

128TH ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT



TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

**HELD AT
THE DOUBLE TREE HOTEL
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 11 AND 12, 2008**

FRIDAY April 11, 2008

Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents and Members assembled at The Double Tree Hotel in Modesto for Dania's 128rd annual convention on April 11 and 12, 2008. Host Lodge is Bornholm #14 Modesto

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	John Johansen	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand President	Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	Fresno
Grand Vice President	John Champagne	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Vice Marshal	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand Trustee	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang

DELEGATES

Danmark #2	James E Gearhart Cliff Gade	Thomas Martin James Olef Jensen	James Jensen
Hejmdal #4	Bob Schall		
Thor #5	Tom Envernizzi Rene Lastreto	Richard Hansen	Carl Jensen
Freja #6	Peer Jensen	Arne Poulsen	Ole Petersen
Dannevang #7	Arthur Reinstein	Charles Smith	
Thyra #9	Eric Jorgensen	Tony Fronchek	
Sønderjylland #10	Karen Lysmer Sabrina Wilcox	Birthe Sckerl	Carol Saffro
Valhalla #11	Francis Sweet	Mel Lundberg	Christian Nielsen
Valdemar #12	Pete Olsen		
Bornholm #14	John Schueber Kirsten Johansen	Johanne Gade	Shirley Jorgensen
Danneskjold #17	Robert Lacey	Arne Rasmussen	
Hejls Minde #23	Bent Olsen	Niels Djernaes	Knud Jacobsen
Holger Danske #27	No Delegates		

Grand President, Stanley Kjar, Thor #5 called the convention to order at 9:00 A.M. The password was taken up by Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 and Grand Vice Marshal Lilian Rasmussen, Sønderjylland #10. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

10 Grand Officers, 28 Delegates and 13 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 followed by the singing of the Danish National Anthem, led by Grand Trustee Kurt Høj

Grand President Stanley Kjar, had the Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 escort Convention Chairman, Grand Vice President, John Champagne Bornholm #14 to the podium. On behalf of the convention committee he welcomed everyone to convention.

Grand President Stanley Kjar, wished everyone in attendance welcome, then declared the 128th Dania Convention in session with full power to act. The Grand Marshal then escorted Past Grand President Gunner R Nielsen, Thor #5, to the chair on his right as his advisor.

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

Minutes from the close of the 127th convention were read and approved.

Grand President Stanley Kjar turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President John Champagne and the Grand President asked all the officers to form a line behind the altar along with his Advisor Past Grand President Gunner R Nielsen and assistant Advisor Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen He then presented them with a thank you gift of a metal Akvavit glass complete with a bell, straight from Denmark. (I must have received a defective one for every time I ring the bell nothing happens) After the officers returned to their station the Grand President read his report. **(see addendum)**. It was moved by Past Grand President James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14 that we accept the report of the Grand President. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2 and carried with a round of applause. The Grand Vice President John Champagne after ruling on the motion returned the Gavel to Grand President Stanley Kjar..

Report of the Executive Committee was read. Moved by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2 to accept the report. Seconded by Rene Lastreto Thor #5 and carried. **See addendum.**

Grand Secretaries report was reviewed. Moved by Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17 to accept the report. Seconded by Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 and carried. **See addendum.**

Recess at 10:10AM. Convention reconvened at 10:45AM.

Grand Treasurers report was reviewed. John Schueber, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11 and carried. **See addendum.**

Grand Trustees report was reviewed. Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, moved to

accept the report. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2 and carried. **See addendum.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

History committee report: Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 started his report with a skål with his new metal Akvavit glass complete with a bell. He also displayed a newly acquired officer's badge from Thor #5. After reading his report it was moved by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11 to accept the report, Seconded by Bent Olsen Hejls Minde #23 And carried **See addendum.**

Grand President Stanley Kjar called on Arne Poulsen Freja #6 who made a request for more singing during our annual convention. He presented a selection of songs to use taken from the song card that is used by Dannebrog during their convention.

Advisory Committee report: Past Grand President Peter Hoy explained that with all the activity of the past two years and no new request were made the Advisory took the year off and as such had no report to file.

RV Committee Report: Tom Envernizzi Thor #5 made a verbal report on the activities of the Campers and the on the camp out that took place this past year. He also invited all to the next event in Gilroy in May. After his report it was moved by Thomas Martin Danmark #2 to accept the report, Seconded by Grand Trustee George A Cumming Jr. Thyra #9 and carried

Golf Committee: Past Grand President James Jorgensen Bornholm #14 reported that we had 13 Golfers and 12 Bowlers this year with a good time had by all. The awards will be presented at the Friday night dinner. After his report it was moved by Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17 to accept the report. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14 and carried.

Grand President Stanley Kjar appointed the following **Standing Committees:**

Law:	George A Cumming Jr. Jim Jorgensen Eric Jorgensen	Grand Trustee Thyra #9 Past Grand President, Bornholm #14 Thyra #9
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Resolutions:	John Schueber Carl Jensen Rene Lastreto	Bornholm #14 Thor #5 Thor #5
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Grand President Stanley Kjar recognized Bent Olsen Hejls Minde #23 who spoke of his uneasiness with the wording in the ritual and asked if we would change it. After a healthy discussion of the ritual Grand President Stanley Kjar requested that the Advisory Committee review the matter and make a recommendation at the Saturday session.

Grand President Stanley Kjar called for a Lunch break from 11:40 A.M. till 1:30 P.M.

Web Site Meeting: At 1:30 P.M. a joint meeting was held where the new features of the web site was presented and well received.

Grand President Stanley Kjar reconvened the meeting after the Lunch break and Web Site presentation at 3:00 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Aldersly Inc. for membership renewal

Thank you note from Solvang Lutheran Home for a donation

Thank you note from Danish American Historical Society of California for a donation

Thank you note from The Danish Immigrant Museum for a donation of the Plow Book

Thank you note from Elverhoj Museum for a donation

Letters of greeting for a successful convention from:

Thyra #9

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3

Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 moved for the adoption of Amendment #1, dealing with Article X Section 1, Paragraph 3 which would correct the grammar in this Paragraph, it was seconded by Johanna Gade, Bornholm #14. The results of the vote was Yes 23 No 9, Grand President Stanley Kjar declared the Amendment adopted.

Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 moved for the adoption of Amendment #2, dealing with Article XXI Membership Section 9, which would allow memberships in more than one Lodge at the same time. After much debate John Schueber, Bornholm #14 moved to table the motion until next year's convention seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11. The Motion passed and Grand President Stanley Kjar declared the Amendment Tabled until next year.

After the reading of proposed Amendment #3 dealing with Article IV Section 6 which would allow any member attending convention as a Delegate to be eligible to hold office in Grand Lodge. Grand Past President John Johansen Bornholm #14 moved to table the motion until next year's convention seconded by Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2. The Motion carried Unanimously (thanks Stuart)

Grand Past President John Johansen Bornholm #14 moved to pay the web committee \$135.00 seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11. The Motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of new Grand Officers

Grand Secretary Tim Heer 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 by Johanna Gade Bornholm #14 and carried.

Rene Lastreto Thor #5 nominated Stan Kjar for the office of Grand President. Stan thanked Rene for the confidence but he declined the nomination.

The following were nominated and elected:

Grand President	John Champagne	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Vice President	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand Vice Marshal	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Kurt Høj then Resigned as Grand Trustee #3, accepted by Grand President Stan Kjar.			
Grand Trustee #2	Bent Olsen	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Trustee #3	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward

Bent Olsen Hejls Minde #23 Solvang congratulated Grand President on a fine job he did this year and presiding at this convention.

SATURDAY April 12, 2008

Convention was called back to order at 9:30 A.M. by Grand President Stanley Kjar. The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal.

10 Grand Officers, 27 Delegates and 14 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call.

Past Grand President Gunner R Nielsen, Thor #5, moved to pay Grand Trustees \$1.00 a year, each.

Pay Grand Treasurer \$100.00 a month, expense reimbursement and Pay Grand Secretary \$100.00 a month, expense reimbursement Seconded by Grand Trustee Peter Hoy Bornholm #14. Grand Vice President John Champagne Bornholm #14 moved to amend the motion to Pay Grand Secretary \$150.00 a month, expense reimbursement seconded by Johanna Gade Bornholm #14. It was the moved by Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 to amend the amendment to the motion and go back to the pay schedule of two years ago of paying the Grand Treasurer \$45.00 a month, expense reimbursement Pay Grand Secretary \$150.00 a month, expense reimbursement. Seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11. After the vote was called for to amend the amendment to the motion this amendment failed we then voted on the motion as amend by Grand Vice President John Champagne Bornholm #14 moved to amend the motion to Pay Grand Secretary \$150.00 a month, expense reimbursement this amendment past, and as a result the

amended motion carried the original motion and we will pay Grand Trustees \$1.00 a year, each. Pay Grand Treasurer \$100.00 a month, expense reimbursement and Pay Grand Secretary \$150.00 a month, expense reimbursement.

Past Grand President Gunner R Nielsen, Thor #5, moved to pay the following bills.

Donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home in Selma
Donate \$25.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home
Pay \$35.00 annual dues to Aldersly
Donate \$25.00 to Elverhoj Museum in Solvang
Donate \$50.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno
Pay \$100.00 bowling prize to the 2009 convention committee
Pay \$100.00 golf prize to the 2009 convention committee
Set Funeral Benefit at \$200.00
Pay \$300.00 to the convention host lodge

Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson Thyra #9 moved to amend the motion pointing out that Aldersly dues are now \$40.00 per year seconded and passed

John Schueber, Bornholm #14 moved to continue the Annual per capita tax at \$20 per year per member paid semiannually seconded and passed

Grand Past President, Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17 moved that branches be assessed \$2.00 semiannually per member, to go to the Old Age Fund, seconded by Grand Past President John Johansen Bornholm #14 and passed.

Resolution Committee report: Grand Secretary Tim Heer read the Resolutions. The report was accepted. **See addendum**

Law committee report: Grand Trustee George A Cumming Jr. Thyra #9 had nothing referred to the committee so they had nothing to report. Moved by Grand Past President, Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17 to accept the report seconded by Niels Djernaes Hejls Minde #23 and passed.

Moved By Past Grand President Stuart O. Mahler to instruct the Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson to send a card to our Past Grand Presidents Niels W. Hansen, Norman Dalgaard and Hening O. Petersen who were unable to attend convention this year. Seconded by Francis Sweet Valhalla #11 and passed.

Past Grand President James Jorgensen Bornholm #14 moved the Grand President be paid \$600.00 per Article VII section 1 of the Constitution plus an additional \$600.00 and in the case of the Grand Marshal it is \$300 per Article VII section 1 of the Constitution plus an additional \$600.00 for traveling expenses seconded by Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 and carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Advisory Committee requested more time to study the wording of the initiation ritual. This request was granted by Grand President Stanley Kjar

Grand Trustee George A. Cumming, Thyra #9, withdrew the invitation to host the 2009 Convention on behalf of the Hayward and San Jose.

Thomas Martin invited the Grand Officers and the Delegates to the 2009 Convention in San Francisco, on behalf of Danmark #2; it was moved seconded and passed to accept the invitation.

Pete Olsen invited the Grand Officers and the Delegates to the 2010 Convention in Reno Nevada, on behalf of Valdemar #12; it was moved seconded and passed to accept the invitation.

Grand President instructed Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart to escort Thomas Martin and Pete Olsen to the Dannebrog meeting to invite them to the 2009 and 2011 Conventions.

While the delegation were out the room Francis Sweet Valhalla #11 talked of this many memories and good times that he has had in the past years of attending Conventions. Past Grand President Glen Fritz thanked Francis for all the advice and counsel he had given him over the years. Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson talked about the wonderful times that they had spent in the early mornings in Ferndale with Francis.

Grand Past President John Johansen Bornholm #14 moved to post detailed information on the cost of hold a convention along with the convention guide lines on the web. Seconded by Past Grand President, Robert M. Lacey, Danneskjold #17 and passed

Grand President Stanley Kjar asked Grand Marshal Roger Gearhart to escort Grand Vice President John Champagne to the front where Grand President Stanley Kjar asked Grand President elect to address the Delegates.

Grand President elect appointed his committees:

Advisory committee: Past Grand President Peter Hoy Bornholm#14 (1 yr)
Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson Thyra #9 (2 yr)
Past Grand President Allen Thomsen Dannevang #7 (3 yr)

Auditors: Past Grand President Hugo Rasmussen Bornholm#14
Past Grand President Arne Graversgaard Freja #6
Past Grand President Robert Lacey Danneskjold #17

Dania RV committee Rowland McNeil Thyra #9
Don Petit Thor #5

Tom Envernizzi Thor #5
Lis Lacey Laura #8, Dannebrog
Doris Skow Laura #8, Dannebrog

History committee Grand Vice President Rodger Gearhart Danmark #2
Grand President John Champagne Bornholm#14
First Delegate from each Branch

Fashion Apparel Rowland McNeil Thyra #9

Web Committee Grand Secretary Tim Heer Freja #6
Jim Gearhart Danmark #2
Christian Nielsen Valhalla #11

He then introduced his password and named Past Grand President James Jorgensen Bornholm #14 as his advisor.

Grand President Stanley Kjar declared the 128rd annual convention closed

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

2008- 2009 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	Fresno
Grand President	John Champagne	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Vice President	Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand Vice Marshal	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Trustee #1	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee #2	Bent Olsen	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Trustee #3	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward

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

2008 Grand President Report

Dear Members, Delegates, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers,
I want to thank each and every one of you for all the support you have given me over the past twelve months. When I started out as Grand Vice Marshal, there were times that I wondered if becoming a Grand Officer was for me. Realizing the hours of dedication, communication, and the awesome responsibility of the Past Grand Officers that have gone before me, the path to Grand President became clearer. My fine core of officers did a good job and gave me all of their support. I especially want to thank John Champagne for the support he gave to me, making my work easier. I also had the pleasure of being the first Grand President to have a fine lady like Lilian Rasmussen to start through the chair as my Grand Vice Marshal, and the first women to make her way through this fine journey! She is dedicated to the Dania, and I have no doubt that she will do an excellent job. I had a great partner in Dannebrog, Grand President, Kathy Reinstein. In every step of the way, we were each others support and we worked hard to promote peace and harmony for both organizations. We were the first to get the opportunity to use the combined ritual. With some changes here and there, we finally had the combined ritual that worked for the both of us. This allowed the installations to flow easier and at a quicker pace. It also seemed easier for the person being installed. I started my term of office at the 2007 convention in Selma , CA . Fresno Thor #5 & Thora #11 hosted the convention. Here, I was at my home lodge and installed as the Grand President. Having been the Past President of Thor #5, I was deeply moved, and words cannot express my feelings. It was also a very special time for me to have my two cousins Erna Andersen, and Inga Nielsen from Danmark here to celebrate this time with me and my family. Thank you again for a fine convention that I will never forget.

We installed the following branches:

May 4, 2007 Valdermar #12 Reno

May 19, 2007 Sonderjylland #10 Petaluma

July 14, 2007 Freja #6 Salinas

August 4, 2007 Bornholm #14 Modesto

September 1, 2007 Valhalla #11 Ferndale

February 2, 2008 Thor #5 Fresno

February 9, 2008 Danneskjold #17 San Jose

February 16, 2008 Danmark #2 San Francisco

February 23, 2008 Dannevang #7 Livermore

March 9, 2008 Hejmadal #4 Sacramento

March 15, 2008 Thyra #9 Hayward

March 29, 2008 Hejls Minde #23 Solvang

I want to thank all the branches for their open arms and their dedication to Dania. Thank you for all the hard work in preparing for all of the installations. The decorating of the halls, the fine traditional Danish smorrebrod, hors d' oeuvre, pork roast, BBQ beef, great Danish deserts, and of course let's not forget the snaps! We will not forget the new and old friendships made, the laughs, hugs, firm hand shakes, a slap on the back, a twinkle in an eye, or sometimes a tear.

Thank you for the many gifts that I received for just doing my job, it was not necessary.

There are some very special gifts that I have received that I will cherish forever. Carl Jensen hand carved a Cowboy Bolo Tie for me; Annie Champagne brought back two beautiful dress tux ties from Danmark, a DVD about the history of the Royal Danish Guards from the Sckerl's in Petaluma , and the wonderful set of King Christian X cufflinks and suit pin from Lilian Rasmussen that belonged to her late husband. Thank you all.

I want to thank my lovely wife, Pamela, for all of her support and dedication she has given me over the past four years, listening to me practice my work on all those long drives, going with me even when she didn't feel good. It meant a lot to me to look out into the audience and see her smiling face, winking at me, and letting me know the installation was going well.

My term of office has gone so quickly. I had so many plans and so little time to get them done. I still believe that the future of both of our organizations is in our youth. They will be our strong foundation for the future and combine all of our efforts.

In closing, I hope that I have brought some good to our great organization. I leave with the satisfaction that our treasury is a little better off then when I arrived, our scholarship program has grown, and the over all general budget has increased.

I wish John Champagne the very best in the year to come. I am always here for any guidance that he may need. I have no doubt that he will guide this ship into the future. "Steady as she goes, John".

Yours respectfully,
Stanley J. Kjar
Grand president

**GRAND LODGE DANIA
of
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**

Report of the History Committee:

At the 2007 Convention, Marge Shubber presented the History Committee with a wonderful scrapbook compiled by her aunt, Vivian Olsen. It was a life-time collection of photos, newspaper clippings, all having to do with Dania and Bornholm #14. It is on display in the back of the room along with the collection of Dania/Dannebrog Convention pins. Among them, the earliest year 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. Many of the pins came from Vivian and others from a member in Ferndale. We also have quite a collection of Convention Reports. Tim Heer contributed three additional years to help fill in some gaps and we now have copies from 1929, '37, '42, '43, '47, '51, '53, '55, '60, '61, '67, '70, '71, then a gap until 1988. Hopefully, we will be able to fill in the missing dates as more are donated.

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.

Last year, there was last-minute addition of a wonderful story about Harvey Rasmussen, a longtime member of Sønderjylland #10. Harvey went back to school after some 70 years and got his GED. This year we have a copy of the delightful article on display.

Also Last year a motion was passed to permit Grand President to donate our retired regalia to the local branches. Grand President Stan Kjar presented Valdemar #12 with one of the regalia on the occasion of their Installation of Officers. This really is a far better use of them than to have them stored in a garage.

At Solvang, Stan was presented with a photo from a convention probably about 1910. He was able to identify several relatives, including his grand parents. Stan passed it on to the History Committee and it now on display.

Sadly, we note the passing last year of Past Grand President Tedd Matusiewicz and although never a Dania member, Jorgen Pedersen was a hero with the Danish Resistance during WW2. A copy of Jorgen's diary while in Froslev Prison is also on the table.

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 11th day of April 2008.

Roger Gearhart
Chairman

John Champagne
Deputy Chairman

128th Dania Convention
Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents and Delegates Roll Call

		4/11	4/12		4/11	4/12		4/11	4/12
Jr. Past Gr. Pres.	John Johansen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Danmark #2			Valhalla #11		
Grand President	Stanley Kjar	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	James E. Gearhart			Francis Sweet	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Grand Vice President	John Champagne	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Thomas Martin	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Mel Lundberg		
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	James Jensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Christian Nielsen		
Grand Treasurer	Gregory Gleeson	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Cliff Gade					
Grand Marshal	Roger Gearhart	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	James Olef Jensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Grand V. Marshal	Lilian Rasmussen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Hejmdal #4			Valdemar #12		
Grand Trustee	George Cumming Jr.	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Bob Schall	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Pete Olsen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Grand Trustee	Peder Hoy	Ⓟ	Ⓟ						
Grand Trustee	Krut Hoj	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Thor #5					
				Tom Envernizzi	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Bornholm #14		
				Richard Hansen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	John Schueber	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Past Grand Presidents				Carl Jensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Johanna Gade	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
		4/11	4/12	Rene Lastreto	Ⓟ		Shirley Jorgensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
James Jorgensen	Bornholm #14	Ⓟ	Ⓟ				Kersten Johansen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Svend Christian	Freja #6	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Freja #6					
Niels W. Hansen	Thyra #9			Peer Jensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra #9	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Arne Poulsen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Danneskjold #17		
Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ole Petersen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Robert Lacey	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Erik Jensen	Thor #5			Dannevang #7			Arne Rasmussen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Arthur Reinstein	Dannevang #7			Art Reinstein					
Norman Dalgaard	Hejmdal #4			Charles Smith	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Glen A. Fritz	Danmark #2		Ⓟ						
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra #9	Ⓟ	Ⓟ						
Graham Sorensen	Bornholm #14			Thyra #9					
Alan D. Filiau	Thyra #9			Eric Jorgensen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Hening O. Petersen	Danmark #2			Tony Froncek	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang #7	Ⓟ	Ⓟ				Hejls Minde #23		
Robert Sorensen	Bornholm #14	Ⓟ	Ⓟ				Bent Olsen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Tim Heer	Freja #6	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Sønderjylland #10			Niels Djernaes	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Gunnar Nielsen	Thor #5	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Karen Lysmer			Knud Jacobsen	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm #14	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Birthe Sckerl	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Kaj Kristensen	Danmark #2	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Carol Saffro	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Holger Danske #27		
Arne Graversgaard	Freja #6	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Sabrina Wilcox	Ⓟ	Ⓟ			
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold #17	Ⓟ	Ⓟ						

Dania Executive Board meeting held on May 19, 2007 at the Kastanjefæll, Petaluma California.

Present:

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

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President John Johansen at 10:10 AM

Grand Trustee Funds: The Paper work for signatures for the Trustees was started by having Lilian Rasmussen sign off. John was going to send the paper off to Kurt Hoj and then to Tim and final ending up with Henrik Nielsen

Mutual Fund: John reported on the status of the fund showing an increases in it's net worth. John voiced his dissatisfaction with Henrik Nielsen and asked to write a letter to him about the Committee's concerns. It was agreed to allow John to write the Letter.

2007 Convention: A general discussion of the activities of the Convention.

Installation Ritual: Grand Past President, John Johansen asked if the Executive Board should approve the Ritual that was passed by Dannebrog, no action taken.

Web Page : Grand Past President, John Johansen gave a detailed report on the activity of the web page. The monthly request rate is around 20,000 requests, with April 2007 as the highest month ever with 36,091 requests. John was asked to post this information on the web page.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand President asked the Executive Board to Meet on September 1 at 2:30 am in Ferndale

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

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

Dania Executive Board meeting held on September 1, 2007 at the Danish Hall Ferndale California.

Present:

John Johansen	Grand Past President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Stanley Kjar	Grand President.	Thor #5
Robert Sorensen for Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Kurt Hoy	Grand Trustee	Hejls Minde #23
John Champagne	Grand Vice Pres.	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President John Johansen at 2:00 PM

Grand Trustee Funds: Discussion about the Sign Off Sheet for the Trustee's. Grand Secretary to clean up the Signature cards, by adding Kurt Hoy. He was also asked to get Stan and Kurt on the mailing list for the financial report.

Grand President Stanly Kjar reported the he was working on Two Danish Companies to make a donation to support the Grand Lodge of Dania.

Grand Past President John Johansen, Opened a discussion of the Idea of selling Advertising space on the Web Page to Company's like Carlsberg Beer. We discussed the idea of inviting Web Visitors to join the Grand Lodge as a member, and how it would be structured.

It was agreed to that The Grand Lodge of Dania would donate one copy of "DEN DANSKE FORENING DANIA AF CALIFORNIA OG NEVADA" AKA "The Plow Book" to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn Iowa.

The Question of invoicing the locale Lodges for the newsletter was discussed, one option of annually in December of 2008 as to home many were sent out, every quarter or in advance at the start of the year. No decision was reached.

Grand President Stanly Kjar gave a informative six month report.

Next Meeting time and Place: The Grand President asked the Executive Board to Meet on February 2, 2008 before the Installation of Officers in Fresno

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

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

Dania Executive Board meeting held on February 2, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Express in Selma California.

Present:

John Johansen	Grand Past President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Stanley Kjar	Grand President.	Thor #5
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Kurt Hoy	Grand Trustee	Hejls Minde #23
John Champagne	Grand Vice Pres.	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President John Johansen at 2:00 PM

Old Business:

It was decided to bill the Branches at the end of the year based on the actual number of newsletters mailed to the members of the Branch.

New Business:

Web sight report, Grand Past President John Johansen and web master reported on the changes he has in mind to the front page and working with Google to add advertising and a source of income to the Grand Lodge. Also reported that the number of “hits” have been going up. John suggested that we should have an open side and a restricted side to the web page. The restricted side would require the visitor to register and have a password. After much discussion it was decided that the newsletter would reside on the public side and all forms and reports would be on the restricted side.

John demonstrated the new enhancements the he would like to add. A calendar where Lodge events could be displayed and updated by the Grand Secretary.

The Committee also express a desire to have a backup to John as an assistant Webmaster.

IRS Filling: it was agreed that the Grand Secretary would do the filling for the Local Branches for the new requirement of the Internal Revenue Service.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

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

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 15, 2008 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

John Johansen	Past Grand President	Bornholm #14
Stanley Kjar	Grand President.	Thor #5
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Erik Jensen	Past Grand President	Thor #5 substituting for Kurt Hoy
John Champagne	Grand Vice Pres.	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand President John Johansen at 10:30 am.

Went right into new business: John called on Our guest and the Trustee's Financial advisor and member of Danmark #2 Henrik Nielsen, for a report on the state of the portfolio. It was agree that Henrik would put together a number of investment planes to be presented a meeting to be held in Solvang on Mark 29th .

Minutes of February 2 2008 were approved as written

Amendments to the Constitution: The Three Amendments were reviewed and a vote was held on the committee's recommendations on the Amendment. Recommendation were made for a no vote on Amendment #1 and 2 and a no opinion on Amendment #3.

Dania Member of the year: After review the deserving nominees and discussion, Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen Danmark #2, was selected as the member of the year.

Dania Memorial Scholarship: This year's recipient are Vince Lastreto Member of Thor #5, Scott Jorgensen Member of Thyra #9, Zack Reinstein Member of Dannevang #7, and Brandon Reinstein Member of Dannevang #7. All were awarded a \$400.00 Scholarship.

Dania Scholarship: This year's recipients are:
Marissa Christensen submitted by Danmark #2 Lani Rasmussen Submitted by Danneskjold #17 and Jonathan Jensen submitted by Thor #5. All were awarded a \$400.00 Scholarship.

Good of the Order: John Champagne Grand Vice President presented his views and Ideas for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 29, 2008 at the Rancho Santa Ynez Mobile Estates Clubhouse, Solvang, California

Present:

John Johansen	Past Grand President	Bornholm #14
Stanley Kjar	Grand President.	Thor #5
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Kurt Hoy	Grand Trustee	Hejls Minde #23
John Champagne	Grand Vice Pres.	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

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

The Purpose of this meeting was to review the recommendation of the Grand Trustees based impart on advise presented by Henrik Nielsen. Peder Hoy Grand Trustee Bornholm #14 Presented the recommendation of the Grand Trustees for changes to their portfolio by selling off the holdings in DWS RREEF Real Est Sec. and investing in a Ivy Hedge Fund, and then wait and review the Portfolio in sex months before making any other adjustments. It was then Moved by Peder Hoy Grand Trustee Bornholm #14 and seconded by Kurt Hoy Grand Trustee Hejls Minde #23 to except the Proposal of the Grand Trustees. The vote carried.

John Johansen Past Grand President Bornholm #14 Expressed his concerns about the listings of Phone numbers and addresses in the Newsletter. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 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 128th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto California on April 11 and 12, 2008 at The Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca was the host hotel to the 128th 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:

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, Fresno

Carl Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, Modesto

April 12, 2008

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 128th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto California on April 11 and 12, 2008 at The Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrating her 68th 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:

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, Fresno

Carl Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, Modesto

April 12, 2008

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 128th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto California on April 11 and 12, 2008 at The Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Modesto lodge, Bornholm #14; hosted the 128^h annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2008 convention at the Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca; and

Whereas:

The Delegates enjoyed the Apricots from Doris Skow, The Walnuts supplied and hand cracked by Doris Hoy, The Packages of Emerald Trail Mix supplied by Robert Sorensen and the Boxes Of Sun Maid Raisins from George Eskelsen in Memory of Ray Nielsen

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:

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, Fresno

Carl Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, Modesto

April 12, 2008

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 128th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto California on April 11 and 12, 2008 at The Doubletree Hotel, Modesto Ca; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The United States of America, together with a coalition of nations, including Danmark continues in the battle against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Therefore be it resolved:

That this convention salutes our Troops and their Families;

Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution committee:

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, Fresno

Carl Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, Modesto

April 12, 2008

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 128th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto California on April 11 – 12 at the Doubletree Hotel do deeply regret the death Past Grand President Tedd Matusiewicz , our faithful member who gave his devoted service to our Society over many years.

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:

Rene Lastreto, Thor #5, Fresno

Carl Jensen, Thor #5, Fresno

John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, Modesto

April 12, 2008

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

*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

* Denoted Deceased

