

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada



MOMENTUM

mo·men·tum (mō-mĕn'təm) *n.*, *pl.* **-ta** (-tə) or **-tums**. [Lat., movement < *movēre*, to move.] **1.** *Physics.* The product of a body's mass and linear velocity. **2.** *Impetus in human affairs or actions* <a career that gained *momentum*>

127th Annual Convention Report

**Fresno, California
April 12—14, 2007**

FRIDAY April 13, 2007

Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents and Members assembled at Spike and Rail, Swan Court Conference Center in Selma California for Dania's 127th annual convention on April 13 and 14, 2007. Host Lodges are Thor #5 and Thora #11, Fresno.

GRAND OFFICERS

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| Grand Past President | Robert M. Lacey | Danneskjold #17 | San Jose |
| Grand President | John Johansen | Bornholm #14 | Modesto |
| Grand Vice President | Stanley Kjar | Thor #5 | Fresno |
| Grand Secretary | Tim Heer | Freja #6 | Salinas |
| Grand Treasurer | Gregory A. Gleeson | Thyra #9 | Hayward |
| Grand Marshal | John Champagne | Bornholm #14 | Modesto |
| Grand Vice Marshal | Roger Gearhart | Danmark #2 | San Francisco |
| Grand Trustee | Lilian Rasmussen | Sønderjylland #10 | Petaluma |
| Grand Trustee | George A. Cumming | Thyra #9 | Hayward |
| Grand Trustee | Peder Hoy | Bornholm #14 | Modesto |

DELEGATES

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| Danmark #2 | Cliff Gade | Tom Martin | Jim Jensen |
| Hejmdal #4 | | | |
| Thor #5 | Peter Hansen | J.L. Morrison | Rene Lastreto |
| Freja #6 | Ole Pedersen | Neils Jensen | Arne Poulsen |
| Dannevang #7 | Art Reinstein | Charles Smith | Kenneth Thomsen |
| Thyra #9 | Eric Jorgensen | Rowland McNeil | Tony Froncek |
| Sønderjylland #10 | Birthe Sckerl | Karen Lysmer | Hans Andersen |
| Valhalla #11 | Francis Sweet | Christian Nielsen | Mel Lundberg |
| Valdemar #12 | | | |
| Bornholm #14 | John Scheuber | Johanne Gade | Anne Champagne |
| Danneskjold #17 | Robert Lacey | Charles Allman | |
| Hejls Minde #23 | Bent Olsen | Kurt Høj | Knud Jacobsen |
| Holger Danske #27 | Elvin Juhl | | |

Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14, called the convention to order at 9:10AM. The password was taken by Grand Marshal John Champagne, Bornholm #14, and Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

10 Grand Officers, 26 Delegates and 14 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, led by Grand President John

Johansen. This was followed by the singing of the DER ER ET YNDIGT LAND, led by Past Grand President Henning O. Petersen of Danmark #2. Grand President John Johansen had his advisor, Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, escorted to a position on his right. The Grand President then declared a moment of silence for those departed members this past year.

Grand President John Johansen wished everyone in attendance welcome, and then declared the 127th Dania Convention in session with full power to act.

Minutes from the close of the 126th convention were read and approved as corrected the correction are. The passing of additional members Harvig Petersen, Holger Danske #27, Santa Maria, Tom Nissen, Thyra #9, Hayward, Aage Lundquist, Thyra #9, Hayward, Glen C. Petersen, Hejmdal #4 Sacramento.

Grand President John Johansen turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President Stanley Kjar and the Grand President read his report (**see addendum**). Past Grand President James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14, moved that we accept the report of the Grand President. Seconded by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, and carried with a round of applause. Grand Vice President Stanley Kjar returned the meeting to Grand President John Johansen.

Grand President John Johansen called the meeting to New Business:

Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, moved that all Branches will pay \$10.00 per year per member who receives a newsletter through the mail, seconded by Grand Trustee George A. Cumming, Thyra #9. The vote was 23 Yes 17 No. Grand Secretary Tim Heer reported that the motion did not receive a 2/3 majority, and Grand President John Johansen referred the issue to the Law Committee to determine if a 2/3 majority was required.

Grand President John Johansen appointed the following Standing Committees:

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| Law: | George Cumming | Thyra #9 |
| | Jim Jorgensen | Past Grand President, Bornholm #14 |
| | Allen Filiau | Past Grand President, Thyra #9 |

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| Resolutions: | Robert Sorensen | Past Grand President, Bornholm #14 |
| | Allen Thomsen | Past Grand President, Dannevang #7 |
| | Gunnar Nielsen | Past Grand President, Thor #5 |

Grand President John Johansen called on John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, who presented the History Committee with a scrap book from the Ray Olsen Family. John Scheuber's wife, Marge is a Grand Niece of Ray and Vivian Olsen.

Grand President John Johansen presented the History Committee the Branch History Book he had started and referred to in his report, and asked for their support in finishing it.

Grand President John Johansen referred the meeting back to Reports:

Report of the Executive Committee was read. Grand Past President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, and passed. **See addendum.**

Grand Secretary's Report was reviewed. Grand Past President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, and carried. **See addendum.**

Grand Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Grand Past President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, and carried. **See addendum**

Grand Trustee's Report was reviewed. Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Grand Past President James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14, and carried. **See addendum.**

Recess at 10:25AM to 10:50AM

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

History Committee Report: Roger Gearhart covered the efforts of the committee this past year. Spoke on recent acquisitions and they are always looking for additional items and information. Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, and carried. **See addendum.**

Advisory Committee Report: John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, read the report from the committee. Moved by Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, to accept the report seconded by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, and carried. **See addendum.**

RV Committee Report: Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, provided information that which is in the news letter on the upcoming campouts for the RVers. Moved by Past Grand President Robert Sorensen, Bornholm #14, to accept the report seconded by Past Grand President Gunnar Nielsen, Thor #5, and carried.

Fashion Committee: Rowland McNeil reported on the shirt, jacket and ball caps with Dania logo. Interested members are encouraged to contact him if you are interested in purchasing any of the items. Proceeds go to the Grand Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Aldersly Inc. for membership renewal

Thank you note from Solvang Lutheran Home for a donation

Thank you note from Lise Jorgensen for scholarship

Thank you card from Bethel Lutheran Home for donation

Thank you note from Ian Borck for the Dania Scholarship

Thank you note from Elverhoj Museum for a donation

Elverhoj Museum March and June 2006 newsletter

Aldersly 60th Annual Tivoli Festival promotional letter

Letter from the County of Humboldt Probation Department with a donation to The OAF

Letters of greeting for a successful convention from:

Thyra #9

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3

Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10

Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Grand President John Johansen asked for a motion to accept the new ritual and marching pattern. Peder Hoy Past Grand President Bornholm #14 moved to split the motion into two parts, the ritual and the marching lines, and refer the Ritual to the Law Committee for their ruling, seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11. After much discussion the motion was withdrawn by the proponent.

12:00 PM to 2:00PM Lunch break

Unity committee: met after lunch for a joint session of Dania and Dannebrog to listen to a presentation that was presented by the Unity presentation committee with discussion from the floor.

Grand President John Johansen reconvened Dania's meeting after the conclusion of the joint meeting with Dannebrog.

Birthe Sckerl, Sønderjylland #10, moved to accept the report of the Unity Committee, seconded by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, and passed

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the proposal of the Unity Committee, seconded by Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Daneskjold #17. A written ballot was called for and Grand President John Johansen appointed the following tellers.

Robert Sorensen Past Grand President, Bornholm #14

Alan Filiau Past Grand President, Thyra #9

Christian Nielsen Valhalla #11

The results of the Ballot were 43 votes cast, Yes 16, No 26 and 1 blank; Grand President John Johansen declared the motion defeated.

Grand President John Johansen asked for a motion to pay the following bills to be considered in one motion.

Pay Grand Secretary \$150.00/month expense reimbursement.

Pay Grand Treasure \$45.00/month expense reimbursement.

Pay Grand Trustee's \$1.00/year expense reimbursement.

Pay Convention Committee \$300.00

Set Funeral Benefit at \$200.00

Collect \$20 annual per capita tax per member paid semiannually
Collect \$2 annual to OAF per member paid semiannually
Pay \$25.00 annual dues to Aldersly Inc.
Pay \$25.00 donation to Bethel Lutheran Home Selma, Calif.
Pay \$25.00 donation to Solvang Lutheran Home Solvang, Calif.
Pay \$100.00 for Bowling Committee.
Pay \$100.00 for Golf Committee.
Pay \$50.00 to Danish American Historical Society, Fresno, Calif.

Past Grand President Henning O. Petersen, Danmark #2, moved to pay the bills, second by Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17. Grand Secretary Tim Heer, Freja #6, asked to have the \$2 annual to OAF per member paid semiannually removed from the list it was granted by the proponent. Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson pointed out that our annual dues to Aldersly were \$35.00 and not \$25.00. This correction was approved by the proponent. Grand Trustee George A. Cumming Jr. Thyra #9 lamented the fact that he thought that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary should be compensated the same amount, The Grand Secretary Tim Heer, Freja #6, fearing that his compensation would drop to \$45.00 asked the proponent to change the amount for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasure to \$100.00/month expense reimbursement. This Change was also approved by the proponent. The motion with all the correction was passed.

Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved that branches be assessed \$1.00 semiannually per member, to go to the Old Age Fund, seconded by Past Grand President Graham Sorensen. A question from the floor was made concerning if this constitutes voting on the same motion twice? Grand Secretary Tim Heer, Freja #6, as Parliamentarian, voiced his opinion, since the item was stricken from the list by the proponent this was a legal motion. Grand President John Johansen referred the matter to the Law Committee for their review.

Representatives from Dannebrog entered the Dania convention to announce that Dannebrog had voted to reject the Unity Committee proposal.

Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, moved for the adoption of Amendment #6 dealing with Article X Section 5 seconded by Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2. The results of the vote was Yes 10 No 22, The Grand President John Johansen declared the motion defeated.

Grand President John Johansen referred Amendment #5 to the Law committee.

Grand President John Johansen asked for a motion to pay the Grand President and the Grand Marshal their normal traveling expenses. Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, requested a clarification as to what was normal. Grand President John Johansen clarified that it was in the case of the Grand President \$600.00 plus an additional \$300.00 (see Article VII section 1) and in the case of the Grand Marshal it is \$300.00 plus an additional \$300.00 (see Article VII section 2). Rowland McNeil, Thyra #9, moved and it was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, moved to pay for the web page registration of \$134.15, seconded by Past

Grand President Robert Sorensen, Bornholm #14, and carried unanimously.

Adjourned for the day at 5:00PM

SATURDAY April 14, 2007

Convention was called back to order at 9:00AM by Grand President John Johansen. The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal.

10 Grand Officers, 27 Delegates and 13 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call.

Grand President John Johansen called on Grand Trustee, George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, for the decisions of the Law Committee. George suggested that it may be less confusing to address questions one at a time and act on them individually. Question Number 1, if the motion made by Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17, that branches be assessed \$1.00 semiannually per member, to go to the Old Age Fund, was a legal motion. The Law Committee agreed that it was proper.

Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved that branches be assessed \$1.00 semiannually per member, to go to the Old Age Fund, seconded by Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14. The result of the vote was Yes 36 No 2 and Grand President John Johansen declared the motion passed

Grand Trustee George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, reported on question Number 2 dealing with Amendment number 5 if removing Article XIV, Section 11, Par 4 would no longer allow Dania Branches to hold joint or open meetings with their respective Local Branch of the Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog of California and Nevada. The Law Committee did not see a problem, but suggested an amendment to the amendment Number 5 by deleting from paragraph 1 of section 11 the words “ with fifty (50) or fewer members, or every local Branch which has a yearly average of ten (10) or less members in attendance at their meeting” and deleting paragraph 4 of section 11 in its entirety.

Grand Trustee, George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, moved for the acceptance of Amendment #5 as amended, seconded by Past Grand President Graham Sorensen. The result of the vote was unanimously in favor. Grand President John Johansen declared the motion passed.

Grand Trustee George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, reported on question Number 3 if the vote on the newsletter required a 2/3 majority vote to pass. The Law Committee opinion was that it did require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14 moved that all Branches will pay \$10.00 per year per member who receives a newsletter through the mail to start on January 1, 2008 and that the Web

Master would supply the Grand Secretary with a list of those who have received the newsletter through the mail, seconded by George A. Cumming, Thyra #9. The result of the vote was Yes 40 No 2 with one abstaining. Grand President John Johansen declared the motion passed.

Grand President John Johansen made a presentation that shows the difference between Amendment Number 1 and Number 2

Grand President John Johansen asked Grand Vice President Stanley Kjar, Thor #5, to preside.

Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, moved for the adoption of Proposed Amendment Number 2, second by Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11. During the discussion, the Proponent of Amendment Number 1, Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, asked to withdraw his Proposed Amendment. This was granted by the chair. Ole Pedersen, Freja #6, moved to amend the amendment by removing the words “If a Local branch sends more than 3 representatives, it is encouraged to select the additional representatives from the Local branch’s younger generation.” Seconded by Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2. The result of the vote was Yes 41, No 2, the amending of the Amendment passed. The result of the vote on the Amendment as amended was Yes 38 No 5. Grand Vice President Stanley Kjar, Thor #5, declared the motion passed, and asked Grand President John Johansen to resume his authority.

Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, Proponent of Amendment Number 4 asked to withdraw his Amendment. This was granted by the chair.

Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, moved for the adoption of Proposed Amendment Number 3, dealing with Article IV, Section 4, second and carried with one no vote.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to allow the Grand Secretary to reprint the Constitution and make any correction to spelling, seconded by Past Grand President Jim Jorgensen, Bornholm #14 and carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to allow the Grand Secretary to post the Constitution as a PDF file on the web site seconded by Tom Martin, Danmark #2, and carried with one descending vote.

Nomination of new Grand Officers:

Grand President John Johansen appointed the following tellers.

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| James Jorgensen | Past Grand President, Bornholm #14 |
| Allen Thomsen | Past Grand President, Dannevang #7 |
| Christian Nielsen | Valhalla #11 |

Past Grand President Jim Jorgensen, Bornholm #14, moved that in the case of one nominee that the Grand Secretary cast the ballot. In the event of the Grand Secretary nominee, the Grand Treasurer will cast the ballot. Seconded and carried.

The following were nominated and elected:

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| Grand President | John Johansen | Bornholm #14 declined with thanks | |
| | Stanley Kjar | Thor #5 | |
| Grand Vice President | John Champagne | Bornholm #14 | |
| Grand Secretary | Tim Heer | Freja #6 | |
| Grand Treasurer | Gregory A. Gleeson | Thyra #9 | |
| Grand Marshal | Roger Gearhart | Danmark #2 | |
| Grand Vice Marshal | Lilian Rasmussen | Sønderjylland #10 | Elected |
| | Johanne Gade | Bornholm #14 | |
| Grand Trustee #1 | George Cumming | Thyra #9 | |
| Grand Trustee #2 | Peder Hoy | Bornholm #14 | |
| Grand Trustee #3 | Kurt Høj | Hejls Minde #23 | |
| | Gunnar Nielsen | Thor #5 | Declined |

Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, moved to allow the history committee to loan historical items to the Danish American Historical Society, of Fresno and have some of our history on display at their Museum. Grand President John Johansen ruled the motion failed for lack of a second.

Recess at 10:20AM till 10:42AM

Grand Past President Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved that we have a combined installation with Dannebrog. Seconded by Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, and carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, made a presentation for Bornholm #14 to hold the 2008 Convention. Grand President instructed Grand Marshal John Champagne to escort John Scheuber to the Dannebrog meeting for John to invite them to the 2008 Convention in Modesto. On their return, Grand Marshal John Champagne, reported that they have accepted under a few condition they would like to be able to milk a few cows, go for a hay ride and have a roll in the hay.

Grand Trustee George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, invited the Grand Officers and Delegates to the 2009 Convention on behalf of the Hayward and San Jose.

Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, also invited the Grand Officers and Delegates to the 2009 Convention in San Francisco, but then agreed to hold the 2010 Convention.

Grand President instructed Grand Marshal John Champagne to escort Grand Trustee George A. Cumming and Grand Vice Marshal Roger Gearhart to the Dannebrog meeting for them to invite them to the 2009 and 2010 Conventions.

Grand President John Johansen then had the Grand Marshal escort the newly elected Grand President Stanley Kjar, Thor #5, to the front to address the delegates and members in attendance. Grand President-elect Stanley Kjar thanked Fresno for the great convention, John Johansen for

running the convention and thanked the delegates for electing him. He then spoke on his vision for the future with peace and harmony, getting the youth involved, limit our business meetings, have more outings for all Lodges and conduct ourselves with Direction and Determination.

Grand President-elect Stanley Kjar appointed his committees:

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| Advisory committee: | Gregory A. Gleeson Allen Thomsen Peter Hoy | Grand Treasurer Thyra #9 Past Grand President Dannevang #7 Past Grand President Bornholm #14 |
| Auditors: | Carl Jensen Erik Jensen Rowland McNeil | Thor #5 Past Grand President, Thor #5 Thyra #9 |
| Dania RV committee | Rowland McNeil Don Petit Tom Envernizzi Lis Lacey Doris Skow | Thyra #9 Thor #5 Thor #5 Dannebrog Dannebrog |
| Fashion Apparel | Rowland McNeil | Thyra #9 |
| History committee | Roger Gearhart John Champagne First Delegates | Danmark #2, Grand Vice Marshal, Chairperson Bornholm #14, Grand Marshal From each branch |
| Web Committee | John Johansen Tim Heer Roger Gearhart Rene Lastreto | Grand Past President, Bornholm #14 Grand Secretary, Freja #6, Grand Vice Marshal, Danmark #2 Thor #5 |

He then introduced his password and named Past Grand President Gunnar Nielsen as his advisor.

Grand President John Johansen Bornholm #14, then thanked the delegates, Grand Officers and Members for their support in his year as Grand President. Grand Marshal John Champagne, stood up and thanked Grand President John Johansen for good teamwork during the past year. Rene Lastreto, Thor #5 expressed his thanks for the Website and the Newsletter. Grand President John Johansen then excused his committees with thanks. He then had the assembly rise and sing God Bless America. He then called for the closing sign. The 127th convention was closed at 12:00 noon.

Grand President John Johansen Bornholm #14 quickly reopened the meeting and had the Grand Secretary read the Resolutions on behalf of the Resolution Committee **See addendum**

At 2:00PM Dania and Dannebrog participated in a joint installation of Grand Officers.

2007 - 2008 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

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| Grand Past President | John Johansen | Bornholm #14 |
| Grand President | Stanley Kjar | Thor #5 |
| Grand Vice President | John Champagne | Bornholm #14 |
| Grand Secretary | Tim Heer | Freja #6 |
| Grand Treasurer | Gregory A. Gleeson | Thyra #9 |
| Grand Marshal | Roger Gearhart | Danmark #2 |
| Grand Vice Marshal | Lilian Rasmussen | Sønderjylland #10 |
| Grand Trustee #1 | George Cumming | Thyra #9 |
| Grand Trustee #2 | Peder Hoy | Bornholm #14 |
| Grand Trustee #3 | Kurt Høj | Hejls Minde #23 |

Retiring Grand President John Johansen was presented with a Wall Plaque for his dedicated service to Grand Lodge Dania.

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

Roll call

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| Jr. Past Gr. Pres. | Robert Lacey | X | X | Danmark #2 | | | Valhalla #11 | | |
| Grand President | John Johansen | X | X | Cliff Gade | X | X | Francis Sweet | X | X |
| Grand Vice President | Stanley Kjar | X | X | Tom Martin | X | X | Christian Nielsen | X | X |
| Grand Secretary | Tim Heer | X | X | Jim Jensen | X | X | Mel Lundberg | X | X |
| Grand Treasurer | Gregory Gleeson | X | X | Ejnar Christensen (Alt) | | | Daniel Barney (Alt) | | |
| Grand Marshal | John Champagne | X | X | Hejmdal #4 | | | Valdemar #12 | | |
| Grand V. Marshal | Roger Gearhart | X | X | | | | | | |
| Grand Trustee | Lilian Rasmussen | X | X | | | | | | |
| Grand Trustee | George Cumming Jr. | X | X | | | | | | |
| Grand Trustee | Peder Hoy | X | X | Thor #5 | | | Bornholm #14 | | |
| Past Grand Presidents | | | | Peter Hansen | X | X | John Scheuber | X | X |
| | | | | J.L. Morrison | X | X | Jerry Zoller | | |
| | | | | Rene Lastreto | X | X | Johanna Gade | X | X |
| | | | | George Eskelsen ALT | | | Anne Champagne | X | X |
| | | | | Freja #6 | | | Danneskjold #17 | | |
| James Jorgensen | Bornholm #14 | X | X | Ole Pedersen | X | X | Robert Lacey | X | X |
| Svend Christian | Freja #6 | X | X | Neils Jensen | | | Charles Allman | | |
| Niels W. Hansen | Thyra #9 | | | Arne Poulsen | X | X | | | |
| Stuart O. Mahler | Thyra #9 | | | Erik Rasmusen | | X | | | |
| Peder Hoy | Bornholm #14 | X | X | Dannevang #7 | | | Hejls Minde #23 | | |
| Erik Jensen | Thor #5 | | | Art Reinstein | X | X | Bent Olsen | | |
| Arthur Reinstein | Dannevang #7 | X | X | Charles Smith | X | X | Kurt Hoj | X | X |
| Norman Dalgaard | Hejmdal #4 | | | Kenneth Thomsen | | | Knud Jacobsen | X | X |
| Glen A. Fritz | Danmark #2 | | | Thyra #9 | | | Holger Danske #27 | | |
| Gregory Gleeson | Thyra #9 | X | X | Eric Jorgensen | X | X | Elvin Juhl | X | X |
| Graham Sorensen | Bornholm #14 | X | X | Rowland McNeil | X | X | | | |
| Alan D. Filiau | Thyra #9 | X | X | Tony Froncek | X | X | | | |
| Henning O. Petersen | Danmark #2 | X | X | Sønderjylland #10 | | | | | |
| Allen Thomsen | Dannevang #7 | X | X | Karen Lysmer | X | X | | | |
| Robert Sorensen | Bornholm #14 | X | X | Birthe Sckerl | X | X | | | |
| Tim Heer | Freja #6 | X | X | Hans Andersen | X | X | | | |
| Gunnar Nielsen | Thor #5 | X | X | | | | | | |
| Hugo Rasmussen | Bornholm #14 | X | X | | | | | | |
| Kaj Kristensen | Danmark #2 | X | | | | | | | |
| Arne Graversgaard | Freja #6 | | | | | | | | |

Grand President Report 2006 – 2007

Dear members, Delegates, Grand officers and Past Grand Officers, I want to thank you all for the support you have given me over the past four years, where I have served as a Grand Officer of Dania; my thanks also goes to the lodges for the warm welcome my wife and I have received. Before I proceed with my annual report, I would like to introduce my wife Kirsten. I want to thank her for undivided support. Every time I need to work for Dania, the Newsletter, the web site, the Unity committee or supporting Dannebrog she has always been there.

I did visit every lodge for a general meeting, some lodges I visited more than once. The challenge was Sacramento and Santa Maria, since they do not have scheduled meetings. I got most of the Santa Maria people via Solvang and Sacramento just before their Installation. I can say that it was an extremely valuable experience. I can highly recommend it, if you really want to meet and talk to members, and hear their honest opinion. In my experience face to face meetings take precedence over everything else

All the lodges were extremely nice and welcomed Kirsten and I wholeheartedly, even though we always came unexpected. I have to mention that in Fresno we made history. Kirsten is a Dania member and followed me into the Dania meeting. Nobody said anything, everybody was extremely nice, and the meeting went very well. After the meeting I was told, that this was the first time a women had been attending the men's meeting. I thank you Fresno for being so gracious.

The Grand Lodge calendar format was quite a challenge, but I kept it up, and I am now presenting the final result. It is intended as a quick look up for anybody, whether they want to find a contact in a lodge or a meeting, Installation, party or an event in a lodge. As I said earlier no document is valuable, unless it is kept up to date, so please let me know of any changes, new events etc so I can keep it up to date. I will give you a copy to day, and it will be posted on our web site under downloads as a PDF file.

A new Annual Report was introduced and used this year. It fulfilled several things. It took the inaccuracy and fluctuation year by year away, so now we are consistent in reporting. I have to say that this format caught several mistakes, for instance one lodge found a major mistake in their 2005 reporting. The report also has a column for book value and market value. We know that almost all lodges cannot go back and find the book value for a Hall they sold many years ago, or securities they acquired many years ago. This is done for a going forward basis, and now we comply with the law requirements. It never hurts, just in case someone sticks their nose into our business, to see how we are complying.

We have also added a blog about complying with the IRS.

My advisory committee has done a great job here and in particular Christian Nielsen Ferndale. Thank you.

Now let us get to the financials. The total assets of the Grand lodge according to the trustee report at the Convention in Reno April 2006 were \$22,643.89 Dec. 31 2005 after a slide from \$79,417.79 in the year 2000. The Grand Lodge Income and disbursements on a yearly basis should balance, so we lost a lot of money on the stock market.

In January February and March 2006, there were further stock losses of 5.85%. The old stock holding has had a negative return at least since 2004, and had a very high risk. Less than two weeks prior to the convention in Reno April 7-8, 2006 all stocks were sold and converted into

mutual funds. From April to December, the portfolio returned 8.68%. We are confident that the allocation of the Trustees fund has been corrected, and that we are heading for better times. We have also received donations of \$5000 from local Lodges to our general fund and over \$9000 to the Old Age fund.

My next goal was to bring our Constitution up to date. I have spend a lot of time reading the document, and I must say it is very well written, but times changes and demands changes even in a well written constitution. The last amendment to our constitution was December 7, 1991, where we allowed people of non Danish heritage into our organization, and also allowed women to be members. The Grand President in 1991 was Glen Fritz, VicePresident Greg Gleeson, Vice Marshal Allan Filiau, Trustee Allan Thomson, and Past Grand President Norman Dalgaard. They are all mentioned in a BIEN article when they went to Petaluma to install the first 13 women into Dania.

This was a remarkable step, but the constitution needs other upgrades. Some are cosmetic reflecting lower membership numbers, but one is essential for the control of our finances and our organization, especially with the trust the local Lodges has shown us with their money donations. These amendments will be presented for you later this morning.

When I became Marshal, I asked several people to help me draw the marching pattern for Installations. All the answers came up different, so I decided to find a pattern everybody could accept as a standard guideline. All rooms are different. Most Lodges now uses a hotel or a restaurant for Installations, the rooms are getting smaller. Fortunately John Champagne became my marshal. He is an expert in marching patterns, coming from a military career. In the past year he has gotten numerous compliments for his performance as a Marshal. The original concept was worked out with Mary Esther Filiau, and John has fine tuned it. You will see later in a motion a request to adopt this as the standard guideline for marching at an Installation. I thank John Champagne for his enthusiasm and diligent work as a marshal.

Together with the marching pattern the Installation ritual is equally important, if an Installation shall flow and not take forever. You will also later see a motion for an updated ritual that can be used at a combined installation. Nothing important has been eliminated. Redundancies and a little bit on the flow have been adjusted. The ritual and marching pattern now flow perfectly together. An Installation with a full staff of officers should last less than an hour.

This year we have had four executive meetings. This has been very useful for the health and growth of our organization. No organization in the world runs by itself, or by only has one yearly meeting. In our executive meetings, Petaluma, Ferndale, Fresno and Hayward we have discussed finances, expenses, Constitution amendments, insurance, reporting, in short everything a normal company and organization needs to do in order to run efficiently and stay in business. One of the amendments you will see a little later deals with having a minimum of four Executive Committee meetings per year.

The web and Newsletter status:

Our new web design has been running for two years, and I have not had any complaint for functionality. Some members who still uses dial up connections can experience slower loading,

but I have also noticed via my email list, that many people have switched to broadband connection (either DSL or cable) This is a natural development as cities and counties develop their infrastructure. No city or county today can attract any industry, unless they have fast internet connection. There are no plans for any changes now, unless I get requests from the lodges;

however I do encourage each lodge to use their own site much more. I have now the history of all lodges completed except Reno and Santa Maria. They are both working on it. The cost of our web site is \$134.15 for two years. The renewal date is Feb. 2008.

I want to compliment all the Lodges for your corporation in allocating the Newsletter expenses. Not one has turned down the request. Several of them have solved the issue by either raise the dues for those members, who chooses to receive a printed version, some Lodges have simply paid for their members who need the printed version, and some others have taken upon themselves to print and distribute to members who need a printed version. I thank everybody for their full corporation. A little later you will hear a motion from the Executive Staff proposing to give the local Lodges complete control with newsletter expenses. They can choose to do it any of the ways I just described.

With the newsletter expense out of the Grand Lodge and the investments growing our income will be sync. With expenses and we can look at a bright future for many years to come.

I have also worked many hours with Dannebrog on the Grand Lodge blending of officers. We will have a presentation and discussion in a joint meeting right after lunch today, but let me explain the concept. It is really nothing new for 11 out of our 13 local Lodges, some of which have practiced this concept from the early 1990ties. The latest lodge to start using the concept is Salinas. In June 2006 they wrote in the newsletter: "Freja and Dana have been enjoying meeting together over the past year, and at our May meeting, we voted to consider electing a blended core of Officers for the next year. This is a big step for Freja and Dana lodge members and we would invite all of our members to voice their positive opinion on either side of the question." In July at the Salinas Installation Jackie Nielsen Dannebrog and I did install a blended core of officers.

It is a natural evolution to start using the same concept in both Grand Lodges. Grand Officers are recruited from the local Lodges, so it will be easy for everybody to adopt. It does not require any changes in the Constitution on either side. Neither does it affect our non-profit 501 c 10 status on either side.

When we are talking about blending, we are talking about the President, Vice President, Marshal and Vice Marshal. It will take 4 years before the blending concept will be 100% implemented if we start now with one Vice Marshal for both Grand Lodges. When the blending has been implemented, then and only then, will we have joint meetings at the Convention.

According to our Constitution the ruling power between Conventions is the Executive Committee. This committee consists always of the three Dania Trustees, the Grand President and the Junior Past Grand President. The Junior Grand President is the chairman. The Grand Secretary is secretary without voting power. The argument that, when Dannebrog holds the Grand Presidency, we do not have leadership is therefore not true. At any time there will always

be three Dania Trustees and a Dania Junior Past Grand President in the Executive committee. As I explained earlier the Executive Committee has not in the past been visible, but in the future, they will be meeting regularly. The Grand President is not and has never been ruling between Conventions. The Grand President implements decisions made by the Executive Committee. This is not different from any city. The Mayor is not the deciding person. He is member of the City Council where all decisions are made.

Anyway there will be a presentation later with more details and a discussion before we vote on a motion, but remember the motion will only deal with the blending concept.

At this point in time I will talk about my travel to all the Installations and all Lodge general meetings.

My first stop as Grand President was San Francisco DK#2 and Thyra #3. It was April 12 the first Wednesday after the Convention. I congratulated Danmark # 2 with their new Grand Officer Roger Gearhart.

On May 4 Kirsten & I headed for Fresno. My main purpose in Fresno was to give Carl Jensen the "Member of the Year" award. I was so pleased that it happened in Carl's home lodge. That way he gets more attention and all his fellow members, and his whole family can participate. Carl's family was all there, sons, daughters in law and all grand kids. It was really a celebration, which Carl would not have gotten, if he had been present at the Convention.

After Fresno, we went to Reno the following day for my first Installation in Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9. The Installation went well; at least that is what everybody is telling me. Jackie, Kay John and I did a rehearsal with the help of Mary Esther and a drill team;

The Petaluma Installation was next on my list. It was May 13 in beautiful weather in Kastanjefælled Park. This park always reminds me about Denmark and as a mini Solvang. The Installation started a little after noon and since this was a Dania Installation my Dannebrog, partners could sit and enjoy it while John Champagne and I were working.

After this Installation Kirsten & I headed for San Jose the same day to participate in their first general meeting after the convention in Reno. I was so lucky, that I could give the Dania Scholarship award to Loni Rasmussen. On top of it, the income from the Frikadeller dinner was given to Loni. Loni is going to start College in Oregon and we wish her the best, and hope to hear from her now and then.

On July 8 I went to Salinas and installed their new officers. This was a historic event since it was first time ever that Freja #6 and Dana #15 had blended officers. Congratulations to the Salinas lodges for their vision into the future. The effect was remarkable. We had a joint meeting before the Installation, and I did get a chance to talk to both lodges and congratulate them. The joint meeting was a great demonstration on how each lodge can sustain their identity and everybody has a great time and enjoys the company. Voting was not an issue at all. Freja took care of their financial side and Dana theirs. The rest of the meeting was run with a blended ritual,

which worked out great. It was nice to be part of this.

The Installation itself ran smooth, Jackie and I switched between Dana and Freja officers. The Marshals Kay Jensen and John Champagne did a great job, so did Niels Djernæs with his music.

The Modesto Installation August 5 was in a new place The Almond pavilion. We had great attendance and the food was great.

The Ferndale Installation September 2:

We had a record number of people attending. It is always more exciting to perform an installation, when you have your Grand Officers present and the local Lodge has a minimum of substitutes. Last but not least the audience is very important. All three were in place in Ferndale. A number of people attended because of the Baseball game the next day. Unfortunately I could not stay, so I had Hugo Rasmussen take pictures for me. When I looked at them, I could not see the difference between last year and this year. The winners were the same, missed swings were the same. On the pictures you cannot see if the players were running faster this year, but I doubt it. Anyway, the important thing is, that everybody had fun, and that we have re-started a tradition that I hope will last for many years to come. Stuart Mahler gets credit for this idea.

Other visits in September were San Francisco for the second time and Hayward. The meeting in Hayward was great. Stuart Mahler made the motion to pay for the printed Newsletter, and it went through.

In October my travel took me to Salinas, Reno and Livermore.

We were lucky to choose the visit to Salinas exactly the day they had their yearly BBQ at Arne Graversgaard's place. This was great, and we enjoyed it immensely.

For the Reno visit we were just as lucky. We hit the day that the Swedish and Danish lodge had an evening together, and the Swedes cooked dinner for the Danes, original Swedish Pea- soup and pancakes. Great evening!

In Livermore they had their monthly Pot-luck and there were some great dishes.

In the month of November I visited two lodges. First the Ferndale Lodges on November 3.

I was impressed with both the Ferndale lodges the way they blend and work together. They told me they have done it for 14 years, and seen from their point of view, there is no other way to thrive and survive for traditional fraternal organizations like Dania and Dannebrog.

The week after, I visited the Petaluma, Dania Lodge Sønderjylland #10. The day started with rain, but by the time we arrived at Kastaniefællled the sun started coming out, and we had a great day. I always enjoy this place, and the meeting and lunch was great.

In the month of December we were busy visiting Lodges and attending Christmas Parties.

It started in Solvang Dec 6. It is always special to go to Solvang, and Christmas makes it even more special.

The next stop was Petaluma's Christmas Party Dec 10. It was at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. It is a great place and the brunch is top class. I had the honor of giving out two 50 years membership pins to Frits Vaslev and Harvey Rasmussen and one 25 years pin to Knud Jensen.

This was a historic moment to be able to give 5 "First Ladies" a fifteen years certificate for making history. In 1991 Petaluma was the first Dania lodge that accepted ladies as charter members. Unfortunately we only have 5 ladies left out of the initial 13 installed in 1991. The five ladies have to be mentioned: Inger-Marie Andersen, Birthe Baekgaard, Vibeke Jensen, Jeannie Melendez and Lilian Rasmussen.

On December 16 Kirsten & I attended San Francisco Lodge Christmas Party at the Grosvenor Hotel. As usual San Francisco's parties are great and the food at the Grosvenor is likewise. We really enjoyed this luncheon.

We rounded off a busy December with the Christmas Party in my own Lodge Bornholm #14. It was held at the Almond Pavilion December 17, and we all had a great time with each other, the children and Santa Claus.

We started the 2007 season Feb. 3 in Fresno. This year the Fresno Lodges had moved the Installation to a different Hotel, and I may say a much nicer place. The pleasant surprise was Victor Rasmussen first resigning, but at the end accepting to serve as Financial Secretary for another year.

Feb. 10 was in San Jose. The weather was not really with us, with heavy rain throughout the day. We missed the "Grand Lady of San Jose" Doris Skow; she had to go to the Virgin Islands. At least she stayed at Old Danish territory.

Feb. 17 brought us to San Francisco. This Installation was combined with Danmark's 125th. Anniversary day. Kaj Kristensen was not present but a phone call was placed to tell him he was elected Danmark #2 member of the year. Irene Simms also came up this year as well to sing a song for us. She still has it.

Feb. 24 was Livermore. We had the Installation at The Four Point Hotel, an excellent place. We had a well organized Installation, and on top of it, the Grand Presidents had the honor to give out three 50-years pins to Soren Knudsen, Adda Moldt and Helen Morse.

March started with the Solvang Installation, so the first Wednesday in the month we took the nice drive to Solvang. The Installation went well and the food was out of this world.

Hayward's Installation took place March 17 at the Cattlemen's in Livermore. It turned out to be a great place and a great Installation. It took place at Noon so everybody had time to drive there and to get home before dark. For those reasons the attendance was high. We had 100% Grand Officer attendance as well. Hayward did a superb job arranging this event. I hope they will repeat it next year at the same place.

The last Installation of the year took place in Sacramento March 18, the day after the Hayward Installation. Ann and Norman Dalgaard participated, which we all were happy to see.

In closing I would like to thank all the Grand Officers for their help and support. I would also like to thank all the lodge members for their assistance.

Thanks to my adviser Peder Hoy. He and Doris have been on the road many times with Kirsten and I.

Kirsten and I have met so many new nice people, and have gotten so many new friends. That alone is worth all the travel and hotels. We would not be without it.

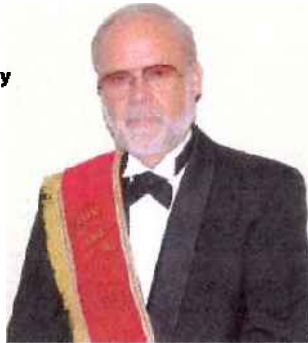
I was honored, that I could serve you as Grand President and look forward to assist the new Grand President Stan Kjar in any way I can.

In Solvang 2000 when Fresno had their latest Grand President Gunnar Nielsen. He said in his inauguration speech: "It is time to retire the horses, and bring out the tractor"
Fresno will now get their next Grand President and guess what; he sells tractors, so now I am sure we will see many tractors.

Yours respectfully



John Johansen
Grand President



Dania Executive Board meeting held on May 13, 2006 at the Kastanjefæll, Petaluma California.

Present:

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| John Johansen | Grand President | Bornholm #14 and Chairperson |
| Lillian Rasmussen | Grand Trustee | Sønderjylland #10 |
| George A. Cumming | Grand Trustee | Thyra #9 |
| Peder Hoy | Grand Trustee | Bornholm #14 |
| Stanley Kjar | Grand Vice Pres. | Thor #5 (non voting) |
| Tim Heer | Grand Secretary | Freja #6 (non voting) |

Meeting was called to order in the absents of the Past Grand President Robert Lacey, by Acting Chairperson John Johansen at 11:00 AM

Grand Trustee Funds: The Grand President presented a summery report of the balances over the last eleven years showing our decline in assets. After a review of the report a discussion on how to pass on some cost to the Local Lodges, it was reported that the average cost of a mailed newsletter is \$.87 per copy per month. Passing this cost on to the Local Lodges was discussed with no action taken except for a request that the Grand Secretary ask the Local Lodges to voluntary contribute to the Grand Lodge to cover this cost. The Grand President also requested the Grand Secretary to write a letter to Grand Lodge of Dannebrog asking them to contribute \$500.00 annually to off set the cost of the newsletter. Another option was discussed that of assessing all lodges 2% of there current assets

Mutual Fund Summary: Henrik Nielsen was introduced, who has recently been engaged as the Grand Trustee Fund Management Advisor, gave a report of the current portfolio, and explained the recent move of the investments form stock holdings to Mutual Funds. The signing of signature cards by the three new Trustees was also taken care of.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand President asked the Executive Board to Meet on September 2 at 3:00 am in Ferndale. This meeting proposed agenda would be a review of our current Locale Lodge Annual Report and suggestion on how to improve it.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on September 2, 2006 at the Danish Hall in Ferndale California.

Present:

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| Robert Lacey | Past Grand President | Danneskjold #17 |
| John Johansen | Grand President | Bornholm #14 |
| Lillian Rasmussen | Grand Trustee | Sønderjylland #10 |
| George A. Cumming | Grand Trustee | Thyra #9 (by phone) |

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| Peder Hoy | Grand Trustee | Bornholm #14 |
| Stanley Kjar | Grand Vice Pres. | Thor #5 (non voting) |
| Tim Heer | Grand Secretary | Freja #6 (non voting) |

Meeting was called to order by Past Grand President Robert Lacey at 3:00 pm.
Minutes of May 13, 2006 were approved as written

The Newsletter: The Grand President presented a summery report of the advances during the last months of reducing the cost of the newsletter. Reported on the number of Lodges who have voluntary assumed the cost of the newsletter to their Members, what other Lodges are doing to help.

Mutual Fund: Peder Hoy has not been getting the Monthly financial report on the fund.

Insurance: The status of the Branches who are covered, and there reimbursement.

Unity Committee: John Johansen reported on the progress of the committee, and that they were working on a presentation that was going to be mailed to all members of both Grand Lodges. A brief discussion followed over whether or not The Grand Lodge of Dania needed to vote on the proposal again this year at convention, no action was taken.

Annual Report: Christian Nielsen presented two different drafts for new updated versions of the Annual Report. Discussions of reporting current value or book value of stocks and mutual funds, and how the different Lodges are currently reporting. Christian and Tim are to work together and publish a new format for this year. Tim would also be adding beginning balance to all Lodges Annual report before sending them out.

Grand Trustee Account: Grand President John Johansen expressed his idea of visiting the Lodge and asking them to come to the financial aid and donating money to the account. Everyone agreed that \$45,000.00 would be a good comfort level to target.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand President asked the Executive Board to Meet on February 3 in Fresno.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on February 3, 2007 at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno California.

Present:

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| Robert Lacey | Past Grand President | Danneskjold #17 |
| John Johansen | Grand President | Bornholm #14 |
| Lillian Rasmussen | Grand Trustee | Sønderjylland #10 |
| George A. Cumming | Grand Trustee | Thyra #9 (by phone) |
| Peder Hoy | Grand Trustee | Bornholm #14 |
| Stanley Kjar | Grand Vice Pres. | Thor #5 (non voting) |
| Tim Heer | Grand Secretary | Freja #6 (non voting) |

Meeting was called to order by Grand President John Johansen at 3:00 pm.
Minutes of September,3 2006 were approved as written

The Newsletter: The Grand President presented a report of Newsletter Expenses showing the Annual cost down from last year.

Insurance: San Jose needing an address change reported to the Insurance Carrier.

Unity Committee: John Johansen reported on the Mailing that went out to all the Branch Secretaries and Handed a copy to the Grand Secretary.

Annual Report: There was some discussion if the Grand Treasurer needed to create an interest bearing account to hold some of the funds in trusted to his care, no action taken

Amendments to the Constitution: There were four Amendments presented for our approval, one was changed by the proponent. After the change was made, there were no objections to the Amendments being presented at our next convention.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand President asked the Executive Board to Meet on March 17 in Livermore.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 17, 2007 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

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| Robert Lacey | Past Grand President | Danneskjold #17 |
| John Johansen | Grand President | Bornholm #14 |
| Lillian Rasmussen | Grand Trustee | Sønderjylland #10 |
| George A. Cumming | Grand Trustee | Thyra #9 (by phone) |
| Peder Hoy | Grand Trustee | Bornholm #14 |

Stanley Kjar Grand Vice Pres. Thor #5 (non voting)
Tim Heer Grand Secretary Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand President John Johansen at 10:30 am.
Minutes of February 3 2007 were approved as written

The Newsletter: The Motion to be made at Convention was discussed and Peder Hoy and George Cumming agreed to handle it.

Application For Membership: Grand President John Johansen presented a new form with the updated web address.

Amendments to the Constitution: The Six Amendments were approved to be presented at our next convention.

Convention Issues: Issues were discussed and no actions taken

Dania Member of the year: After review of four great and deserving nominees and discussion, soon to be Past Grand President John Johansen Bornholm #14, was selected as the member of the year.

Dania Memorial Scholarship: This year's recipient is Ian Borck, a member of Danmark #2 was awarded \$750.00 and Michael Andersen a member Thyra #9 was awarded \$400.00.

Dania Scholarship: This year's recipients are:
Scott Christian Jorgensen Thyra #9
Lani Rasmussen Danneskjold #17

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2007

TO: Dania Grand Officers & 2007 Convention Delegation

FROM: G. L. Advisory Committee: Christian Nielsen,
Jim Jorgensen & John Scheuber

RE: Advisory Committee Report

1. The inconsistency of financial reporting by Lodges was noted as an area needing attention. Christian Nielsen, because of his accounting background wrote the recommendation for the committee's review. After the Advisory's Review it was presented at the September Executive Meeting in Ferndale, California. It has since been incorporated into a uniform method of reporting for all Lodges.

A special thanks to Christian for his diligence.

The detail of the report is attached.

2. The Advisory Committee also reviewed the financial need for the infusion of capital to the Grand Lodge coffers. The Executive carried that forward to all the Lodges and was pleased with everyone's interest to help.
3. John Scheuber also continued to serve on both the Dania Advisory Committee and as a member of the Unity Committee as well. That committee has met four times this year and will make their own proposal at this convention.

**GRAND LODGE DANIA
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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**

Report of the History Committee:

At the 2004 Convention, the members decided that the History Committee should make the seal embossers in its possession available to members for a nominal annual fee. One embosser has been returned and is available---the contribution will be the same, \$12/year. The funds go to the Dania General fund and the amount is tax deductible, as are all contributions to Dania.

On display are Dania/Dannebrog Convention pins for many years, as early as 1916. 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. The older style pins were very elegant and perhaps they are now impossible to replicate. But perhaps a future convention committee can make it a project to create something similar. Salinas did very well in 1999. Many of the pins came from Vivian Olsen and others from a member in Ferndale. The Committee is missing many years of Convention Reports. We have those from 1929, '37, '42, '43, '47, '51, '53, '61, '67, '70, then a gap until 1988. If you can help fill in the missing dates, we hope you will help.

All family histories, especially as they relate to Dania members, are of great interest. 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. Recently we received those of Art Jensen, Tedd Matusiewicz, and Tim Heer to go with Norman Dalgaard and Art Reinstein.

Norman Dalgaard contributed the early record books from Hejmdahl #4. They are all written in Danish. Grand President John Johansen has been thoroughly through them and he has been able to excerpt much of the early history of the Sacramento Branch. There are many histories of the local branches available on the website, DanishSociety.com. The committee will work during the coming year to improve and extend these valuable histories. And a history of Society Dania will be started.

Additional books for the History committee have been donated recently by Rowland McNeil. Tim Heer contributed a Convention Report from 1947. We also have a Danish newspaper from January 22, 1933. I would like to find someone with a birthday near that date and present it. Our collection of miscellaneous books and items of general interest is continually growing.

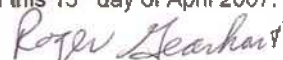
In San Francisco, long-time member Poul Andersen has contributed a couple stories. A few years ago, he, his daughter and his grandchild flew to Washington, D.C. on United Airlines. What made the trip noteworthy is that his daughter was the Captain of the aircraft. She is a very highly-rated UAL pilot, qualified in 747's among many other aircraft. Then he was relating that his oldest grandson, now 22, had outgrown a very nice down jacket that Poul is now wearing. That sort of gives a new dimension to hand-me-downs.

A surprise last-minute addition was a wonderful story about Harvey Rasmussen, a long-time member of Sønderjylland # 10. Harvey went back to school after some 70 years and got his GED. The story first appeared in the Santa Rose Press Democrat on March 9 and it was reprinted in BIEN on March 29. The delightful article is too long to read here but a copy is on display.

Under New Business, we hope that the membership will consider a motion to permit the Grand Presidents to donate to local branches one or two of the retired regalia. This would seem to be a far better use of them than to be stored in my garage.

I would hope that the History Committee will continue to receive contributions. All members are encouraged to offer suggestions and to make contributions. We thank everyone for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of April 2007.


Roger Gearhart
Chairman


John Champagne
Deputy Chairman

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 127th Grand Lodge convention in Fresno on April 12 - 14, 2007 at Holiday Inn Selma have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Therefore be it resolved:

That this Convention sends congratulations and best wishes to Lodge Thor #5 and Thora #11 for a good time convention. Many thanks to Van Ruiten Vineyards, Lodi, CA for the dinner wine, people who donated prizes Hazel Larsen, Potters Studio, Hangings, etc. Stan Kjar toy tractors and many things. Thanks to all others

Be it further resolved:

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

Resolution committee:

Allen Thomsen Past Grand President, Dannevang #7

Gunnar Nielsen Past Grand President, Thor #5

Robert Sorensen Past Grand President, Bornholm #14

April 14, 2007

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 127th Grand Lodge convention in Selma California on April 13 - 14 Holiday Inn do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania, including Past Grand President Lawrence C. Bentzen and Past Grand President Tedd Matusiewicz

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:

Allen Thomsen Past Grand President, Dannevang #7

Gunnar Nielsen Past Grand President, Thor #5

Robert Sorensen Past Grand President, Bornholm #14

April 14, 2007

Dania Grand Past Presidents

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| 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 |

*Deceased

Dania Member of the Year Award

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| *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 |

* Denoted Deceased

Dania – Dannebrog Old Age Fund

Dania – Dannebrog Old Age Fund annual meeting at the Swan Court Conference Center in Selma, California on April 12, 2007.

Chairperson Graham Sorensen Bornholm #14 Modesto, called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM. The roll call was taken and the absentees were noted. Chairperson Sorensen then declared a moment of silence for our departed members this past year.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary's report was passed out, reviewed and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was passed out reviewed and accepted.

The Trustee's report was passed out, reviewed and accepted with a -2 cent correction to the beginning balance.

Communications: None.

Bills: Tim Heer \$23.38 for printing. Moved by Robert Lacey and seconded by Rene Lastreto to pay the bills and carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Nomination and election of new board members to the Old Age Fund Board:

Dania: Johanna Gade, Bornholm #14, 3 year term

Dannebrog; Jackie Nielsen, Danebod #16, 3 year term

It was without objection that Tim Heer, Grand Secretary of Dania and Trustee for the Old Age Fund continue to hold both offices.

Good of the order: Dannebrog Grand President Jackie Nielsen was very pleased to be here and was glad what the Old Age Fund does for our members. Dania Grand Marshal John Champaign was asked to spoke. He voiced his support of the Old Age Fund and will continue his support through his Grand Vice President, Grand President and years to follow. Grand Past President Bob Lacey was asked to speak. He encouraged the Board to approve more funds to benefit our members requesting support.

Chairperson Graham Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Chairperson Sorensen informed all present are invited to stay and observe the committee's deliberations regarding the distribution of funds. Representatives of those lodges who have submitted applications for benefits are especially asked to say in case the committee has any questions to ask.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tim Heer

Grand Secretary, Dania

Dania – Dannebrog Old Age Fund

Dania – Dannebrog Old age Fund Board meeting was held at the Swan Court Conference Center in Selma, California on April 12, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 4:51 pm by Grand Secretary Signe Ann McNeil, Dannebrog, for the purpose of selecting the new Chairperson.

After discussion by the Board the new make-up of the board is as follows:

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| Chairperson | Rene Lastreto | Thor #5 | 1 year |
| 1 st Vice Chair | Johanna Gade | Bornholm #14 | 3 year |
| 2 nd Vice Chair | Jackie Nielsen | Danebod #16 | 3 year |
| Trustee | Doris Skow | Laura #8 | 2 year |
| Trustee | Tim Heer | Freja #6 | 2 year |
| Trustee | Doris Lastreto | Thora #11 | 1 year |

Applications for aid were acted on individually, moved, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tim Heer
Grand Secretary, Dania

As an addendum, April 14, 2007 Natalie M. Heer was elected and installed as Grand Secretary of Dannebrog. In accordance with the Laws of the Dania – Dannebrog Old Age Fund as stated in the Constitution, ARTICLE IV, Section 4, Treasurer, Par. 1. The Grand Secretary of Dannebrog shall serve as Treasurer of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tim Heer
 Grand Secretary, Dania

Board Members

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|----------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Chairperson | Graham Sorenson | 1 Year | X |
| 1st Vice Chair | Natalie Heer | 1 Year | X |
| 2nd Vice Chair | Rene Lastreto | 2 Year | X |
| Trustee | Doris Skow | 3 Year | X |
| Trustee | Tim Heer | 3 Year | X |
| Trustee | Doris Lastreto | 3 Year | X |
| Dannebrog | Jackie Nielsen | Grand President | X |
| Dania | John Johansen | Grand President | |
| Treasurer | Signe Ann McNeil | Grand Sec. Dannebrog | X |
| Secretary | Tim Heer | Grand Sec. Dania | X |

Dannebrog

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| Valborg #1 | Mary Esther Filiau | X |
| Thyra #3 | Lis Petersen | X |
| Laura #8 | Doris Skow | X |
| Dannervirke #9 | | |
| Ydun #10 | | |
| Thora #11 | Doris Lastreto | X |
| Lauren #13 | | |
| Dana #15 | Natalie Heer | X |
| Danebod #16 | Virginia Smith | X |
| Valkyrein #23 | | |

Dania

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| Danmark #2 | Henning Petersen | X |
| Hejmdal #4 | | |
| Thor #5 | Rene Lastreto | X |
| Freja #6 | Tim Heer | X |
| Dannevang #7 | Art Reinstein | X |
| Thyra #9 | | |
| Sonderjylland #10 | | |
| Valhalla #11 | | |
| Valdemar #12 | | |
| Bornholm #14 | Jerry Zoller | |
| Danneskjold #17 | Robert Lacey | X |
| Hejls Minde #23 | | |
| Holger Danske #27 | | |