



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

**November 2024**

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

## Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

Happy November! No installations are planned this month, a good month to be thankful before getting in full blown holiday mode.

Reno put on a fantastic installation, with 60 attending (Dan's family helped boost the number and boy was his mother surprised. She was serenaded in Danish birthday songs by Anette and Lone). Livermore's installation had 30 attending including our 100 year birthday girl, Viola.

It was great to have my son and daughter to fill in as substitutes, and to carry my grandson Cosmo as part of the Grand Officers march in. The Lamee family did an outstanding job.

Modesto had a really nice gathering at the park, a great location.

That's all we have for this month, take care and be well.

Grand Presidents Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen

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Janet Pulsipher: Dannevirke No. 9, Reno

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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**

Happy Birthday to all our November birthdays! Anne Gearhart and Marie Hart from Thyra #3. Roger Gearhart and Tom Martin from Danmark #2. Tillykke med fødselsdagen. Skål!

October was a fun filled month for all of us. I would like to thank the Reno Lodge for hosting such an excellent installation party last month. The food was fabulous, the turnout was great, and the bar was cheap! Thank you, Anette and company, for such wonderful smørrebrød. I could eat them all day. And once again, congratulations and applause to Sena Marie for a half century of continued service to your lodge. Fifty years as secretary is a truly amazing milestone (I only have forty-three more years to go). And then later in the month, the Livermore Lodge installation was a beautiful outing at the Lamee's house. Thank you so much! What a great venue their backyard is, and the bar was even cheaper. We were treated to a delicious spread for lunch. Lockeford bratwursts, baked beans, cucumber salad, potato salad, and of course the famed Jello pretzel salad. (Special thank you to Tracy Lamee for giving me my own take-home supply of Jello pretzel salad.) And one more time – Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Viola Jensen!

Our lodge had a social gathering late in the month. We were in Tom's Backyard once again and we had a great turnout. It was good to see Peter Maris back from his

travels. Special guest appearances by Anita, Roger, and John Scheuber. We had a big lunch with all the favorites – herring, leverpostej (thanks Johanne), tri-tip, Lockeford sausage (thanks Yoko), and some homemade Cajun Andouille from Tom's Ferndale connection. The Akvavit Committee really delivered as we had a tasting menu of different styles of schnapps from literally around the world. It was a good selection, good enough to get us singing Hans Skal Leve.

This month our November meeting will be at the Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. An in-person meeting and a lunch is always a good time at the hall. Please let me know if you would like to join us or if you need a ride.

The holiday season is upon us already, so let's do it up right. You are invited to join the San Francisco Lodge at the Hotel Mac for our 2024 Christmas Luncheon. The date is Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. The price is \$30 per person, and the menu selection is, as always, salmon or steak. As is our tradition, we will sing Danish Christmas Carols and have the annual Ugly/Beautiful Sweater Contest. Send in those RSVPs and menu choices to my email below.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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're almost at Turkey Day. Maybe it's my imagination, but the months seem to be rolling by at a much faster speed!

We had a nice surprise at the October meeting. Our Dannebrog Grand Marshal, Dennis Nielsen, came for our lunch meeting at Denny's. A couple of very important decisions were discussed and voted on. Since the same eight members are at all of our meetings and our attendance at the meetings isn't improving, we voted for the lodge to pay for our monthly lunches. Also, since

Dania has ample funds in their accounts, they voted to reduce their annual dues from \$40 to \$20 starting in January 2025.

Our Cheer Committee chairman, Carl Jensen, and our President, Deanna Dunbar, did not have any news about our members to report.

Our next lunch meeting will be the first Friday, November 1 at Denny's on Shaw just East of First.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday celebrated with family and friends. 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)**

We are still in the planning stage for a Christmas gathering, keep watch.

**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)

November greetings from Livermore. We will have our first meeting with our new president, Tracey, Saturday, November 9th, 5:00, at the Farm Bureau building.

Soup will be the theme, I think I'll make a Danish apple cake for dessert, haven't had that in a long time.

**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)

After returning from Summer Vacations we have found the attendance drawing has mushroomed to \$50 for our November 14th meeting. We hold meetings via zoom so, members, if you desire to attend our meeting, please contact Stuart Mahler for the meeting number.

Come join us for the annual Christmas party.

We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Susan Gauthier in

**Sønderjylland 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.

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Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in October 2024.

Our next meeting will be scheduled for April 2025.

**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)

This second of November, following Ydun and Valhalla Lodges' meeting, is Dannebrog Day, in recognition of the historic impact of the first Nordic standard. Dannebrog is the national flag of Denmark, the world's oldest continuously in use. The 'Danish Cloth' fell from the sky the 15th of June 1219 during battle in Estonia led by Valdemar, second king of Denmark. The banner, a white cross on red, was made of sheepskin and inspired a Danish victory. More than a hundred years have passed since

**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)

What a celebration the Reno Lodges had at our installation on Friday October 4, 2024. We had over 60 people in attendance and wonderful surprises. We had the best help in the kitchen this year, by no other than our Grand Presidents, Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen who came early to help set up and make sandwiches along with all the other members in our lodge.

Thanks to all who came and supported us during our installation, and thanks to the Lamees for having us. (Maybe they will let us come back).

Have a happy thanksgiving! KRT

Tracy. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and appetizers, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you would like, please bring your favorite dish to share – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert. Please RSVP to Susan no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> at 510-299-9172 or [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). We hope you will join us! Hope you are well, Happy Halloween, Eric Jorgensen

We wish all our members and friends a very happy Thanksgiving. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

twelve Danish ladies lodges in California became the Danish Ladies Society Dannebrog, auxiliary lodges of Grand Lodge Dania, the name the result of the legendary appearance of the Dannebrog more than 800 years ago. Recognition, also, of the special ladies of Ydun, Ferndale's Dannebrog lodge instituted on the 9th of November 1912. Skål! Think of the memorious years past and enjoy this day's decorations, the tasty food and the many more years to come! DTC

Grand President, Dan Holm's mother, Rita celebrated her 92nd birthday the same day and that shouldn't go unnoticed. Her 5 sons and other family members surprised her by joining us for dinner and installations. We started the evening with cocktails as everyone was arriving. Then, smørrebrød was served to everyone's enjoyment. After that, it was time for the installation. The

Grand Marshals, James Jensen and Dennis Nielsen did an outstanding job alongside Grand Presidents, Kathy Thomson and Dan Holm, and everyone is now duly installed. Sena Marie Freeman was installed as secretary for the 50<sup>th</sup> year and that was something to celebrate. The Lodge presented her with a beautiful plaque of gratitude and a 50-year pin. Sena Marie said: "Wow, I wanted to cry, Thank you All". Nina, Jordan and even baby Grayson read her 50-year story as a secretary. Anette also received a surprise thank you gift from our lodges. It is always such a pleasure to see all our dear friends from California, thank you everyone for coming.

Thank you to everyone that stayed to help clean up and to Zoey for washing all the dishes. Great Job.

Now, for our Friday November 1st meeting. We will start at 6:30 pm with an early Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen is roasting his wonderful, yummy turkey. Sena-Marie will bring a Pumpkin Bread for dessert. Hope everyone will be able to attend and bring something that will go with our Thanksgiving theme. We welcome back our possible new member, Sandra Rose, since we didn't have a chance to talk to you. 😊

Also, remember our big Christmas Party on December 6th. More details in our next newsletter.

On our sick list is my cousin Barbara who came home from the hospital after pneumonia and later fell and blackened her eye. She had blood in her brain and went back to the hospital. During her stay she had a mini stroke on her left side. Her daughter, Lori, was at the installation and said she is doing a lot better in rehab and should be home soon.

We are glad to have Anette home from Denmark. We all miss you when you are gone. Hope the rest of all are doing well. We miss you.

### **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 members and guests met this month at Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale for our annual picnic on the morning of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Upon arrival we were greeted by Brian and Susan Mefford serving up plates of their delicious aebleskiver and choices of jam. We were pleased to welcome our present Grand Presidents Kathy Thomsen, Dan Holm and past Grand President Tom Martin. Other guests included children and grandchildren of members. Besides enjoying company of others some

It's with a heavy heart that we announce that one of our long-time members, Janet Pulsipher, passed away on 10/21/2024 after several years of challenging health and dementia. She was surrounded by her husband, Cleo and their son, Gary and family when she peacefully slept in. Janet was 88 years and has been a member of Dannevirke #9 for 36 years. She joined Dannevirke #9 on February 5, 1988, and has served our lodge as Treasurer for many years. Janet was also a Past Grand Trustee from 1995 - 1998 and enjoyed going to the Danish Conventions up till a few years ago.

May the family find peace and comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. Æret være hendes minde.

Our November Birthdays are Lone Webb, Denise Topoian, Erik Jensen, and Michael Pennington. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL.

Happy Thanksgiving All, be safe and healthy. Take Care, Sena-Marie.

PS: Now here is my story again. I want to send a big thank you to my wonderful lodge members and friends for supporting me all these years. Nina, Jordan, and Baby Graysen for reading my story. Glad that Lori Archabald, and Paul Christensen could be at our installation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. What a wonderful surprise to receive the 50-year pin and plaque. Thank you, Anette, for giving it to me and for Nina for marching me around the hall to the standing ovation - you all brought me to tears, Thank you for all the hugs and congratulations from everyone. I love being a part of this great Dania and Dannebrog society. And to take a picture with 1 Past Grand Secretary and a present Grand Secretary is special. THANK YOU ALL Love, Sena-Marie

spent the morning trying their skills at Corn Hole and Ladder Golf.

Special thanks to David Meeks who always grills up our tasty hamburgers and hot dogs every year. Thanks to all those who contributed their favorite recipes of salads, beans and desserts. We had a wonderful time on a beautiful sunny day along the banks of the Stanislaus River in Oakdale. Marge Scheuber

### **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)**

Wow, November already. Where did the year go? If you thought you were busy before, think again. The holidays are upon us, full swing with Thanksgiving and Christmas parties all in the works.

Danneskjold 17 will not have a meeting in November but will hold their Christmas Party on Sunday December 8th, at the home of Kim Nielsen. More information in the December issue.

At the time of this writing all of our members are holding their own.

Maud Hansen wanted me to include in this article her thanks to all the members who call or send cards. She is very appreciative. Tusind Tak fra Maud.

### **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.**

A notable Danish business person, one of 13 children, Ole Kirk Kristiansen (April 7, 1891 to March 11, 1958) was a talented carpenter in Billund, Denmark who founded a construction toy company in 1932, later known as The Lego Group. He then transformed his small woodworking shop into a manufacturer of wooden toys in 1934 and officially named the company, *Lego*, and established its fundamental principles. After the acquisition of a plastic injection molding machine in 1947, his business shifted to producing plastic bricks – Legos.

Karen Haugse, in the absence of President, Kristin Worthley, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and welcomed 14 members. There were no visitors, guests, or new members. We sang God Bless America.

We celebrated two October birthdays: Judith Thompson (absent) and Darlene (present) and sang Happy Birthday. Darlene received a free birthday lunch from the Lodge. She brought a bottle of Akvavit (Jubileum) to share. Hank Haugse won \$27.50 in the 50/50 drawing. We congratulated him.

No Sunshine Report and no old business was reported. Marie Jaeger informed everyone that she will be retiring as Treasurer at the end of the year and that she has enjoyed volunteering in that position for the Lodge for the past number of years. Congratulations Marie on your retirement. You have done a great job over the years, and

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and hope you get your fair portion of the turkey.

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you will be missed in that capacity, but we are excited to have you be able to sit in different seats at the table and visit with everyone who has not had the opportunity to sit next to you in the past. Marie nominated Hank Haugse as her replacement. Elaine Anes seconded the nomination. It was voted on and Hank was unanimously elected as the new Treasurer starting in 2025.

Everyone was asked to think about the upcoming Holiday Party in December — whether or not we should have one, and if it should be a luncheon like last year, or a dinner like in 2022. Members were also asked to decide if they wanted it on the normal meeting day or on another date. Bent Olson informed everyone that a new law was passed that changes the driver license renewal for individuals over the age of 70 who will no longer be required to take the written exam as long as they have a clean record.

After a delicious lunch of green salad, hamburger patty with an over-easy egg on top, potatoes, gravy, shoestring onion rings, pickled beets and cucumbers. Dessert was vanilla bean ice cream with caramel swirls, whipped cream, and a piroline rolled chocolate-dipped cookie. We sang the *Danish National Anthem*. The meeting was adjourned, and our next meeting will be at noon at the Bit O' Denmark restaurant, November 6, 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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