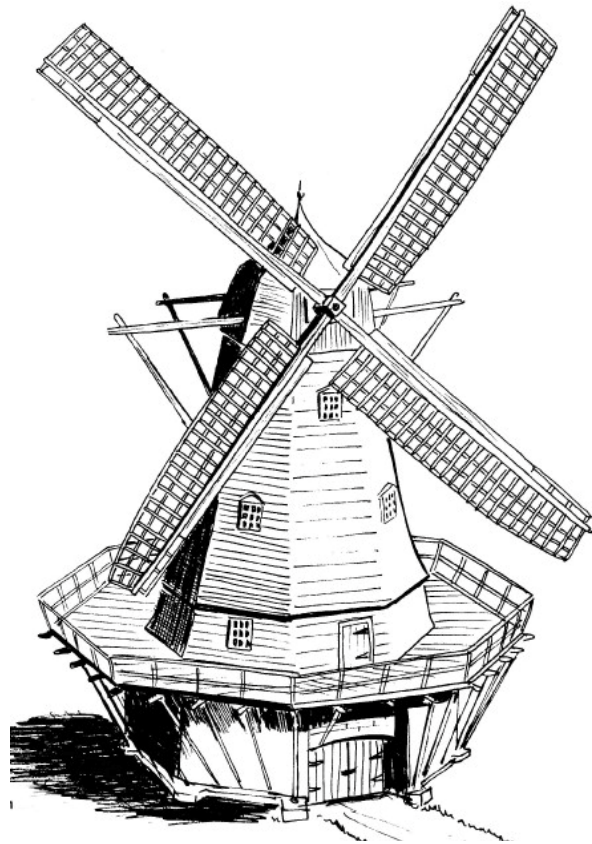


130th Annual Grand Lodge Dania Convention Report



Held at
John Ascuaga's Nugget
Sparks, Nevada
April 15-17, 2010

FRIDAY April 16, 2010

Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents and Members assembled at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks Nevada for Dania's 130th annual convention on April 16 and 17, 2010. Host Lodges are Sønderjylland #10 of Petaluma; Thyra # 9 and Valborg # 1 of Hayward; and Dannekjold # 17 and Laura # 8 of San Jose

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	John Champagne	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand President	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Vice President	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Vice Marshal	Johanna Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	Bent Olsen	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Trustee	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto

DELEGATES

Danmark #2	James E Gearhart	James Jensen	Tom Martin
	John Jensen	James Olef Jensen	
Hejmdal #4	Bob Schall		
Thor #5	PGP Gunner Nielsen	Steen Skjellerup	J.L. Morrison
Freja #6	Arne Poulsen	Erik Rasmussen	
Dannevang #7	PGP Arthur Reinstein	Jackie Nielsen	
Thyra #9	Rowland McNeil	Tony Fronchek	PGP Stuart Mahler
Sønderjylland #10	Karen F Lysmer	Jeannie Melendez	
Valhalla #11	Mel Lundberg	Christian Nielsen	Hans K. Christensen
Valdemar #12	Pete Olsen	Carl Christiansen	
Bornholm #14	John Schueber	Kirsten Johansen	Anni Champagne
	Doris Hoy		
Dannekjold #17	PGP Robert Lacey	Arne Rasmussen	
Hejls Minde #23	Hans Kardell	Knud Jacobsen	
Holger Danske #27	No Delegates		

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, called the convention to order at 9:00 A.M. The password was taken by Grand Marshal Kurt, Høj Hejls Minde #23, and Grand Vice Marshal Johanna Gade, Bornholm #14. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

Before calling the roll, the Grand Secretary reported that a Delegate requested that the official name of the Branches be used. The Grand Secretary explained that the official name of each

Branch as recorded by the Internal Revenue Service is in the same format of “**GRAND LODGE OF DANIA OF CALIFORNIA & NEVADA NUMBER BRANCH NAME**” and used Danmark #2 as an example “**GRAND LODGE OF DANIA OF CALIFORNIA & NEVADA 2 DANMARK**” after this explanation the Grand Secretary called the roll using the more familiar branch names. 10 Grand Officers, 26 Delegates and 15 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call. See addendum for the complete Roll Call results.

The assembly then rose to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of the Danish National Anthem, led by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2.

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, then declared a moment of silence for those departed members this past year as Grand Marshal Kurt Høj draped the Charter.

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, asked Grand Marshal Kurt Høj to escort the Convention Chairpersons, Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr., Thyra #9, Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen, Sønderjylland #10, and Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, behind the altar. Each of them welcomed the Grand Officers, Delegates and Past Grand Presidents to the 130th Grand lodge Convention.

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, introduced his brother Donald Gearhart of Danmark #2, and pointed out that he and Past Grand President Robert Sorensen were the only two World War II veterans in attendance today.

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, proclaimed the 130th Dania Convention in session with full powers and authority to act. Grand President Roger Gearhart instructed The Grand Marshal Kurt Høj to escort Past Grand President Mr. Mahler, Thyra#9, to the chair on his right to act as his advisor during the Convention.

Minutes from the close of the 129th convention were read. Grand President Roger Gearhart, asked for any errors or addition; there being none he declared the minutes approved as read.

Grand President Roger Gearhart turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen. The Grand President read his report. (**See addendum**) It was moved by Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, that we accept the report of the Grand President. Seconded by Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, and carried with one opposed. The Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen, after ruling on the motion, returned the Gavel to Grand President Roger Gearhart.

Report of the Executive Committee was read. It was moved by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, and carried. (**See addendum**)

Grand Secretary’s Report: After the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal handed out the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and The Grand Trustee along with the Reports from the Old Age Fund, the Grand Secretary reminded the Delegates that the financial reports will no longer be a part of the Convention report that is posted on line. After the Grand Secretary’s annual report was reviewed Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, moved to accept the report.

Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, and carried. **(See addendum)**
The Grand Secretary then called the Delegates attention to the itemized reports of the Branches on Membership, Assets, Receipts, and Disbursements for review. John Schueber, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Past Grand President Gunnar Nielsen, Thor #5, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Grand Treasurers Report was presented by Grand Treasure Gregory Gleeson, for reviewed. Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Grand Trustees Report was presented by Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr. due to first Grand Trustee Bent Olsen being out of the meeting room taking care of a problem with the Coffee Break Kringle. After review Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Jim Gearhart, Danmark #2, and carried. **(See addendum.)**

Recess at 10:00 A.M. Convention reconvened at 10:35 A.M.

The Grand Marshal collected the password from the new members in attendance.

Grand President Roger Gearhart reminded the Delegates on the correct procedure for entering or leaving the meeting while it is in session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Tax Committee Report: Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, presented the report. After the report was read, it was moved by Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, to accept the report. Seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, and carried. **(See addendum)**

History Committee Report: Grand Past President John Champagne gave the report. After the report was read, it was moved by John Jensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Advisory Committee Report: Past Grand President Peder Hoy presented the report. It was moved by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Fashion Report: Rowland McNeil, Thyra#9, gave a report on the income from the sales of shirts and hats. Rowland also reported that he would like to close the sales of shirts and caps there were two caps left in inventory. After reading his report it was moved by Past Grand President Tim Heer, Freja #6, to accept the report and extend a thank you to Rowland McNeil for all the hard work he has put into the fashion committee over the years and that he deserves round of applause, after the applause died down Tom Martin, Danmark #2, seconded the motion and sentiment, carried. **(See addendum)**

RV Committee Report: Rowland McNeil, Thyra#9, gave a report on the activities of the Campers. After his report it was moved by Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, to accept the report. Seconded by Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9, and carried.

Grand President Roger Gearhart appointed the following **Standing Committees:**

Law:	George A Cumming Jr. James Gearhart Gunner Nielsen	Grand Trustee, Thyra #9 Danmark #2 Past Grand President, Thor #5
Resolutions:	Rowland McNeil Christian Nielsen Tom Martin	Thyra #9 Valhalla #11 Danmark #2

Grand Trustee Bent Olsen after being called out of meeting many times, reported on the problem of too many Chefs in the kitchen and that the Hotel had given half of our Kringle to another group this morning, but had promised to make up for it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Elverhoj Museum for a donation
Thank you note from Danish American Historical Society of California for a donation
Thank you note from Solvang Lutheran Home for a donation
Thank you note from Aldersly Inc. for membership renewal at \$40.00
Thank you note from Zack Reinstein for his Scholarship
Thank you note from Christiana Reinstein for her Scholarship
Thank you note from Vince Lastreto for his Scholarship
Letters of greeting for a successful convention from:
Thyra #9
Danmark #2
Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9
Thor #5 and Thora #11
Valhalla #11
Lise and Past Grand President Svend Christian

NEW BUSINESS

Past Grand President Robert Lacey, on behalf of Danneskjold #17, presented a check for \$100.00 to the Memorial Scholarship, which was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the Delegates' attention to the Annual Report of the Old Age Fund. He reported on the new officers of the fund and thank all those who did attend the meeting held on April 15, 2010. He also asked that those Branches who can afford donate moneys to the Old Age Fund please do so.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The following two amendments were handed out to the Delegates by the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal

Amendment #1 to the Constitution
Danish Society Dania
of
California and Nevada

Article XI
RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE
Section 4
Funeral and Burial Funds

As written in the Constitution:

Par. 7. Members are entitled to funeral and burial benefits according to their age at the time of their most recent initiation or at the time of their transfer from social and active social members to members entitled to funeral and burial benefits, as follows:

- Age 14-50: 100% of funeral benefits set at the convention.
- Age 51-55: 75% of funeral benefits set at the convention.
- Age 56-60: 70% of funeral benefits set at the convention.
- Age 61-65: 50% of funeral benefits set at the convention.
- Age 66-70: 40% of funeral benefits set at the convention.
- Age 71 and over, 20% of funeral benefits set at the convention.

Change to:

Par. 7. Members are entitled to funeral and burial benefits according to their age at the time of their most recent initiation ~~or at the time of their transfer from social and active social members to members entitled to funeral and burial benefits,~~ as follows:

- Age 14-50 100% of funeral benefits set at the convention,
- Age 51-55 75% of funeral benefits set at the convention,
- Age 56-60 70% of funeral benefits set at the convention,
- Age 61-65 50% of funeral benefits set at the convention,
- Age 66-70 40% of funeral benefits set at the convention,
- Age 71 and over 20% of funeral benefits set at the convention.

Amendment #2 to the Constitution
Danish Society Dania
of
California and Nevada

Article XI
RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE
Section 4
Funeral and Burial Funds

As written in the Constitution:

Par.8. No member shall receive any funeral and burial benefits during the first full year of membership in Dania.

Change to:

Par. 8. ***Members will be entitled to the full funeral and burial benefits described in Par.7. only after ten years or more of membership in Dania. The funeral and burial benefits will be phased in at the rate of 10% of the full benefit for each year of membership up to 100% vested after 10 years.*** No member shall receive any funeral and burial benefits during the first full year of membership in Dania.

The Grand Secretary moved to accept the Amendment number 1 as presented seconded by Tom Martin Danmark #2 The results were Yes 38 No 0. The Grand President ruled that the motion had passed.

The Grand Secretary moved to accept the Amendment number 2 as presented seconded by Tom Martin Danmark #2 The results were Yes 29 No 2. The Grand President ruled that the motion had passed.

The Grand Secretary asked for the will of the Delegates to address the two other Amendments mentioned in the Advisory Board Report without the benefit of a printed report of the amendment. Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17 moved to accept both amendments based on the wording and explanation from the Grand Secretary. Seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10. For clarity I have included below the two amendments as they should have been presented. Both amendments were Moved and Seconded at the same time but voted on separately.

Amendment #3 to the Constitution

Danish Society Dania
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ARTICLE VII

LAWS GOVERNING THE GRAND LODGE

As written in the Constitution:

Section 1

The Grand President, during his term of office, shall be entitled to draw on the general fund the amount of SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600.00) as traveling expenses incurred in visiting the local Branches.

Change to:

Section 1

The Grand President, during his term of office, shall be entitled to draw on the general fund the amount of ~~SIX~~ TWELVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (~~\$600.00~~) (\$1,200.00) as traveling expenses incurred in visiting the local Branches.

The results of the vote was 1 Yes and 35 No, The Grand President ruled that proposed Amendment number Three had failed.

Amendment #4 to the Constitution
Danish Society Dania
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As written in the Constitution:

Section 2

The Grand Marshal, during his term of office shall be entitled to draw on the General Fund the amount of THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300.00) as travel expenses incurred in visiting the local Branches.

Change to:

The Grand Marshal, during his term of office shall be entitled to draw on the General Fund the amount of ~~THREE~~ SIX HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (~~\$300.00~~) (\$600.00) as travel expenses incurred in visiting the local Branches.

The results of the vote was 2 Yes and 31 No, The Grand President ruled that proposed Amendment number Four had failed.

Grand President Roger Gearhart called for a Lunch break from 11:50 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

Grand President Roger Gearhart reconvened the meeting after the Lunch break at 2:00 P.M.

The Grand Marshal collected the password from the new members in attendance.

The Grand President Roger Gearhart requested that the Grand Secretary present the bills in accordance to Article III, Section 10 Paragraph 3 of the Constitution where in it states “each expenditure must be considered individually.”

Past Grand President Robert Lacey moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement. Seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10, the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement. Seconded by Rowland Mc Neil, Thyra #9, the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustee \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement. Seconded by Anni Champagne, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted. The Grand Trustees requested that the minutes show that they had recused themselves from voting due to the significant amount of money involved in the motion

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the 2011 Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses, \$100.00 bowling prize and \$100.00 golf prize for a total \$500.00. Seconded, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set Funeral Benefit at \$200.00 Seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the annual per capita tax at \$20.00 per member paid semiannual. Seconded by Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay \$40.00 annual dues to Aldersly. Seconded by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home in Selma. Seconded by Grand Trustee Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home. Seconded by Anni Champagne, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art. Seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$50.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno. Grand President Roger Gearhart ruled the motion had died for lack of a second.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno per the request of Past Grand President Stanley Kjar and two other Past Presidents of the Danish American Historical Society. Seconded by Rowland Mc Neil, Thyra #9, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay for a monthly ad supporting the Grand Lodge and the Locale Branches of Dania in the Bien Newspaper at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 per year. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, the vote was 35 yes 7 No; the motion was adopted.

Grand Trustee Bent Olsen informed the delegates that the Danish Capital in the United States, Solvang, will be celebrating their 100 birthday in 2011 and that there was going to be a magazine coming out in the first part of the year and would be looking for advertisement. He was wondering if the Grand Lodge would be interested in placing an ad in the magazine.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer as a Delegate who voted on the prevailing side of the previous motion

moved to bring the motion back to the floor to reconsider the motion in light of this new information. Seconded by Past Grand President Robert Sorensen, Bornholm #14, the vote was 39 yes 2 no; the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay for a monthly add supporting the Grand Lodge and the Locale Branches of Dania in the Bien Newspaper at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 per year. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, the vote was 6 yes 34 no; the motion was not adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay for an advertisement in the Solvang 100 anniversary Magazine not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Past Grand President Robert Sorensen, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted.

Jackie Nielsen asked a question about the Grand Lodge Constitution. Grand Secretary moved to be allowed to sell copies of the Constitution at a cost of \$10.00 each. Seconded by Past Grand President Stuart O. Mahler, Thyra #9, and the motion was adopted.

Recess at 3:10 P.M.

After the coffee break we met together with the Members of Dannebrog where we watched an audio/video presentation presented by Erik Jorgensen on behalf of his Son Scott Jorgensen's College work that he is doing in the area of Native Plant Management. Scott has been the recipient of many Scholarships from both Dania and Dannebrog in the past years, and this presentation was a way of saying thank you to both Grand lodges and also showing how our Scholarship moneys are being spent. At the same time Scott also represented all of the recipients and the fine work that they are doing in their chosen field of study. The Presentation concluded with a brief photo slide show highlighting the close connections between the Jorgensen Family and the two Grand Lodges.

Convention reconvened at 3:30 P.M.

Nomination of new Grand Officers

Grand President Roger Gearhart appointed three tellers John Jensen, Danmark #2, Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10 and James Olef Jensen, Danmark #2.

Grand President Roger Gearhart explained that in the case of one nominee that the Grand Secretary is to cast the ballot. In the event of the Grand Secretary nominee, the Grand Treasurer will cast the ballot.

The following were nominated and elected:

Grand President	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	declined with thanks
	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	
Grand Vice President	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	
Grand Marshal	Johanna Gade	Bornholm #14	
Grand Vice Marshal	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	

Grand Trustee #1	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9
Grand Trustee #2	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14
Grand Trustee #3	Bent Olsen	Hejls Minde #23 declined with thanks
	Tom Martin	Danmark #2

Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, dismissed the tellers with thanks.

The Grand Marshal of Dannebrog Judi Heer, Dana #15, requested admission. Once inside she reported that the Dannebrog had voted to place a joint ad in the Solvang magazine and they would contribute \$250.00 towards a joint ad with Dania.

After the Grand Marshal of Dannebrog left the room the Grand President Roger Gearhart instructed the Grand Marshal Kurt Høj to inform the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog that we accept their offer to join with them in placing an ad in the Solvang magazine.

Past Grand President Jim Jorgensen rose to a point of information asking about the status of the 2010-2011 Grand President and Grand Marshal's traveling expense, since it has not been brought up, does it stay as the amount that is in the Constitution?

Grand Marshal Kurt Høj returned and report that he was well received and that Dannebrog was looking forward to the affair.

Grand President Roger Gearhart informed the Grand Marshal of the question that had come up during his absents and then entertained a motion to add to the Constitutional amount of moneys allocated for traveling expenses. Anni Champagne, Bornholm #14, moved to increase the Grand Presidents traveling expenses by \$600.00 making it a total of \$1,200.00 Seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2. After a brief debate Grand President Roger Gearhart call for a two minute recess. The Meeting was called back to order and the Grand President reported to the Delegates that during the recess he had caucused with the delegates of Danmark #2 and they had agreed to make a sizeable donation to the Grand Lodge of Dania that would be more than enough funds to cover this added expense. In light of this new information the Grand Secretary withdrew his objection to the motion. The result of the vote was 25 yes and 6 no; the Grand President ruled that the motion was adopted.

Anni Champagne Bornholm #14 moved to increase the Grand Marshal for 2010-2011 traveling expenses by \$300.00 making it a total of \$600.00; seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2. The result of the vote was 28 yes and 4 no; the Grand President ruled that the motion was adopted.

Tom Martin, Danmark #2 moved to conduct an open joint Installation of Officers at 2:00 P.M. Saturday. Seconded by Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, and the motion passed.

Grand President Roger Gearhart directed the Grand Marshal Kurt Høj to inform the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog on our desire to hold an open joint installation. Grand Marshal Kurt Høj requested that the Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen and Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10 accompany him to the Dannebrog meeting room. The request was granted. On their return to our meeting, Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen reported that Dannebrog accepted our invitation.

The Grand Secretary read the Resolution Committee's report pertaining to the Queen's 70th Birthday per the Grand Presidents request. **(See addendum)**

Grand Trustee Bent Olsen moved to allow Jack Frederickson and friend of Grand President-elect Lilian Rasmussen admittance to the Saturday meeting to hear Lilian's report. Seconded by Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, and the motion passed.

Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, moved to adjourn until 10:30 A.M. Saturday Morning. Seconded by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, and the motion passed.

SATURDAY April 17, 2010

Convention was called back to order at 10:30 A.M. by Grand President Roger Gearhart. The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal
10 Grand Officers, 26 Delegates and 15 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call

Pete Olsen, Valdemar #12, reminded the delegates that they would be hosting next year convention right here at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks Nevada on April 14-16, 2011

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved that the 2010-2011 Grand President create a committee to review and update the Grand lodge application for Membership, and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. Seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10, and the motion passed.

Resolution Committee report: the Resolutions were read by the members of the Committee Tom Martin, Danmark #2, Rowland McNeil, Thyra#9, and Christian Nielsen, Valhalla #11. Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Denmark #2, moved to accept the report Seconded by Jim Gearhart, Danmark #2. The report was accepted. **(See addendum)**

Report of the Law Committee: Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr. reported that they had nothing to report. **(See addendum)**

Fashion Report: Rowland McNeil, Thyra#9, reported that the last of the inventory has been sold and handed over a check for \$50.00

Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, asked if they could give their old Danish books to a Museum or do they have to give them to the history committee? Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5, said that the Danish American Historical Society would gladly accept them and place them on display. Grand Secretary Tim Heer said that if the books included Dannevang #7's minutes, that they needed to be held under the Lodges control forever.

Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, moved as suggested in the Advisory Board Report that the Grand Secretary include in his Annual Report a statement of the total unfunded funeral benefit. Seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, the motion passed, with one vote against. The Grand Secretary did announce that he would be asking the Branch to help update his Membership list.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jack Frederickson was escorted in behind the altar and introduced by the Grand Vice Marshal Johanna Gade

Grand President Roger Gearhart asked Grand Marshal Kurt Høj to escort Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen to the podium. Grand President Roger Gearhart asked Grand President-elect to address the Delegates.

Grand President-elect Lilian Rasmussen gave a thank you speech where she gave a history of her involvement in Dania She then appointed her committees:

Advisory committee: Past Grand President Peter Hoy Bornholm#14 (1 yr)
Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9 (2 yr)
Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14 (3 yr)
Auditors: Past Grand President Stan Kjar Thor #5
Past Grand President James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14
Dania RV committee Carl Jensen, Thor #5
Don Petit, Thor #5
Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9
History committee Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2
First Delegate from each Branch
Web Committee Grand Secretary Tim Heer, Freja #6

She then introduced her advisor Past Grand President Peder Hoy and her password
Grand President Roger Gearhart declared the 130th annual convention closed at 11:20 A.M.
At 2:00PM Dania and Dannebrog participated in a joint installation of Grand Officers.

2010- 2009 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand President	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand Vice President	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Vice Marshal	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	Ferndale
Grand Trustee #1	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee #2	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee #3	Tom Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco

MINUTES TAKEN BY Timothy J Heer Sr.
GRAND SECRETARY, Freja #6

ADDENDA

Report of the Grand President

Let me express my sincere appreciation for electing me as your Grand President last year in San Francisco. The journey for me really started 4 years ago, right here in Reno, with the installation as your Grand Vice Marshal. The years have passed quickly as I was able to serve exceptional Grand Presidents---John Johansen, Stan Kjar and John Champagne. And this last year, I have been well-served by very able Grand Officers, Grand Vice President Lilian Rasmussen, Grand Marshal Kurt Høj and Grand Vice Marshal Johanne Gade. With these fine Officers on line, the future of Dania will be well served.

I wish to thank my wife Kathleen who helped me in so many ways, who traveled many miles with me, who ensured that I was properly dressed and always on my best behavior. I could not have done it without her.

I want to be on record with high praise for the Grand Officers of Society Dannebrog and note that their presence enhanced all of the joint installations. From the outset, it was a great privilege and honor to work side-by-side with Grand President Anette Christensen and her excellent staff. It made the year go by all too quickly. I thank them all very much.

Your team of Grand Officers was able to install local officers at all the branches except for Sacramento and Santa Maria. All of the installations were memorable with close attention to detail and to our time-honored traditions. At times, the rooms were a little crowded but that signifies great interest by the local members to see their members installed. Many Past Presidents have remarked that it is a special privilege to install officers at one's home lodge. Such was certainly the case with Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, where I was able to help install many good friends as well as my son and daughter as their officers. That will be a lasting memory for me. I have written letters to Sacramento and Santa Maria suggesting that their officers could be installed at one of their meetings by a delegation of Grand Officers. We certainly want our smaller branches to feel that they are an integral part of the Dania family. There have been some preliminary and hopeful discussions.

When I chose the password of "Traditions" I wanted to emphasize that our Dania traditions and our common heritage are what binds us so closely together. During the installations, we returned to the more formal tradition using formal address. With the installation of many first-time officers in many branches, our future is clear. We do need more new members but I believe that they are out there---we only need to interest them in joining us. Then we can look forward to the continuing success of every local branch lodge, each with its distinctive personality.

I would also like to recognize the essential services of our Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, our Grand Treasurer, Greg Gleeson, our Grand Trustees, and the Past Grand Officers who were present at many of the installations. Support of the local branches is so very important.

My term as Grand President is about to end but my service to Dania will continue. It has been an experience that I will long remember. For me personally, my family and my heritage have always been of great importance. Then I would rank my career in physics and my military service in importance but then certainly Dania would come next. I will long remember with great fondness my Dania experience. Our community may be small in numbers but Dania is full of some of the finest people I have ever met. And in that lays our great strength for building a better future. It has been a privilege and a great honor to be your Grand President and it is comforting to know that I will be leaving Dania in capable hands.

Thank you very much.

Roger Gearhart

Grand President, Dania, 2009-2010

Report of the History Committee:

The History Committee has many older Convention Reports, missing all before 1929 and 1930, 1935, 1938, 1941, 1945-6, 1948-9, 1957, 1959, 1962-6, 1968, 1973-7, 1979-86. The Branch Secretaries are asked to search their lockers so that we can fill in many of the missing dates. Perhaps members may have some older reports to offer as well. There are many things on display in the back of the room along with the collection of Dania/Dannebrog Convention pins. The earliest year pin is 1916 and other years represented are: 1925, `29, `31, `34, `35, `38, and `39. Then there is a big jump to 1999 and 2002. It would be great to fill in as many years as possible. Hopefully, we will be able to fill in the missing dates as more are donated.

Robert, the young son of John Jensen of Danmark #2, made a school presentation of his Danish heritage. There are photos of his work. Robert reportedly received high praise for his display---the other kids especially liked the Viking constructed of Legos. We are need to proud of our heritage and Robert certainly will become a Dania member. Bob Lacey, who owns a Nimbus, offered a recent article of the Nimbus as a WWII fighting machine, along with photos. All this on display.

All family histories, especially as they relate to Dania members, are of great interest. There is a brief history of Roger's family in Denmark. And we are interested in what the younger generation of members is doing and accomplishing. We would also like to compile a complete collection of photos of Grand Presidents---so far, we have only a few.

The Danish flag that was used on the visit of Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince and Crown Princess to Chicago in March 2009 and presented to Dania was displayed at the last Convention and was presented at each of the installation ceremonies the past year. It is proudly displayed on the podium.

For those of our members who have rented a seal embosser, please remember to render the annual payment of \$15 to the Grand Secretary. We hope that the History Committee will continue to receive contributions. All members are encouraged to offer suggestions and to make contributions. Our collection of miscellaneous books and items of general interest is continually growing. We thank everyone for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of April 2010,

Roger Gearhart
Chairman

John Champagne
Deputy Chairman

Report of the Tax Committee

Graham Sorensen and Roger Gearhart attended the "FREE Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations" held in Elk Grove on May 19, 2009. Faith-based organizations and churches are classified as 501-(C)-3. Some Fraternal organizations, such as the Elks, are 501-(C)-10. We are a 501-(C)-8 because of the death benefits and sick benefits Dania and our branches offer. There is some overlap to the 501-(C)-3 but not much. A

consequence of being a 501-(C)-8 is that we are required to use our funds for members. We do that as a matter of course in our sick benefits, funeral benefits, our Old Age Fund expenses, scholarships, Grand Officer expenses, and by local Branches subsidizing local Branch functions.

There were presentations dealing with real and personal property and employee issues. Inasmuch as we have no employees, we do not have to worry about health insurance, disability insurance, unemployment, etc. Nor do we have any real estate. We do have personal property in the form of regalia, badges, flags, and food preparation equipment but no office machines, computers, printers, telephones----really, we have nothing significant. For instance, try to sell our regalia, badges and flags---it is doubtful that we could get more than a few hundred dollars. We can conclude that we have no personal property worthy of reporting.

We talked privately to many of the speakers from whom we learned some interesting facts. The Board of Equalization, the Franchise Tax Board and the IRS see mostly (C) -3 type problems----the 501-(C)-8 organizations are regarded as insignificant and are generally ignored unless specific issues are raised by the organizations. This attitude extends to enforcement as well----the 501-(C)-8 are "small potatoes" and we, Dania, are probably well below their threshold in all regards.

The single issue that could cause problems would be raffles. However, the profits from raffles at conventions are always used to offset our convention expenses. In any event, the total tax would be no more than \$200 or so---hardly worth consideration. The best advice for Dania would be to keep a low profile and to keep filing the form 990 in a timely manner (thanks Tim). For raffles, don't advertise on the internet, keep it low key and don't publicize the big winners.

A reminder to all Branches that the sole contact with the taxing agencies should be only through our Grand Secretary. Any information sent to a local branch should be forwarded to Tim for him to handle.

Respectfully submitted on April 16, 2010 by:

Graham Sorensen
Past Grand President
Bornholm #14

Roger Gearhart
Grand President
Danmark #2

Dania Executive Board meeting held on February 6, 2010 at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno California.

Present:

John Champagne	Past Grand President	Bornholm #14
Roger Gearhart	Grand President	Danmark #2
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Lillian Rasmussen	Grand Vice Pres.	Sønderjylland #10 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President John Champagne at 2:00 pm.

New Business: Grand Trustee Peder Hoy moved that from now on the Grand Secretary will omit all the financial information from the version of the Annual Report that is posted on the web site. Seconded by Grand President Roger Gearhart and pasted.

Grand President Roger Gearhart reported on the Grand Lodges not for profit status and his committee has found that we are recorded with the IRS as 501(c)(8)

Grand Trustee Peder Hoy presented the status of the Grand Trustee accounts and Monies on hand.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand Past President asked the Executive Board to Meet on March 20 in Livermore.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 20, 2010, at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

John Champagne	Grand Past President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Roger Gearhart	Grand President.	Danmark #2
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Stanly Kjar Substituting for Bent Olsen	Grand Trustee	Hejls Minde # 23
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
Lillian Rasmussen	Grand Vice President	Sønderjylland #10 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President John Champagne at 10:10 A.M.

Dania Scholarship

Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by Stan Kjar to award four (4) Dania Scholarship this year of \$300.00 each, passed.

This year's recipients are:

Marissa Christensen Submitted by Danmark #2, Christianna Reinstein submitted by Dannevang #7, Allison Reinstein submitted by Dannevang #7 and Elizabeth Reinstein submitted by Dannevang #7. All were awarded a \$300.00 Scholarship.

Dania Memorial Scholarship:

Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by Stan Kjar to award 3 Scholarships at \$500.00 each. George Cumming move to amend the motion and award 3 Scholarships at \$1,000.00 each seconded and passed. This year's recipients are: Vince Lastreto Member of Thor #5, Zack Reinstein Member of Dannevang #7, Scott Jorgensen Member of Thyra #9

Grand President Roger Gearhart brought up the Idea of creating a new award called Dania Outstanding Achievement Award. After much discussion it was decided propose a standing resolution to the delegates at convention for their consideration. Grand President Roger Gearhart volunteered to write the Resolution.

Dania Member of the year: After review the deserving nominees Grand Past President Stanley Kjar excused himself from the meeting. The Grand Secretary took charge of the discussion and voting on the Member of the year, with so many qualified nominations a paper ballot was taken and Stanly Kjar, was selected as the member of the year.

Grand President's Report: Grand President Roger Gearhart made a report on his activities for the period

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 130th Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 16 and 17, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada was the host hotel to the 130th annual convention of the Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

Therefore be it resolved:

We express our sincere appreciation for all services to us

Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:

Tom Martin, Delegate Danmark #2

Christian Nielsen, Delegate Valhalla #11

Rowland McNeil, Delegate Thyra #9

April 16, 2010

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 130th Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 16 and 17, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Loges of Sønderjylland#10, Thyra #9, Valborg #1, Danneskjold #17, Laura #8 hosted the 130th annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2010 convention at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada

Therefore be it resolved:

That this convention sends congratulations for a job well done.

Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:

Tom Martin, Delegate Danmark #2

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April 16, 2010

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 130th Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada convention in Sparks Nevada on April 16 and 17, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrating her 70th birthday on April 16

Therefore be it resolved:

That this convention sends congratulations and best wishes;

Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:

Tom Martin, Delegate Danmark #2

Christian Nielsen, Delegate Valhalla #11

Rowland McNeil, Delegate Thyra #9

April 16, 2010

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 130th Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 16 and 17, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget; do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania, including former

Therefore be it resolved:

We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy of sorrow

Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:

Tom Martin, Delegate Danmark #2

Christian Nielsen, Delegate Valhalla #11

Rowland McNeil, Delegate Thyra #9

April 16, 2010

Dania Grand Past Presidents

James Jorgensen	Bornholm 14	1969-70
*Bjarne H. Carstens	Danmark 2	1970-71
*Burton F. Skow	Danneskjold 17	1971-72
*Holger Carstensen	Hejls Mnde 23	1972-73
*Borge Nielsen	Odin 1	1973-74
*Dan Mogensen	Thor 5	1974-75
*Clyde G. Brown	Dagmar 8	1975-76
*Paul W. Andersen	Danneskjold 17	1976-77
Svend Christian	Freja 6	1977-78
Niels Walter Hansen	Thyra 9	1978-80
*Howard J. Krogh	Bornholm 14	1980-81
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra 9	1981-82
*Lawrence C. Bentzen	Sønderjylland 10	1982-83
*Jan A. Walker	Freja 6	1983-84
*Reynold F. Nielsen	Thor 5	1984-85
*Terje Schiller	Danneskjold 17	1985-86
Peder Hoy	Bornholm 14	1986-87
*Fred H. Mahler	Thyra 9	1987-88
Erik Jensen	Thor 5	1988-89
Arthur Reinstein	Dannevang 7	1989-90
* Norman Dalgaard	Hejmdal 4	1990-91
Glenn A. Fritz	Danmark 2	1991-92
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra 9	1992-93
Graham Sorensen	Bornholm 14	1993-94
Alan D. Filiau	Thyra 9	1994-95
Henning O. Petersen	Danmark 2	1995-96
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang 7	1996-97
Robert Sorensen	Bornholm 14	1997-98
*Arthur J. Jensen	Thor 5	1998-99
Tim Heer	Freja 6	1999-00
Gunnar Nielsen	Thor 5	2000-01
*Tedd Matusiewicz	Dannevang 7	2001-02
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm 14	2002-03
Kaj Kristensen	Danmark 2	2003-04
Arne Graversgaard	Freja 6	2004-05
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold 17	2005-06
John Johansen	Bornholm 14	2006-07
Stanly Kjar	Thor 5	2007-08
John Champagne	Bornholm 14	2008-09

*Deceased

Dania Member of the Year Award

*Chris Pedersen	1990	Danmark 2
*Melvin Oredsen	1991	Odin 1
Greg Gleeson	1992	Thyra 9
*Knud Ove Knudsen	1993	Danmark 2
*Raymond P. Olsen	1994	Bornholm 14
*Reynold F. Nielsen	1995	Thor 5
*Sigurd Thomsen	1996	Dannevang 7
*Ralph N. Kerr	1997	Thyra 9
*Dan Mogensen	1998	Thor 5
*Elmer C. Jorgensen	1999	Thyra 9
*Fred H. Mahler	2000	Thyra 9
Peder Hoy	2001	Bornholm 14
*Burton Skow	2002	Danneskjold 17
Henning O. Petersen	2003	Danmark 2
*Norman Dalgaard	2004	Hejmdal 4
James Jorgensen	2005	Bornholm 14
Carl Jensen	2006	Thor 5
John Johansen	2007	Bornholm 14
Kaj Kristensen	2008	Danmark 2
Stuart O Mahler	2009	Thyra #9
Stanly Kjar	2010	Thor 5
* Denoted Deceased		