later than usual, on the second Friday, Oct. 11, at 11:30 am, for our lunch/meeting at Denny's restaurant, on Shaw just east of First Street. Come join us. MNielsen

trimmings, and of course Carlsberg beer. All for the cost of \$20.00. Installation to start on October 19, at 11:00 followed by lunch. Weather permitting it will be in Bob & Tracey's lovely backyard. If you were there last year, you know how it works, and I know you will be there again. RSVP to Tracey at tnlamee@yahoo.com or call (925) 819-2785. We hope to have Viola Jensen in attendance to celebrate her 100th birthday. If not we will still raise a glass and say Skaal for her! 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 zoom meetings will resume on the second Thursday of October. 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 had no meeting in September 2024. Unfortunately, our scheduled October 2024 meeting will have to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We will instead try to schedule a meeting in April 2025 to wrap up our business as best we can.

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

The members of Ydun and Valhalla Lodges will be celebrating Ydun's 112th Anniversary Saturday 5 October. Ydun Lodge received its charter 9 November 1912, with 46 initiated that evening. Elise Christensen and Regine Hansen were installed as the first president and recording secretary. Additional officers were Yohanne Christensen, vice president, Dora Eriksen, financial secretary, Louise Hansen, treasurer, Karen Petersen, marshal, and Yohanne Frey, vice marshal. How quickly the years pass... Mange Tak to the officers and members of Dania and Dannebrog Grand Lodges who made the drive to Ferndale

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 September 6th at 630 pm. Very nice potluck. We had another small group of 13 in attendance. It was very nice to see Marian, Lars, Eugene, Bonnie and Leif. It has been a long summer since we have seen them. Hopefully we see our 4 guests from Incline Village, James, Crystal, Silas and Lene Marshall. They told us they love Open Face Sandwiches. I opened the hall and meeting because of Anette's absence. (Miss You when you are not here). Thank You all for helping me open and close. Thank You All. I opened the meeting mostly about our installation on October 4th. Anyone that can help set up be at the hall at 2 pm. Help would really be appreciated. Thank You. 6 pm cocktails, 7pm dinner, and 8 pm installation, dessert and introductions of the Grand Officers after. Hope everyone will enjoy their evening. (There are also a couple of surprises). Our November 8th meeting will be an Early Thanksgiving Potluck. Hopefully Lars Jensen will do his Famous Turkey. So, So Yummy. Sena-Marie will bring pumpkin bread for dessert. Then December 6th will be our big Christmas Party. Wow, what happened to 2024? Hopefully we will see everyone at these

Bornholm No. 14

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

John and I always enjoy driving to our first fall meeting to Acampo where George Dutra's home is surrounded by fields of grape vineyards and wineries. Bodil Whitehouse greeted us in George's spacious back yard which she had beautifully decorated tables for dinner while George prepared to grill his famous Longford sausage. Seventeen of us enjoyed a delicious dinner. Members were delighted that Bodil continues to sweeten us with her traditional Danish AEblekage. Our meeting was called to order by Vice President, Brian Mefford. Brian welcomed two guests: Anita Parham's son

in August to install Valhalla and Ydun Lodges' officers. The sunshine brought with you added to Sunday morning's bocce ball. The catered lunch following brought an end to a delightful weekend. A standing invitation to you all for next year's Labor Day installation activities. Happy Birthday to Mel Thomsen, Christy Diehl, Dorene Lewis and Corina Wachter. And a very special congratulations to Viola Jensen, 2016 member of the year, celebrating her 100th birthday!!

events, so much fun. Ina Segesman moved into a senior living place, she told us that she really loves it there. Janet Pulsipher is still hanging in there, but really weak, so sad. Karen, Ruth Olsen's daughter told me Ruth is not doing well, but is always in good spirits. My cousin Barbara Iler just got out of the hospital with pneumonia and an infection in her blood, her daughter Lori told me she is home and doing just okay. Missed Nina, Jordan, and baby Graysen. Baby Graysen was not feeling well. Thank You Jordan for coming to the Hall to help me get things out of my car. Thank you what would I do without you and Nina. Our sympathy goes out to Anette Christensen's Family. Anette is in Denmark because her 95-year Dad passed away. Our hearts go out to the whole Christensen Family. Anette will be home in late September. Hope all our other members are doing well. Everyone take care. Our October Birthdays are Linda Hill, Joan Topolin, Paul Christensen, and Leif Larsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Safe travels home Anette. Stay safe, healthy and hopefully we will see a lot of our California friends at our installation. Take Care Sena-Marie

Eric Jones and Tom Gundershaug. We were pleased that Tom completed an application to join our lodge. We were all happy to see Johanne Gade looking great and minus her arm brace and walking boot. We were saddened to hear that our member Cindy Higbee fell and had to have surgery on her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at our next meeting. Final plans were made for our October 20th picnic at Orange Blossom Road and our Christmas Dinner in December. There will not be a regular meeting in October. 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

Good morning from Bloomington, IN. I am spending a month here with my son Gary and his family. It is a mixed bag of weather here. You wake up to breezes and acorns falling on the roof, then it clouds over, and you have rain and thunder clouds. Guess what?? Then the sun comes out and we go sit on the deck.

I missed the last Dania meeting at Bente's, so I don't have much to report this month. I have talked to some of our members that were under the weather and I'm glad to

report they are doing better. Bob Lacey is home now and getting used to his new leg. I hope everyone else is doing well.

I am sorry if there are any October birthdays as I forgot my list. I will report on them next month.

Happy Halloween to all.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

The 87th annual Danish Days festival celebrates the 1911 establishment of Solvang's Danish heritage with authentic food, music, dancing, parades, live entertainment, and family activities. It is held the third weekend of September every year.

Karen Haugse, in the absence of President, Kristin Worthley, called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. and welcomed 16 members and two guests. We sang God Bless America.

Our special guest today is the 2024 Danish Day's Maid, 16-year-old Kaeley Reid. She will preside over the festival beginning with the Torchlight Parade Friday evening waving from the Viking ship float. She will be wearing a

beautiful handmade traditional dress. Kaeley is the granddaughter of originating Danish Days Foundation board member, Hans Birkholm, and the daughter of Karine Birkholm-Reid who was the 1998 Danish Day's Maid.

Members sang, Happy Birthday, to Hank Haugse.

After a delicious lunch of fiskefilet with remoulade, potato salad, sliced pickled beets and cucumbers followed by a chocolate dipped cookie, ice cream, and coffee.

The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be at noon at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant on October 2, 2024.

Karen Haugse, Co-secretary.

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

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

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