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*Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog*  
*of California & Nevada*  
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Hosted by

Thyra #3 & Danmark #2, San Francisco  
In South San Francisco, California

Annual Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (OAF) Meeting  
April 20, 2017, Grosvenor Hotel, South San Francisco, CA

The Dania – Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (SAF) General Assembly meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Lacey at 5:03 p.m. Roll call was taken of representatives in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for our departed members. The minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting were read and approved as read.

Tim read the Secretary's report; Johanna Gade Thyra #3 moved to accept the report, seconded and passed. Natalie read the Treasurer's report; Kathy Thomsen Danebod #16 moved to accept the report, seconded and passed. Pat read the Trustee's Report; Grand President of Dannebrog Martha Nielsen moved to accept the report, seconded and passed. (See attached reports) Correspondence: none. Bills: none. New business: none.

Unfinished business: Discussed new questionnaire needing the notation from the Laws "full and truthful report of their financial circumstances" to be added the top of the questionnaire. John Scheuber moved to create a committee of at least five members to work up a proposal of a better form, seconded by Doris Skow, motion carried. John Scheuber moved a committee of five to create investigating guidelines to be used by the investigating committee from the branches, seconded and passed. Steen Skjellerup moved to redo the application, seconded by Pat Brouillette and passed. The follow volunteered to be on the committee to review the application and create the investigating guidelines: Bob Lacey, Martha Nielsen, Steen Skjellerup, Doris Skow, Karen Lysmer, John Jensen, John Scheuber and Tim Heer, Secretary to the SAF was formed to work.

Election of New Committee Members: two of our Committee Members have completed their two consecutive terms of three years per term John Scheuber and Kathy Thomsen. By a vote of the General Assembly, Lynn Wachter was elected for a new term from Dannebrog. John Jensen was elected as Dania Committee member.

Dannebrog Grand President Martha Nielsen was glad we have this important SAF and Scholarship Fund. Steen Skjellerup, Grand President Dania Denmark has assistance for Danes and this is our responsibility for our members. Need the local branch to be able to complete the questionnaire completely.

General Assembly Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Tim Heer called the Dania-Dannebrog SAF Committee meeting to order to elect officers: Robert (Bob) Lacey, Chair; Sena Marie Freeman 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; John Jensen 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Trustees: Pat Brouillette, Mel Lundberg & Lynn Wachter.

Bob took over the meeting and had Tim read the redacted applications. We took them one at a time: 2 from Bornholm #14 to receive \$75.00 each for a total of \$150.00; Hejls Minde #23 to receive \$250.00.

Bob Lacey presented a \$1,000.00 donation to the SAF from Danneskjold #17.

The questionnaires will be reviewed in 6 months. The Delegates were reminded that each and every applicant's identity is kept confidential. Bob thanked all for their diligence.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



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**April 21, 2017**, the Past Grand Presidents and then the Grand Officers were escorted around the convention room by Substitute Installing Grand Marshal, Signe Ann McNeil #1. Elizabeth Jensen #3 welcomed us to the 102th Convention hosted by Thyra #3 Dannebrog and Danmark #2 Dania.

Grand President Martha Nielsen #11 proceeded with opening of the convention.

GP Martha #11 instructed the GM Alan #1 to escort her advisor, PGP Signe Ann McNeil #1 to a position to her right.

GP Martha #11 instructed Grand Marshal Alan #1 and Vice Grand Marshal Beth #1 to collect the pass work from all present. GP Martha #11 gave a warm welcome to the Grand Officers, the delegates, Past Grand Officers and the members of Dannebrog. GP Martha #11 reminded everyone to turn off our cell phones during meetings or a fine of \$5.00 would be levied and given to the Scholarship Fund. Please attend the meetings on time and to give your name, branch name and number when speaking and to not carry anything in your hands while addressing the chair. No one is to be admitted until the meeting is declared open. Please be courteous while other people are talking and not interrupt them. GP Martha #11 appointed Ingrid Hedman #9 to attend the door while the Grand Vice Marshal Beth Cowan #1 is away from her station.

**Roll call** was taken and the following were present: Grand Past President Lynn Wachter #10, Grand President Martha Nielsen #11, Grand Vice President Stuart Mahler #1, Grand Secretary Natalie Heer #15, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette #1, Grand Marshal Alan Filiau #1, Grand Vice Marshal Beth Cowan #1, Grand Trustees: Elizabeth Jensen #3, Colleen Heer Cave #15 and Jackie Nielsen #16.

Delegates: Valborg #1 Hayward, Lise Vanderbeck, Jytte Stoecker; Thyra #3 San Francisco, Kathy Christensen; Laura #8 San Jose, Doris Skow; Dannevirke #9 Reno, Eva Demosthenes, Ingrid Hedman; Ydun #10 Ferndale, Lynn Wachter, Zena Lundberg; Thora #11 Fresno, Deanna Dunbar, Christie Pettitt; Luren #13 Sacramento, No Delegates; Dana #15 Salinas Colleen Heer Cave; Danebod #16 Livermore, Tracey Lamee, Diane Reinstein, Kathy Thomsen,; Valkyrien # 23 Santa Maria, No Delegates.

Past Grand Presidents: Doris Skow #8, Signe Ann McNeil #1, Diane Reinstein #16, Sena Marie Freeman #9, Susan Gauthier #1, Mary Esther Filiau #1, Martha Nielsen #11, Natalie Heer #15, Ann-katherine Sawyer #9, Irene Simms #3, Jackie Nielsen #16, Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Anette Christensen #9, Colleen Heer Cave #15, Elizabeth Jensen #3, Zena Lundberg #10.

The GP Martha #11 read the names of the members who had passed away April 15, 2016 through April 21, 2017: Laura #8 San Jose: Mabel Brix, Aase Laugesen; Thora #11, Fresno: Hanne Dykes PP, Jeanette Eskelsen PP, Maja Andersen, Joan Hansen, Cindy Jensen; Dana #15 Salinas: Ella Jessen, Roy Sharp; Danebod #16, Livermore: Howard Lamee. The Grand Marshal, Alan #1, draped the charter in their honor. He used the beautiful lace drape given to Grand Lodge by Valkyrien #23, Santa Maria, in 2012.

GP Martha #11 turned the meeting over to GVP Stuart #1 and proceeded to reading her Grand President's report:

I started the year on the home base at the Dania/Dannebrog convention in Fresno. I had been worrying about our reception as Steen takes off for Denmark, telling me we'll get it together when I get back. I had no idea that he had talked with daughter, Mary Jane and wasn't worried. Needless to say that it all came together and all I had to do was give him a check for my share.

The highlight of the evening was the honor of presenting Viola Jensen, the Member of the Year Award. She was pleasantly surprised and we all remember her years of piano playing for our installations.

Steen and I started our travels with our first installation in Reno. It was great to visit with all the members that we don't get to see at convention. Reno has added so many members that take part in the monthly meetings.

Our next function was in June, the Fresno Lodge picnic, held at Steen's home. Steen always does the tri tip and our members round out the menu with salads and desserts. We had a few guests that have now become members of our lodge. Emily Nielsen, my granddaughter, and the Holt family, that dances with us.

In July we attended Santa Maria's 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ, held out in a park. This was a great time had by everyone that attended, lodge members, friends and family. There were many cooks for the tri tips and sausage. I was so surprised to find 74 members in attendance. I was told that this is the only function that they show up for, no lodge meetings. It was my pleasure present 25 year and 50 year pins to 6 members attending.

August started with us driving to Modesto for Bornholm's installation. This was a Dania only installation and I was able to enjoy and observe the Grand President and Grand Marshal in their installing of the Officers. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and then had their raffle. This is held at every function to raise money for the Children's Christmas Funds. We always have a good time visiting with everyone.

We traveled on over to Scotts Valley that afternoon to my daughter's home so that we were ready to attend Salinas's installation on Sunday. The Heer family is holding down the fort as they each have to fill many positions. We had a delicious luncheon at tables that were decorated with special effects. Steen and my photos were imposed on wonder woman and his was on I'm not sure. Pretty cute. Jana's doing!! We had a great time folk dancing with Solvang friends, David and Jo Heald.

The next party weekend was on Labor Day held in Ferndale. When I picked Steen up, it was a good thing I was driving as his back was out and he was in pain. It's a long drive but with company it goes faster. The installation went well, with the bar open we were relaxed. We had a wonderful spread of food as CC Market was in charge. They make sure the Danes are full and happy. We attended Sunday morning service at Our Savior's the small Danish Lutheran Church in Ferndale. Then we drove up to the park to see how the Bocce tournament was coming. We had a long drive ahead of us so we said our goodbyes and got on the road. We came home to a very warm Fresno.

The next Danish function was the Solvang Danish Days the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September. We have 3 days of Danish folk dancing, with æbleskivers and open face sandwiches. Wonderful times.

I attended Bornholm's picnic held at Peder and Doris Hoy's lovely home. There was a nice group of members plus visitors from Denmark. The Grand Marshal, John, was flipping the hamburgers.

The Past President's luncheon was hosted by Zen and Mel Lundberg and was held in the Campo di Bocce in Livermore. There were 26 of the Past Grands and their spouses attending. Kay Jensen accompanied me up and it was nice to have someone to visit with on the drive.

In November I attended the San Francisco lodge meeting and rode over on Bart with my Son, Dennis who lives in Berkeley. We both enjoyed the meeting, even if I was the only woman in attendance that evening.

Later in the same week I attended the San Jose lodge meeting held at Bob and Lis Lacey's home. My daughter Renae from Scotts Valley has joined their lodge. San Jose has had 4 new members in the last couple months. Lis had prepared a delicious Danish Frikadeller dinner for us. It was a nice afternoon.

The second of December we started the round of Christmas parties, with Fresno being the first. We even had our Grand Secretaries, Natalie and Tim Heer coming to join us. We always have our decorated tree in the middle of the room so we can circle around it while singing Christmas Carols.

The following Saturday, Steen and I drove up to the San Francisco party. This was a lively party with many members from the other lodges coming in to join the celebration. My Son, Dennis came as this was his first lodge Christmas party. His remarks were, "It was the best, good food, wine, dessert and most of all the members were so friendly". I certainly agree with him.

Later on the same day in the afternoon Steen and I drove over to Livermore's Christmas party. They were having their traditional Frikadeller dinner with playing Bingo afterward. Even Tom Martin came to visit also. There were many that I hadn't seen at their installation and was told that many will come out for the food, bingo and visiting with friends and family. It was raining as we drove back to Fresno.

Our next trip was sunny weather as I was driving up to the Modesto Christmas party. The dining area was so festive with the tables all beautifully decorated. It's always great to see the small grandchildren of the members performing. They came up in family groups and when handed the microphone they belted out their song. We really enjoyed them. It was good to see Bob Sorensen doing well and he was telling me, "I'm still driving my tractors". We had a report of the Children's Christmas fund. They spent \$120.00 on each child for a total of 12 children, shopping for needed things, clothes, shoes, etc. This is a wonderful tradition of giving back to the community.

Later the same evening we attended the Hayward Christmas party held at Greg Gleeson's home. It was all decorated for the holidays with tables set up for members and guests. We had home baked ham and lots of delicious food. I enjoyed visiting with some members that I haven't seen in a while. There was a lot of teasing and laughter with the Mahler family at the table. It was a fun evening.

With Christmas over with it was back to lodge business, somewhat. We planned on going to Reno the first of January, but with the storm so bad, it was Steen's call not to chance the trip over on Hwy 80 with the snow and ice. Then on Sunday of that same weekend we made it to the Salinas belated Christmas party.

Because of the weather many couldn't make it and they missed a delicious traditional pork loin roast with the crispy rind. It was very Danish even to the rice pudding with the almond.

Our Fresno installation was a good start for the year. We had a nice gathering for lunch with more coming from out of town than our local lodge.

We went to San Francisco for the evening installation. There was also a room full of lively Danes ready to party, which we did when our installation was completed. The DM's had the music up and going and everyone had a good time. What made it even better was that we didn't have to drive home that evening.

In March I picked up Steen for our drive to Livermore to attend Hayward's installation. We needed to be there early as we both had Dania and Dannebrog meetings. My Grand Vice President Stuart, was also the President of Valborg #1. It was my pleasure to pin on him his Grand Mother's Past President's pin. We had a wonderful lunch, as the Cattleman's always do an outstanding job.

I rode up to San Jose to attend the lodge meeting held at Britta Lange's home in March. There were quite a number of members attending. We had a nice lunch and then Doris Skow opened their meeting.

We had our last installation and meetings of the year as Grand President. It's been a good year of working with Steen.

I want to thank all of you for your hospitality, the wonderful luncheons and dinners. The dancing and good times, just making me feel welcomed and loved. You have rolled out the red carpet, making me feel like a Queen for a year. Thank you.

Martha Nielsen #11

Grand President 2016-2017, Dannebrog

Kathy Thomsen #16 moved to accept the Grand President's report seconded by Ann-katherine #9 and carried. Grand Vice President Stuart #1 turned the meeting back over to the Grand President Martha #11.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** Natalie Heer #15 read the Grand Secretary's Report. (See attached) Mary Esther #1 moved to accept the report, seconded by Doris #8, motion carried.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** The Grand Treasurer, Pat Brouillette #1 read her itemized report. (See attached) Diane #16 moved to accept the Grand Treasurer's report, seconded by Sena Marie #9, motion carried.

**Scholarship Fund Report:** Grand Treasurer, Pat #1, read the Scholarship Fund Report. (See attached) Deanna #11 moved to accept the report as read, Doris #8 seconded the motion, carried.

**Grand Trustee's Report:** #1 Grand Trustee Elizabeth Jensen #3 read her report. (See attached) Anette #9 moved to accept the report seconded by Susan #1, motion carried.

**Report of Committees: Nominating Committee:** Susan #1 reported for Karen Faraldo #16 who was unable to attend this year's convention, the committee has one more confirmation to verify.

**Appointment of Committees:** GP Martha #11 appointed the following committees, with the first named being the Chair:

**Law:** Doris Skow #8, Zena Lundberg#10, Diane Reinstein#16, Anette Christensen#9, Mary Esther Filiau#1;

**Finance:** Lynn Wachter #10, Christie Pettit #11, Ingrid Hedman #9;

**Premium:** Kathy Christensen #3, Eva Demosthenes #9, Jytte Stoecker #1;

**Resolution:** Kathy Thomsen #16, Colleen Heer Cave #15, Key Jensen #11;

**Nominating:** Karen Faraldo #16, Susan Gauthier #1 Elizabeth Jensen #3;

Susan #1 explained about the CVISION is the company being used to place information on the Dania/Dannebrog web site. We have a tab for our Dannebrog information to be placed without the use of a password.

#### **Reading of the Bills:**

Grand Officers' Travel to Convention

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| Lynn Wachter     | \$25.00 |
| Martha Nielsen   | \$25.00 |
| Stuart O. Mahler | \$25.00 |
| Natalie Heer     | \$25.00 |
| Pat Brouillette  | \$25.00 |

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| Alan Filiau                              | \$25.00         |   |
| Beth Cowan                               | \$25.00         |   |
| Elizabeth Jensen                         | \$25.00         |   |
| Colleen Heer Cave                        | \$25.00         |   |
| Jackie Nielsen                           | <u>\$25.00</u>  |   |
|  | \$250.00        | \$250.00                                    |
| INSTALLATION TRAVEL EXPENSES             |                 |   |
| Grand President (Stuart Mahler \$225.00) | \$450.00        | (½ at Convention & ½ the following January) |
| Grand Marshal (Beth Cowan \$200.00)      | <u>\$400.00</u> | (½ at Convention & ½ the following January) |
|  | \$850.00        | \$425.00                                    |
| DONATIONS/DUES                           |                 |   |
| Aldersly-Dues                            | \$40.00         |   |
| Bethel Lutheran Home-Donation            | \$35.00         |   |
| Solvang Lutheran Home-Donation           | <u>\$35.00</u>  |   |
|  | \$110.00        | \$110.00                                    |
| ADMINISTRATION                           |                 |   |
| Grand Secretary's Expenses (Natalie)     | \$350.00        |   |
| Grand Treasurer's Expenses (Pat)         | <u>\$150.00</u> |   |
|  | \$500.00        | \$500.00                                    |
| Membership Prize                         | <u>\$15.00</u>  |   |
|  | \$15.00         | <u>\$15.00</u>                              |
| Grand Total                              |                 | \$1,300.00                                  |

The bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

**Coffee Break:** to reconvene at 10:30 a.m. We enjoyed Bent Olsen's Bakery kringle and boller buns with cheese or Rullepølse on them along with our coffee during the break.

**Reconvene:** The meeting was called back to order at 10:30 am. The sign was given.

**Grand Secretary's Inventory and Membership:** Natalie Heer #15 read the invention she is in charge of and the status of the membership as of December 31, 2016. (See attached) Kay #11 moved to accept the report, seconded by Kathy Thomsen #16, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Her Majesty the Queen Margrethe II for the kind congratulatory message and wishes which we sent her on the occasion on Her Majesty's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, thank you note from Viola Jensen #16 for giving her the honor of being named as Member of the Year 2016, a note from Bette Roberts-Collins wish everyone well in 2017, Best wishes for a successful convention from Thora #11, greetings from Dana #15 for a successful convention, note from Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund for Grand Lodge Dannebrog's donation of \$566.00, Dannevirke #9 wishing us congratulations on an enjoyable and wonderful convention in San Francisco, note from Thyra #3 wishing for a successful convention, a note from Danebod #16 Kathy shared greetings verbally to save paper, and from Valborg #1 Beth shared verbal greetings to save a tree, a note from PGP Judi Heer #15 wishing all a successful year.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan #1 reported the following:

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| Grand Past President | Martha Nielsen #11    |
| Grand President      | Stuart O. Mahler #1   |
| Grand Vice President | Alan Filiau #1        |
| Grand Secretary      | Pat Brouillette #1    |
| Grand Marshal        | Beth Cowan #1         |
| Grand Vice Marshal   | Deanna Dunbar #11     |
| Grand Trustee #1     | Colleen Heer Cave #15 |
| Grand Trustee #2     | Mary Esther Filiau #1 |
| Grand Trustee #3     | Elizabeth Jensen #3   |

Anette #9 moved to accept the slate of Grand Officers, seconded by Kathy Christensen #3, declared

2017-2018 completed.

GM Alan #1 presented chair Kathy Christensen #3 with the Premium Report.

**Unfinished Business:** Grand Treasurer Pat #1 reported we have 9 recipients for scholarships this year and the rules state we can only give a maximum of 10 and ¼ of the fund can be given. The Executive Committee increased the amount for each to \$200.00. Copies of the scholarship application along with instructions are available from the Grand Secretary. Elizabeth #3 asked if there was any plan to put the scholarship application on the web site?

Susan #1 said she needs direction of what to add to the web site and to have the Grand Secretary provide them to her she will be glad to put them on the web site. Susan #1 created a Facebook Group page on her own to try to see if it would work. It is a closed group. She can create a link to the web site on the Facebook Group.

Doris #8 announced the PGPs cocktails will be in room 806, with lunch to follow. She asked to break for lunch at 11:30 and reconvene at 2:00.

GT Pat #1 asked what should we have on the web site?

GP Martha #11 asked what ever happened to the roster that was started by the Lundberg's? She would be very interested in having one. Zena #10 there were some who didn't want their information available. Sena Marie #9 as secretary sends a copy of Dannevirke's membership to the Grand Secretary each year. Lynn #10 requested a roster from each lodge secretary for her use. GS Natalie #15 requested the Branch Secretaries to send her the complete list of members with their addresses and phone numbers to keep a complete and accurate list of Dannebrog members. GP Martha #11 it would have been helpful to have had a roster. Doris #8 has a list given to the GP and copied and passed on to the next GP.

GP Martha #8 discussed the card Dania GP Steen had asked his committee to create. Sena Marie #9 had one for anyone interested in what was created.

**Break for lunch:** we recessed at 11:30 am to reconvene at 2:00 pm.

The Past Grand Presidents had a very filling luncheon.

**Reconvene:** The meeting was called back to order at 2:00 pm. The sign was given.

Doris #8 moved by acclamation to accept the slate of Grand Officers elect, seconded by Mary Esther #1 motion passed.

GP Martha #11 thanked the Nominating Committee and dismissed her committee.

**Finance Committee:** Lynn #10 Finance Committee chair, reported they, Christie Pettit #11 and Ingrid Hedman #9, found the bills in order. The committee suggested the bill for CVISION be reviewed by the Law Committee. Pat #1 moved to accept the first report on paying the bills, Elizabeth #3 seconded, carried.

**Premium Committee:** Kathy Christensen #3, chair along with Eva Demosthenes #9 and Jytte Stoecker #1, reported Laura #8 brought in the most new members of 5 and Doris Skow #8 won the Grand President's prize for recommending the most new members. Deanna #11 moved to accept the Premium Report, seconded by Sena Marie #9, passed

GM Alan #1 delivered the bills to GT Pat #1 and the CVISION bill to Doris #8, chair of the Law Committee. On the way back to his station, he picked up the Premium Report and gave it to the GS.

GM Alan #1 escorted Anette #9 and the Reno Delegation to Dania to invite them to Sparks, NV for the 2018 convention.

Pat #1 told of her contact with Ann Dalgaard #13 and that she is alive and well in a care facility near her daughter. She is 96 years young. Pat #1 has a card to say hello from all who would like to.

Diane #16 Viola Jensen #16 said hello.

Kay #11, Betty Jensen #11 is improving.

Mary Esther #1 we still have cook books for sale at \$10.00 each available with \$2.00 going to the Branch who sales the books. (May 21, 1999 Convention the delegates voted to sale the each cookbooks for \$10.00 with \$2.00 going to the branch who sold the cook books and \$8.00 going to Grand Lodge.)

GM Alan #1 returned with the delegation from Reno. Anette #9 reported Roger Gearhart will be coming over at his pleasure.

**Green March:** GM Alan #1 prepared the money jar and we then all filed by with our donations to go to the Scholarship Fund.

GS Natalie #15 reported on receiving notice that Luren #13 has dissolved. Bob Schall presented Grand Lodge Dannebrog with a cashier's check from Luren #13 in the amount of \$3,274.27. Mary Esther #1 moved the funds go to the general fund, Susan #1 seconded, carried.

GTrustee Colleen #15 suggested placing part into a CD. Mary Esther #1 may not be enough to open a CD. Colleen #15 asked, can the Grand Trustees look into a possible fund to earn more interest? GT Pat #1 requested the funds be added to the General Fund. We are incurring more expenses with added expenses for the Member of the Year, etc. and need additional fund.

**New Business:** Signe Ann #1 updated the Grand Lodge Rituals for Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog to clarify what the Grand President's responsibilities are during convention, Organizing Branches and Standing Rules. The Combined Ritual For Installation of Grand Officers hasn't been changed. GM Alan #1 took the book to the Law Committee Chair, Doris #8 for the Law Committee to review the changes that were noted in red and/or stricken.

Pat #1 noted the need to update the opening song to include our male members.

Pat #1 pointed out that the Reno delegation hadn't invited Dannebrog to the 2018 Convention.

Anette #9 stood and invited us to Sparks in the Nugget April 19 thru 21, 2018 and Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12, Reno, will be having their installation of officers on Sunday April 22, 2018 to facilitate the Grand Officers and members attending Convention.

Diane #16 updated the ticket sales is now over \$7,000.00. She thanked Stuart #1 and Susan Mahler #1 for their donation of 7 nights 8 days at Club Solaris in Cabo San Lucas all inclusive, all meals and alcohol and would have owner's privileges for 2 people.

GT Pat #1 reported the Green March raised \$353.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Anette #9 congratulated Doris #8 in bringing in new members. Reno's Christmas Party has gotten so large that we have limited it to members + one guest. On June 23, 2017 we will have a BBQ on **Sankt Hans Aften** (St. Hans Fest) along with the burning of the witch. Information will be in the newsletter for anyone who would like to attend. Sena Marie #9 announced that they initiated 8 new members in January.

**Recess:** 2:50 pm to return at 3:30 pm

**Reconvene:** The meeting was called back to order. The sign was given.

Roger Gearhart #2 Dania presented a history of Danish "Vikings". (See attached) We thanked him for his presentation.

Doris #8 Law Committee Chair, the committee reviewed the CVISION invoice and moved to accept the 3 year program, Sena Marie #9 seconded, motion passed.

Susan G. #1 asked what forms are to be included on the web site? It was agreed that Scholarship, Member of the Year and a link to the Facebook group.

Doris #8 chair of Law Committee asked for more time to review the Grand Lodge Rituals.

GP Martha #11 requested the Resolution Committee to present their report tomorrow. James Olef Jensen #2 Dania will have a presentation tomorrow of business size cards created at Dania GP Steen's request. Sena Marie #9 showed a card that was being discussed.

**Meeting recessed** to reconvene Saturday at 9:00 am.

**Saturday April 22, 9:00 am:** GP Martha #11 called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** the Grand Officers and Delegates were taken.

**Unfinished Business:** Doris #8 Chair Law Committee reported on the Grand Lodge Rituals as presented by Signe Ann #1. The Committee accepted the suggested changes and added that the sign need not be given before a recess or after reconvening. Doris #8 moved to accept the changes to the ritual, Elizabeth #3 seconded, motion passed. The changes to the Grand Lodge Rituals for Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog parts are attached.

GP Martha #11 asked if there were any corrections or admissions in the 2016 Convention Report hearing none, Mary Esther #1 moved to accept the Report as mailed, Jackie #16 seconded, motion approved.

Jackie #16 announced the raffle had reached and surpassed the \$8,000.00 mark.

**Green March Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (Old Age Fund):** Green March was taken.

GS Natalie #15 thanked GP Martha #11 for her gift of a ceramic bird made by Hazel Olsen from Fresno, and for the delegates continuing to support her with another year as Grand Secretary.

GT Pat #1 thanked our GP Martha #11 for her gift and to the delegates for electing her another year.

GPP Lynn #10 thanked GP Martha #11 for her gift and that it has been fun working with all.

GM Alan #1 thanked the GP Martha #11 and the delegates for electing him GVP.

GVM Beth #1 thanked GP Martha #11 for her gift and for electing her GM.

GTrustee #3 Jackie #16 thanked for her gift.

PG Martha #11 said Hazel Olsen is a dancer and a local in Fresno and well known.

GTrustee #1 Elizabeth #3 thanked Martha #11 for my gift and to your successful year as Grand President.

**Good of the Order:** GP Martha #11 turned the meeting over to GVP Stuart #1. Thanked GP Martha #11 for his gift and for the delegates electing him GP. His assistant is his sister PGP Signe Ann McNeil #1 and appointed the first delegate as his assistant or if not in attendance the Branch President in their local branches. He appointed the Nominating Committee for 2017-18: PGP Kathy Thomsen #16, Kathy Christensen #3 and Ingrid Hedman #9. His password is Samsø which is the Island where his family came from. He then turned the meeting back to the GP.

GP Martha #11 is looking forward to Stuart #1's year as GP. She thanked Stuart #1 for taking on the office of GP with all of us women, and Alan as well.

GP Martha #11 asked the GM Alan #1 to escort #1 GTrustee Elizabeth #3 to her station. Elizabeth #3 presented her property to the GP and was escorted back to her station. Then the GM Alan #1 escorted the First GTrustee-elect Colleen Heer Cave #15 to the GP's station. GP presented her with the packet of the First GTrustee and instructed her to mine our money. GM returned Colleen #15 back to her station.

GP Martha #11 instructed the GM Alan #1 to escort Doris #8 to her station. Laura #8 received the prize for initiating the most members and Doris #8 receiving the GP's gift for bring in the most members.

GT Pat #1 announced the Saturday Green March of \$290.00 will go to the SAF and asked the GM Alan #1 to present the funds to the SAF Treasurer.

GP Martha #11 had the honor of presenting the scholarships: Doris #8 was escorted to receive Laura #8 scholarships: Bryce Fish, Mikayla Fish, Sonja Giacinto, Klaus Rasmussen and Brenna White; Kathy #3 was escorted to receive Thyra #3: Leopoldo Garza; Deanne #11 was escorted to receive Thora #11: Emily Nielsen; Tracey #16 was escorted to receive Danebod #16: Sue Frederich; GT Pat #1 will mail the scholarship to Valkyrien #23: Andrew "Rudy" Valentine. Doris #8 thanked everyone for donating to the Scholarship Fund and for the scholarships. Elizabeth #3 thanked for the scholarship for her grandson. GP Martha #11 thanked for the scholarships for her grandchildren. GS Natalie #15 noted that we did receive a note of thank you from Rudy for the support we have given him the past three years.

GT Pat #1 reminded all that donations can be made at any time, if you wish and it will help future applicants.

GP Martha #11 spoke of her grandchildren who received scholarships.

GVM of Dania, Jana Heer-Glovaski, for James Olef Jensen #2 Dania, presented what the Membership Committee Steen, GP Dania created. It is a business card with each branches' individual customized information listed on one side with our mission statement on the other. The Dania/Dannebrog web site will have a QR code to scan. These are available to the Dannebrog branches at no cost. GS Natalie #15 moved to accept Dania's generous offer, Doris #8 seconded, motion passed.

**Recess:** 10:15 am to reconvene at 10:35 am.

**Reconvene:** The meeting was called back to order at 10:35 am.

A Dania delegation consisting of Peder Hoy and Tom Martin, presented Dania's GP-elect's appointing of a five member committee to study Dania and Dannebrog merging, to present a progress report in October and was hoping the GP-elect of Dannebrog would to the same.

We thanked them and they retired to return to their Dania meeting.

After much discussion, GP-elect Stuart #1 asked for time to create this merger committee and to forward the member's names to the GS for inclusion in the convention report, so granted.

Doris #8 moved the GP-elect Stuart #1 organize a 5 member committee to work with Dania and investigate merging our Grand Lodges, to report in October Diane #16 seconded the motion, carried.

Doris #8 moved our GP-elect Stuart #1 be given the privilege to appoint this committee members after

the close of meeting and forward the committee members' names to the Grand Secretary, seconded by Signe Ann #1, motion carried.

(GP Stuart emailed the following names to the GS: Doris Skow, Anette Christensen, Signe Ann McNeil, Tracey Lamee and Stuart Mahler have agreed to be on the Merger Committee and have a progress report in October.)

GP-elect stated he was thinking about putting the progress report on the web site under the Dannebrog tab.

**Resolution:** Colleen #15 asked the GM Alan #1 to take the paper work to Kathy Thomsen #16 chair of the Resolution Committee. Kathy T. #16 asked Colleen #15 to read the report: Congratulations to Dannebrog on your successful 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention! We extend special recognition to our Grand President Martha Nielsen and her staff.

Thank you to Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 membership, Committee Chairman John Jensen present president (again) and committee members Roger and Anne Gearhart, Tom Martin, Daniel Joensen, James Olef Jensen and Johanne Gade.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel for their comfortable facilities and gracious hospitality.

Continued thanks to Bent Olsen of Olsen's Danish Village Bakery in Solvang for providing his delicious Danish Pastries for our coffee breaks, and a special thanks to Betty and Carl Jensen for the tasty, healthy raisins.

Thank you to our entertainers: DJ Robert Morton Jones and Saturday Night's Band "Time Out".

Thanks to all who generously donated to the raffle.

Congratulations to the incoming Grand Officers for 2017-2018, may you have a successful year.

Signed: Kathy Thomsen, Colleen Cave, Kay Jensen

Mary Esther #1 moved to accept the Resolution Report, Jackie #16 seconded, passed.

GP Martha #11 dismissed all her committees and thanked them for all their work. She pointed out that we were 23 branches and we are now down to 9 branches.

Kathy T. #16 requested the GM Alan #1 to escort the GP Martha #11 around the room. We all stood and gave her a round of applause. GP Martha #11 thanked her board members for their work and thanked the delegates for their attention during the meetings.

Doris #8 thanked the members who brought items for the history table which has a wonderful display. Doris #8 requested the letters that have been received from Queen Margrethe II to be placed in the history records.

**Closing:** We sang the closing song, gave the sign, and the GP Martha #11 closed the Convention in due form until we meeting again in Sparks, NV at the Nugget on April 19, 20 & 21, 2018 at the Convention being hosted by Dannevirke #9 Dannebrog and Valdemar #12 Dania, Reno, NV.

Natalie Heer  
Grand Secretary

**Installation of Officers:** The Installation of Grand Officers, of Dannebrog and Dania for 2017 – 2018, was held Saturday April 22, 2017 at 2:00 p. m. in the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, South San Francisco, CA. Installing Grand Past President Lynn Wachter Ydun #10 Dannebrog and Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin Danmark #2 Dania were assisted by Installing Grand Marshals Signe Ann McNeil Valborg #1 Dannebrog, and Robert Schall, Hejmdal #4 Dania and Installing Grand Vice Marshals Zena Lundberg Ydun #10 Dannebrog and Mel Lundberg Valhalla #11 Dania. They all did a fine job.

Dannebrog

Grand Past President Martha Nielsen  
Grand President Stuart O. Mahler  
Grand Vice President Alan D. Filiau  
Grand Secretary Natalie Heer

Dania

Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup  
Grand President Daniel Joensen  
Grand Vice President John Scheuber  
Grand Secretary Tim Heer

Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette  
Grand Marshal Beth Mahler Cowan  
Grand Vice Marshal Deanna Dunbar  
Grand Trustee Colleen Heer Cave  
Grand Trustee Mary Esther Filiau  
Grand Trustee Elizabeth Jensen

Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson  
Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski  
Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis  
Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg  
Grand Trustee James "Jim" Jensen  
Grand Trustee Johanne Rasmussen Gade

Following the installation, the Grand President's reception was a wonderful time to greet our new Grand Officers.

During the Grand Banquet and Ball, the Raffle Committee provided wonderful raffle gifts to the lucky winners. The Senior Assistance Fund Raffle was drawn and the winner was John Scheuber. Congratulations John, may you enjoy this gracious gift of 7 nights and 8 days at Club Solaris Cabos San Lucas, Mexico donated by GP Stuart and Susan Mahler.

After a wonderful dinner, Dannebrog's Grand President Stuart O. Mahler presented the Member of the Year Award to Anette Christensen #9, in recognition of her years of service to her Branch Dannevirke #9 and the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog. She was presented a plate etched with the Danish woven heart and Dannebrog Member of the Year, Anette Christensen PGP 2017.

Than Dania's Grand President Daniel Joensen read the accomplishments of a member to keep everyone in suspense. Daniel then presented the plaque for Dania's Member of the Year for 2017 Glenn Fritz PGP Danmark #2.

These awards are well deserved and congratulations to you both!

# *Dania Ladies Society Dannelbrog of California and Nevada*

Inventory as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

|                              |    |                                    |     |
|------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|
| Past President Pins \$100.00 | 6  | Past Grand President Pins \$115.00 | 9   |
| 50-Year Pins \$6.00          | 52 | 25-Year Pins \$2.00                | 260 |
| Local Lodge Rituals \$3.00   | 4  | Grand Lodge Rituals \$3.00         | 5   |
| Grand Lodge Regalia          | 2  | Grand Lodge Gavel                  | 2   |
| Constitution & Laws          | 16 | Music Books \$3.00                 | 9   |
| Old charters                 | 2  | suitcase                           | 1   |
| Old records                  |    | a Photostat of charter             |     |

Our membership as of January 1, 2016 was 299 members. Initiated 11, reinstated 1, deceased 10, withdrawn 4, suspended 4. Membership as of December 31, 2016 is 293 members. We had a loss of 6 members.

When requests for supplies were received, the request was processed and the payment was forwarded to Pat Brouillette, Grand Treasurer. Donations for the Scholarship Fund were received and forwarded to the Grand Treasurer. Thank you notes were sent to the donors and acknowledgments of the donations were sent to the families of the deceased.

Thank you to the Branch Secretaries for your assistance throughout the year.

*Natalie Heer*

Grand Secretary

# Report of the History Committee

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 five-year TV series, **“Vikings”**. The series features the exploits of **Ragnar Loðbrok 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 Sigurð Snake-eye. Gwyn Jones, in “Viking History”, names only Bjorn and Ivar. The “Saga of Ragnar Loðbrok”, 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 be highly regarded and ruled fairly in England for many years.

An interesting side note is that Hvidserk 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.

April 22, 2017 approved changes (bold and underlined are additions, strike through are to be removed) to the Grand Lodge Ritual for Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog of CA & NV (the Combined Ritual for Installation of Grand Officers remains unchanged):

Addition on beginning of Opening Ceremony: **The first delegate of a branch, who is the appointed assistant in the local branch to the Grand President, shall raise the convention delegation at the opening of the convention when the Grand Officer and Past Grand Presidents are escorted into the meeting room when her home branch is hostess to the Dannebrog convention;**

Proceedings: add before GP's report: **Approval of Convention Report as mailed;** added after New motions and new business: **Green March for Scholarship Fund;** added: **Saturday;** re-number **5 thru 9** then add to **10. Green March Specify; no need for giving the sign before recess and after reconvening;**

Added **him or his** where need be;

(The Grand President appoints a musician **when available** and also a delegate to attend the door for the duration of the convention, while the Grand Vice Marshal is occupied elsewhere. No one is to carry anything in their hands while addressing the chair. From now on, no one is admitted until the meeting is declared open. **Turn off cell phones. A \$5.00 penalty fee for the Scholarship Fund will be assessed if your phone rings during meetings. )**;

(The Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal meet at the altar, go to the Grand President's station **and** give her/**him** the password. Then each takes their side, takes the password from the delegates first, **and then the visitors.** ~~As the password is taken from those members on the side lines, they must show their current receipt for dues as well as to give the password;~~

(The Grand Vice Marshal is to obtain the password at the door ~~and see the receipt card~~ of anyone entering during the meeting.);

(When all is quiet, the Grand President bids the Grand Officers, delegates and visitors a hearty welcome and request all to be as quiet as possible so as not to disturb delegates during the convention, and to attend the meetings on time. When delegates address the chair, please give name and branch number. If a **delegation** arrives during the meeting, the members are called up, a recess declared until the sound of the gavel.);

GP may add to the poem:

“Today we mourn our beloved members,  
Our dear ones who have been called away,  
But we in Dannebrog will remember  
And cherish their names always.”

**Optional verses may be added.**

**After the clouds, the sunshine,**  
**After the winter, the spring,**  
**After the shower, the rainbow,**  
**For life is a changeable thing.**

After the night, the morning,  
Bidding all darkness cease,  
After life's cares and sorrows,  
The comfort and sweetness of peace;

GP instructs each to read their own reports: Grand **Treasurer**, Grand **Trustee** to each read their own report;

Green March (For the Scholarship Fund **Friday, SAF Saturday**);

**The following items are done Saturday before closing the convention.;**

GP: Has anyone anything further to bring forth at this convention? ~~If not, we will have the reading of the minutes of this last session. (When the minutes are read and accepted, they will be voted on in the usual manner.)~~ **If not, w**e will close the meeting.

The Combined Ritual For Installation of Grand Officers has no changes!

Ritual for Organizing Branches of Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog of California and Nevada added **/he** where applicable;

Grand Lodge Ritual Standing Rules And Procedure:

~~1. Past Grand Officers should wear long dresses when attending installations in order to act as substitute officers.;~~

Added **/he** or **/his** or **/his** in 3., 6., & 9. where applicable;

~~7. Grand Officers should wear cocktail dresses or the evenings theme outfit to the conventions first evening opening ceremony, and floor length fancy dresses~~ **appropriate attire** to the convention banquet and installation of Grand Officers.;

~~10. The first delegate of a branch who is the appointed assistant in the local branch to the Grand President, shall raise the convention delegation at the opening of the convention when the Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents are escorted into the meeting room when her home branch is hostess to the Dannebrog convention.~~

Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog  
Of California and Nevada  
Dannebrog Scholarship Fund  
Donations

January 1 thru December 31, 2016

**In Memory of**

Mary Jo Schall  
Mary Jo Schall

**Donors**

Lise Vanderbeck  
Signe Ann and Mac McNeil  
Marlene Swaffer  
Valborg #1  
Pat Brouillette & Greg Gleeson  
Susan Gauthier  
Mary Esther and Alan Filiau  
Grand Lodge Dannebrog

**Donation:**

Irene Simms  
Cookbooks sale  
Phone fine

Green March  
April 15, 2016 at Convention \$300.00

Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog  
Of California and Nevada  
Dannebrog General Fund  
Donations

January 1 thru December 31, 2016

Dorothy Petersen  
Vibeke & Knud Jensen  
Elizabeth Jensen in memory of Mary Jo Schall  
Elizabeth Jensen

**PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS OF DANNEBROG**

|           |                        |                  |                   |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1915-1917 | Carla Wolf Bertelsen   | #3               | Deceased 1940     |
| 1917-1918 | Ernestine Christensen  | #1               | Deceased 1957     |
| 1918-1919 | Magdalena Nemmens      | #4               | Deceased 1952     |
| 1919-1920 | Margaret Kohler        | #6               | Deceased 1953     |
| 1920-1921 | Hulda Nielsen          | #9               | Deceased 1948     |
| 1921-1922 | Kristine Rasmussen     | #11              | Deceased 1923     |
| 1922-1923 | Marie Mogensen         | #12              | Deceased 1946     |
| 1923-1924 | Hansine Meng           | #10              | Deceased 1952     |
| 1924-1925 | Maren Miller           | #2               | Deceased 1936     |
| 1925-1926 | Tina Rasmussen         | #4               | Deceased 1953     |
| 1926-1927 | Ana Marie Christiansen | #8               | Deceased 1957     |
| 1927-1928 | Christine Jensen       | #15              | Deceased 1946     |
| 1928-1929 | Laura Falkenberg       | #7               | Deceased 1933     |
| 1929-1930 | Marie Jorgensen        | #11              | Deceased Withdrew |
| 1930-1931 | Dorthea Pedersen       | #14              | Deceased 1965     |
| 1931-1932 | Johanne Frydendahl     | #16              | Deceased 1964     |
| 1932-1933 | Magda Larsen           | #3               | Deceased 1970     |
| 1933-1934 | Anna Sorensen          | #20              | Deceased 1963     |
| 1934-1935 | Elfrida Schmidt        | #18              | Deceased 1976     |
| 1935-1936 | Marie Appleskow        | #13              | Deceased 1956     |
| 1936-1937 | Dora Eriksen           | #10              | Deceased 1952     |
| 1937-1938 | Meta Nessen            | #22              | Deceased 1974     |
| 1938-1939 | Sina Nielsen           | #15              | Deceased 1968     |
| 1939-1940 | Carla Petersen         | #9               | Deceased 1960     |
| 1940-1941 | Thora Finderup         | #11              | Deceased 1985     |
| 1941-1942 | Katrina Skydstrup      | #8               | Deceased 1959     |
| 1942-1943 | Caroline Knudsen       | #19              | Deceased          |
| 1943-     | Katherine Jurvig       | #3               | Deceased 1943     |
| 1943-1946 | Marie Kerr             | #2               | Deceased 1965     |
| 1946-1947 | Maren Fauerso          | #14              | Deceased 1975     |
| 1947-1948 | Emilie Jorgensen       | #4               | Deceased 1990     |
| 1948-1949 | Margrethe Martensen    | #7               | Deceased 1975     |
| 1949-1950 | Astrid Dunning         | #20              | Withdrew 1975     |
| 1950-1951 | Maria Sorensen         | #15              | Deceased 1990     |
| 1951-1952 | Sophie Jorgensen       | #12              | Deceased 1973     |
| 1952-1953 | Marie Sorensen         | #8               | Deceased 1998     |
| 1953-1954 | Dora Winther           | #3               | Deceased 1985     |
| 1954-1955 | Mary Miller            | #10              | Deceased 1983     |
| 1955-1956 | Inga Nielsen           | #23              | Deceased 1988     |
| 1956-1957 | Christine Pedersen     | #2               | Deceased 1999     |
| 1957-1958 | Katie Jacobsen         | #22              | Demitted          |
| 1958-1959 | June Hald              | #13              | Deceased 1986     |
| 1959-1960 | Marie Clausen          | #6               | Deceased 1981     |
| 1960-1961 | Elna Back              | #8               | Deceased 1987     |
| 1961-1962 | Maren Moldt            | #16              | Deceased 1984     |
| 1962-1963 | Norma Wall             | #4               | Deceased 1982     |
| 1963-1964 | Eunice Sorensen        | #14              | Deceased 1986     |
| 1964-1965 | Klara Brown            | #7               | Deceased 1995     |
| 1965-1966 | Dagny Jensen           | #11              | Deceased 1976     |
| 1966-1967 | Irma Knudsen           | #3               | Deceased 1999     |
| 1967-1968 | Mary Brix              | #1               | Deceased 1984     |
| 1968-1969 | Sigrid Jorgensen       | #12              | Deceased 2001     |
| 1969-1970 | Dagmar Rasmussen       | #7 Wd 1988       | Deceased 1989     |
| 1970-1971 | Christine Jensen       | #19              | Deceased 1979     |
| 1971-1972 | Elva Hansen            | #16              | Deceased 1990     |
| 1972-1973 | Doris Skow             | #8               |                   |
| 1973-1975 | Agnes Lind             | #11              | Deceased 1996     |
| 1975-1976 | Elna Hansen            | #2 Demitted 1988 | Deceased 1993     |
| 1976-1977 | Ida Roach              | #23              | Deceased 1994     |
| 1977-1978 | Vivian Olsen           | #14              | Deceased 2005     |
| 1978-1979 | Lise Christian         | #15              |                   |
| 1979-1980 | Naomi Hansen           | #10              | Deceased 1995     |
| 1980-1981 | Grethe Svendsen        | #8               | Deceased 2006     |
| 1981-1982 | Ruth Thomsen           | #16              | Deceased 2003     |
| 1982-1983 | Signe Ann McNeil       | #1               |                   |

|           |                         |     |               |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1983-1984 | Margaret Smith          | #4  | Deceased 1993 |
| 1984-     | Tove Nielsen            | #11 | Deceased 1984 |
| 1984-1986 | Betty Walker Bentzen    | #15 | Deceased 1997 |
| 1986-1987 | Bessie Olsen            | #14 | Deceased 1990 |
| 1987-1988 | Ceil Mahler             | #1  | Deceased 2000 |
| 1988-1989 | Esther Petersen         | #11 | Deceased 2006 |
| 1989-1990 | Diane Reinstein         | #16 |               |
| 1990-1991 | Sena Marie Freeman      | #9  |               |
| 1991-1992 | Irma Knudsen 2nd Term   | #3  | Deceased 1999 |
| 1992-1993 | Susan Gauthier          | #1  |               |
| 1993-1994 | Dorothy Petersen        | #4  |               |
| 1994-1995 | Judi (Wadsworth) Heer   | #15 |               |
| 1995-1996 | Mary Esther Filiau      | #1  |               |
| 1996-1997 | Lis Petersen            | #3  | Deceased 2009 |
| 1997-1998 | Martha Nielsen          | #11 |               |
| 1998-1999 | Natalie Heer            | #15 |               |
| 1999-2000 | Ann-katherine Sawyer    | #9  |               |
| 2000-2001 | Dee Matusiewicz         | #16 |               |
| 2001-2002 | Vibeke Petersen-Jensen  | #3  |               |
| 2002-2003 | Beatriz Djernaes        | #19 |               |
| 2003-2004 | Karen Faraldo           | #16 |               |
| 2004-2005 | Jana Heer-Glovaski      | #15 |               |
| 2005-2006 | Irene Simms             | #3  |               |
| 2006-2007 | Jackie Nielsen          | #16 |               |
| 2007-2008 | Kathy Thomsen           | #16 |               |
| 2008-2009 | Frances Kay Jensen      | #11 |               |
| 2009-2010 | Anette Christensen      | #9  |               |
| 2010-2011 | Colleen Heer Cave       | #15 |               |
| 2011-2012 | Judi Heer 2nd Term      | #15 |               |
| 2012-2013 | Elizabeth Jensen        | #3  |               |
| 2013-2014 | Zena Lundberg           | #10 |               |
| 2014-2015 | Mary Jo Schall          | #13 | Deceased 2016 |
| 2015-2016 | Lynn Wachter            | #10 |               |
| 2016-2017 | Martha Nielsen 2nd Term | #11 |               |

#### **PAST GRAND SECRETARIES**

|           |                             |     |               |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1914-1916 | Marie Krogh                 | #5  | Deceased      |
| 1916-1918 | Christine Vogensen          | #4  | Deceased      |
| 1918-1946 | Minnie Kjer                 | #2  | Deceased      |
| 1946-1958 | Carla Petersen (PGP)        | #9  | Deceased 1960 |
| 1958-1965 | Maria Sorensen (PGP)        | #15 | Deceased 1990 |
| 1965-1968 | Mildred Stephen (PGTrust)   | #11 | Deceased      |
| 1968-1973 | Eunice Sorensen (PGP)       | #14 | Deceased 1986 |
| 1973-1993 | Inger Rasmussen (PGTrust)   | #11 | Deceased 2003 |
| 1993-2007 | Signe Ann McNeil (PGP)      | #1  |               |
| 2007-     | Natalie Heer (PGP, PGTrust) | #15 |               |

#### **PAST GRAND TREASURERS**

|           |                                 |     |               |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1914-1916 | Marie Krogh                     | #5  | Deceased      |
| 1916-1918 | Christine Vogensen              | #4  | Deceased      |
| 1918-1920 | Minnie Kjer                     | #2  | Deceased      |
| 1920-1949 | Emma Schouboe                   | #3  | Deceased      |
| 1949-1957 | Thora Finderup (PGP)            | #11 | Deceased 1985 |
| 1957-1970 | Margrethe Martensen (PGP)       | #7  | Deceased 1975 |
| 1970-1986 | Christine Pedersen (PGP)        | #2  | Deceased 1999 |
| 1986-1997 | Eleanor Holm (PGTrust)          | #11 | Deceased 1999 |
| 1997-2004 | Kathy (Reinstein) Thomsen (PGP) | #16 |               |
| 2004-     | Pat Brouillette (PGTrust)       | #1  |               |

#### **MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

|      |                       |      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 2010 | Doris Skow #8         | 2011 | Irene Simms #3        |
| 2012 | Diane Reinstein #16   | 2013 | Signe Ann McNeil #1   |
| 2014 | Mary Esther Filiau #1 | 2015 | Sena Marie Freeman #9 |
| 2016 | Viola Jensen #16      | 2017 | Anette Christensen    |