

132nd Annual Grand Lodge Dania Convention Report



**Held at
The Veterans Memorial Building
Solvang, CA
April 19-21, 2012**

FRIDAY April 20 2012

Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at The Veterans Memorial Building, Solvang California for Dania's 132nd annual convention on April 20 and 21, 2012. Host Lodges were Hejls Minde #23, Solvang, Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 Santa Maria California.

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	Petaluma
Grand President	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand Vice President	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	Ferndale
Grand Vice Marshal	Bob Schall	Hejmdal #4	Sacramento
Grand Trustee	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Trustee	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward

DELEGATES

Danmark #2	James Olef Jensen, Jim Gearhart, James Jensen, John Jensen, Peter Christensen
Hejmdal #4	Bob Schall
Thor #5	Carl Jensen, Dick Hansen, PGP Gunner Nielsen
Freja #6	PGP Arne Graversgaard, Ole Pedersen
Dannevang #7	PGP Arthur Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen, Robert Lamee
Thyra #9	PGP Gregory Gleeson, PGP Alan Falaiu
Sønderjylland #10	Jeannie Melendez, Eric Field, Karen F Lysmer
Valhalla #11	Francis Sweet, Christian Nielsen
Valdemar #12	Erik Bayer, Baxter Swaffer, Alt Pete Olsen
Bornholm #14	John Schueber, Max Stowers, Bodil Whitehouse, Kirsten Johansen
Danneskjold #17	Arne Rasmussen, PGP Robert Lacey
Hejls Minde #23	Hans Kardel, Kate Krake Nielsen
Holger Danske #27	No Delegates

Grand President Kurt Høj, Hejls Minde #23, made special appointments, in the absence of Grand Marshal Mel Lundberg Grand Vice Marshal Bob Schall will assume the office as Acting Grand Marshal and Past Grand President Robert Lacey will assist as Acting Grand Vice Marshal for this convention. The Convention was called to order at 9:00 A.M. The password was taken by Acting Grand Marshal Bob Schall, Hejmdal #4, and Acting Grand Vice Marshal PGP Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

Grand President Kurt Høj asked Grand Secretary to call the roll, 9 Grand Officers, 30 Delegates

and 16 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call. See addendum for the complete Roll Call result

The assembly then rose to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of Der er et yndigt land, led by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2.

Grand President Kurt Høj proclaimed the 132nd Dania Convention in session with full powers and authority to act.

Grand President Kurt Høj instructed Acting Grand Marshal Bob Schall to escort Past Grand President Mr. Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, to the chair on his right to act as his advisor during the Convention.

Grand President Kurt Høj asked Grand Secretary to read the minutes from the close of the 131th convention. Grand President Kurt Høj, asked if there were any errors or addition. John Schueber, Bornholm #14 reported the omission of their new member Danielle Higby on Oct 21, 2011. Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10 reported the omission of New Members Erik Field and Cody Hill on June 11, 2011, and the passing of Solvig Hansen on February 12, 2012. There being no further correction or omissions Grand President Kurt Høj proclaimed the minutes approved as corrected.

Grand President Kurt Høj turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President Johanne Gade. The Grand President read his report. **(see addendum)**. It was moved by Grand Past President Peder Hoy, that we accept the report of the Grand President. Seconded by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, and approved. The Grand Vice President Johanne Gade after ruling on the motion returned the Gavel to Grand President Kurt Høj.

Report of the Executive Committee: The minutes of the two Meetings held on February 4th, 2012 and March 17, 2012 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10 and carried. **(See addendum.)**

Grand Secretary's report: After the Acting Grand Marshal and Acting Grand Vice Marshal handed out the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and The Grand Trustees. After the Grand Secretary's annual report was reviewed and The Grand Secretary then called the Delegates attention to the itemized reports of the Branches on Membership, Assets, Receipts, and Disbursements for review. Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr, Thyra #9, moved to accept the report. Seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Grand Secretary reported that at our last convention it was requested that at this convention the Grand Secretary give a report of the inventory of pins on hand. The report was given. **(See addendum)**

Grand Treasurer's Report was presented by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, for review. John Schueber, Bornholm #14, moved to accept the report, seconded by Karen F Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, and carried. **(See addendum)**

Grand Trustees' Report was presented by Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr. After review, John Jensen, Danmark #2, moved to accept the report. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and carried. (See addendum.)

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

Grand President Kurt Høj, Hejls Minde #23, then declared a moment of silence for those departed members this past year as Acting Grand Marshal Bob Schall, draped the Charter.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

History Committee Report: Grand Past President Roger Gearhart gave the report. After the report was read, it was moved by Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, to accept the report. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and carried. (See addendum)

RV Committee Report: Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra#9, gave a report on the activities of the Campers. He also reported that it was getting harder to set up Camping when fewer than 10 rigs show up. He stated that if something does not change we may have to change how we function. After his report it was moved by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10, to accept the report. Seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, and carried.

Grand President Kurt Høj appointed the following **Standing Convention Committees:**

Law:	George A Cumming Jr.	Grand Trustee, Thyra #9
	Christian Nielsen	Valhalla #11
	John Schueber	Bornholm #14

Resolutions:	Graham Sorensen	Past Grand President, Bornholm #14
	John Jensen	Danmark #2
	Carl Jensen	Thor #5

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Bethel Lutheran Home for a donation

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 Ben Hoover for his Scholarship

Thank you note from Marissa Christensen for her Scholarship

Thank you note from Kindle Frederich for her Scholarship

Thank you note from Erik Jensen for his Scholarship

An Invitation by Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 to attend the 2014 Convention in Ferndale

Thank you from IRS for the annual supplement information

Letters of greeting for a successful convention from:

Thyra #9

Danmark #2

Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #19

Dannevang #7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, move that any member using a cell phone during this convention be fined \$10.00, seconded by PGP Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17. PGP Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, moved to amend the motion to \$20.00 seconded by Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7. The Question being called for there were 19 yes and 11 no, Approved.

The Grand President Kurt Høj announced that the Acting Grand Marshal will be in charge of collecting the fines for the use of a cell phone during the meeting

NEW BUSINESS

The Grand President Kurt Høj asked for any new Business.

John Schueber, Bornholm #14 mover to make the Nominating Committee listed in the bylaws as a standing committee, and this committee consists of a Past Grand Officer, a Current Grand Officer and a Member at Large. This Committee is to meet at least a month before convention and submit a list on nominees a month before the upcoming Convention. The Nominees are to be listed in the Bulletin along with a personal history and their reasons for running for the Office. It was pointed out that such a change to our Constitution needed to be submitted in writing.

John Schueber, Bornholm #14 moved to request the incoming Grand President for 2012-2013 appoint a Nominating Committee and this committee consists of a Past Grand Officer, a Current Grand Officer and a Member at Large. . This Committee is to meet at least a month before convention and submit a list on nominees a month before the upcoming Convention. The Nominees are to be listed in the Bulletin along with a personal history and their reasons for running for the Office. Seconded By Acting Grand Vice Marshal PGP Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, and with the Lunch time approaching The Grand Secretary moved to table the motion until after lunch, and seconded by Grand Past President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2. The Grand President Kurt Høj ordered the motion tabled.

Grand President Kurt Høj declared the convention to be at recess for Lunch and to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

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

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to bring the tabled motion back to the floor for consideration. Once the motion was back on the floor for the discussion the Grand Secretary read from the Constitution Article VI Section 5 that the Grand President already has the ability to appoint any committee that was necessary. With this new information John Schueber, Bornholm #14, withdrew his motion and Acting Grand Vice Marshal PGP Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, withdrew his second.

The Grand President Kurt Høj requested that the Grand Secretary present the bills individually.

Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement, seconded by Jeannie Melendez, Sønderjylland #10, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense

reimbursement. Seconded by Grand Trustee Thomas Martin, Danmark #2, the motion was adopted

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustee \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement. Seconded by Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set Funeral Benefit at \$200.00, seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the annual per capita tax at \$20.00 per member annually to be paid semiannually. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno. Seconded by Karen F Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, and the motion was adopted.

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

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay \$40.00 annual dues to Aldersly. Seconded by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, and the motion were adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Salma. Seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home. Seconded by Past Grand President, Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the 2013 Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses, \$100.00 bowling prize and \$100.00 golf prize for a total \$500.00. Seconded by Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted

Grand Past President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 moved to only pay 2012 Convention Committee \$400.00 due to the fact that Bowling was not held this year. Seconded by Hans Kardel, Hejls Minde #23, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to increase the Grand Presidents traveling expenses by \$600.00 over the current Constitutional amount of \$600.00 to a total of \$1,200.00. Seconded by Grand Past President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to increase the Grand Marshal traveling expenses by \$300.00 over the current Constitutional amount of \$300.00 to a total of \$600.00. Seconded by Grand Trustee Thomas Martin, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to continue the payments in support of our web site not to exceed \$300.00. Seconded by Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14, and the motion was adopted.

Nomination of new Grand Officers

Grand President Kurt Høj, Hejls Minde #23, appointed three tellers Past Grand President Jim Jorgensen, Bornholm #14, Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14, and Past Grand President Alan Filiau, Thyra #9.

Past Grand President Peter Hoy, Bornholm #14 moved that in the case of one nominee that the Grand Secretary is to cast the ballot. In the event of the Grand Secretary nominee, the Grand Treasurer will cast the ballot. Seconded by Grand Vice Marshal Bob Schall, Hejmdal #4, and the motion was adopted

The following were nominated and elected:

Grand President	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	declined with thanks
	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	
Grand Vice President	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	
Grand Marshal	Robert Schall	Hejmdal #4	
Grand Vice Marshal	Tom Martin	Danmark #2	
Grand Vice Marshal Elec.	Tom Martin resigned his	Office of Grand Trustee #2	
Grand Trustee #1	Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	
Grand Trustee #3	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	

Grand President Kurt Høj, Hejls Minde #23, dismissed the tellers with thanks.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, Invited the Grand Lodge to the convention in 2013 to be hosted by Danmark #2 in a location to be determined.

Past Grand President Peder Hoy moved to adjourn the meeting. Grand President Kurt Høj adjourned the meeting until 9:30 A.M. Saturday Morning..

SATURDAY April 21, 2012

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

Grand President Kurt Høj asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll call of Grand Officers, Delegates and Past Grand Officers. 9 Grand Officers, 31 Delegates and 16 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call. See addendum for the complete Roll Call result.

The assembly then rose to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of Der er et yndigt land, led by Erling Grumstrup.

The Grand President asked the Acting Grand Marshal to escort his advisor Past Grand President Peder Hoy to his station

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart reported that that Danmark #2 would be interested in purchasing a number of Dania Membership pins for resale to any Branch or member who would wish one. Details to follow.

Grand President Kurt Høj directed the Acting Grand Marshal Robert Schall to escort Past Grand President Roger Gearhart to the Grand Lodge of Dannerbrog and invite them to the 2013 Convention. While they were out of the room Grand Trustee George Cumming announced that at some time in between convention our Grand Past President, Lilian Rasmussen, became a United States Citizen which was followed by a very warm round of applause.

Dick Hansen, Thor #5 requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to The Valley Wind

Ensemble for their wonderful music the night before. The Grand President so ordered the Grand Secretary to send a letter.

Grand Treasurer, Greg Gleeson, thanked Carl Jensen, Thor #5, for bringing the raisins that are handed out at the registration table this year and past years. This also was met with a round of applause.

The Grand President asked the Acting Grand Marshal to escort Hans Kardel, Hejls Minde #23 to the Dannebrog Grand Lodge meeting to invite them to the installation of officers at 2:00 P.M. and let them know the directions to the Church and Parking lots.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you note from Zack Reinstein for his Scholarship

The Grand President asked the Grand Marshal to escort Grand President elect Johanne Gade of Bornholm #14, Modesto to podium where Grand President Kurt Høj asked the Grand President-elect to address the Grand Officers, Delegates and Members.

Grand President-elect Johanne Gade gave a thank you speech and a History of her family's History. She also presented her Password for the year

Advisory committee:	Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14 (1 yr) Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 (2 yr) Grand Past President Kurt Høj, Hejls Minde #23 (3 yr)
Auditors:	Past Grand President James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President Alan Filiau, Thyra #9 James "Jim" Jensen, Danmark #2
History committee	Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 First Delegate from each Branch
Web Committee	Grand Secretary Tim Heer, Freja #6 Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14
Dania RV committee	Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9
Nominating Committee	John Schueber, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 Dick Hansen, Thor #5

Grand President-Elect, Johanne Gade then introduced her advisors Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14 and Past Grand President Robert Sorensen, Bornholm #14. The Acting Grand Marshal then escorted the Grand President Elect back to her station.

At 10:15 the Grand President Kurt Høj declared a fifteen minute coffee break.

Grand President Kurt Høj called the convention back to order at 10:30 A.M.

Grand President Kurt Høj Called on the Grand Secretary who announced that one of the Local Branches has offered to donate 10 of the Membership pin to the Grand Lodge so inventory is no longer zero. He also asked if any other Branch had any excess inventory on hand the Grand

Lodge would love to receive them.

Resolution Committee report: the Resolutions were read by John Jensen, Danmark #2 who introduced the other members of the Committee, Past Grand President, Graham Sorensen, Bornholm #14 and Carl Jensen, Thor #5. (See addendum)

Report of the Law Committee: Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr., Thyra #9. reported that the issue of can the convention vote to fine \$5.00 for the use of a cell phone, and if so would it have to be approved by a 2/3rds majority vote and finally who is authorized to vote. The Committee referred to a legal term which meant the law does not bother with trifles, so they had no report.

John Schueber, Bornholm #14, congratulated Grand President Kurt Høj on behalf of Bornholm and all of the delegates here in Solvang, on a job well done and dedication that it took due to his health.

John Schueber, Bornholm #14, congratulated Grand President-elect Johanne Gade on being the next Grand President and representing Bornholm.

Baxter Swaffer, Valdemar #12, reported that they would like to be considered to hold the Dania Dannebrog Convention in 2018 to coincide with Valdemar #12 125th Birthday.

Grand President Kurt Høj passed out gifts to his Grand Officers as a thank you their hard work and support during the year. He also thanked everyone for having the trust and faith in him. He then called on Erling Grumshrup to lead us in God Bless America then declared the 132nd annual convention closed and asked for the closing sign at 11:30 A.M.

At 2:30PM Dania and Dannebrog participated in a joint installation of Grand Officers.

2012- 2013 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	Kurt Høj	Hejls Minde #23	Solvang
Grand President	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Vice President	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	Ferndale
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Robert Schall	Hejmdal #4	Sacramento
Grand Vice Marshal	Tom Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Trustee #1	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee #2	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee #3	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco

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

Year installed	Name	Lodge
1880-84	* O.F. Westphal	Oden #1
1884-87	* Fred Petersen	Oden #1
1887-89	* Thorvald Orlob	Oden #1
1889-92	* JamesMadison	Danmark #2
1892-93	* John H.Lytgens	Danmark #2
1893-94	* Halvor J.T. Jacobsen	Thor #5
1894-95	* Halvor J.T. Jacobsen	Thor #5
1895-96	* Halvor J.T. Jacobsen	Thor #5
1896-97	* C.P. Jensen	Dagmar #8
1897-98	* O.P. Kieldsen	Thor #5
1898-99	* Jacob Peetersen	
1899-00	* Carl Plow	Sonderjylland #10
1900-01	* Johannes Sandholdt	Thyra #9
1901-02	* Hans Ahrenberg	Thor #5
1902-03	* H. C. Hermansen	Oden #1
1903-04	* F. W. Andreasen	Valhalla #11
1904-05	* Carl Rasmussen	Skamlingsbanken #20
1905-07	* Robert Nnelson	Valdemar #12
1907-08	* Peter C. Krogh	Hejmdal #4
1908-09	* Carl Holm	Dannevang #7
1909-10	* Hans Sorensen	Thyra #9
1910-11	* H.P. Vogensen	Sonderjylland #10
1911-12	* H. P. Mathiesen	Dannebrog #16
1912-13	* C. W. Hansen	Helga #3
1913-14	* C. H. Duborg	Valdemar #12
1914-15	* Martin Eriksen	Valhalla #11
1915-16	* Martin L. Cramer	Danmark #2
1916-17	* John C. Scott	Oden #1
1917-18	* Jens T. Lund	Freja #6
1918-19	* Ole Christopher	Danneskjold #17
1919-20	* Peter Petersen	Helga #3
1920-21	* Hans Vejby	Thyra #9
1921-22	* Anton B. Ibsen	Hejls Minde #23
1922-23	* John Christensen	Valhalla #11
1923-24	* Christian Iversen	Danmark #2
1924-25	* J. P. Knudsen	Oden #1
1925-26	* Carl Jorgensen	Thor #5
1926-27	* Finn Andersen	Danmark #2
1927-28	* Hans J. Sorensen	Valhalla #11
1928-29	* Peter Sorensen	Dannevirke #24
1929-30	* P. A. Nielsen	Oden #1
1930-31	* Albert L. Christopher	Danneskjold #17
1931-32	* Viggo C. Dahl	Danmark #2
1932-33	* Henry Gilling	Helga #3
1933-34	* Iver Frydendahl	Dannevang #7
1934-35	* Marius Petersen	

1935-36	* Carl Fauerso	
1936-37	* Marius Kristensen	Helga #3
1937-38	* Janes Martensen	Dagmar #8
1938-39	* Clifton M Anthonson	Vitus Berhring #18
1939-40	* Andy Madsen	Thor #5
1940-41	* Hans Skytt	Hejls Minde #23
1941-42	* C.H. Gregers	Oden #1
1942-43	* James Bach	Danneskjold #17
1943-44	* E. Jurvig	Danmark #2
1944-45	* Ted Petersen	Bornholm #14
1945-46	* Ted Petersen	Bornholm #14
1946-47	* Peter J. Juhl	Freja #6
1947-48	* Albert Henriksen	Vitus Berhring #18
1948-49	* Julius Hansen	Thor #5
1949-50	* Carl Jensen	Holger Danske #27
1950-51	* Jim Nielsen	Helga #3
1951-52	* Hans C Jorgensen	Thyra #9
1952-53	* Asmund Andersen	Vitus Berhring #18
1953-54	* Chris Pedersen	Danmark #2
1954-55	* Clement Miller	Valhalla #11
1955-56	* Raymond Olsen	Bornholm #14
1956-57	* Walter Christensen	Helga #3
1957-58	* Art Christopher	Danneskjold #17
1958-59	* Melvin Oredsen	Oden #1
1959-60	* Ted Poulsen	Hejmdal #4
1960-61	* Knud Clausen	Dannebrog #16
1961-62	* Corrad Moldt	Dannevang #7
1962-63	* Knud Weaver	Danmark #2
1963-64	* Arthur N. Clements	Bornholm #14
1964-65	* Hans J Therp	Sonderjylland #10
1965-66	* Robert L. Lind	Thor #5
1966-67	* Henry G. Kari	Hejls Minde #23
1967-68	* Jorgen Rasmussen	Danmark #2
1968-69	* Peter Brix	Thyra #9
1969-70	James Jorgensen	Bornholm 14
1970-71	* Bjarne H. Carstens	Danmark 2
1971-72	* Burton F. Skow	Danneskjold 17
1972-73	* Holger Carstensen	Hejls Mnde 23
1973-74	* Borge Nielsen	Odin 1
1974-75	* Dan Mogensen	Thor 5
1975-76	* Clyde G. Brown	Dagmar 8
1976-77	* Paul W. Andersen	Danneskjold 17
1977-78	Svend Christian	Freja 6
1978-80	* Niels Walter Hansen	Thyra 9
1980-81	* Howard J. Krogh	Bornholm 14
1981-82	Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra 9
1982-83	* Lawrence C. Bentzen	Sønderjylland 10

1983-84	* Jan A. Walker	Freja 6
1984-85	* Reynold F. Nielsen	Thor 5
1985-86	* Terje Schiller	Danneskjold 17
1986-87	Peder Hoy	Bornholm 14
1987-88	* Fred H. Mahler	Thyra 9
1988-89	* Erik Jensen	Thor 5
1989-90	Arthur Reinstein	Dannevang 7
1990-91	* Norman Dalgaard	Hejmdal 4
1991-92	Glenn A. Fritz	Danmark 2
1992-93	Gregory Gleeson	Thyra 9
1993-94	Graham Sorensen	Bornholm 14
1994-95	Alan D. Filiau	Thyra 9
1995-96	Henning O. Petersen	Danmark 2
1996-97	Allen Thomsen	Dannevang 7
1997-98	Robert Sorensen	Bornholm 14
1998-99	* Arthur J. Jensen	Thor 5
1999-00	Tim Heer	Freja 6
2000-01	Gunnar Nielsen	Thor 5
2001-02	* Tedd Matusiewicz	Dannevang 7
2002-03	Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm 14
2003-04	Kaj Kristensen	Danmark 2
2004-05	Arne Graversgaard	Freja 6
2005-06	Robert Lacey	Danneskjold 17
2006-07	John Johansen	Bornholm 14
2007-08	Stanly Kjar	Thor 5
2008-09	John Champagne	Bornholm 14
2009-10	Roger Gearhart	Danmark 2
2010-11	Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland 10

* Deceased

Dania Member of the Year Award

*Chris Pedersen	1990	Danmark 2
*Melvin Oredsen	1991	Odin 1
Greg Gleeson	1992	Thyra 9
*Knud Ove Knudsen	1993	Danmark 2
*Raymond P. Olsen	1994	Bornholm 14
*Reynold F. Nielsen	1995	Thor 5
*Sigurd Thomsen	1996	Dannevang 7
*Ralph N. Kerr	1997	Thyra 9
*Dan Mogensen	1998	Thor 5
*Elmer C. Jorgensen	1999	Thyra 9
*Fred H. Mahler	2000	Thyra 9
Peder Hoy	2001	Bornholm 14
*Burton Skow	2002	Danneskjold 17
Henning O. Petersen	2003	Danmark 2
*Norman Dalgaard	2004	Hejmdal 4
James Jorgensen	2005	Bornholm 14
Carl Jensen	2006	Thor 5
John Johansen	2007	Bornholm 14
Kaj Kristensen	2008	Danmark 2
Stuart O Mahler	2009	Thyra 9
Stanly Kjar	2010	Thor 5
Francis Sweet	2011	Valhalla 11
Tim Heer	2012	Freja 6
* Denoted Deceased		

Grand Presidents Report 2011-2012.

It was at the 2000 convention in Solvang, that I became acquainted with the Grand Lodge Dania. I kind of put that convention on by myself, as nobody wanted to help for some reason; it seemed that every lodge member was against having a convention. I must say that the convention went off without a hitch. The only complaint I had was No Raffle Prices!

Several years would pass before I could devote more time to Dania, because a retail salesman weekends was always prime time for earnings, but the time did come when I felt ready to participate.

At the 2007 convention in Fresno I was installed as Grand Lodge Trustee and at the 2008 convention in Modesto I was elected Vice Marshal and now my work through the “chairs” would begin.

And I must say it has been a delight to meet so many wonderful people, who through the last four years have welcomed Arla and I into their midst. It truly has been a most memorable time. As Grand Marshall, it was a pleasure to serve under Grand President Roger Gearhart. He always would give me a heads up on the upcoming installations.

And so my time came to be Grand President at the 2011 convention in Sparks Nevada. Before I became Grand President I was asked by Grand President Lilian Rasmussen to present the Man of the Year award to Francis Sweet of Ferndale. It was an honor to do so.

Before leaving Sparks we had a joint installation of officers of Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12. It was the first for Dannebrog's Grand President Judi Heer and I, and also a first for our Grand Marshals Mel and Zena Lundberg. It all went fine and I am thankful to the Reno lodges for accommodating us by having the installation in connection with the convention. It saved us a trip there the following weekend.

It was a windy day May 20th, when Arla and I began our trip to Modesto. We attended Bornholm #14's Welcome Home delegate's party and meeting, and we certainly had a warm welcome by all their members. At 6 p.m. we sat down to enjoy a fabulous smørebøds bord with plenty of Carlsberg and akvavit as it was there tradition. The food was prepared by Hugo and Bodil Rasmussen and also by Johanne Gade and Graham Sorensen. President John Scheuber conducted an excellent meeting, and it was heartwarming to see the old traditions being honored, as we in Solvang have become too informal.

Saturday evening we had the honor to partake in the elegant festivities for Doris and Peder Hoy's Golden Wedding celebration. It was a most enjoyable evening.

It was a beautiful day for the 4th July barbeque in Santa Maria Waller Park. Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 had gathered many young and older people for this event. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Dannebrog's President Judi Heer and George, Dania Vice President Johanne Gade and Bob Sorensen, Modesto came down to participate.

The month of August started out with installations. First was Modesto lodge Bornholm #14 the installation was held in a fairly large hall. It was a solo installation and overall it went fine, and a nice meal was served afterwards. We stayed overnight with Peder and Doris Hoy, we thank them so much.

Saturday morning we took off for Salinas for installation of Freja #6 and Dana #15 lodges at the Masonic Center. As this was a joint installation, Dannebrog's Grand President Judi Heer kept me out of trouble.

Friday, August 12, we were on the road again on the way to Fremont, where we stayed overnight. Saturday morning we drove to Kastania Fæll in Petaluma, but as I didn't listen to my navigator I went over the Bay Bridge in the Fast Track lane—Cost \$50.00. Well we did

arrive at Kastania Fælled for Sønder Jyllands #10 installation. Due to a misunderstanding we had a few tense moments, but it all worked out and everybody seemed OK with the outcome. I had the pleasure to present Mr. Baekgaard with his 25 year pin and also give Dannebrog's President Judi Heer a birthday hug.

Every time I drive to Ferndale, I truly enjoy the drive, so many places remind you of Europe and the Ferndale, itself, is truly quaint.

It was Valdemar #11 and Ydun #10's joint installation on Labor Day weekend and it was nice to see so many people from Central California. Grand Marshal's Mel and Zena Lundberg did a great job at their home lodge's and with some humor. I had the pleasure to present Jim Nielsen with his 25 year pin.

The Ferndale lodge's always has a Sunday picnic and I had hoped to stay over for that, but I was not able to work out a time for dialysis on Labor Day, so we headed home Sunday morning. In September Solvang celebrated its 100 anniversary and 75 years of Danish Days. The Hoj family had a horse drawn entry with my whole family onboard. It was with the banner "Celebrating 99 years in Solvang" Dania and Dannebrog Lodges California and Nevada. We won first place in our category and received a beautiful glass trophy.

On Thursday November 3rd, I drove to Fresno to attend Thor #5's meeting. It was a windy and cold day but they served a delicious soup dinner just like it was ordered for the day. And Ah!! The pumpkin pies.

Wednesday November 9th Arla and I drove to Hayward and met up with Grand Trustee Tom Martin, who guided us on BART to San Francisco. We were grateful to Tom for without his assistance, I am sure we would have been lost.

We arrived at Denmark #2 and Thyra #3 and enjoyed a nice social hour. President Elizabeth Jensen conducted the joint meeting very well. I was asked to initiate their new member Daniel Joensen in Danish. Translating directly from our English ritual, I kind of made it through the first half, but did the second half in English. Daniel might be the first Dania member initiated in both Danish and English.

After the meeting a wonderful duck dinner was served, (it was Morten's aften) with all the trimmings, and better duck I have never tasted. Several birthdays were skaaled in snaps.

Thursday evening we visited Thyra #9 in Hayward. Here the ladies and the men met in separate rooms. Arla joined the ladies of Valborg #1, and she told me later, that she really enjoyed their fellowship. We men were a small group, but we had a good meeting. After the meeting coffee and sandwiches and cookies were enjoyed. En hyggelig aften.

Friday evening we went to visit Dannevang #7 and Danebod #16 in Livermore. We had a hard time finding a parking place, and we were about ten minutes late, so they had an "Udkig" on the stairs of the old IOOF building. We were warmly welcomed and sat down to a complete turkey dinner (close to Thanksgiving) and several different pies for dessert. Everything was very delicious

After the dinner President Kathy Thomsen opened the joint meeting very professional. The Livermore lodges normally meet on Saturdays, but someone had booked the hall that week, so they went to Friday, which really worked out great for our visit.

Saturday morning we drove to Kastania Fælled for Sønder Jylland #10's lunch meeting. We had the most beautiful weather that day. After a social hour President Finn Kjaer opened the meeting, which he did very well and very relaxed. After the meeting the best open faced sandwiches this side of Oscar Davidson was served with good libations.

It was too bad that we could not fit San Jose Danneskjold #17 in to this trip.

The year 2012 did not begin on a good note for me. Right after New Years I ended up in the hospital for 3 weeks, I do not know what happened. I was out of it and did not recognize anyone, not my wife or my boys. It was a trying time for Arla, but eventually I came through and gradually made it back, my balance and walking had to be worked on and also my energy was shot. I was released without a diagnosis, but we are sure I was over medicated.

I truly regret that I could not make Fresno Thor #5's installation on February 4th or Livermore Dannevang #11th installation on February 11th. I just wasn't up to it. But Vice President Johanne Gade stepped in and did a fine job Thank You Johanne. I did make San Francisco Danmark #2 installation February 18th. It was a joint installation. With a good hold on my partner, Dannebrog Grand President Judi Heer and the use of a cane the walking went fine. After the installation a nice London broil lunch was enjoyed.

March 16th Arla and I drove to Modesto, and we spent Friday evening visiting with members of Bornholm #14 and enjoyed a St. Patrick's dinner of corn beef and cabbage in honor of the Irish. Afterwards I sat in on a meeting conducted by President John Scheuber. We stayed overnight with my advisor Peder and Doris Hoy.

Saturday morning we drove to Hayward for joint installation of Thyre #9 and Valborg #1. Hayward also hosted Executive and Audit meetings before the installations. This was my last installation with Dannebrog's Grand President Judi Heer. I owe Judi many thanks for being such a wonderful partner throughout the season. I often relied on her expertise. After the installation we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

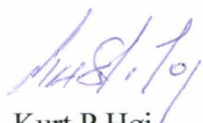
As neither Arla nor I are keen on driving at night at this time, we went home with the Hoy's and stayed another night. As no stay in Modesto for me seems complete without a visit to the ER, I this time went to Doctor's Hospital at 2 am. Sunday morning. I must say that the facilities in Modesto are outstanding.

As my home lodge Hejls Minde # 23 decided not to change officers for the year 2012 – 13, I did not get to install my own lodge. The decision was made due to our convention here in April and I must say we have a grand committee with Bent Olsen as chairman, Hans Kardel as vice-chair the ladies have done an outstanding job—Marie Jaeger and family, Jean Kardel, Agnes Larsen, Lucille Wulff, Arla Høj. They have all worked so very hard to make this a most pleasant convention for you to enjoy. May you have a good time here in the Danish Capital of America?

As my term is coming to an end there are so many people I need to thank, first my wife Arla for being by my side the last four-five years and the last four months for also being my chauffeur, she has truly been my rock. Thank you to John Champagne for teaching me to march right as marshall. To all the wonderful people in the Grand and local lodges, who treated us so well. To Dannebrog's Grand President Judi Heer for her confidence. To Vice President Johanne Gade for pitching in when it was needed. To Grand Marshal Mel Lundberg for a job well done. To my advisor and more Peder Hoy and wife Doris for all their help.

It truly has been an honor to serve you as your Grand President this past year, and I will end this report by saying.

Mange Tak og ha' det godt



Kurt P Høj
Grand President

Dania Executive Board meeting held on February 4, 2012 at the Spike and Rail in Selma California.

Roll Call

Lilian Rasmussen	Grand Past President	Sønderjylland #10 and Chairperson
Kurt Høj	Grand President.	Hejls Minde #23 was substituted by
Roger Gearhart	Past Grand President	Danmark #2
Thomas Martin	Grand Trustee	Danmark #2
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee.	Bornholm #14 Absent
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
Johanne Gade	Grand Vice Pres.	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President Lilian Rasmussen at 2:00 PM

Asked for us to keep Kurt Høj and Peter Hoy in our thought today noting that Kurt is getting stronger and Peter was undergoing surgery today.

Old Business:

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart requested an update on the Status of the 2011 Convention. The Grand Secretary reported that minutes of the meeting had been proofed last April but due to Computer problems the whole report has not yet been put together. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Moved that the Grand Secretary get an estimate of the cost of 25 years and 100/200 Membership pins by the March 17th meeting. Seconded and passed.

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart raised the question of how to handle a vacancy in the line. He also report on the activities of the Nominating Committee.

New Business:

The Grand Secretary handed out copies of the changes to Branch's bylaw of Valhalla #11. Grand Past President Lilian Rasmussen Tabled the issue until our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

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

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 17, 2012 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

Lillian Rasmussen	Grand President	Sønderjylland #10 and Chairperson
Kurt Høj	Grand Vice President	Hejls Minde #23
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
Thomas Martin	Grand Trustee	Danmark 32
Johanne Gade	Grand Vice President	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President Lillian Rasmussen at 10:05 A.M.

Minutes of the February 4, 2012 Executive meeting was read and approved.

Dania Memorial Scholarship:

Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by Thomas Martin to award 2 Scholarships at \$1,000.00 each seconded and passed. This year's recipients are: Kindle Frederick Member of Dannevang #7, Upton Adams Member of Thyra #9.

Dania Scholarship

Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by George Cumming to award six(6) Dania Scholarship this year of \$200.00 each, passed.

This year's recipients are:

Marissa Christensen Submitted by Danmark #2, Barbara Hansen submitted by Thor #5, Amy Hansen submitted by Thor #5, Klaus Rasmussen submitted by Danneskjold #17, Evan Roberts Submitted by Thyra #9 and Erik Jensen Submitted by Valdemar #12.

Local Branch's Bylaws: It was moved seconded and passed to approve the changes to the Bylaws submitted by Valhalla #11 and Thyra #9.

Dania Member of the year: After review the deserving nominees, with so many qualified nominations the committee was unable to reach an agreement and the issue was tabled until April 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

**GRAND LODGE DANIA
of
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**

Report of the History Committee:

As was reported for several years, the History Committee would very much like to fill in as many of the missing convention reports as is possible. The History Committee has many Convention Reports, missing all before 1929 and those in the years 1930-1935, 1938, 1941, 1945-6, 1948-9, 1957, 1959, 1962-6, 1968, 1973-7, 1979-86. The Branch Secretaries are asked to search their lockers so that we can fill in many of the missing dates. Perhaps members may have some older reports to offer as well. This is an important issue---we would really like to fill out the collection.

We would also like to fill out the collection of Dania/Dannebrog Convention Badges. Doris Skow contributed badges from 1936, 1938 and 1939 (DBS/DSS) and other items including a photo from Vitus Bering, c. 1938 (note all the bottles on the table), a Dannebrog cloth pin, and a "San Jose" old-style pin.

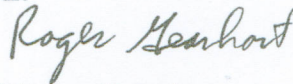
There are many things on display in the back of the room along with the collection of Dania/Dannebrog Convention pins. The earliest year pin is 1916 and other years represented are: 1925, '29, '31, '34, '35, '36, '38, and '39; the one from 1936 is a new addition. Then there is a big jump to 1999 and 2002. It would be great to fill in as many years as possible. Hopefully, we will be able to fill in the missing dates as more are donated.

Among the books are some from my family collection: a bible-study book printed in 1841 and Joakim Larsen's Læsebok from 1900. There is also a copy of "Danmarks Melodier" that will be presented to Anette Christensen from Reno. She has agreed to put it to good use.

We have all heard many interesting stories about events at our conventions. One of the better stories was the year (??) when the delegates literally drank the town dry---was that in Chualar? And Glenn Fritz told a great story about the poker games that were often part of the conventions. I would really like to accumulate such stories and present them at the next convention. But that will require that we get contributions from many folks. One way would be to relate stories to me and I will set them to print. It is important to get our history recorded before it is lost.

The collection continues to grow but we do need help from everyone. And we thank everyone who has generously contributed. Personally, it has been a great pleasure to be part of the Dania History Committee.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of April 2012.


Roger Gearhart
Chairman

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 132nd Grand Lodge convention in Solvang on April 20th and 21st at The Veterans Memorial building; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The Solvang Lodge, Hejls Minde #23 and The Santa Maria Lodges, Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23; hosted the 132nd annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2012 convention at The Veterans Memorial building, Solvang

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.

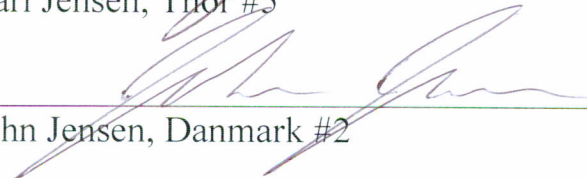
Resolution committee:



Graham Sorensen, Past Grand President, Bornholm #14



Carl Jensen, Thor #5



John Jensen, Danmark #2

April 21, 2012

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 132nd Grand Lodge convention in Solvang on April 20th and 21st at The Veterans Memorial building; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Veteran's Memorial Hall was the host location to the 132nd annual convention of the Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

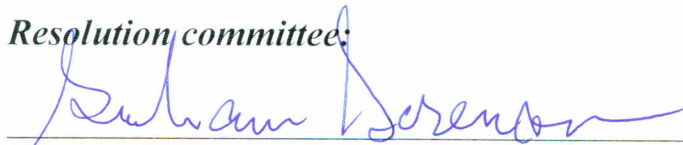
Therefore be it resolved:

We express our sincere appreciation for all services to us

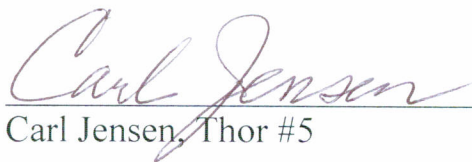
Be it further resolved:

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:



Graham Sorensen, Past Grand President, Bornholm #14



Carl Jensen, Thor #5



John Jensen, Danmark #2

April 21, 2012

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 132nd Grand Lodge convention in Solvang on April 20th and 21st at The Veterans Memorial building; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrated her 72nd birthday on April 16

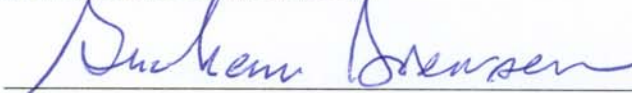
Therefore be it resolved:

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:



Graham Sorensen, Past Grand President, Bornholm #14



Carl Jensen, Thor #5



John Jensen, Danmark #2

April 21, 2012

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 132nd Grand Lodge convention in Solvang on April 20th and 21st at The Veterans Memorial building do deeply regret the deaths of Past Grand President Niels Wolter Hansen, and Past Grand President Eric Jensen, our faithful members who gave their devoted service to our Society over many years, and do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania.

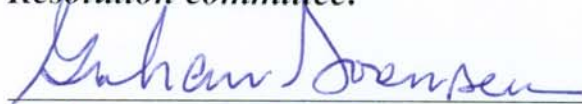
Therefore be it resolved:

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:



Graham Sorensen, Past Grand President, Bornholm #14



Carl Jensen, Thor #5



John Jensen, Danmark #2
April 21, 2012

132nd Dania Convention Delegates

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Item	Qty on Hand	Price	Notes
Past Grand President Pin	18	\$85.00	Last order Feb 9, 2009 (25)
Ex President Pin	16	\$75.00	Last order Feb 9, 2009 (25)
50 year pin	14	No Charge	Last order Feb 9, 2009 (25)
25 year pin	0	\$25.00	Last order July 20, 1999 (25)
Membership Lapel pin	0		
Dania emblem Decal	unsure	No Charge	
Local Lodge Emblems			
Silver color Member New (cross)	17	\$9.50	
Gold Color Officer New (round)	12	\$12.75	