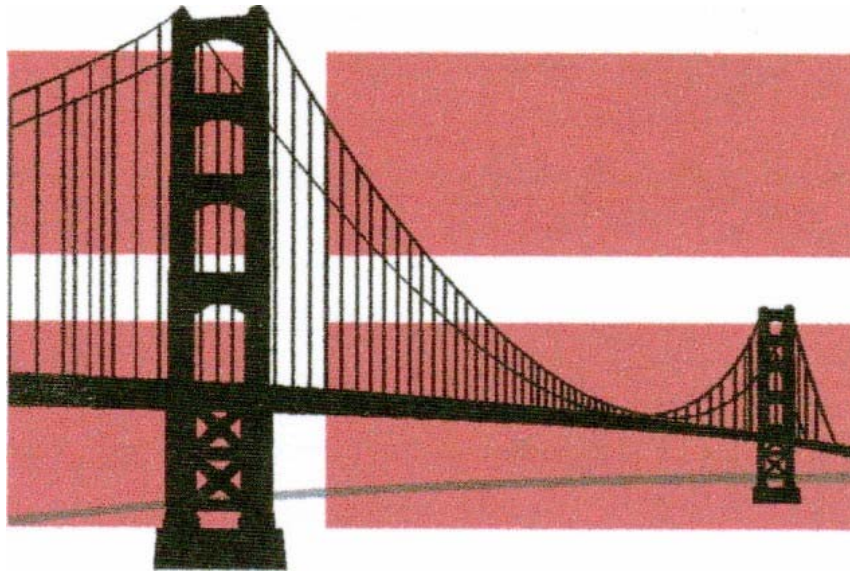


133rd Annual Grand Lodge Dania Convention Report



**Held at the Grosvenor Hotel,
San Francisco, California
April 18-20, 2013**

FRIDAY April 19 2013

Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at The Grosvenor Hotel, San Francisco, California for Dania's 133rd annual convention on April 19 and 20, 2012. Host Lodges were Danmark No 2 and Thyra No. 3

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	Bob Schall	Hejmdal #4	Sacramento
Grand Vice Marshal	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Trustee	Peter Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco

DELEGATES

Danmark #2	James Jensen, Jim Gearhart, Daniel Joensen, John Jensen, Peter Christensen
Hejmdal #4	Bob Schall
Thor #5	Steen Skjellerup, Carl Jensen, PGP Gunner Nielsen
Freja #6	PGP Arne Graversgaard, PGP Tim Heer
Dannevang #7	PGP Arthur Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen
Thyra #9	PGP Gregory Gleeson, PGP Stuart Mahler, Roland McNeil
Sønderjylland #10	Eric Field, Carol Saffro
Valhalla #11	Francis Sweet, Christian Nielsen
Valdemar #12	Baxter Swaffer, Carl Henrick Christiansen
Bornholm #14	John Schueber, Bente Ellis, Henning Rasmussen, Kirsten Johansen
Danneskjold #17	Arne Rasmussen, PGP Robert Lacey
Hejls Minde #23	Hans Kardel, Bent Olsen, GPP Kurt Høj
Holger Danske #27	No Delegates

Grand President Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective Stations and the Grand Vice Marshal Thomas Martin, Danmark #2, to close the door. After which she asked the Grand Marshal Bob Schall, Hejmdal #4, to escort the Convention Committee Chairperson John Jensen to the podium to deliver his welcoming speech on behalf of Thyra #3 and Danmark #2.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal Bob Schall, Hejmdal #4, and Grand Vice Marshal Thomas Martin, Danmark #2. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for

the opening sign.

Grand President Johanne Gade asked Grand Secretary to call the roll, 9 Grand Officers, 26 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 Johanne Gade declared a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

Grand President Johanne Gade Welcomed everyone to the convention and then proclaimed the 133rd Dania Convention in session with full powers and authority to act.

Grand President Johanne Gade instructed Grand Marshal Bob Schall to escort her surrogate Advisor Past Grand President Glen Fritz, Danmark #2, to the chair on her right to act as her advisor during the Convention.

Grand President Johanne Gade asked Grand Secretary to read the minutes from the close of the 132nd convention to the opening of this convention. Grand President Johanne Gade, asked if there were any errors or addition. John Schueber, Bornholm #14 reported the omission of the Passing of Past Grand President Graham Sorensen on February 14, 2013. There being no further correction or omissions Grand President Johanne Gade proclaimed the minutes approved as corrected.

Report of the Grand President: Grand President Johanne Gade turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg. The Grand President read her report. (see addendum). It was moved by Grand Past President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, that we accept the report of the Grand President. Seconded by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, and approved. The Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg ruled that the motion was approved, and then returned the Gavel to Grand President Johanne Gade.

Minutes of the Executive Committee: The minutes of the Meeting held on March 16, 2013 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, and carried. (See addendum.)

Grand Secretary's report: After the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal handed out the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and The Grand Trustees. The Grand Secretary's annual report was reviewed. Then the Grand Secretary called the Delegates attention to the itemized reports of the Branches on Membership, Assets, Receipts, and Disbursements for review. Some suggestions were made as to how to make the reports on Membership and Disbursements more understandable. A Question regarding the reporting of income from the web site was asked. The Grand Secretary will look into this and report back. Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, moved to accept the report as corrected, the correction being the adding of an "r" to the title of the Grand Treasurer. Seconded by Grand Past President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, and carried. (See addendum)

Grand Treasurer's Report: was presented by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, for review. Past Grand President Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, moved to accept the report, seconded by Jim Jensen, Danmark #2, and carried. (See addendum)

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

Grand President Johanne Gade, asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being no one standing she reconvened the meeting. She called on the Grand Secretary who explained where the \$100.51 income from the web site was reported. It was miss posted to Dues under Miscellaneous on the Grand Secretary's report.

Grand Trustees' Report: was presented by Grand Trustee George Cumming Jr., Thyra #9. After review, Past Grand President Gunnar Nielsen, Thor #5, moved to accept the report. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and carried. (See addendum.)

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 Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2,, to accept the report. Seconded by Hans Kardel, Hejls Minde #23, and carried. (See addendum)

Report from the Advisory Committee: Grand Past President Roger Gearhart reported that they did not have a report.

Grand President Johanne Gade appointed the following **Standing Convention Committees:**

Law:	George A Cumming Jr. Jim Jorgensen Robert Lacey	Grand Trustee, Thyra #9 Past Grand President, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President, Danneskjold #17
Resolutions:	Stuart Mahler John Jensen Francis Sweet	Past Grand President, Thyra #9 Danmark #2 Valhalla #11

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from the Insurance Company of renewal
Thank you note from Elverhøj Museum, Solvang
Thank you note from Bethel Lutheran Home for a donation
Thank you note from Solvang Lutheran Home for a donation
Thank you note from Aldersly for a donation
Letter from IRS Regarding a Questionnaire
Letters of greeting for a successful convention from:
Thyra #9
Danmark #2
Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #19
Dannevang #7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Grand President Johanne Gade asked for any new Business.

The Grand President Johanne Gade requested that the Grand Secretary present the bills individually.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno. Seconded by Grand Marshal Bob Schall, Hejmdal #4, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art. Seconded by Hans Kardel, Hejls Minde #23, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay \$40.00 annual dues to Aldersly. Seconded by Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, and the motion were adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma. Seconded by Hans Kardel, Hejls Minde #23, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to donate \$25.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home. Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, moved to amend the motion to increase the amount to \$50.00. Seconded by Past Grand President, Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, and the motion as amended was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the 2013 Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses, \$100.00 bowling prize, seconded by Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the 2013 Convention Committee \$100.00 golf prize. Seconded by Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, and the motion were adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to continue the payments in support of our web site not to exceed \$300.00. Seconded by Grand Vice Marshal Tom Martin, Danmark #2 and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement. Seconded by Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustee \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement to be paid in cash out of the Grand Treasurer wallet. Seconded by Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set Funeral Benefit at \$200.00, seconded by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the annual per capita tax at \$20.00 per member to be paid semiannually. Seconded by Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14 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 Marshal Robert Schall, 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 Past Grand President Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, and the motion was adopted.

Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense

reimbursement. Seconded by John Schueber, Bornholm #14, the motion was adopted

Report of the Nominating Committee: John Schueber, Bornholm #14, spoke for the committee explaining that they do have a qualified member who is willing to run for the office of Grand Vice Marshal but under the current bylaws have not found a qualified member to run for the office of Grand Trustee. He suggested that we consider changing our requirements. Grand Secretary Tim Heer requested that the Grand President ask the Law Committee to review section 6 and render an opinion. The Grand President referred the issue to the Law Committee.

Grand President, Johanne Gade, declared the convention to be at recess for Lunch and to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

Grand President Johanne Gade called the convention back to order at 2:00 P.M.

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

Grand President, Johanne Gade, called the afternoon session to order and called on the Law Committee for their report. George A Cumming Jr., Chairman of the committee, gave a very good opinion based on a common sense approach to the question they were given prior to the lunch break regarding eligibility for nomination. The recommendation was to allow for an informal waving of the requirements under Article IV, Section 6 by the vote of the Convention Delegates at a convention, which would allow for a Delegate attending under Article IV, Section 6 to be eligible to hold office in the Grand Lodge at that convention. This can be done at every successive convention where there is not an eligible candidate.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to allow for the nomination of a delegate, who has not been a Past President or held the office of financial secretary, recording secretary, secretary or treasurer of his local Branch for at least three (3) years, for the office of Grand Trustee. Seconded by Grand Vice Marshal Thomas Martin, and a voice vote was taken and the Grand President could not determine the results so she asked for a show of hands. The Grand Marshal reported that the count was 25 yes and 12 no, and the Grand President declared the motion adopted.

Nomination and election of Grand Officers

Grand President Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, appointed three tellers Past Grand President Stuart Mahler, Thyra #9, John Schueber, Bornholm #14, and Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23.

Grand President Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, granted a request from the Nominating Committee for a 10 minute recess.

Grand President Johanne Gade called the session to order. She gave the instructions to the tellers on how to process the votes.

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 President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, and the motion was adopted.

The following were nominated and elected:

Grand President	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	declined with thanks
	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	
Grand Vice President	Robert Schall	Hejmdal #4	
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	
Grand Marshal	Tom Martin	Danmark #2	
Grand Vice Marshal	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5	
Grand Trustee #1	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	
Grand Trustee #2	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	
Grand Trustee #3	James "Jim" Jensen	Danmark #2	

Grand President Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, dismissed the tellers with thanks.

Grand Vice President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, moved to destroy the Ballet. Seconded by Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14, and Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Grand President Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, asked the Grand Secretary to report on the current list of upcoming Conventions. He Reported the 2014 would be held by Valhalla #11, at Eel River Inn, and 2018 we have been invited by Valdemar #12 to Reno. This leaves 2015, 2016 and 2017 open.

Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, Invited the Grand Lodge to the convention in 2015 to be hosted by Valhalla #11 and Hejmdal #4, at Eel River Lodge. Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to except the invitation, seconded by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, and passed.

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 would like to entertain the possibility of hosting convention in 2016 in San Francisco.

Grand Vice Marshal Thomas Martin, Danmark #2 moved to hold an open installation on Saturday, seconded by Roland McNeil, Thyra #9, and passed.

Grand President Johanne Gade, requested The Grand Marshal escort Francis Sweet to the Danneborg meeting room and inform them of the offer to hold the 2015 convention and the open installation.

Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, moved to adjourn until 9:45 A.M. Saturday Morning. Seconded by Grand Vice Marshal, Thomas Martin.

Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, express his congratulation to the Grand President for her selection of a wonderful password for the year. He also expressed his appreciations of the delegate's badges.

Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, called for the vote on the motion that was on the floor to

adjourn. Grand President asked for the vote which passed. Afterwards we enjoyed coffee and pastries.

SATURDAY April 20, 2013

Convention was called back to order at 9:45 A.M. by Grand President Johanne Gade. The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal, Robert Schall and Grand Vice Marshal, Thomas Martin. The Opening sign was given.

Grand President Johanne Gade asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll call of Grand Officers, Delegates and Past Grand Officers. 9 Grand Officers, 27 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 and Bent Olsen.

The Grand President asked the Grand Marshal to escort her surrogate Advisor Past Grand President Glen Fritz, Danmark #2, to the chair near her right.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letters of greeting for a successful convention from Danmark #2

A Letter from Anni Champagne regarding John upcoming Surgery April 29th, and look forward to be able to attend the Convention in 2014

The Grand Secretary communicated the difficulties in dealing with the new joint officers of local Branches and explained that the Grand Secretaries of Dania and Dannebrog consider a President of a local Branch to be the President representing Dania and Dannebrog and the same with the office of Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, announced that the Scholarship certificates were completed and delegates from Bornholm #14, Valdemar #12 and Dannevang #7 could pick them up from him during the coffee break.

The Grand Secretary made the announcement of a change to the Old Age Fund of the addition of an "Also Known As" name for the Fund. At the Old Age Fund meeting held on April 18th it was approved to adopt the name "Dania and Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund" to be used on their letter head and application in the future.

At 10:15 the Grand President, Johanne Gade, declared a fifteen minute coffee break.

Grand President Johanne Gade called the convention back to order at 10:30 A.M.

The Grand President asked Past Grand President/Past Grand Secretary Stuart O. Mahler to fill the Office of Grand Secretary until the Grand Secretary returns from the coffee break.

Resolution Committee report: the Resolutions were read by John Jensen, Danmark #2, who introduced the other members of the Committee, Past Grand President, Stuart O. Mahler, Thyra #9, and Frances Sweet, Valhalla #11. **(See addendum)**

Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, moved to accept the reports of the Resolution Committee, seconded by Grand Trustee, George Cumming Jr. and approved.

The Chairperson of the Convention Committee, John Jensen, asked to address the convention to apologize for not giving the Current Grand President to introduce their Grand Officers for the last time at the Friday night dinner and let everyone know that it would be the first thing done tonight. The Grand President asked the Grand Marshal to escort John Jensen to the Dannebrog meeting room where he could make the same announcement.

The Grand President asked the Grand Marshal to escort Grand President elect Mel Lundberg of Valhalla #11, Ferndale, to podium where Grand President Johanne Gade asked the Grand President-elect to address the Grand Officers, Delegates and Members.

Grand President-elect Mel Lundberg gave a thank you to everyone for all of their

Advisory committee:	Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 (1 yr)
	Past Grand President, Stanley Kjar, Thor #5 (2 yr)
	Grand Past President, Stuart O. Mahler, Thyra #9 (3 yr)
Auditors:	Past Grand President, James Jorgensen, Bornholm #14
	Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14
	Baxter Swaffer, Valdemar #12
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

There was a brief report of the web site where it was reported that since 2010 we have been averaging approximately 26,000 to 29,000 logins per month and the committee will be working on an upgrade to the web site.

Dania RV committee	Past Grand President Gregory Gleeson, Thyra #9
Nominating Committee	John Schueber, Bornholm #14
	Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2
	Carl Jensen, Thor #5
The Grand Story Tellers	Past Grand President, Stanley Kjar, Thor #5
	Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11

Grand President-elect, Mel Lundberg then introduced his advisors Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 and Past Grand President Tim Heer Freja #6. He then gave and explained his password. The Grand Marshal then escorted the Grand President-elect back to his station.

Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, congratulated Grand President Johanne Gade for a job well done

Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, thanked Grand President, Johanna Gade, on behalf of all of the Grand Officers for the bottle of Snaps which will be put to good use.

Jackie Nielsen, Dannevang #7 thanked the Grand Lodge for the Scholarship that was awarded to his Grand Daughter, a member of Dannevang #7.

John Schueber, Bornholm #14, congratulated Grand President, Johanne Gade, on her fine job as Grand President. He also thanked the Grand Lodge for the Scholarship that was awarded to his Grand Son and member of Bornholm #14.

Grand Vice President, Mel Lundberg, congratulated Grand President, Johanne Gade, on her fine job as Grand President. He then gave a brief history of his family where both of his parents were born in Sweden. He was born in Ferndale.

Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, congratulated Grand President, Johanne Gade, on her fine job as Grand President. He also thanked all of the Grand Officers he worked with over his years of service to the Grand Lodge, with a special Thanks to fellow Grand Trustee, George Cumming Jr, who did all of the annual reports for the Grand Trustees.

Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, talked about the events planned as Gatherings. He encouraged the Modesto, Hayward and Fresno to host an outing at an Airbase Museum in the valley. He announced that he would be hosting a Gathering on May 5th in Lodi during their Street Fair.

Grand President, Johanne Gade, led the singing of God Bless America then declared the 133rd 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.

2013- 2014 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Past President	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand President	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	Ferndale
Grand Vice President	Robert Schall	Hejmdal #4	Sacramento
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Tom Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Vice Marshal	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5	Fresno
Grand Trustee #1	George A Cumming Jr.	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Trustee #2	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Trustee #3	James "Jim" 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 Jorgernsen	Thor #5
1926-27	* Finn Andersen	Danmark #2
1927-28	* Hans J. Sorensen	Bornholm #14
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
2011-12	Kurt Høj	Hejls Mnde 23

* 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
Stanley Kjar	2010	Thor 5
Francis Sweet	2011	Valhalla 11
Tim Heer	2012	Freja 6
Kurt Høj	2013	Hejls Minde 23
* Denoted Deceased		

Grand President Report 2012 - 2013

I should have used the Big Dipper or some other famous Roller Coaster Ride for my password. It most certainly has been a wild one this past year. Highs were initiating new members into the branches. Twists and turns, trying to attend the branch meetings. Lows presenting the Dania Funeral Service for my advisor, best friend and neighbor, Past Grand President Graham Sorensen.

I was able to attend all branch regular meetings and installations. But it was a juggling act. It would most definitely help if all branches gave the Present Grand Presidents schedules of their meeting for the year. I know most know in advances when they plan to be dark. Some even print their up coming schedule of events with officers names for contacts.

My year started off with a big bang in Solvang. What a convention and a big thank you to Heils Minde # 23 for a wonderful convention, even if it was a little warm.

Up to Reno in May and a big welcome to the table by Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 for the 1st installation of the year, short on Grand Offices but we survived.

In June I picked the windiest day to go over the Altamont to visit Laura #8 and Danneskjold #14. On the return I visited Dannevang # 7 and Danebod # 16. Only one man at each meeting but more great food and welcome.

July the 4th, I found my way to Holger Danske # 27 and Valkyrien # 23 annual Bar B Que and the chef was interviewed by Sunset magazine about Santa Maria Style. Still hasn't made the magazine.

August, started off Installations, where I installed my own lodge Bornholm #14 then over the Pass to install Freja # 6 and Dana #15. Following weekend up to Petaluma to install Sonderjylland #10 and initiate a new member.

September, was way up to Ferndale to install Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10. My sister Louise and I visited the Reno lodges on the 7th and then I visited Hayward on the 13th.

In October, I talked PGP of Dannebrog Kathy Thomsen into going with me to visit Heils Minde. Doesn't take much to talk Kathy into going to Solvang. On the way home we visited Thor #5 and Thora #11 in Fresno.

November, I rode up to Ferndale with Vice Marshall Tom Martin to join Vallhalla and Ydun and celebrate Yduns 100 year anniversary and initiated 2 more members.

December, was quiet considering all the Christmas parties.

January, Graham and I attended Pearl Heer's memorial in Salinas. Not sure what would have happened to Dania and Dannebrog Grand Lodge if it hadn't been for her and her husband Al.

February, started installations again with Thor #5 and Thora #11 on the second and had the privilege of presenting Allen Thomsen with his 50 year pin and my 1st past President pin to Steen Skjellerup. Then on to Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 on the 9th. Thought it should be cutting it a little close to try and get to Danneskjold #17 and Laura #8 informal installations of same officer.

March brought Modesto's Fish Dinner and many thanks to the Peder Hoy family for another outstanding job. Also visited Sanderjylland #10 and initiated a new member. Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 installation was March 16th.

Then in April, Heils Minds #23 installation, and presenting Hans Kardel with his Past President Pin. With all the incredible food at the meetings, it's a wonder I don't tip the scales over.

Thank you Elizabeth Jensen for being a great friend and partner and her entire family for making me feel like one of them.

Many thanks to Marshalls Robert Schall and his wife Mary Jo for one outstanding job, my predecessor Kurt Hoj PGP, Peder Hoy and Glenn Fritz for being surrogate advisors. All my officers for attending as many installations as you could. Also thank you Tim Heir for including all the Past Grand Presidents in the convention report.

My family has been involved with Dania since 1904 and I am proud to be a part of the tradition. I was loaned prior year annual reports and it was fun to read that either my great uncle or his brother, my grandfather, uncle or father were delegates to conventions. My Dad would like to have gone through the chairs but as a small businessman with 4 daughters to raise, he didn't feel he could take the time, so Dad this ones for you.

I would again like to thank all of you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

Johanne Rasmussen Gade
Grand President

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 16, 2013 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

Kurt Høj	Grand Past President	Hejls Minde #23 and Chairperson
Johanne Gade	Grand President	Bornholm #14
Peder Hoy	Grand Trustee	Bornholm #14
George A. Cumming	Grand Trustee	Thyra #9
James Olef Jensen	Grand Trustee	Danmark #2
Mel Lundberg	Grand Vice President	Valhalla #11 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Grand Past President Kurt Høj at 10:00 A.M.

Dania Memorial Scholarship:

Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by George Cumming to award three (3) Scholarships at \$1,080.00 each seconded and passed. This year's recipients are: Kindle Frederich Member of Dannevang #7, Ben Hoover, member of Bornholm #14 and Erik Jensen Member of Valdemar #12

Dania Scholarship

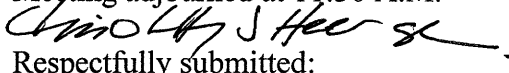
Moved by Peder Hoy and seconded by George Cumming to award four (4) Dania Scholarship this year in the following amounts, \$600.00 for Sarah Gauthier submitted by Thyra #9, and \$200.00 for Kindle Frederich Member of Dannevang #7, Ben Hoover, member of Bornholm #14 and Erik Jensen Submitted by Valdemar #12. For a total of \$1,200.00 Passed.

Dania Member of the year: As the as Chairperson was one of the nominee's he was asked to step out of the meeting, and The Grand President took over the meeting. This left an even number of voting members so Johanne appointed Mel Lundberg as a substitute for the purpose of selecting a Member of the Year. After review the deserving nominees, with so many qualified nominations the committee unanimously elected GPP Kurt Høj as the 2013 Member of the Year.

The Chairman was invited back into the meeting Mel was thanked for his service as a Substitute and Kurt took over his role as Chairperson

New Business: Peder Hoy moved to change the resolution regarding the awarding of the member of the year, by making the application valid for only four (4) years, without a limit as to how many time a Branch could resubmit a recommendation, also that the application must have the Seal of the Branch and the signature of the President or Secretary of the Branch making the recommendation. Seconded by George Cumming and Passed. The Grand Secretary was requested to make the necessary changes to the application.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

 Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

GRAND LODGE DANIA of CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Report of the History Committee:

As has been 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. Xerox copies would be fine.

Christine Schonewald Green contacted Grand Secretary Tim Heer by email. She stated that her father, Hans Schonewald, had been a member of Danmark #2 and that she had many Danish landscape paintings from his estate that needed to be placed in a suitable home where they would be appreciated. Contact was made with her and a visit to her home near Colusa, CA resulted in the donation of paintings (c. 1920) and an old map of Danmark (dated 1760). They are offered now in "Silent Auctions" with the proceeds to go directly to the Dania/Dannebrog Old Age Fund. Therefore, the funds will benefit a very good cause and the purchases will be tax deductible contributions. Danmark #2 will provide the necessary paperwork.

Christine also donated a number of Danish books, many from the 19th century. They are offered free and will look good on your library shelves. Please take as many as you would like, perhaps as gifts to others. Again, Christine wants them to find good homes where they will be appreciated.


Christine has promised that even more donations of painting are possible and there may well be more offered at next year's Convention.

Irene Simms has an interesting history to tell. She was living in England during WW2 and experienced the German Blitz Bombing in Birmingham. She tells that on April 10, 1941, a German plane was shot down, some of the crew parachuted to safety. The wreckage hit two homes, killing her aunt and a cousin—and 7 others. Years later, the lone German survivor contacted Irene's brother and wanted to visit the family. Her brother's response: "I don't think so." It is hoped that her complete history will be available at next year's Convention.

Also on display are lists of all of the Grand Presidents of both Dania and Dannebrog and a form from the Danish Immigrant Museum—this is an opportunity to have your family listed in their genealogy records. If you would like copies of the lists or the form, please add your name and email to the list and a copy will be sent to you. Absent an email address, a mailing address will also work.

The History Committee 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 for many years.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of April 2013:


Roger Gearhart
Chairman

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 133rd Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 19th and 20th at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrated her 73rd 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.

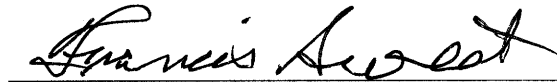
Resolution committee:



Stuart Mahler, Past Grand President, Thyra #9



John Jensen, Danmark #2



Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11

April 20, 2013

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 133rd Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 19th and 20th at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Grosvenor Hotel was the host hotel to the 133rd annual convention of the Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

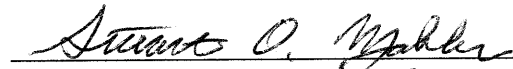
Therefore be it resolved:

We express our sincere appreciation for all services to us

Be it further resolved:

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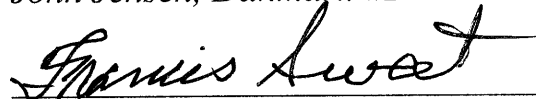
Resolution committee:



Stuart Mahler, Past Grand President, Thyra #9



John Jensen, Danmark #2



Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11

April 20, 2013

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 133rd Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 19th and 20th at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The San Francisco Lodges, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3; hosted the 133rd annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2013 convention at the Grosvenor Hotel, South San Francisco CA;

Therefore be it resolved:

That this convention sends congratulations for a job well done.

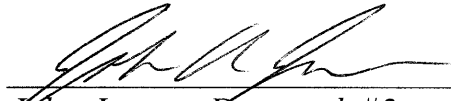
Be it further resolved:

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Resolution committee:



Stuart Mahler, Past Grand President, Thyra #9



John Jensen, Danmark #2

Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11

April 20, 2013

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 133rd Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 19th and 20th at Grosvenor Hotel do deeply regret the deaths of Past Grand President Henning O Petersen, and Past Grand President Graham Sorensen, 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:

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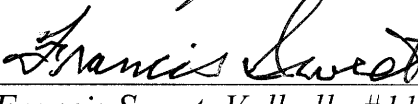
Resolution committee:



Stuart Mahler, Past Grand President, Thyra #9



John Jensen, Danmark #2



Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11

April 20, 2013

**133rd Dania Convention
Delegates**

		4/19	4/20		4/19	4/20		4/19	4/20
Jr. Past Gr. Pres.	Krut Høj	▲	▲	Danmark #2			Valhalla #11		
Grand President	Johanna Gade	✕	✕	James "Jim" Jensen	✕	✕	Francis Sweet	✕	✕
Grand Vice President	Mel Lundberg	✕	✕	Jim Gearhart	▲	▲	Christian Nielsen	▲	▲
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	✕	✕	Daniel Joensen	✕	✕	Alt Mel Lundberg	✕	✕
Grand Treasurer	Gregory Gleeson	✕	✕	John Jensen	✕	✕			
Grand Marshal	Bob Schall	✕	✕	Peter Christensen	✕	✕	Valdemar #12		
Grand V. Marshal	Thomas Martin	✕	✕				Baxter Swaffer	✕	✕
Grand Trustee	Peder Hoy	✕	✕	Hejmdal #4			Carl Henrick Christiansen	✕	✕
Grand Trustee	George Cumming Jr	✕	✕	Bob Schall	✕	✕	Alt. Erik Beyer		
Grand Trustee	James Olef Jensen	✕	✕						
	.	9	9	Thor #5			Bornholm #14		
Past Grand Presidents				Steen Skjellerup	✕	✕	John Schueber	✕	✕
		4/19	4/20	Carl Jensen	✕	✕	Benta Ellis	✕	✕
James Jorgensen	Bornholm #14	✕	✕	PGP Gunnar Nielsen	✕	✕	Henning Rasmussen	✕	✕
Svend Christian	Freja #6	▲	▲				Kersten Johansen	✕	✕
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra #9	✕	✕	Freja #6			Alt Ann Stowers		
Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	✕	✕	PGP Arne Graversgaard	✕	✕			
Arthur Reinstein	Dannevang #7	✕	✕	PGP Tim Heer	✕	✕	Danneskjold #17		
Glen A. Fritz	Danmark #2	✕	✕				Arne Rasmussen	▲	▲
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra #9	✕	✕	Dannevang #7			PGP Robert Lacey	✕	✕
Alan D. Filiau	Thyra #9	✕	✕	PGP Art Reinstein	✕	✕			
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang #7	▲	▲	Jackie Nielsen	✕	✕	Hejls Minde #23		
Robert Sorensen	Bornholm #14	▲	▲				Hans Kardell	✕	✕
Tim Heer	Freja #6	✕	✕				Bent Olsen	✕	✕
Gunnar Nielsen	Thor #5	✕	✕	Thyra #9			GPP Krut Høj	▲	▲
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm #14	▲	▲	PGP Gregory Gleeson	✕	✕			
Kaj Kristensen	Danmark #2	✕	✕	PGP Stuart Mahler	✕	✕	Holger Danske #27		
Arne Graversgaard	Freja #6	✕	✕	Roland McNeil	✕	✕			
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold #17	✕	✕						
John Johansen	Bornholm #14	✕	✕	Sønderjylland #10					
Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	✕	✕	Eric Field	▲	▲			
John Champagne	Bornholm #14	▲	▲	Carol Saffro	✕	✕			
Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	✕	✕	Sabrina Wilcox	✕	✕			
Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	✕	✕					28	28
		16	16						