

137th Annual Grand Lodge Dania Convention Report



**Held at the Grosvenor Hotel,
San Francisco, California
April 20-22, 2017**

FRIDAY April 21, 2017

Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at The Grosvenor Hotel, South San Francisco, California for Dania's 137th annual convention on April 21 and 22, 2017. Host Lodges were Thyra 3, and Danmark #2

GRAND OFFICERS

Jr. Past Grand President	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand President	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5	Fresno
Grand Vice President	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	John Schueber	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Vice Marshal	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Trustee	James Olef Jensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Trustee	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	Ferndale
Grand Trustee	James "Jim" Jensen	Danmark #2	San Francisco

REPRESENTATIVES

Danmark #2	John Jensen, Alex Lund, Peter Christensen, Michael Fox, and Alt Peter Schakow
Hejmdal #4	PGP Bob Schall
Thor #5	Don Pettitt, GP Steen Skjellerup,
Freja #6	Ole M. Pedersen,
Dannevang #7	Robert Lamee, Greg DiMartino, Alt Dan Holm
Thyra #9	PGP Mr. Gregory A. Gleeson
Sønderjylland #10	Karen Friis Lysmer, John Cruger-Hansen
Valhalla #11	PGP Mel Lundberg
Valdemar #12	Michael Vanderbeck
Bornholm #14	Max Stowers, Kirsten Johansen, Doris Hoy, Bente Ellis
Danneskjold #17	PGP Robert Lacey, Ron Nielsen
Hejls Minde #23	Bent Olsen
Holger Danske #27	No Representatives

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked Past Grand President Peder Hoy to fill the station of Grand Vice Marshal in the absence of Past Grand President Glenn Fritz, the official substitute for Grand Vice Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski. The Grand President then instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and the acting Grand Vice Marshal Peder Hoy, to close the door.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal John Schueber and acting Grand Vice Marshal Past Grand President Peder Hoy. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked Grand Secretary Tim Heer, to call the roll, 9 Grand Officers, 21 Representatives of 12 of the Branches and 13 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call. See the complete Roll

Call result attached to this report. The substitute Grand Vice Marshal Peder Hoy informed the Grand President that there was a member who wished to enter. The Grand President granted permission and the member advanced to the Altar, where he introduced himself and then took his place on the side line. The Member was Peter Schakow who was listed as an alternate from Denmark #2. The Grand Secretary asked the number one Representative if Peter would be filling the vacancy of Michael Fox, and was told that he would for the Friday meetings, and Michael would be here on Saturday. The Grand Secretary then reported the correction to the roll call report as being 22 Representatives in attendance.

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 the Grand President.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked for a moment of silence in honor of our departed Members, and those who are struggling.

Grand President, Steen Skjellerup welcomed everyone to the convention and then proclaimed the 137th Annual Convention of The Danish Society Dania of California and Nevada in session with full powers and authority to act.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup instructed Grand Marshal John Schueber to escort his advisor, Past Grand President Johanne Rasmussen Gade, to the chair on his right to act as his advisor during the Convention.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked Grand Secretary Tim Heer to read the minutes from the close of the 136th Convention to the opening of this Convention. The Grand President asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes; there were none and he ruled them approved as read.

The Grand President recognized Rowland "Mac" McNeil and allowed him to address those in attendance. Rowland said "I would like to thank everyone in the Dania Lodge for bestowing upon me the greatest honor of MEMBER OF THE YEAR for 2016. Thank you all again for this honor I have received for doing what I enjoyed doing for this great lodge of Dania".

Report of the Grand President: Grand President Steen Skjellerup turned the meeting over to Grand Vice President Daniel Joensen. The Grand President read his report as follows;

Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, Delegates, Members and Guests, I would like to welcome you all to the 137th Annual convention of the Danish Society Dania of California and Nevada.

It has been a very interesting learning experience for me to be Grand President of this organization for the past year. It started with the convention in Clovis, CA hosted by Thor #5 and Thora #11. Again, I want to thank Dave and Nancy Willis, Deanna Dunbar and all the volunteers for all the good work they put in, so we could have a successful convention which exceeded my expectations a great deal.

The first installation was in Reno on May 6. We can always count on lots of good food and drinks when we go up there, and a lot of space to march around in for the installation. The fact that we get something to eat and a couple of Carlsbergs before the first installation calms the nerves a great deal.

The Grand Marshals came well prepared and did a good job marching around as required, so the installation went well. Scholarships were handed out to Jens Christiansen and Erik Jensen, 50 year pin to Paul Christensen, and a new Charter to Valdemar #12 made by Grand Secretary Tim Heer was handed over to acting President Glenn Fritz.

Carl Christiansen of Valdemar #12 took leadership of the Membership Committee as a Chair, and you will be

presented with the results of the committee's work.

On June 2, Dania and Dannebrog in Fresno had their annual BBQ Picnic at my house, I had invited some friends and family as guests to participate, and I am happy to report 6 of them are now members, the membership drive is close to my heart.

Saturday morning June 11, I finally found the gate to Kastania Fælled south of Petaluma so I could visit Sønderjylland #10 for their meeting. There were many items on their agenda and a good willingness to work together.

On July 4th Martha, Gunnar and I headed south to Waller Park area 5 in Santa Maria for their famous annual BBQ. Holger Danske and Valkyrien do not have a lot of meetings through the year, but they sure know how to throw a party, and around 75 people participated. I handed over a 50 year pin to Wayne Allen, in appreciation of all his years of service and membership.

On July 30, Martha, Gunnar and myself went to Modesto for the installation of officers for Bornholm #14 which is a Dania only lodge. Grand Secretary Tim Heer had put together a marching diagram, which Grand Marshal John Scheuber followed to perfection.

The next day we went to Salinas to participate in the installation of officers for Freja #6 and Dana #15. The local officers were loaded with regalia as they were installed in both Dania and Dannebrog. After good food and wine, we had a nice folkdance party. Martha and I both like dancing.

The first 10 days of August was spent in Denmark and Sweden. My sister had invited me a year and a half in advance to her Guldbryllup August 6, so I had to be there with my kids. We enjoyed the trip very much.

Labor day, Martha and I drove to Ferndale to install local officers for Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10.

Many people were participating in a Banquet Dinner afterwards, the Ferndale group throws a great party.

Every time I come to Ferndale, I am reminded about growing up in the countryside in Denmark, green grass in the summer, with the farmers' cows out in the sun.

The third weekend of September is Danish Days in Solvang, and it is the highlight of the Fresno Danish Dancers performances, we practice for weeks before the event, and have a good time. On Saturday we performers get served a very nice picnic, with Smørrebrød, Carlsberg, snaps and desert under the shady trees in the outdoor Theater Park, just like the best summer day in the old country. Lots of Dania and Dannebrog members come to the event every year.

Saturday, October 1, I drove to Orangevale to participate in the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival, I had been asked to be the Flag Bearer for Denmark. This year's festival was dedicated to PGP Mary Jo Schall for all her contributions over the years. PGP Bob Schall had managed to organize the Hejmdal #4 / Luren #13 Altar cloth to be used as the Danish flag that made it a very special and very solemn moment.

The next day it was off to Doris and PGP Peter Hoy's place in Modesto for Bornholm's yearly BBQ. GM John Schueber cooked up a storm of hamburgers and hot dogs. We all sat down in the Hoy garden house and enjoyed conversation with guests and members.

On November 2, my sister, her husband from Sweden and I drove down to visit Hejls Minde #23 in Solvang. We managed to arrive just before their lunch meeting at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark. A very nice lunch was served, with much Skål and singing in Danish and English as the meeting progressed. There were at least a handful of Solvang Dania members which were over 90 years, very impressive, and still going strong.

A week later I drove my sister and her husband to SFO airport, so they could go back to Sweden. From the airport I got to the Millbrae BART station and got on the train to the Civic Center. With some luck, I quickly found the Odd Fellows meeting room. A mixture of all age groups of Denmark #2 members were assembled around food and drinks. A formal meeting took place in an impressively furnished room. After the meeting, we had some great food, drinks and a good deal of socializing in Danish.

John Scheuber called a meeting, November 12, in Modesto so Dania Committee members could do some improvement and update issues regarding the Dania constitution in preparation for the Dania convention in 2017. When we were done, I drove to Downtown Livermore to take part in the Dannevang #7/Danebod #16 meeting. The small group had a "hyggelig bestemor's koekken" gathering, where plans for the future were made. December 1 was the start of at least 10 Christmas celebrations I have participated in this year. On the 2nd, it was Dania/Dannebrog Fresno's turn. We had traditional Danish pork dinner. Two 50 year pins were hand delivered by GS Tim Heer, and received by Glen Jensen and Harry Hansen. Later we singing "glade jul dejlige jul".

On December 10 Martha and I managed to go to two Christmas parties in the same day, at noon at the Grosvenor Hotel for the San Francisco group and at 4pm for the Livermore group, at both places there was very good food and big groups of people.

The following Saturday was also two Christmas parties, at noon in Oakdale for the Modesto group, and at 5pm at GT Greg Gleeson's house for the Hayward group. At both places we had good food and many people.

The travel plans for January were to go to Reno on the 6th for the big "torskegilde" and to Salinas on the 8th for the traditional Dansk Julemiddag. We cancelled the trip to Reno because of road conditions, too much snow. The Salinas people sure put on the real thing, it was a very traditional Julemiddag with flaeskesteg, roedkaal, brune kartofler, brun sovs and ris a' la manda for dessert. The trip back to Fresno was in "silende regn".

This February we had two installations, on the 4th in Selma for Thor #5 and Thora #11 and on the 18th in South San Francisco for Danmark #2 and Thyra #3.

In Selma we had a good crowd of old time members and new prospects, among the new there were a couple of college students from Denmark. They were impressed by the fact that we carried on with the old traditions of Danish culture. So after all, we can still hold on to our old ways of running the installations, and still be relevant to young members who like Old Danish traditions.

In San Francisco, we had a good size crowd. This event took place in the evening with time for visiting, nice dining and dancing. I would hope that we could have more evening installations in the future.

The first part of Marts was a busy time for Danes in the Fresno area. On the 2nd was the Dania/Dannebrog meeting. On the 3th we held a celebration of past Dannebrog member Maja Andersen. Maja was my good friend and elegant folkdance partner for the last 18 years. For the 4th, we went to the fish dinner in Modesto. The new crew sure did a good job with the food. We enjoyed ourselves with eating, visiting, raffle and dancing on the swinging floor.

Hayward had their installation in Livermore on the 18th for Thyra #9 and Valborg #1. The day started out with audit of the books at 9 am and executive meeting at 10 am to work on scholarship applications.

The installation went off in good style this year. This was Martha's and my last installation, and it is with relief and a little sadness that it is over. We are thankful for all the nice treatment which we have received. At all sites, people have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome.

The San Jose group managed to fit in a meeting on April 8th for Danneskjold #17 and Laura #8 at Britta Lange's home. It was nice to meet a good group of Danes I had not seen before. Doris conducted the meeting in fine style and issues were taken care of. Danish "hygge" was talked about, because English speaking countries do not have one word for how to do it, and they get a little lost when they try to explain it to each other. There was talk about why Danes are the happiest people in the world. You could also say that they are the least unhappy in the world. That makes it easier to understand.

So we can be proud to be Danish.

Finally I would like to thank the Grand Officers and committee members for all their hard work and dedication to Dania this past year. It has been a big learning experience for me, I feel I should have had one year experience,

before I took on the job, but this is not possible.

Mange tak to Martha Nielsen, for being my counterpart from Dannebrog.

Mange tak to Johanne Gade, for being my advisor.

Mange tak to Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, for putting on the convention for 2017.

Tusind tak for giving me the opportunity, to serve you as Grand President.

By Grand President Steen Skjellerup

It was moved by Past Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11, that we accept the report of the Grand President, seconded by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 . The Grand Vice President ruled that the motion was approved, and then he returned the meeting back to the Grand President.

Minutes of the Executive Committee: The minutes of the meetings held on February 4, 2017 and March 18, 2017 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by John Jensen, Danmark #2 , to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee, seconded by Grand Vice President Daniel Joensen, and passed with one opposing vote. The minutes are attached to this report.

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 read. The Grand Secretary's report is attached at the end of this report. The Grand Secretary continued his report and called the Member's attention to the itemized reports of the Branches on Membership, Assets, Receipts, and Disbursements for review. He ended with a report regarding Grand Lodge property on hand. These reports are also attached to the end this report. It was moved by Grand Marshal John Schueber to accept the reports. Seconded by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson, and carried.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, presented the Grand Treasurer's report for review. Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to accept the report, seconded by Jr. Grand Past President Tom Martin and the motion was adopted. The Grand Treasurer's report is attached at the end of this report.

Grand Trustees' Report: Grand Trustee #1 James Olef Jensen asked Grand Trustee #2 Mel Lundberg to read the report. After review, a suggestion by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart was made to add into the report the percentage of interest earned, this suggestion was agree to by the Trustee and will be incorporated in future reports. It was reported by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin that the percentage of interest earned last year was 8.86%. Grand Marshal John Schueber, moved to accept the report, Seconded by Grand Secretary Tim Heer and the motion was adopted. The Grand Trustees' report is attached at the end of this report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

History Committee Report: Grand Past President Roger Gearhart gave the following report;

There were no new contributions to Dania History during the past year. Given the absence of new material, perhaps it is time to offer some Danish history.

There has been considerable interest in Viking history due to the popular fore-year TV series, "Vikings". The series features the exploits of Ragnar Lodbrok and his sons. There is a historic basis for the series although there were many inaccuracies that arise from "artistic license". For instance, it is improbable that Ragnar led the raids on Lindisfarne in 793, Paris in 845, then dies at the hand of King Ælle in 868. However, the latter two years and his presence there have firm basis in various histories.

Reading Churchill's "History of the English Speaking People, Vol. 1", I was very surprised to find Ragnar (p. 99). His sons are given as Bjorn Ironside, Ivar the Boneless, Hvitserk, and Sigurd Snake-eye. Gwyn Jones, in "Viking History", names only Bjorn and Ivar. The "Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok", translation by Ben Waggoner, names them all along with two older sons killed during earlier raids. The sons are often listed in a different order and there are daughters as well. Ragnar's first wife is given as Thora, the second as Lægetha: both were Danish Princesses.

In the Sagas, there is a famous battle between King Hring of Sweden and his kinsman, King Harald Wartooth of Denmark. There were thousands of combatants, many having come from far and wide. The battle is stopped when King Harald is slain and the victorious King Hring honors him with an elaborate ceremony and burial. Typical of battles at that time berserkers would charge into the enemy and slay as many as possible before suffering a fatal blow. One example from Ragnar's saga: "Vebjorg, the Danish Shield-maiden---charged a champion called Attack-Soti---she struck one blow on his cheek and chopped off his jawbone and part of his chin. He tucked his beard into his mouth to hold his chin up"---and continued to fight---and so did she.

In any event, it is commonly agreed that Ragnar was a Danish King, son of King Hring. In addition to Denmark, parts of his kingdom were in Norway and Sweden. He raided England, in Mercia and Northumberland. Captives were taken. Ragnar and others soon were able to converse in English. He raided Paris in 845 and was given 7,000 pounds of silver (over \$1.5M) by King Charles the Bald to "go away". They may have also brought home the plague. Later raids by others in Francia led to the granting of lands. One Viking, Rollo, probably Norwegian, became the first Duke of Normandy. In the TV series Rollo is depicted as Ragnar's brother, certainly not true.

For several years (864-866), Ragnar's sons raided down the coast from France, into Spain and even into Italy. Those raids had mixed success. The Moors in Spain proved to be fearsome fighters.

Ragnar met his fate under the hands of King Ælle of Northumberland. He had earlier successfully raided much of England up to the city of York. In any event, he was captured by Ælle and thrown into a pit of vipers. He was reported to have said: "How the piglets will squeal when they hear how the old bore died." That occurs, translated word-for-word, in the Viking series and in all the sources I could find. The sons of Ragnar are then set on vengeance---and vengeance they will have. The "Great Army" of perhaps 300 ships and many thousands of Vikings led by Ragnar's sons overwhelmed the English in 867-869. That Great Army raided much of Eastern England and many of them stayed to establish a dynasty, ruling from York and London.

And King Ælle suffered a truly horrible death (~868). An eagle was carved on his back, then his ribs were severed at his spine and his lungs pulled out, all while he was still living. Ragnar's sons continued to be dominant. Ivar the Boneless stayed on in England, ruling justly and with fairness over much of Eastern England. His brothers returned to Denmark and ruled there and in Sweden. King Ivar was reputed to been highly regarded and ruled fairly in England for many years.

An interesting side note is that Hvitserk marries King Ælle's daughter and their grandson becomes King Harald Hardrange of Norway, who invades England and is defeated in the battle at Stamford Bridge fighting against the English King Harold Godwinson. King Harold subsequently loses to William the Conqueror only a few weeks later at Hastings. These events all occur in 1066.

It is quite amazing that we know so very much about this turbulent era. It is said that the Viking era may well be the golden age of Scandinavian history. In any event, those were our illustrious ancestors.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Gearhart, Chairman of the Dania History Committee, April 20, 2017.

At the conclusion of his report Roger requested to stay on as chairman of the History Committee so that he may continue his Viking report. It was moved by John Jensen, Danmark #2, to accept the report. Seconded by Past Grand President Robert Lacey, the motion was accepted.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup declared a Lunch recess at 11:55 A.M. Convention to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being no one standing, he reconvened the meeting.

Report from the Advisory Committee: Grand President introduced the Advisory Committee Past Grand President Peder Hoy, Past Grand President Glenn Fritz and Past Grand President John Johansen, and called on Past Grand President Peder Hoy who introduced Past Grand President John Johansen who gave the Committee's report. The Committee has two proposals: number one: recommend the incoming Grand President form a committee of no more than five members to work out a detailed proposal to merge with Dannebrog and present it at the next convention: Number 2: to look into the possibility of holding a yearly Northern California event, like a picnic, with all of the Danish organization in our area invited to attend. Moved by Grand Secretary Tim Heer to accept the Advisory Committee's report only as a report without approving any action to be taken, seconded by Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg. The motion was accepted, with one vote against.

Report of the Membership Committee: Grand President called on Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen for the Committee's report. A presentation was made of a business card size hand out to a prospective member, complete with a QR code that links to our web site. It was moved by James Olef Jensen to accept the design of the card and to have Grand Lodge pay for the printing of the card for the local Branches, seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. After much debate it was moved by John Jensen to table the motion until Saturday to allow them to rework the wording, seconded by Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg. The motion passed. The Grand President requested the Membership committee to work on the wording "financial aid to those in need".

Grand President recognized a delegation from Dannebrog representing the Reno Branch, who asked if Past Grand President Roger Gearhart could share his history report with Dannebrog, also invited everyone to attend the 2018 convention in Sparks and informed us of the extensive remodeling being done to the Casino. They also invited everyone to their installation of Officers in Reno on May 5th.

Report of the Nominating Committee: The Committee member, Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg reported that they had a nominee for Grand Vice Marshal and one for Grand Trustee. He then explained that Grand Marshal John Schueber will make the perspiration for Grand Vice Marshal, and Peder Hoy for Grand Trustee. Mel then reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of Jana Heer-Glovaski, John Schueber and himself have agreed to submit the name of Bente Ellis for the Office of Grand Vice Marshal and Johanne Rasmussen Gade for Grand Trustee Number 3. At that time Grand Marshal John Schueber gave an informative background information on their nominee Bente Ellis, Bente has not gone through the Chairs in Bornholm and we will need to vote to wave our rules regarding eligibility to be nominated as a Grand Officer. Past Grand President Peder Hoy gave an informative background on Johanne. It was moved by John Jensen, Danmark #2 , to accept the Nominating Committee's report seconded by the Grand Secretary. The motion was approved.

Standing Convention Committees: Grand President Steen Skjellerup appointed the following:

Law:	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Past Grand President, Bornholm #14
	Thomas Martin	Jr. Past Grand President, Danmark #2
	Robert Schall	Past Grand President, Hejmdal #4

Resolutions: John Jensen Danmark #2
 Bente Ellis Bornholm #14
 Karen Friis Lysmer Sønderjylland #10

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you letter from Kendyl Hoy for her Scholarship.

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Bornholm #14.

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Valdemar #12.

A thank you letter was read from the Elverhøj Museum thanking us for our 2016 donation of \$25.00.

A thank you letter was read from Aldersly thanking us for our 2016 membership.

A thank you letter was read from the Danish American Historical Society thanking us for our 2016 donation.

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Thyra #9 of Hayward.

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Danmark #2 .

A letter was read of greeting from Carl and Betty Jensen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, who after explaining that at last year's convention a motion by Jana Heer-Glovaski, Freja #6, who was directed by the members of Freja #6, to make the motion to asses each branch who's total liquid assets are greater than \$20,000.00 make a onetime donation of 10% of their assets to the Senior Assistance Fund. Seconded by Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17, Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 moved to table all the motions on the subject until next convention, moved to bring back on the floor for consideration. It was seconded by Ole Pedersen Freja #6. The motion failed with a vote of Yes 9 No 15.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen a member of the Membership Committee who made a request to have all of the printed material be collected so he could have enough material for a presentation with the Dannebrog membership. The Grand President requested the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal to collect the material.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup declared a coffee break at 2:55 P.M. Convention to reconvene at 3:15 P.M.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being no one standing, he reconvened the meeting.

Grand President explained how he wants the order of business to transpire for today and tomorrow morning.

NEW BUSINESS

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked the Grand Secretary to present the bills.

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

Grand Secretary moved to set the annual per capita tax at \$20.00 per member to be paid semiannually. Seconded by the Grand Treasurer, at that time John Jensen, Danmark #2, moved to amend the motion by changing \$20.00 to \$25.00 seconded by Jr. Grand Past President Tom Martin. Past Grand President Robert Lacey moved to amend the amendment to change \$25.00 to \$30.00 seconded by Past Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg. The Grand Vice President moved to stop debate, seconded by Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there being 31 votes cast which requires 21 vote in favor, the tally was Yes 30 No 1 the motion was approved. The debate being closed, the Grand President called for the vote on the amendment to the amendment. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 32 votes cast, which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 23 no 9 the motion was approved. The Vote on the Motion, as amended, was called for, and the Grand Secretary stated the motion that was currently on the floor which is to set the per capita tax at \$30.00. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 33 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 28 no 5 the motion as amended was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 33 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 29 no 4, the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art, seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 32 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 32 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay \$40.00 annual dues to Aldersly, it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 30 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 29 no 1 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma, it was seconded by Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 28 votes cast which required a vote of 19 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 28 no 0 the motion was approved

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$50.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home, it was seconded Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 31 votes cast which required a vote of 21 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 31 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay the (2017) Convention Committee \$100.00 for the Golf tournament expenses, it was seconded by Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 29 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 29 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay the (2017) Convention Committee \$100.00 for the Bowling tournament expenses, it was seconded by Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 27 votes cast which required a vote of 18 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 27 no 0 the motion was approved

Grand Secretary moved to pay the (2017) Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses and if passed instruct the Grand Treasure to write one check for \$500.00 it was seconded by the Jr Past Grand President Tom Marin. During the debate it was pointed out that it was too late, the other two checks had already been written and the Grand Secretary withdrew his motion.

Grand Secretary moved to pay the (2017) Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses and it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 29 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 29 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to support the Web Site Committee not to exceed \$300.00 which includes the renewal to Cvision software, and it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to

pass, there were 31 votes cast which required a vote of 21 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 31 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved the Grand Lodge purchase 50 25 year pins at \$24.00 each, it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 30 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 30 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved the Grand Lodge purchase 50 50 year pins at \$25.00 each, it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 28 votes cast which required a vote of 19 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 26 no 2 the motion was approved.

The Grand Secretary shared the quote for the Branch Ex-President pins and Grand Past President pins and that it was his opinion that we had enough in inventory at this time.

Grand Secretary 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, to be paid monthly, it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 30 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 30 no 0 the motion was approved

Grand Secretary 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, to be paid monthly, it was seconded by the Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 31 votes cast which required a vote of 21 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 31 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay the Grand Trustee \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Grand Treasurer. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 30 votes cast which required a vote of 20 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 29 no 1 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Past Grand President Peder Hoy. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 33 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 32 no 1 the motion was approved

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 32 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 32 no 0 the motion was approved

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement for the printing of the Monthly Newsletter, it was seconded by Grand Marshal John Schueber. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 32 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 30 no 2 the motion was approved.

The Grand President recognized the Grand Secretary who informed the membership that our annual dues to the DACC is now due and asked what the will of Grand Lodge was concerning renewing our membership. No action was taken on renewing our Membership.

The Grand President recognized Past Grand President Robert Lacey who presented the Grand Secretary with a \$500.00 Donation to the memorial Scholarship Fund on behalf of Danneskjold #17.

The Grand President recognized John Jensen, Danmark #2, who reported that Danmark #2 would like to, and they will, donate \$2,000.00 to the Senior Assistance Fund.

The Grand President recognized John Jensen, Danmark #2, who reported that Danmark #2 will donate \$2,000.00 to the Grand Lodge General fund. John also stated that there is no stipulation regarding matching funds this year,

but they do encourage other Branches to do the same.

The Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized Karen Fris Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10, who reported that they would like to make a donation to the Senior Assistance Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized Ole M Pedersen Freja #6 who moved that the Grand Lodge of Dania seek a merger with the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog, it was seconded by the Grand Secretary. Grand Vice President Daniel Joensen moved to table the motion until after the Advisory Committee has formulated their motion on the same subject. It was seconded by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart. The motion was approved by a vote of 25 yes and 6 no.

The Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized Past Grand President Peder Hoy who moved on behalf of the Advisory Committee that the new Grand President appoint a committee of at least five members to look into the possibility with merging the two Grand Lodges together, it was seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2 . The Grand President asked the Grand Secretary to restate the motion. At this time the proponents added a requirement that the Committee present a full detailed report at the next convention in Sparks. Ole M Pedersen, Freja #6, moved to amend the motion to require the Committee to circulate to the Local Branches a detailed report by October 1, 2017, it was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The Grand President called for the vote on the amendment to the motion. The results of the vote was 27 yes 5 no, the amendment passed. The Grand President called for the vote on the motion as amendment. The results of the vote was 30 yes 0 no, the motion passed

The Grand President Steen Skjellerup recognized the Grand Secretary who moved to bring back on the floor the tabled motion of Ole M Pedersen, Freja #6, regarding the Grand Lodge of Dania seek to form a merger with the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog, seconded by Ole M Pedersen Freja #6. Without debate the vote was called for, the result of the vote was 28 yes 3 no, and the motion was brought back for consideration. The vote was called for with the results of the vote being 23 yes and 6 no, the motion was approved.

Nomination and election of Grand Officers

Grand President Steen Skjellerup appointed Ole M Pedersen, Freja #6, Don Pettitt, Thor #5, and Past Grand President, John Johansen, as tellers and he gave the instructions to the tellers on how to process the votes.

The Grand President opened the nomination of Grand Officers for 2017-2018. The following were nominated and elected individually. There being only one person nominated for each office the Grand Secretary cast the ballot that elected the Officer.

Grand President	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5	He very respectfully declined
	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2	
Grand Vice President	John Schueber	Bornholm #14	
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	
Grand Marshal	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6	
Grand Vice Marshal	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14	
Grand Trustee 1	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	

Grand Trustee 2 James "Jim" Jensen Danmark #2
Grand Trustee 3 Johanne Rasmussen Gade Bornholm #14

Grand President Steen Skjellerup congratulated the newly elected Grand Officers and dismissed the tellers with thanks.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup declared a recess until 9:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY April 22, 2017

Convention was called back to order at 9:00 A.M. Grand President Steen Skjellerup instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective Stations and the Grand Vice Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski to close the door.

The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal, John Schueber and Grand Vice Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski. The Opening sign was given.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll call of Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Officers. 10 Grand Officers, 22 Representatives and 14 Past Grand Presidents responded to roll call.

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.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked for a moment of silence in honor of our departed Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Grand President recognized Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg who moved that a fund be started by branches that are willing to donate to help offset the increase of per capita tax to Thyra #9. The Grand Secretary seconded the motion. After a brief discussion Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson moved to amend the motion by striking everything in the original motion and adding that Branches that have a net worth of less than \$5,000.00 be allowed to keep their Per Capita tax at \$20.00 per member. This amendment was seconded by Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg. The Grand Secretary restated the amendment that the Grand Lodge will charge Branches whose assets are below \$5,000.00 the \$20.00 per capita rate and the wording being removed in the original motion. The amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 33 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 28 no 5 the amendment to the motion was approved. The Grand President called for the vote on the motion as amended. The motion as amended requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 32 votes cast which required a vote of 22 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 30 no 2 the motion as amended was approved

The Grand President recognized Grand Secretary who announced that Hejmdal #4 has started the process of surrendering their Charter and we have been given a check that represents the net worth of the Branch, as per our Constriction, in the amount of \$3,620.19. However, a member is in the process at this time of transferring his membership to another Branch and it is the opinion of the Grand Secretary that at the time of transfer both Branches have to be in existence. The Grand Secretary moved to accept the \$3,620.19 and deposit in the Grand

Lodge General Fund with the understanding that this amount did not consist of any sick benefit funds and that Hejmdal Branch remains open until such time as its member or members have transferred to another Branch. It was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 34 votes cast which required a vote of 23 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 34 no 0 the motion was approved.

The Grand President recognized John Jensen Danmark #2 who moved to bring back to the floor the motion that was tabled yesterday regarding the recommendation of the Membership Committee. It was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The Grand President called for the vote and the result was yes 37 no 0. The Grand President then recognized Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen who requested the help of the Grand Marshal along with the Grand Vice Marshal to hand out the material for the Membership Committee. He thanked everyone for their positive and constructive feedback of the original wording and read the new suggested wording. The new wording is “We are a benevolent Society honoring and celebrating our Danish American heritage supporting those in need and awarding Scholarship to our youth all in the spirit of having fun.” James Olef Jensen moved to amend the motion to incorporate the new wording. It was seconded by the Grand Secretary. The Grand President called for the vote on the amendment to the motion. The results were yes 34 no 0, the amendment was approved. He then called for the vote on the motion as amended, and the motion was adopted, Yes 34 No 0.

The Grand President directed the Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal to collect paperwork from the Membership Committee and for the Grand Vice Marshal Jane Heer-Glovaski to go to the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog and make the presentation of the membership project which have just been approved by our Grand Lodge. The Grand President appointed Past Grand President Glenn Fritz to fill the station of Grand Vice Marshal while she was absent.

The Grand President directed the Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin and Past Grand President Peter Hoy to report to the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog about the proposal regarding merging the two Grand Bodies and suggest to them that they also consider creating a committee to concerning the idea of a merger.

The Grand President recognized the Grand Secretary who suggested that with members currently out of the meeting room that it would be appropriate for the Grand President to move on to Good of the Order until coffee break and then refer back to New Business when we reconvene. The Grand Vice President rose to a point of order and suggested that a motion to take items up out of order which would require a two-thirds vote would be a proper way of handling the issue. The Grand Secretary moved to consider items out of order, this was seconded by the Grand Vice President and the vote was called for. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 34 votes cast which required a vote of 23 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 34 no 0 the motion was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Grand President recognized Past Grand President Roger Gearhart who invited everyone to Lodi on May 7th for an opportunity to visit with his wife Kathleen. The invitation was well received by the Grand President.

The Grand President recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23. He handed two checks to the Grand Secretary one from the Solvang Inn and Cottages and the other from Olsen’s Bakery that totaled \$1,000.00 for the Senior Assistance Fund.

The Grand President recognized Bent Olsen Hejls Minde #23 who gave an interesting report on his recent visit to the Virgin Islands during the Rebuild annual Membership Meeting.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup declared a coffee break at 10:15 A.M. Convention to reconvene at 10:30 P.M.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being none, the Grand President called the meeting to order under Good of the Order.

The Grand President recognized the Grand Vice Marshal, who reported on the acceptance of the membership committee's proposal by the members of Dannebrog.

The Grand President again directed the Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin and Past Grand President Peter Hoy to report to the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog about the proposal regarding merging the two Grand Bodies and suggest to them that they also consider creating a committee to concerning the idea of a merger.

The Grand President recognized Peter Schakow, a member of Danmark #2 and the President of the Board of Directors of Aldersly, who reported on the plans for celebrating Aldersly's 100th Birthday in 2021, and was requesting of those who may have any history regarding Aldersly to please share it with him.

The Grand President recognized the Grand Treasurer who asked about the new business card size introduction card that was approved, wanting to know who was going to pay for them. The Chairman of the committee James Olef Jensen answered that the motion stated that the Grand Lodge would pay for any cost, but did not limit the Local Branch to contribute to the cost.

The Grand President recognized Robert Lamee, Dannevang #7 who presented a donate \$2,000.00 to the Senior Assistance Fund.

The Grand President welcomed back Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin and Past Grand President Peter Hoy as they returned from the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog, and asked them for their report. Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin reported on Dannebrog's acceptance and will consider the issue.

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart moved that we refer back to New Business. It was seconded by Grand Vice President Daniel Joensen. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 23 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 34 no 1 the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Grand President asked Grand Marshal John Schueber the Chairman of two Committees to give his report on the Dania only Ritual Committee. He made his presentation of the work of his committee. He handed out what he called a general overview of the changes to the Ritual. He explained that he would not pass out the current Ritual because the changes had been lined out and the changes added in the handout.

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, after explaining the cover sheet of the handout, moved to remove the extraneous Officers of Steward and Librarian, to change Lodge to Branch throughout, to change Gentlemen to Ladies and Gentlemen, and change Mr. to M. Grand Marshal John Schueber asked if the motion included the entire handout and was informed that it was just four of the five bullet points. It was seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2. The Grand President called for the vote. The result was yes 28 no 4 and the motion passed.

Past Grand Peter Hoy moved to remove the Altar after the Officers have completed the oath of Office. It was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The Grand President called for the vote. The result was yes 15 no 20 and the motion failed.

Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg moved to remove from the ritual “Ladies and Gentlemen! Having pointed out and explained the principal duties of each officer, and received their pledge to perform the same, I shall remind the sick or visiting committee, be it serving for a full term, or for a shorter period, that Society Dania is primarily a sick benefit society, and that it is the duty of this committee, at all times, to be ready and willing to visit the sick and distressed, and render all the comfort, aid and assistance which our laws require and permit, yet at the same time to be watchful that no unlawful demands are made upon the funds of the Lodge. Be ready to give a report at each meeting if any member is sick and under your care” And replace it with “Ladies and Gentlemen! Having pointed out and explained the principal duties of each officer, and received your pledge to perform the same, I shall remind you that our purpose is to assist sick and distressed members and to provide the care and assistance which our members require, to promote Danish Culture, and to carry out the business of our society. Knowing that the requirements of the laws of our Society have been fully met, I hereby proclaim the officers of (Branch)() of the Danish Society of California and Nevada duly and legally installed.” It was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin. The Grand Secretary questioned the motion as it was presented in the handout to the membership as not being properly presented to the membership in that other subparagraphs affected by this change were not included in a lined out format in the handout but only the changed version. He was informed that this motion did not include those changes and they will be addressed in a fourth motion from the committee. With this understanding the Grand Secretary withdrew his objection and the Grand President called for the vote. The result was yes 20 no 15 and the motion passed.

Past Grand President Roger Gearhart moved to change the last two paragraphs that he read from his notes as being “Mr. President! I present you with the gavel, emblem of authority, and you will now take charge of this meeting.” Next paragraph “I trust that you, together with your officers, will see your efforts crowned with success, an honor to you and a benefit to our Society and this Lodge.” And replacing them with one paragraph as printed in the handout, “M President! I trust that you, together with your officers, will see your efforts crowned with success, an honor to you and a benefit to our Society and this ~~Lodge~~/Branch. I now present you with the gavel, emblem of authority, and you will now take charge of this meeting.” Grand Marshal John Schueber rose to a point of order that this change was taken care of in the first motion also made by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, claiming that the first motion included the entire handout. The Grand President did not agree and asked for a second to the motion. It was seconded by Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg. The Grand President called for the vote. The result was yes 24 no 10 and the motion passed.

The Grand President asked Grand Marshal John Schueber the Chairman of the Constitution Committees to give his report on the Constitution Committee. Grand Marshal John Schueber reported that the Committee would like to postpone its report until such time as the Grand Lodge merger resolved. Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen

moved to accept the request for postponement. It was seconded by Grand Vice President Daniel Joensen. The Grand President called for the vote. The result was yes 32 no 0 and the motion passed.

The Grand President thanked the two Committees for all of their hard work over the past year.

The Grand President recognized the Grand Secretary who moved to hold an open installation of Grand Officers this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. it was seconded by Grand Trustee James Olef Jensen and the motion was adopted. Yes 33 No 0

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Grand President asked the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President-elect Daniel Joensen to the podium where Grand President Steen Skjellerup asked the Grand President-elect to address the Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members.

Grand President-elect Daniel Joensen gave a thank you to Grand Officers, Representatives and Members for electing him Grand President. He spoke of his family history, growing up in Denmark, his schooling, coming to America, and ended with a warning about where you get off from an elevator.

History committee Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2

Presidents Advisor: Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14

Membership Committee: Carl Christensen, Valdemar #12
Grand Vice Marshal, Jana Heer-Glovaski, Freja #6
Grand Trustee, James Olef Jensen, Danmark #2

Web Committee: Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14

Due to the time Grand President-elect Daniel Joensen postponed the appointment of the rest of the Committee for a later date.

Grand President-elect Daniel Joensen then gave and explained his password. He invited everyone to a reception following the installation. The Grand Marshal then escorted the Grand President-elect back to his station.

Resolution Committee report: the Resolutions were read by the Committee, John Jensen Danmark #2, Bente Ellis Bornholm #14, and Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart moved to accept the report of the Resolution Committee. It was seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin and the motion passed. The four Resolutions have been attached to the end of this report.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup thanked all of his Officers for the wonderful year and everyone for a fantastic Convention.

Grand President Steen Skjellerup led the singing of God Bless America. He thanked the Officers, Past Grand

Presidents, Representatives, and in particular his advisor for attending this year's convention. He then declared the 137th annual convention closed and asked for the closing sign at 12:10 A.M.

The Grand President recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde, who thanked Grand President Steen Skjellerup for a wonderful year as Grand President and his for his support of Solvang then led the group in a round of three hurrahs and singing a medley of Danish drinking songs as part of a tradition that should never be forgotten.

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

2017- 2018 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Jr, Past Grand President	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5
Grand President	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2
Grand Vice President	John Schueber	Bornholm #14
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9
Grand Marshal	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6
Grand Vice Marshal	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14
Grand Trustee 1	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11
Grand Trustee 2	James "Jim" Jensen	Danmark #2
Grand Trustee 3	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14

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. Kiildsen	Thor #5
1898-99	* Jacob Peetersen	
1899-00	* Carl Plow	Sønderjylland #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	Sønderjylland #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

Year installed	Name	Lodge
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	Sønderjylland #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

Year installed	Name	Lodge
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
2012-13	Johanne Gade	Bornholm #14
2013-14	Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11
2014-15	Robert Shall	Hejmdal #4
2015-16	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2
2016-2017	Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5
	* 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
Roger Gearhart	2014	Danmark #2
Johanne Rasmussen Gade	2015	Bornholm #14
Rowland "Mac" McNeil	2016	Thyra #9
Glenn Fritz	2017	Danmark #2

* Denoted Deceased

**137th Dania Convention
Delegates**

Grand Officers		4/21	4/22	Representatives	4/21	4/22	Representatives	4/21	4/22
Jr. Past Gr. Pres.	Thomas Martin	1	1	Danmark #2			Valhalla #11		
Grand President	Steen Skjellerup	1	1	John Jensen	1	1	PGP Mel Lundberg	1	1
Grand Vice President	Daniel Joensen	1	1	Alex Lund	1	1			
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	1	1	Peter Christensen	1	1			
Grand Treasurer	Gregory Gleeson	1	1	Michael Fox	0	1	Valdemar #12		
Grand Marshal	John Schueber	1	1	ALT Peter Schakow	1		Michael Vanderbeck	1	1
Grand V. Marshal	Jana Heer Glovaski	0	1						
Grand Trustee	James Olef Jensen	1	1	Hejmdal #4					
Grand Trustee	Mel Lundberg	1	1	PGP Bob Schall	1	1			
Grand Trustee	James "Jim" Jensen	1	1				Bornholm #14		
		9	10	Thor #5			Max Stowers	1	1
Past Grand Presidents				Don Pettitt	1	1	Kersten Johansen	1	1
		4/21	4/22	Steen Skjellerup	1	1	Doris Juul Hoy	1	1
James Jorgensen	Bornholm #14	0	0				Bente Ellis	1	1
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra #9	1	1						
Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	1	1	Freja #6					
Glen A. Fritz	Danmark #2	1	1	Ole M Pedersen	1	1	Danneskjold #17		
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra #9	1	1				PGP Robert Lacey	1	1
Alan D. Filiu	Thyra #9	1	1				Ron Nielsen	1	1
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang #7	0	0						
Robert Sorensen	Bornholm #14	0	0	Dannevang #7			Hejls Minde #23		
Tim Heer	Freja #6	1	1	Robert Lamee	1	1	Bent Olsen	1	1
Gunnar Nielsen	Thor #5	0	0	Gregg DiMartino	1	1			
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm #14	0	0	alternate Dan Holm					
Kaj Kristensen	Danmark #2	0	0						
Arne Graversgaard	Freja #6	1	1	Thyra #9			Holger Danske #27		
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold #17	1	1	PGP Gregory A. Gleeson	1	1			
John Johansen	Bornholm #14	1	1						
Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	0	0						
Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	1	1						
Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	1	1	Sønderjylland #10					
Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14	1	1	Karen Fris Lysmer	1	1			
Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	1	1	John Cruger-Hansen	1	1			
Bob Schall	Hejmdal #4	1	1						
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Dania Executive Board meeting held on February 4, 2017 at the Spike and Rail Restaurant, Salma California.

Present:

Thomas Martin	Jr. Past Grand President	Danmark #2 and Chairperson
Steen Skjellerup	Grand President	Thor #5
James Olef Jensen	Grand Trustee	Danmark #2
Mel Lundberg	Grand Trustee	Valhalla #11
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

Absent James "Jim" Jensen, Grand Trustee, Danmark #2 and Daniel Joensen, Grand Vice President, Danmark #2

Meeting was called to order by Jr. Past Grand President Thomas Martin at 9:15 A.M. Tom explained the purpose of the meeting to hear a presentation by the Ritual Committee and the Constitution committee regarding their progress. He went on to explain that after the first presentation we would discuss the proposed changes and submit our finding in writing to the Committee. Then we would hear from the Constitution Committee, and after words we would discussed the proposed changes and submit our finding in writing to the Committee.

Revision to the Dania only Ritual

The Chairman of the Ritual Committee John Scheuber along with Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, presented a 20 minute presentation along with a number of handouts, one of which was a list of items that they wanted feedback on to make sure that they were move in the right direction.

The Committee was excused and after a discussion a vote was taken on the list of item.

Revision to the Constitution

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee John Scheuber presented a 20 minute presentation along with a number of handouts. Tom thanked John for his presentations and the Executive Committee meet in privet to discuss the changes. Tom requested the Grand Secretary to write up our recommendation to be submitted to the two committees. Tom asked James Olef Jensen to work on the issue regarding the differences between Delegate and Representative and what the effect on making those changes would effect.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy J Heer, Grand Secretary, Freja #6

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 18, 2017 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

Thomas Martin	Jr. Past Grand President	Danmark #2	and Chairperson
Steen Skjellerup	Grand President	Thor #5	
James Olef Jensen	Grand Trustee	Danmark #2	
James "Jim" Jensen	Grand Trustee	Danmark #2	
Daniel Joensen,	Grand Vice President,	Danmark #2	(non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6	(non voting)

Meeting was called to order by Jr. Grand Past President Thomas Martin at 10:00 A.M.

Jr Past Grand President Tom Martin appointed PGP Lilian Rasmussen to substitute for Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg.

Dania Scholarship and Dania Memorial Scholarship:

Eight applications were submitted for Daina Scholarship. It was moved by Jr. Past Grand President, Tom Martin, called for a vote on a question of if two applicants are eligible, the vote was three in favor and two opposed. The applications were accepted.

Jr. Past Grand President, Tom Martin, requested that the name of those who were applying for the Dania Memorial Scholarship. Three were presented, two of which are also applied for a Daina Scholarship.

James Olef Jensen, move to remove the two applicants from the Dania Scholarship consideration who also applied for Dania Memorial Scholarship. The Vote was unanimous. James Olef Jensen mover to award the remaining six Applicants, Nina Christiansen submitted by Valdemar #12; Klaus Rasmussen submitted by Danneskjold #17; Mikayla Fish submitted by Danneskjold #17; Bryce Fish submitted by Danneskjold #17; Sonja Giacinto submitted by Danneskjold #17; Brenna White submitted by Danneskjold #17; \$200.00 each, The Vote was unanimous

Moved by Jim Jensen to award Three (3) Dania Memorial Scholarships this year in the amount of \$400.00 each to Jens Christiansen a member of Valdemar #12, Erik Jensen a member of Valdemar #12, and Sue Frederich a member of Dannevang #7, seconded by James Olef Jensen and the motion was approved with a vote of three in favor and one opposed.

Dania Member of the year:

After reviewing the deserving nominees, the committee unanimously elected PGP Glenn Fritz as Member of the Year For 2017.

New Business:

Grand Secretary asked for the approval of the Ex-Committee to get a quote on 25 Years. Moved by James Olef Jensen to allow the Grand Secretary to go and get quotes on 25 Year pins, seconded by Steen Skjellerup. The Vote was unanimous.

Steen Skjellerup gave an update on the progress of the Membership Committee.

Grand Secretary moved that the Grand Secretary be required to send out reminders to Branches who are over 45 day behind in their semi Annual Tax, Seconded by Jim Jensen. During discussion the motion was restated to say to request the Grand Secretary to Mail delinquent notices to Branches that are behind in payment to the Secretary followed up with an e-mail to the afore mentioned Branch's President and Treasurer. The Motion was approved unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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 137th Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 20th and 21st at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Grosvenor Hotel was the host hotel to the 137th annual convention of the Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

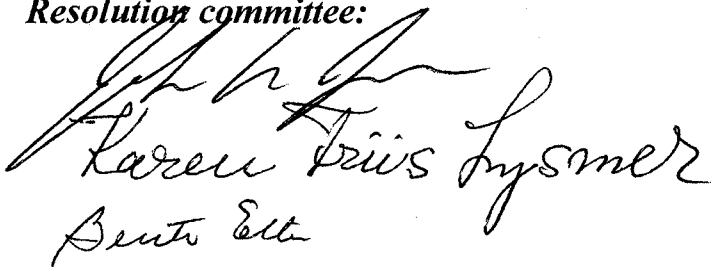
Therefore be it resolved:

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:


Karen Davis Lysmer
Sent to Etc

April 21, 2017

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 137th Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 20th and 21st at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The San Francisco Lodges, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3; hosted the 137th annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2017 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:

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:

Larry Eric Lysoner
[Signature]
Berto Ellis

April 21, 2017

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 137th Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 20th and 21st at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrated her 77th birthday on April 16

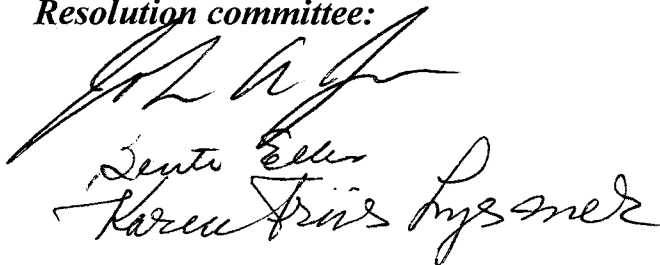
Therefore be it resolved:

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:


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Karen Trine Pysmer

April 21, 2017

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 137th Grand Lodge convention in South San Francisco on April 20th and 21st at Grosvenor Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

We do deeply regret the passing of 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:

*Benji Elin
Joseph
Karen Price Lysoner*

April 21, 2017