GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2026

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra No. 9, and Valborg No. 1	April 8-10 2027	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		

Dannebrog & Dania Grand Presidents

Dear Dania and Dannebrog Members,
The travels this past month of October provided several venues ranging from installations to picnics and Scandinavian dinner events.
The first of two installations were in Reno followed by Livermore. We took similar routes this trip, although carpooling separately, James with his brother, Grand Marshal John Jensen (in his Mach-E), and Dennis carpooling with Grand Trustee John and Marge Scheuber, Martha (mom) and Anita. (The Mach-E needed a charge in Auburn and the charging station just happened to be walking distance to a beer graden). The authentic open-faced "Danish" sandwiches filled the center tables for a variety buffet both delicious and plentiful! After the installation there was desert and coffee and more time to socialize with members and guests.
The installation was conducted on time for the officers elect and included recognition of Carl Christiansen, who received his 25 year pin as a member of Valdemar #12 presented by Dania Grand President James Jensen. Congratulations Carl!
The second installation was in Livermore at the Lamee's residence and took place in their beautiful backyard. We feasted after the installation on the traditional "Lockford" sausages with all the fixing, salads and deserts! Everything was delicious and bountiful and made for a very nice afternoon having conversations and visiting with all in attendance.
The installation began before noon with great weather installing the officers elect and included recognition of Tracey Lamee receiving her past President's pin as a member of Dannevang #7 presented by Dania Grand President James Jensen. Congratulations Tracey!

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Modesto's lodge had their annual traditional picnic at the Orange Blossom park in Oakdale. An earlier arrival is the key to enjoy drinks and games and of course to visit with members. The Lodge recognized Richard Olsen for his 65 years as a member of Bornholm #14 and his pin was presented by Dania Grand President James Jensen. Congratulations Richard! The lunch was great, consisting of hotdogs,

hamburgers and salads, and related condiments. Can't forget about the wonderful desserts!
A first ever opportunity was the joint Scandinavian gala inviting the Swedish, Norwegian & Danish clubs and lodges brought to our attention by our San Francisco Lodge member Scott Johnson, also President of the Swedish Club. The Scandinavian event was well attended at the Norwegian Hall in San Francisco. The event began with a social hour and drinks, a delicious dinner and dessert. It was a pleasure to meet members of the attending lodges/clubs as well as visiting with our San Francisco's lodge members Scott, Ever and Yoko. The presentations included USA's top expert on Scandinavian folk art, Pieper Bloomquist, and the invited Consuls General from Denmark, Sweden and Norway to share in this landmark event.
Hopefully all enjoyed their summer and have been preparing for the upcoming fall season with the beautiful transition of leaves changing colors and the time change fostering early evenings inside. It will soon be time to don the warmer clothes, get out the cards, puzzles and games and enjoy the hearty stews and soups, savory roasts, along with evening desserts, hot chocolate, warm tea and coffee.
Best regards,
Dennis Nielsen and James Jensen Grand Presidents, Dannebrog and Dania

IN MEMORIAM:
Glenn Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno.
NEW MEMBERS:
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DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

San Francisco
Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3
Meeting: 2nd Wednesday every month 7:30 PM The Masonic Hall 2668 Mission St, San Francisco, CA
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3 Secretary John A. Jensen, E-Mail: jajensend2@gmail.com

Cheers to all our November birthdays – Roger Gearhart and Tom Martin in Danmark #2, and Anne Gearhart and Mary Hart in Thyra #3. Happy Birthday! Tillykke med fødselsdagen. Skål!
Our October meeting was another Zoom meeting. But we did get some business done. Our biggest accomplishment was to overwhelmingly vote to change our meeting schedule back to the second Wednesday evening of each month. Yes, we are back to live meetings every month. Our next meeting is Wednesday November 11th at the Mission Masonic Lodge in San Francisco. We will gather at 7 pm for some socializing and refreshments, and then the business meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Our plan for dinner is a simple potluck. I have emailed everybody with details, but feel free to give me a call with questions.
The San Francisco lodge has been receiving many emails about an outing this year. Thanks to all for your responses. I am pleased to say we finally have a proposed event and date. Who would like to go on a cruise around the bay aboard the USS Potomac on Saturday November 14th? It is a 2-hour sightseeing and historic tour. Starts at 11:45 am in Jack London Square. Please check your emails and let me know if you will attend. If we get 10 or more, we can get a discount, so let me know soon.
Its only November but not too early to say Glædelig jul! If you are reading this, then you are invited to join us at the Hotel Mac in Point Richmond for our annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday December 12th. Cost is $25 per person and that includes lunch of steak or salmon, table wine, a complementary Bloody Mary, and 2 discretionary drink tickets. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP (don't forget your menu choice) to my email address by Friday December 5th. Just like every year we will have Danish Christmas Carols, the Ugly/Beautiful Sweater Contest, and Poinsettias as door prizes. It all starts at noon. We would love to see you and your friends!
Happy Thanksgiving!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Fresno, California
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

Hope everyone had a great Halloween and have recovered from their sugar high.
We have lost a member, Glenn Jensen passed 10-15-26, suffering with cancer. He joined Dania Thor #5, Fresno back in 5-22-65. Our condolences to his wife, Lee and family.

November puts us right into Fall, with Pumpkin Pie and Turkey Day. We will start off the month with voting, which we all need to do.
Veterans Day falls on Nov.11, a Wednesday this year. There's always a parade celebrating and honoring our Veterans that made it home and remembering those we lost.
We will have our lunch/meeting on Friday, November 6, 2026, 11:30 am at Denny's on Shaw St. just east of First St. Come join us.
Happy Thanksgiving, may you celebrate with Family and Friends for the Blessings we have received throughout the year. M. Nielsen

Salinas, California
Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15
Meeting: 1st. Sunday in August at 12:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

We are very excited to invite you to join us for our very first, hopefully annual, Danish Christmas Crafting Workshop Gathering via ZOOM! We're still playing around with exactly what to call it, and busy putting the trims on the details. We want YOU to mark your calendar for Saturday November 21 and reply via email to janaheer129@gmail.com ASAP to get on our email list and keep up to date with a list of projects, materials needed, templates, instructions and more. Oh yes, and to get the ZOOM link, you'll need that, and the time to join (these are some of the details I mentioned earlier). The plan is to jump start the holidays by guiding you step by step to create some fun & festive traditional Danish decorations and learn what to call them in Danish which is clearly something I need to do. See" you soon on the internet, we'll be excitedly waiting with bells on our toes and red caps on our heads!

Livermore, California
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16
Meet 2nd Saturday at 12:00 Noon; the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore.
Dannevang #7 & Danebod #16 Secretary Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

First off we would like to thank the Grand Officers for attending our installation and installing our incredible staff of officers, and to Bob and Tracey for hosting the event. Overall, it was a very pleasant day, enjoyed by all, with the exception of a little bit too warm to sit in the sun. Next year we will add more pop ups and umbrellas to protect our fair Scandinavian skin. It was extra special to have Soren and Sharon Knudsen join us to accept Soren's 70-year pin. He gave a little talk which we appreciate, especially the part about meeting Sharon, who was a member of the Livermore drill team. Remember the good old days when we had a drill team to escort the Grand Officers to their respective stations with flair and precision.
Elva Hansen was the cheer leader of the drill team; we missed her son Ron who is eligible to receive his 65 year pin. Hopefully he can join us soon.
Livermore's next event will be our meeting at the Farm Bureau Building, Saturday, November 14th, 12:00 with a theme of Italian food for the potluck.
Happy Thanksgiving y'all! (and Christmas preparations if you start that before December. Take care KRT

Hayward, California
No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1
Meeting: 2nd.Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom
President, Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net, #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

At the meeting in October, we had the regular meeting proceedings. It included updates on members reported sick and those needing caring messages, the reading of names of members celebrating birthdays in October, next steps for hosting the convention in April 2027 at the Hotel Mission de Oro, and discussion of options for our local installation of officers.
The Hayward Lodges will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting. If you are a member in another branch and would like to join us, please contact Susan Gauthier at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net and she will send you the link.
We will celebrate the Holidays at the home of Stuart and Susan Mahler in Benicia the afternoon of Saturday, December 19th. We'll gather around 2 p.m. for appetizers, beverages and desserts. If you'd like to contribute, a favorite appetizer or dessert is always appreciated. Please RSVP to Susan Gauthier no later than December 13th to 510-299-9172 or s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us! Skal!

Petaluma, California
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
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Ferndale, California
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10
Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536
Secretary, Don Christensen, dtchkhe@gmail.com

Ydun 10 and Valhalla 11 enjoyed a delicious CC Catering lunch in honor of Ydun 10's 114th anniversary celebration. A hearty thank you to Daniel Barney for bringing aloe vera plants for members who wanted them. We received a note from Kristin Worthley from Solvang Lodge who visited us on our Installation weekend. Reminder: Ferndale uses USPS boxes. The Danish Lodge does NOT have a P.O. Box. Mail needs to be sent to Don Christensen, our Secretary.
We will be having another CC Catering event to celebrate Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 7, with the meeting beginning at 11am followed by the meal. Mel and Tom are in charge.
I hired some helpers to do housework for me. Sadie was wearing pants with images of "The Scream" printed on them. When I mentioned about them, the three looked at each other and grimaced. "You know, the famous painting by the Norwegian painter." I answered. Edvard Munch painted the first "The Scream" at a mountain lookout called Valhallveien over Oslo in 1893. It is the most valuable. Between then and 1910 he painted four others in different mediums and one black and white lithograph. The 1893 painting was stolen in 2004 and recovered in 2006. Only one painting is shown at a time in the Oslo Museum/Edvard Munch Studio due to their value and sensitivity to light. Silly me—I hadn't remembered about the film!!
I hope that everyone is enjoying the spooks and goblins of All Hallowed Eve and a super All Saints Day!!
Lynn

Reno Nevada
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 October 2nd for our installation with 48 in attendance. We started the evening at 6 pm with cocktails. At 7 pm we served delicious open-faced sandwiches made by Anette and Lone Webb helping with the sandwiches, in the early afternoon. Then at 8:15 our dear friend Signe-Ann McNeil opened the installation. Signe-Ann also was a substitute for Anette while she was performing her Grand Marshal duties. THANK YOU, SIGNE-ANN, GREATLY APPRECIATED. Grand Presidents James Jensen and Dennis Nielsen did a great job, and the Grand Marshals, John Jensen and Anette Christensen did a great job as well. James then presented our Treasurer Carl Henrik Christiansen his 25th year pin. Nina Potter escorted him around the room and Sena-Marie announced that Nina (my cousin) has brought up her mom, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Paul, Sena-Marie, Barbara Iler, Ruth and Pete Olsen for all their 50-year pins. All relatives except Ruth and Pete. Nina also escorted me, Sena-Marie for my 50-year plaque in 2025, and the 5 members with their 25-year pins in 2025. Signe-Ann turned the gavel over to Anette and she ended the meeting by inviting everyone to dessert and coffee. This completed our great evening. We can't forget to thank our members for helping set up and cleaning up, including our youngest member Zoey (Anettes granddaughter) for always doing the dishes. THANK YOU.
Our Friday November 6th meeting will be a Thanksgiving Potluck. Everyone should bring something that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner. Lars Jensen will be roasting a turkey and bringing potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy. Sena-Marie is bringing a lemon cake.
Believe it or not – we are gearing up for our Christmas party on December 4th. Starting with Gløgg and æbleskiver, Lucia performance, Christmas smorgasbord with all the Danish traditions. Our elf, Steve Myers will entertain the children and adults alike. Ris a la mande for dessert, brunne kager and raffle to end a perfect evening. If you have questions and are interested in attending, please contact Anette by November 28, 2026. Anettechristensen@charter.net
I will be having breakfast with the Olsen's October 7th. Karen said when I talked to her that everything is the same with Ruth. Karen joked and said, she is not doing bad for a 90-year-old. Barbara and Lori are home safe from their trip to Tennessee. Hope everyone else is doing well. Our November Birthdays are Sandra Rose, Denise Topoian, Lone Webb, Erik Jensen and Michael Pennington HAPPY BIRTHDAY Everyone.
Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and families. Stay healthy and take care,
Sena-Marie

Modesto, California
Bornholm No. 14
Meeting: 2nd Thursday at 5 p.m. Perko's Café 3500 Oakdale Rd. Modesto, CA
President Jason LeBeouf, jjlebeouf@yahoo.com, Secretary Marge Scheuber, olemarge1@sbcglobal.net

Bornholm met at Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale for our annual October picnic. Special thanks to Johanne Gade for arriving early to reserve our tables and setting up as she has been doing for years. Some early birds came for Bloody Mary's, coffee and Kringle. (Thanks to George Dutra and Bodil Whitehouse for providing the Bloody Mary's.) Before

long Grand President James Olaf Jensen and Past Grand President Tom Martin arrived. Tom surprised us with two containers of aebleskiver, some jam and powdered sugar. We warmed and served them along with our Kringle. Thank you, Tom! We were thrilled to have grandchildren and great grandchildren of some of our members attend and partake in games of cornhole and lawn golf along with some adults. About this time Dannebrog Grand President Dennis Nielsen and wife Karen drove up. They brought their dog Dogy who received a lot of attention from the children and some adults. John Scheuber was our grill chef barbequing hamburgers and hot dogs. Our lunch menu included delicious chili beans, salads and many desserts. After lunch we gathered around to witness Richard Olsen (my cousin, by the way) being honored with his 65-year pin. John provided a background of Richard's life and his involvement in the Danish Society which began as a child with his parents Bessie and Vernon Olsen who were very involved and held offices for years in Dania, Dannebrog and Danish Brotherhood. As a teenager he spent 6 months as a cabin boy on the Danish ship Olga/Maersk. In 1965 he was drafted into the army where he spent time in Germany and Viet Nam. While in Viet Nam he was in a helicopter accident and spent some time recovering in Ft. Collins. Recently he was granted an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. A month later the Quilters Guild of Sacramento presented him with a Quilt of Valor. His wife Joan and granddaughter Audrey held up this beautifully USA designed quilt with patriotic colors surrounding a large American Eagle in the center. Our Grand President James Jensen then had the honor of presenting Richard his 65-year pin. We only wished that Peder Hoy was there to receive his pin. We miss you, Peder. We hope to see you soon. Michael Gearhart organized a raffle which was something new this year. We were pleased that our Dania Grand President and Dania Past Grand President were two of the lucky winners. Secretary Marge Olsen Scheuber

Solvang, California
Hejls Minde No. 23
Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, President, Kristin Worthley, and Secretary, Elaine Anes

The Hejls Minde #23 meeting was held on Wednesday, October 7, at the Bit O'Denmark Restaurant in Solvang, California.
President, Kristin Worthley, opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. with the singing of "God Bless America" and "In the Good Old Summertime".
There were 16 members in attendance at this month's meeting/luncheon. Besides the 16 members, we had 4 visitors in attendance. We welcomed Peter and Helen Jacobsen from the Santa Maria Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 lodges, respectfully; Wayne Allen's son, Michael Allen, from Monterey, California; and Jim and Jeanette Richardson's daughter, Gwen Richardson, from St. George, Utah. We had a very lively group, and our four visitors did not miss a beat! The recent heatwave did not deter a single person! Woo Hoo! ☺
We celebrated Darlene Iversen who is having a birthday on Sunday, October 11, by singing Happy Birthday to her. With 20 individuals happily singing, we "rocked" the restaurant. The other patrons did not know they had come to enjoy Solvang Karaoke!
Marie Jaeger won the 50/50 drawing for $40.00, AND she won a beautiful floral bouquet that Peter and Helen Jacobsen had donated. FYI – Marie also won the 50/50 in September! Congratulations!
Both Darlene Iversen and Wayne Allen have been recuperating over the past couple of months and were able to join us this month. They both looked great! Welcome back you two, we missed you.
Kristin reported back from the Ferndale Installation of Officers that she attended last month. She said the food was delicious, the decorations were outstanding, and it was nice to visit where her grandparents and mom were born and raised. She brought back a wooden case filled with medals that she showed the group and stated that she would like our lodge to donate it to the local Danish Elverhoj Museum. Darlene mentioned that she has photo albums filled with pictures from past installations that would look great alongside the medal display. Slim Juhl mentioned that he had made the display case back in the 1960s, when he was taking Woodworking Night Classes at SMHS, and gifted it to the Holger Danske #27 Lodge. Later, he gifted it to the Solvang Hejls Minde #23 Lodge after Holger Danske #27 stopped holding Installations.
Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at 12:00 noon at the Bit O'Denmark Restaurant in Solvang, California. At the November meeting, a sign-up sheet will be passed around to see who can make it and what type of lunch should be served.
Finally, the Bit O'Denmark Restaurant closes for two weeks after the holidays so that the staff can have time to spend with their families. As a result, our first meeting/luncheon of the New Year will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2027, at noon.
The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with singing the Danish National Anthem. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at noon at Solvang's Bit O'Denmark. -Elaine Anes

Santa Maria, California
Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23
Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.
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