



The Danish Soldiers Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As your incoming President I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Keith and others who gave their time. I'm excited for this new year and look forward to getting to know all our members. Thanks, and appreciation to all the other volunteers and members who have supported and continue to support the club.

Having met with the 2022 board via Zoom in January we discussed some ideas that we believe will continue to support the club and continue our Danish heritage for generations. I look forward to seeing you at our March 5th meeting.

Until then be safe.

Michael Gunlund, President



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2022 Board News

With Keith Brians, Dennis Wimple, Ken Fultz and Adam Byer leaving the Board at the end of 2021 new Board members were selected and Governing Board positions of President and Vice-President were decided in January via a Zoom Meeting by the 2022 Board. New Board Members Michael Gunlund and Annalisa Juul-Diaz were selected for President and Vice-President. Vagn Nielsen and Jill Brians will continue as Treasurer and Secretary.

Club News

Other issues discussed by the incoming board at the January Zoom meeting included forms including taxes that that the club needs to be filled out as we are a non profit. The need to look at the Club By-Laws. Asking members for advertising possibilities in our newsletter.

They also discussed the budget and yearly fees. Insurance, cost of resuming having lunch catered. The cost of providing Kringle. Also possible large expenses down the road for items like the septic system, the roofs and tree trimming/removal.

They also explored ideas on ways to recruit more members.

Next Meeting

Saturday, March 5th will our next meeting and again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

Order form for renewing Membership to The Danish Soldiers Club

It is time to renew your membership with the Danish Soldiers Club. The price is \$40 for 2022. The easiest way is Via **PayPal** on our website www.danishsoldiersclub.com. Just click on the member renewal button on top of the home page, and you are done.

If you do not have computer access you can also send a \$40 check to **Vagn Nielsen** our Treasurer. His address is:

**20650 Burndale Rd
Sonoma, CA 95476**
Email:
dscvagn@gmail.com
Ph. (707) 996-9950

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (DUE IN JANUARY)

Add to Cart

Many Members due to an unusual year in 2021 still have not paid their 2021 dues. Please use this opportunity to pay 2021 while renewing your membership for 2022

Important Notice for the March Luncheon

Saturday, March 5th will again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

To comply with the County guidance's the following requirements would be in place.

- *Members would provide their own lunch Groups of ten or fewer could sit together.*
- *Picnic tables would be spaced to encourage social distancing.*
- *We will be compliant with CDC and Sonoma County recommendations pertaining to Face coverings at outdoor events.*

Kringle



Kringle

Type	Pastry
Region or state	Scandinavia

While we have been getting some good feedback for our “bring your own picnics” The one thing people miss at these monthly meetings during these times of COVID-19 is the Kringle.

Here is a little background for those of us in the club that do not know the story of Kringle. Kringle is a Northern European pastry, a variety of pretzel. Pretzels were introduced by Roman Catholic monks in the 13th century in Denmark, and from there they spread throughout Scandinavia and evolved into several kinds of sweet, salty or filled pastries, all in the shape of kringle.

In Danish and Norwegian, the word is *kringle*, plural *kringler*; Estonian: *kringel*, plural *kringlid*; Latvian: *kliņģeris*, plural *kliņģeri*; Swedish: *kringla*, plural *kringlor*; Finnish: *rinkeli*; German: *Kringel* and Icelandic: *kringla*. The word originates from the Old Norse *kringla*, meaning ring or circle.

In the Netherlands, a particular type of sweet kringle is well known under the Dutch name *krakeling*.

Scandinavia

In Denmark, *kringle* denotes the pretzel-like knotted shape rather than the pretzel pastry type. Kringler may be made from puff pastry (like Danish pastry) or yeast dough, filled with remonce or marzipan and raisins, sprinkled with coarse sugar, nut flakes or icing.

Other types of kringle in Scandinavia includes *saltkringler*, which are small salty kringler—the Scandinavian equivalent of pretzels and *kommenskringler* which are half-hand size breads in the kringle shape, made from unsweetened yeast dough spiced with caraway seeds. *Sukkerkringler* are similar, but sweet pretzels, sprinkled with sugar instead of caraway. *Fødselsdagskringler* are a large sweet bread pretzel for birthday celebrations. *Smørkringler* are

large crusty and sweet pretzels with a spread of butter on the backside.

Kringler are pastries with a long history in Denmark, and are still popular items in modern Danish bakeries. Nowadays, kringle is usually made with only one crossing and not two, as in the original kringle pretzel shape

United States

In the United States, kringles are hand-rolled from Danish pastry dough (*wienerbrød* dough) that has been rested overnight before shaping, filling, and baking. Many sheets of the flaky dough are layered, then shaped into an oval. After filling with fruit, nut, or other flavor combinations, the pastry is baked and iced.

Racine, Wisconsin has historically been a center of Danish-American culture and kringle making. A typical Racine-made kringle is a large flat oval measuring approximately 14 inches by 10 inches and weighing about 1.5 pounds.



Kringle from Racine, Wisconsin

The kringle became the official state pastry of Wisconsin on June 30, 2013. A Wisconsin distillery in Middleton, Wisconsin, makes a kringle cream liqueur from Wisconsin cream, rum, sugar, and natural kringle flavor.

In other parts of the United States, kringle may refer to a slightly sweet buttermilk cookie shaped like a pretzel or figure eight.

Other places where kringles may be found in the United States include the Ballard area of Seattle, Washington; Redmond, Washington; Solvang, California; central Iowa, specifically Story City, IA; Burr Ridge, Illinois; Springfield, Missouri and Watertown, Massachusetts.

In 2005, Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, held a Kringle Kontest, which was won by Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

Symbolism

Baker's guilds in Europe have used the kringle or pretzel as a symbol for centuries. It is told (but currently unconfirmed by historic documents), that when Vienna was besieged by the Turkish Ottoman armies in 1529, local bakers working in the night gave the city defense an early warning of the attacking enemy. For this, they were later rewarded by the Pope, with permission to use a crown as part of their kringle guild symbol.

For unknown reasons, the guild in Denmark is now the only baker's guild in the world with official authority to display a royal crown as part of their baker's guild trade symbol that is often hung outside of bakery shops.



In Denmark, the official kringle emblem of the baker's guild is topped with a royal crown. Here from a modern bakery shop in Ribe.

Kastania Faelled



With the end of Keith Brians term as our President I thought for the newer members of the club a little history behind our unique meeting facility in Petaluma would be

appropriate.

The property was donated to the club in 1945 by a Danish immigrant, Rasmus C. Rasmussen. The Club's new home was named Kastania Faelled (Chestnut Tree) after the Kastania Tree found in Northern Europe.

Rasmus's daughter Ellen Brians was a long time member until she passed away at 90 years old in 2015. Our outgoing president Keith is her son and many members of the Brians family are still living on Kastania Road and are members of our club.

Rasmussen immigrated to the United States in 1910 and bought his ranch in 1919. he was very community oriented, he was a co-founder of Aldersly, a Danish retirement home in San Rafael. Over the



years Aldersly along with the Danish Soldiers Club has changed with the times neither restrictive in their membership. The

top factor driving both is our pride in both the United States and our Danish heritage.

Since 1945 the club has gradually built some great facilities at Kastania Faelled. A fantastic Picnic Pavilion, a beautiful Clubhouse, a Kitchen and Bar along with modern clean restrooms.



These were built and are maintained through the help of Club members who have worked hard to ensure our meetings are in an enjoyable safe environment.

The next time you attend be sure to check out the Clubhouse which displays an interesting collection of various military gear, and records of past members, activities and events.

