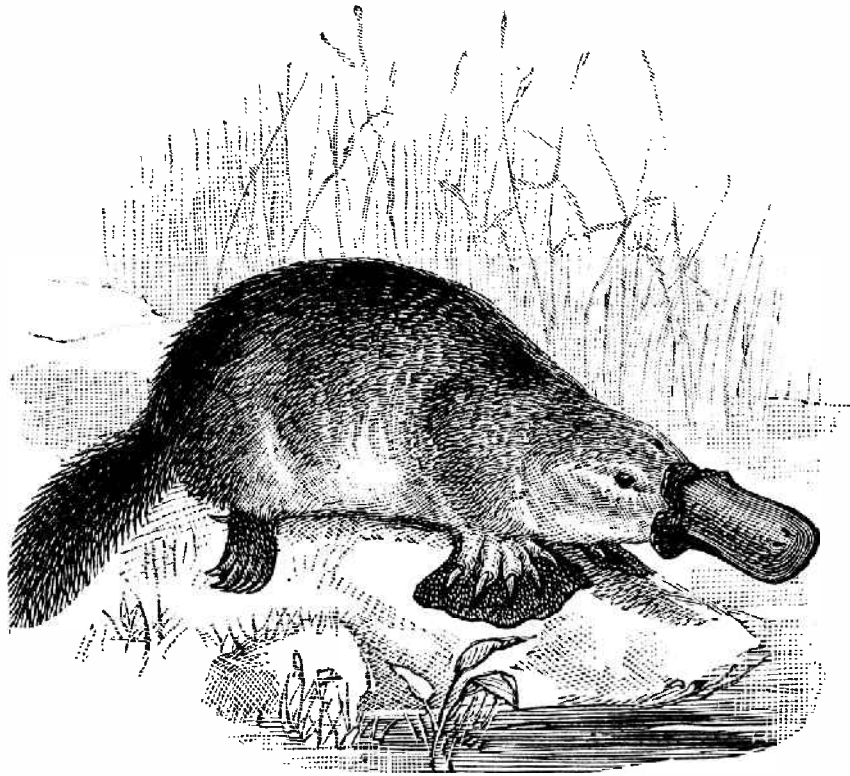


**138th Annual  
Grand Lodge Dania  
Convention Report**



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**Held at the Nugget Hotel,  
Sparks, Nevada  
April 19-21, 2018**



## FRIDAY April 20, 2018

Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at The Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, Nevada for Dania's 138th annual convention on April 20 and 21, 2018. Host Lodges were Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9

### GRAND OFFICERS

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

### REPRESENTATIVES

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

Grand President Daniel Joensen instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and the Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis, to close the door at 9:05 A.M.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski and Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign. Grand President admonished all that any Cell phone going off from this point forward would result in a fine.

Grand President Daniel Joensen expressed a desire to recognize the Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents for all their dedication to our society by having stand as they respond to roll call and remain standing until their whole group has responded. He then asked the Grand Secretary Tim Heer, to call the roll of Grand Officers, Past Grand

Presidents and then Representatives. After the roll call of Grand Officers, the Grand President asked everyone to give them a hand. After the roll call of Past Grand Presidents, the Grand President asked everyone to also give them a hand. 10 Grand Officers, 10 Past Grand Presidents and 25 Representatives responded to roll call. See the complete Roll Call result attached to this report.

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 Peter Schakow and Alex Lund.

Grand President Daniel Joensen asked for a moment of silence in honor of our departed Members, as the Grand Marshal respectfully draped the Charter.

Grand President Daniel Joensen welcomed everyone to the convention and then proclaimed the 138th Annual Convention of The Danish Society Dania of California and Nevada in session with full powers and authority to act on all subjects brought before this session, in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Grand President Daniel Joensen instructed Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski to escort his advisor, Past Grand President Peder Hoy, to the chair on his right to act as his advisor during the Convention.

Grand President Daniel Joensen asked Grand Secretary Tim Heer to read the minutes from our previous Convention, The Grand Secretary stated that the 137<sup>th</sup> Convention has been posed on our website, hearing no objection the Grand President declared them approved as posted. The Grand Secretary then read the minutes from the close of the 137th 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.

**Report of the Grand President:** Grand President Daniel Joensen instructed the Grand Marshal to present the gavel to Grand Vice President John Scheuber and turned the meeting over to him. The Grand Vice President asked the Grand President to read his report.

Think I will skip some of the report seeing how long it got. I will start with last year's convention where I inherited a task which you will be hearing a lot about later. It was called the Merging Exploration Committee and was my Christening by fire into the organization as Grand President. It has had a lot of activity. I will leave most of that for the committee to report.

In late April last year, I went on a short trip to Denmark as I've done several years in a row as a God Father of multiple nephews and cousins. Those duties are over for me, but we are not completely done because my wife is God Mother of my youngest nephew. In two years we are going back for that. Other than that I try to go back every year for my mother's birthday in August and normally that doesn't interfere with any lodge meetings. Normally, it's more difficult in April, but this year it did not interfere with Reno's installation which was May 5<sup>th</sup> last year... and this year it will be on Sunday which will be a great end to the convention for us all. Like all prior years there was snow on the forecast in Denmark and it also snowed last week in Denmark though today it is 77. The Danish family went straight from winter to summer. It doesn't always turn out the way the forecast calls it. You have to prepare for anything, just like coming up to Reno this weekend of the year. We saw flurries while driving up here and we defiantly had cold temperatures last night and expecting it again for a couple of nights.

Coming back from Denmark last year we went to the Reno installation. We had a nice spread where Anette was back to her good form and presented Smørrebrød with everything on it. We had a great spread with Akvavit and Carlsberg. This has become a tradition! Many lodges are honoring the tradition of Akvavit and a few are doing the

Carlsberg as well. I think that is a nice touch

While the Reno installation was the first installation the two Grand Presidents have done together. We both have done installation before either substitutes, or in Stuart's case also as Grand President of this lodge. It is completely different to being doing it from the other lodge. The script is completely different. We have seen that and amused ourselves with it during the installations.

Marching was handled well, we handed out scholarships. We do that at installations and if there isn't one, then we find an occasion to do so in a more formal way as well.

Later that month, I went back to my local lodge duties in getting out of being local president. I am now the Custodian in Danmark #2. I think we are the only lodge that has such a title. The Custodian is the person in charge of the paper plates and more importantly of stocking the beer and Akvavit for the lodge - a pretty responsible position but not something that all lodges have. I encourage everybody have a Custodian. It's a nice job and it's nice to know that someone is taking control of the important matters, so that we can fulfill our vices as well as have our meetings.

I will skip to June, when my wife's father passed away. We spent the month moving her mother (her name is Bach, just like the composer). She has moved to Reno and she will be here on Saturday along with my wife. I encourage everyone to go up and say hi. She's not shy but do introduce yourselves. I couldn't wish for a better mother-in-law and feel very sorry for her. But she's getting along nicely and has good neighbors here and she really enjoys Reno! We spent about one week back in June packing her up and we helped sell the house. Then we moved her cross country which took another week. After that I needed some real vacation, so I did a camping trip to Portola Valley (which is in the peninsula south of San Francisco). We stayed in a very nice redwood forest enjoying music and singing. There were supposed to be camp fires, but it was a dry spell, so we couldn't light any. That didn't detract from our enjoyment. Temperatures were extremely high, and it was just too easy to keep warm. We tried to stay in the shade all day. At night it was hot as well. There is no AC in a redwood forest, so it only dipped to the 80s in the tents.

We had no installations in July and not much to do until I went to Bornholm's installation in August. In the meantime, we started the merger committee exploration work. We decided to rename the committee to the Blending Committee (more about that later under committee reports). I knew that we had a dead line of October and I will get into that in a little bit.

We went to Modesto in August and installed Bornholm which is a Dania-only lodge. We had just approved a new Dania-only ritual, so this was the first time we used it. It went fairly smoothly. Our Grand Marshal did a great job walking and marching the officers around. That had not changed. We had a nice lunch afterwards.

Salinas postponed their installations so unlike in the past when it was the day after Modesto, it was postponed until later.

After Modesto, I did another family trip. I went to Grand Cayman with my mother-in-law and my wife to get out of the mindset that my father-in-law had passed away. We had a good time! We met with some good friends from South Maryland that flew out to meet us. My wife and I met in Baltimore, Maryland and we still have friends in many places on the East Coast.

While I was away, Petaluma had their installation and my Grand Vice President stepped in and did a good job! The committee of merger exploration now called the blending committee had another meeting which we will again hear about later. We encouraged all members to provide input to this process multiple times in newsletters and in person. We have not gotten as much input as we wished but we have heard from many people.

Labor Day weekend we went to Ferndale for another record hot weekend. It was 90 degrees in the lodge when we did the installation. Fortunately the local president said that we were allowed to take tuxedo jackets and vests off if we liked to. We went quite informal, and that was greatly appreciated. On the way back I passed thru Hopland where it was 118, it was unbearably hot! I got back to San Francisco at the end of the hot spell. Like most in San Francisco, I don't have AC. Fortunately it was only 85. That was the end of the hot spell and I was glad to see it end.

October 1<sup>st</sup> we went to Salinas to do a very impressive installation. There were center pieces commemorating the

first all-male Grand President team doing installations - a nice and fun gesture. We greatly appreciated that. For a couple of years, there has been folk dancing afterwards. I have enjoyed it. Thank you much to both Steen Skjellerup and Martha Nielsen for leading us in an exercise of realizing that you might have a right foot sometimes! We jumped around and burned off a few calories.

In November we again did not have many installations. I had visits, first from my mother, then from my brother (fortunately not at the same time, because that could have been overwhelming). My brother came with family, his wife and two sons. They were doing a road trip and staying three days in San Francisco, so we saw them as much as we could while they were here.

In November, around Thanksgiving, we kicked off a really busy Christmas season. I could not make all the Christmas meetings or Christmas celebrations. We just had too many commitments. I will try to make more this year

We had another family visit in December. This wife's mother, Bach, visited. She spent December 16<sup>th</sup> thru New Year with us. It was her first Christmas alone and we thought that was important for her to have a good celebration of Christmas and New Year.

We had a quite month in January before everything got busy for February and March when we had four installations.

They were February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fresno, 17<sup>th</sup> in South San Francisco for the San Francisco lodges, 24<sup>th</sup> in Livermore, and March 10<sup>th</sup> in Livermore for Hayward.

I missed two installations due to travel and again our GVP stepped in. John Scheuber filled in for Selma and Livermore. I have heard thru the grape vine that he did a splendid job, so he is ready for this year! Should he be elected?!

Several of these events had dancing, and everywhere we had nice food.

The Blending Committee again communicated with all lodges and we put another update in the newsletter.

In connection with the installation on March 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our executive committee meeting. We awarded scholarships and dealt with other matters that were brought before us. Some of these will be revealed during this convention.

My final trip of the year ending with Convention was to Australia. My wife's youngest sister was playing at a rock concert - a full day event with about 40 different bands from all over the world. Her band is from Long Beach, CA. She plays bass and sings in a punk band. It's an all-female band where she is also one of the song writers. I felt accomplished being able to shoot the video of their performance, but it is nothing compared to what they did on stage - dancing around, playing instruments and singing all at the same time - and in front of thousands of people! The experience was particularly nice because we got to be back stage for multiple different bands. It is a special experience to be five to ten feet away from the band on stage instead of being with thousands in front of the stage. We greatly appreciated the experience and my wife's sister appreciated the support.

In Australia, I got to see that a platypus is not a made-up animal, but it exists in real life. It moves around and is extremely shy. I didn't know how light sensitive they are. They are very odd animals and lay eggs but nurses their babies. The female doesn't have any teats but still gives milk. The milk is oozing through the skin where the teat would be. We also saw an Echidna which kind of looks like a hedgehog but is not like a hedgehog. It also lays eggs and also nurses its babies. Its beak or nose is electro sensitive, so it can feel the electric field of insects and finds them that way even if they are inside of a fallen tree. It doesn't rely on sight but on electric fields to find its prey. These are strange animals that are only seen in Australia.

For food, I went a little experimental and had fried sheep brain. It was under-seasoned; otherwise it was good.

I also had kangaroo tail and that was slightly disappointing. It was not as flavorful and interesting as a rattle snake would be, but similar in ways.

After returning we have been preparing for installation at the Grand Lodge.

I hope we have some good nominations. I have not been interviewing the nominating committee, but I trust that the work is done.

I have nothing further to add for the year.

I have really enjoyed being the Grand President!

I haven't managed to visit all the lodges, especially the ones that did not have an installation this year, but I will attempt to in the coming year.

The first on my list would be to go down to Solvang where I have plans to be in the neighborhood in early May

This concludes my report.

It was moved by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, that we accept the report of the Grand President, seconded by Past Grand President Thomas Martin, Danmark #2. The Grand Vice President ruled that the motion was approved, and then he asked the Grand Marshal to present the gavel to the Grand President and returned the meeting back to the Grand President.

**Minutes of the Executive Committee:** The minutes of the meetings held on March 10, 2018 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 John Scheuber, Grand Trustee #1 Mel Lundberg pointed out that the minutes had reverse the names of Grand Trustee #1 and #2. The Grand Secretary acknowledge the error and would make the correction to the copy that is in the Annual report. The Grand President declared the Minutes approved as corrected, the correction being that Grand Trustee #1 is Mel Lundberg and Grand Trustee #2 is James "Jim" Jensen. The corrected minutes are attached to this report.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** declared a Coffee recess at 10:00 A.M. to reconvene at 10:25 A.M.

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

**Grand Secretary's Report:** In the interest of time The Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal handed out the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and The Grand Trustees before the meeting opened. While the Members were getting out their report The Grand Secretary reported on the Grand Lodge's property on hand, then 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 noted that what was handed out was not a complete report, and that one Branch's details were not sent to the Grand Secretary before Convention and made a plea to the Branches to have their reports complete and sent to the Grand Secretary by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A complete copy is attached to this report. It was moved by John Jensen, Danmark #2 to accept the reports. Seconded by Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23 and carried with a vote of Yes 36 and No 0.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, presented the Grand Treasurer's report for review. Past Grand President Tom Martin moved to accept the report, seconded by Alex Lund, Danmark #2 and the motion was adopted with a vote of Yes 37 and No 0. The Grand Treasurer's report is attached at the end of this report.

**Grand Trustees' Report:** Grand Trustee #1 Mel Lundberg read the report noting a typo on the reported date of Dec 29, 23017 should be 2017. Past Grand President Tom Martin, moved to accept the report, seconded by Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5, and the motion was adopted with a vote of Yes 36 and No 0. The Grand Trustees' report is attached at the end of this report.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Past President Lilian Rasmussen presented the History Committee with Convention Programs from 1983-4, '90, '93, '96-7, '99-'04, '08-12, and '14. We thank Lillian: all such contributions are greatly appreciated.

Many years ago, at the Installation of Officers in Reno in 2007, there was to be a musical performance at the end of the Installation. The GVM answered a knock on the door and told the visitor that he could not be admitted without the password while the meeting was in progress. That was the musician: he left, never to be seen again.

The next year the GM had his sash slip off down around his ankles. And remember the last Convention in Reno in 2010 when the Nugget kitchen served Bent Olsen's Kringle to another group?

And now for some real Dania History. The big news for this year is the *Jern Bryllup* (Iron Wedding Anniversary) of Carl and Betty Jensen, April 23, 2018. There was a fabulous article on the front page of BIEN, April 5, and photos including their wedding in 1943. Betty and Carl are among the nicest people you will ever encounter. They typify the best and finest of our Danish traditions of home, family, country, and friends. . *Tillykke til den fine Ægtefolk og ønsker om at I må få mange gode år endnu.*

The TV series, "Vikings", is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. The surviving sons of Ragnar Lodbrok have returned to Scandinavia. However, the story line has taken a considerable departure from history, with more "artist's license" and becoming more historical fiction. For example, Ivar the Boneless never returned: he ruled in England for many years and died a few years later in Dublin, Ireland. The other sons ruled in Denmark, Sweden and Norway, raided into the Mediterranean but did not fare well fighting against the Moors in Spain. However, the series is still very interesting.

Now back to real history of the Danish and English kings and how they are so interrelated. The following is principally from Winston Churchill's "History of the English-Speaking People" and "William the Conqueror", by Jacob Abbot, 1899. For two centuries the royal lines of Danes and Saxons fought over the right to reign over England. Several notable Kings of that era are Alfred the Great (871-901), Edgar (957-975) and Ethelred the Unready (978-1016). Alfred accommodated the Danes, letting them settle; Edgar accomplished much in peaceful governance. However, the Danish raids started again and Elthelred had a standard policy of buying them off: 10,000 pounds of silver in 991, 16K in 994, and 24K in 1002. He broke the latter truce by murdering all Danes then living in the South of England, including the sister of the Danish King Sweyn Forkbeard. Revenge by King Sweyn was both quick and deadly. There were massive raids and slaughter for years over much of England, with a brief pause in 1005, then starting again in 1006. Elthelred then paid another tribute of 36, 000 pounds of silver for yet another short-lived truce.

Now we must introduce the Normans, mostly Danes. The first Duke of Normandy was Rollo. He was: "A wild and half-savage from the north", banished from Denmark. He and his followers raided France and occupied the land for many years, 875-911, ending finally when the Frankish King Charles III the Simple bought him off by creating for him the Duchy of Normandy. In quick order, in Rouen in 911, Rollo was baptized, crowned and wed to Princess Griselle. We could say a Danish lad does well, very well indeed.

There follows a sequence of the Dukes of Normandy over the next 150 years or so, ending with William the 6<sup>th</sup>, who famously invaded England in 1066 to become King William I. His distant Aunt Emma, daughter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke William Longsword, had been queen of England as King Ethelred's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. Emma's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband was King Knut (Canute) of Denmark, son of King Sweyn Forkbeard. Knud was simultaneously the King of Denmark, Norway and England 1016-1035. Their son, King Hardicanute, reigned 1040-43. The son of Knut and Elgifrig of Mercia, King Harold I Harefoot, reigned 1035-40. All this leads up to the invasion of England by William in 1066 who felt that he a right to the throne because of his aunt, Queen Emma..



Rollo is the common ancestor of all of the modern European monarchies, including Denmark, Norway, England, and Sweden. Russia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, etc. For this reason. Rollo is very important to us Danes. Next year, the report will get into the history of the more modern Danish kings. Of interest is that both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip are descendants of King Christian IX of Denmark. They could be members of D/D---perhaps we should make them honorary members.

A final comment. 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 our Scandinavian history. In any event, we have many illustrious ancestors. We can all be proud of our strong Danish heritage and of Denmark's place in the world.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Gearhart, Chairman of the Dania History Committee, April 20, 2018.

It was moved by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, to accept the report. Seconded by Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, the motion was accepted with a vote of Yes 36 and No 0.

**Report from the Advisory Committee:** Past Grand President Roger Gearhart reported on behalf of the Committee there is no report. Grand President accepted the nonexistent report without a vote.

**Report of the Membership Committee:** Grand President asked the Grand Marshal, Jana Heer-Glovaski, for the Committee's report. She gave a copy of the report to the Jr. Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, and Grand President, Daniel Joensen. It was reported that eight Branches ordered cards, one declined and three did not respond. Danmark #2 felt that they wanted 1,000 card and they would pay for the cost. The Grand Marshal reported that 2,250 cards were ordered at a cost of \$264.01. Grand Secretary Tim Heer, moved to accept the report, seconded by Grand Trustee #1, Mel Lundberg, and the motion was adopted with a vote of Yes 36 and No 0.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** The Committee member, Grand Trustee #1, Mel Lundberg, reported that they had a nominee for Grand Trustee but are still looking for a nominee for Grand Vice Marshal. Past Grand President Tom Martin, moved to accept the report, seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, and the motion was adopted with a vote of Yes 36 and No 0.

**Standing Convention Committees:** Grand President Daniel Joensen appointed the following:

<b>Law:</b>	Thomas Martin	Past Grand President, Danmark #2
	John Johansen	Past Grand President, Bornholm #14
	Lilian Rasmussen	Past Grand President, Sønderjylland #10

<b>Resolutions:</b>	Robert Lamee	Dannevang #7
	Karen Friis Lysmer	Sønderjylland #10
	Peter Christensen	Danmark #2

## COMMUNICATIONS:

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

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

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

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

Received a Donation from Danneskjold #17 of \$500.00

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** asked if we had any old Business, there being none He declared this section closed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Grand President Daniel Joensen asked the Grand Secretary to present the bills.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 32 no 3 the motion was approved

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustees \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Past Grand President Tom Martin. 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 33 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the Funeral Benefit at \$200.00. Seconded by Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to set the annual per capita tax at \$30.00 per member to be paid in two installments, with the exception of those Branches that have a net worth less than \$5,000.00, in which case their amount would be \$20.00 per member. Seconded by the Grand Trustee Mel Lundberg, Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, moved to amend the motion by changing \$20.00 to \$15.00 for those Branches that have a net worth less than \$5,000.00 seconded by Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11. The motion to amend the motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there being 32 votes cast which requires 22 votes in favor, the tally was Yes 4 No 28 the motion to amend the motion failed. The original 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 26 no 6 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, seconded by the Past Grand President, Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0, the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art, seconded by the John Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 36 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 36 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay \$45.00 annual dues to Aldersly, it was seconded by the Past Grand President Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma, it was seconded by Kirsten Johansen, Bornholm #14. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0 the motion was approved

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$50.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home, it was seconded Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 36 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 36 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to pay the (2018) Convention Committee \$300.00 for expenses and it was seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Secretary moved to support the Web Site Committee not to exceed \$400.00 which includes the renewal to Cvision software, plus cost for our domain name, and it was seconded by Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 36 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 36 no 0 the motion was approved.

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 Past Grand President, Tom Martin. 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 33 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 John Jensen, Danmark #2. 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.

Grand Secretary moved to reimburse Jana Heer-Glovaski \$264.01 for the Membership cost for printing the cards, it was seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 36 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 36 no 0 the motion was approved.

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Past Grand President Rodger Gearhart. 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 Newsletter Publisher \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement for the printing of the Monthly Newsletter, it was seconded by Past Grand President John Johansen. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 35 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 No 0 the motion was approved.

**The Grand President** recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23 who reported on Solvang with all of the flooding and mud slides, which was isolated for over three weeks. He said that Hejls Minde #23 has had to change some of their officers and have a new President and he introduced the new Vice-President Finn Runger who has been attending Convention for the first time. He informed everyone about how much they have enjoyed having the members of Holger Danske #27 coming to their monthly meetings. He asked them to join Hejls Minde #23, but the members of Holger Danske #27 are reluctant because the Constitution does not allow any member being a member of two different Branches at the same time.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Secretary who explained the requirements of proposing a change at this convention.

**The Grand President** recognized Past Grand President Roger Gearhart who expressed a willingness to work with the Law Committee to create a Proposal which would allow any member being a member of two different Branches at the same time.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** declared a Lunch recess at 11:55 A.M. Convention to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

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

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** asked for the report of the Blending Committee. The Grand Vice

President John Scheuber, Chairman of the Dania Blending Committee, presented the report along with some history. Past Grand John Johansen, Bornholm #14 moved to accept the report of the Blending Committee, it was seconded by Past Grand President Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11. The motion was adopted by a vote of 31 Yes and 4 No.

The Grand Vice Marshal responded to a knock at our door and informed the Grand President that a group representing Dannebrog Grand Lodge had an announcement. The Grand President instructed the Grand Vice Marshal to invite them in. The delegation was warmly received, and the Grand Marshal of Dannebrog, Beth Mahler Cowan, reported that Dannebrog had voted that they are not interested in Blending at this time. The Grand President Daniel Joensen asked a few clarifying questions regarding their actions, if they had voted on accepting the report and no motions had come out of that, so they are not taking any action. All the questions were answered in the affirmative. The Grand President thanked them for their announcement and they retired and returned to their meeting.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** ruled that this made any action we might take mute, because it would require both Grand Lodges to agree, so he did not see a need for us to take any action.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Past Grand President Rodger Gearhart who asked for a show of hands of those present who may consider running for a Grand Lodge Office in the near future. In away of showing support of getting some to think about running this year.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** Asked if the Nomination Committee had an update on their report. Past Grand President, Mel Lundberg, reported that the Committee has a nominee for Grand Trustee #3, and that is Past Grand President Peder Hoy of Bornholm #14. They are still working on a member for Grand Vice Marshal.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** Expressed how he was going to handle elections of officers by handling the Offices that we have nominations for and tabling the office of Grand Vice Marshal until, such time as, one is known.

### **Nomination and election of Grand Officers**

Grand President Daniel Joensen appointed Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, Dan Holm, Dannevang #7, Peter Schakow, Danmark #2, 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 2018-2019. 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	John Scheuber	Bornholm #14
	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2 He very respectfully declined
Grand Vice President	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9
Grand Marshal	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14

Grand Trustee #1	James "Jim" Jensen	Danmark #2
Grand Trustee #2	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14
Grand Trustee #3	Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14

Grand President Daniel Joensen dismissed the tellers until a Nomination for Grand Vice Marshal was made.

Grand Past President, Mel Lundberg, asked the Grand President to state the Qualifications that are need to be a nominee for a Grand Officers. Grand President Daniel Joensen stated that a Nominee had to be a Representative at this convention, a Past President of their Branch or either a Secretary or Treasurer for at least three years. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart pointed out that in the past we have waved this requirement for the office of Grand Vice Marshal.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized The Grand Secretary who thank the Voting Delegates (Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Presidents) for their continued support in electing him as Grand Secretary.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized The Grand Marshal who spoke on a desire to remember that we are not a Ladies Grand Lodge or a Men's Grand Lodge but the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog and the Grand Lodge of Dania.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Past Grand President Robert Lacey who thanked and acknowledged the Grand Marshal, Jana Heer-Glovaski work in 2004-05.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, who commented that he had been talking to the Law Committee and was wanting to move forward with legislation regarding members belonging to more than one Branch. He announced that a meeting will be held following todays meeting to discuss a proposal.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson; who in turn thanked the Voting Delegates for their continued support in electing him as Grand Treasurer.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Bent Olsen who asked if anyone knew about another Grand Lodge of Dania back East? The Grand Secretary explained a little information about that group. Grand Trustee Johanne Gade added more about other Dania and Dannebrog organization.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup who moved that we place an article in Bien written by the Grand Secretary it was seconded by Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23. The motion was adopted by a vote of 33 Yes and 0 No.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** declared a coffee break at 2:55 P.M. Convention to reconvene at 3:20 P.M.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** asked for all those who were not in the last session to stand, there being no one

standing, he reconvened the meeting.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized the Grand Secretary who asked to revert back to new business so to pay a bill. The Grand President referred back to new business, and the Grand Secretary moved to pay a bill for \$163.53 for the cost of the Member on the Year Plaque, seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, there were 36 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 36 no 0 the motion was approved.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** noted that we were still under New Business and called on the Nomination Committee for an update on their report. Past Grand President, Mel Lundberg, reported that the Committee have the name of Michael Vanderbeck, Valdemar #12, as a nominee for Grand Vice Marshal. Plus they have a strong candidate for next year.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized The Grand Secretary who moved to wave the requirements for this convention pertaining to be a nominee for the office of Grand Vice Marshal, seconded by Past Grad President Tom Martin. The Motion was adopted by a vote of Yes 36 No 0

The Grand President instructed the Tellers to resume their possession and Francis Sweet, Valhalla #11, Dan Holm, Dannevang #7, Peter Schakow, Danmark #2, took their place after the flag was removed.

The Grand President opened the nomination of Grand Vice Marshal for 2018-2019. There being only one person nominated for the office the Grand Secretary cast the ballot that elected the Officer.

Grand Vice Marshal Michael Vanderbeck Valdemar #12

Grand President Daniel Joensen dismissed the Tellers with thanks.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Robert Lamee, Dannevang #7, spoke on the issue of not being able to vote on the issue of Blending as presented by the Committee. John Jensen, Danmark #2, moved to hold a Straw Man poll, regarding if we supported the recommendation of the Committee Report on Blending, and to vote as you would have before learning of the results of Dannebrog Lodge. Seconded by Peter Schakow, Danmark #2. Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson moved to make it a secret ballot, seconded by Grand Trustee #2 Johanne Rasmussen Gade. The motion was approved by a vote of Yes 21 No. 11.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen;** appointed Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, Grand Trustee #2 James "Jim" Jensen and John Jensen, Danmark #2 as tellers and he gave the instructions to the voting Delegates. The Grand Marshal took the Ballot box to the Grand Officers as the Grand Secretary read their name, then the ballot box was placed on the teller's table and as the names of the Past Grand Presidents who are not Grand Officers were read, followed by the Representative of the Branches that are not Grand Officers or Past Grand Presidents, who advanced to the Ballot Box and placed their ballot in the box. The results of the Ballot were Yes 29 No 7. With no invalid votes cast.

Grand President Daniel Joensen dismissed the Tellers with thanks.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski who congratulated Dania for holding the vote but as a woman who is a member of Dannebrog and of Dania she was offended that three times during the discussion Dannebrog was referred to as the Woman. She would like to see this stop.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10 who was also offended by the sexist remarks. She also would like to have a report from Dannebrog as to their concerns regarding Blending. The Grand President replied that Dannebrog is not under any requirement to answer that question but would have a conversation with the Grand President of Dannebrog.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, stated that it was his opinion that the main problem, was how we treat each other, and Dania seems to be the offending group.

**The Grand President Daniel Joensen;** recognized the Grand Secretary who addressed the question as to how many Branches of Dania have Blended Officers with a local Dannebrog Branch now. Of the 13 Dania Branches, 10 met with a local Dannebrog Branch. The other three Branches do not have a local Dannebrog Branch in their area, those Dannebrog Branches closed their Branches and their remaining members joined the Dania Branches.

Grand President Daniel Joensen declared a recess until 9:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.

## **SATURDAY April 21, 2018**

Convention was called back to order at 9:00 A.M. Grand President Daniel Joensen instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective Stations and the Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis to close the door.

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

Grand President Daniel Joensen asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll call of Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Officers. 10 Grand Officers, 24 Representatives and 10 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, led again by Peter Schakow and Alex Lund.

Grand President Daniel Joensen asked for a moment of silence in honor of our departed Members.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Grand President** recognized Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, referred everyone to the handout of a proposed amendment to change Article XXI Membership, Section 2 and Section 9 of the Constitution. Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, moved to approve the report, seconded by Grand Secretary, Tim Heer. After several questions, the motion was approved by a vote of Yes 35 No. 0

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #3, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, moved to change our

Constitution as stated in the report, it was seconded by Grand Trustee #1, Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart noting the suggestion of Jr. Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, regarding the use of Primary Branch and Secondary Branch moved to make those changes to the Proposed Amendment. Seconded by John Jensen, Danmark #2, it was then moved by John Jensen to table the motion, seconded by Grand Vice President John Scheuber. The motion to table was adopted by a vote of Yes 33 No 0. After the vote was counted Past Grand President Roger Gearhart moved to un-table the motion, seconded by Past Grand President Tom Martin and the motion was adopted by a vote of Yes 34, No 0. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart read the changes to the Proposal as being where the original stated "Par 1; A Primary member will pay dues as mandated by the Local Branch. The Local Branch of the Primary Member will pay the appropriate per capita taxes to the Grand Lodge." The change will read "Par 1; A Primary member will pay dues as mandated by the Primary Branch. The Primary Branch of the Primary Member will pay the appropriate per capita taxes to the Grand Lodge." The next change was to Par 3 and it read "Par 3: A Secondary Member will pay dues as required by the Local Branch. Membership will not accrue to the Grand Lodge." Will be changed to "Par 3: A Secondary Member will pay dues as required by the Secondary Branch. Membership will not accrue to the Grand Lodge." And the last change is to Par 6 which read "Par 6; A Member may elect to transfer their Primary Membership by following the procedure as defined in Article XXII. A member may only hold one Primary Membership." Will be changed to "Par 6; A Member may elect to transfer their Primary Membership by following the procedure as defined in Article XXII. A member can hold one Primary Membership." The Grand President asked those that had suggested these changes if they were in agreement with them, hearing no complaints he open the floor for discussion. . The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to approve changes to the Constitution, there were 33 votes cast which required a vote of 24 in favor to pass. The vote was yes 35 no 0 and the motion was adopted.

**The Grand President** recognized Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, who expressed his thanks to those who had worked on the preparation on Friday night and introduced Past Grand President and Chairperson of the Law Committee, Tom Martin, Grand President, Daniel Joensen, Past Grand President, Lilian Rasmussen and Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12. He also thanked Jr. Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup and Past Grand President, John Johansen who made suggestion to the finished proposal, along with his thanks to the Grand Secretary for his assistance.

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #1, Mel Lundberg, who asked that the Grand Secretary forward a copy of the changes of the Constitution to all the Branch Secretaries. The Grand Secretary rose to a point of information and directed their attention to Article XXVII Section 4 where it states that any changes to the Constitution will not go into effect until 30 days after convention and that the revised copy of the Constitution will be available for the Secretaries to down load for their uses. The Grand President requested that this be included in the minutes of the Convention.

**The Grand President** recognized Finn Rurge, Hejls Minde #23 who expressed concerns over the use of the Male gender in the Section that was just amended and asked if we should have changed them. The Grand Secretary rose to a point of information and directed their attention to Article XXVIII Section 1 where this issue is addressed in a blanket change that effects the entire Constitution.

**The Grand President** recognized Past Grand President Tom Martin who moved to have these changes go into effect today rather than 30 days as provided in Article XXVII of the Constitution noting the last sentence of the section stating "Unless the Grand Lodge shall provide otherwise." Seconded by Grand Vice President John



Scheuber, and the motion was adopted with a vote of 32 Yes and 0 No. The Grand President thanked and dismissed Past Grand President Roger Gearhart and his Committee with thanks.

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #3, Johanne Gade, who asked if we need to vote on changes to the format of the Branches annual reports to comply with the changes made to the Constitution? The Grand President explained that the Constitution does not govern how the Grand Lodge accounts for this change, so no vote is required. The Grand Secretary explained that he will be making the required changes to all the documents effected by the adopted legislation.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** declared a Coffee recess at 9:57 A.M. to reconvene at 10:12 A.M.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** declared the meeting to come to order at 10:12 A.M. As many of the Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand President were not back from recess he stationed himself at the door and received the password from all late arrivers. He then asked if anyone was here that were not in the morning session and instructed the Grand Marsal to collect the password from them.

**The Grand President;** called on the Law Committee for their report. Past Grand President Tom Martin reported that there was no report.

**The Grand President;** called on the Resolution Committee for their report. The Resolutions were read by the Committee, Robert Lamee, Dannevang #7, Peter Christensen, Danmark #2, and Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10. Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski, moved to accept the report of the Resolution Committee. It was seconded by Past Grand President Roger Gearhart and the motion was adopted by a vote of 35 Yes 0 No. The four Resolutions have been attached to the end of this report.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**The Grand President** recognized John Jensen, Danmark #2, congratulated and thanked Grand President, Daniel Joensen on a successful Convention and year as Grand President.

**The Grand President** recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, remarked about a recent visit with Betty and Carl Jensen of Fresno and their recent article in the Bien about their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #1, Mel Lundberg thanked the Grand Lodge for allowing him to server as a Grand Officer for the past eight year, he truly has enjoyed his time.

**The Grand President** recognized Finn Rurge, Hejls Minde #23, who reported on their Member Niels Djernaes.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Secretary reported that due to the approved changes at last year's Convention a new revised copy of the ritual for Local Branches are now available.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Vice President, John Scheuber, invited Grand Lodge to hold their Convention in Modesto in 2020.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, moved requested that the Grand

Secretary to send a card of congratulations to Betty and Carl Jensen on their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Seconded by Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, and the motion was approved, by a vote of 35 Yes and No 0.

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #3, Johanne Gade, who asked if the Grand President would send a delegation to the Dannebrog to invite Dannebrog Grand Lodge to Modesto in 2020. The Grand President appointed The Grand Vice President, John Scheuber, Grand Trustee #3, Johanne Gade and the Grand Vice Marshal, Bente Ellis to make their presentation to Dannebrog.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, reported on the status of the 2019 Convention.

**The Grand President** asked the Grand Marshal to invite the Bornholm #14 delegation back into our Convention. They reported that they have completed their mission and that they had heard that the Fresno Branch may be assisting them with the Convention.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Secretary Tim Heer who spoke on behalf of the Salinas Branches, let it be known that they have an interest of hosting the 2021 in the Monterey Bay Area.

**The Grand President** recognized Grand Trustee #1 Mel Lundberg reminded everyone that next year at the Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco does not serve a lunch, so plan accordingly.

**The Grand President** recognized the Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski who thanked the Grand President for her gift of a bottle of his home made Akvavit and thanked him for a wonderful year and let him know how much she enjoyed being his Grand Marshal.

**The Grand President** invited the Grand President-elect John Scheuber to the podium and asked Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President-elect to address the Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members. Done

Grand President-elect John Scheuber Thanked the Grand President, Daniel Joensen, on behalf of the entire Executive Committee and the Lodge for a job well done.

Presidents Advisor: Past Grand President, Tom Martin, Danmark #2

He announced his appropriate Password for the year.

Advisory Committee Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14  
Past Grand President, John Johansen, Bornholm #14  
Past Grand President, Tom Martin, Danmark #2

Nomination Committee Past Grand President, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14  
Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, Thor#5  
Past Grand President, Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11

History committee	Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2
Web Committee:	Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14
Constitution Committee	Past Grand President, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President, Tom Martin, Danmark #2 Grand Marshal, Bente Ellis, Bornholm #14 Robert Lamee, Dannevang #7
Membership Committee:	James Olef Jensen, Danmark #2 John Jensen, Danmark #2 Carl Christiansen, Valdemar #12
Ritual Committee	Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President, John Johansen, Bornholm #14 Past Grand President, Tom Martin, Danmark #2
Auditors	To be announced latter

Grand President-elect John Scheuber thanked the Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Presidents for electing him to the Office of Grand President; he then went on to talk about some of the issues from last year and his goals for this year. He then went on with a little history of his personal history.

At the conclusion of Grand President-elect John Scheuber's remarks the Grand President Daniel Joensen instructed the Grand Marshal to escort him back to his station.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** thanked and excused all his Committees that he had appointed.

**The Grand President;** recognized Grand Trustee #1 Mel Lundberg, who invited everyone up to Ferndale for their installation held over the Labor Day weekend.

**The Grand President** entertained a motion to hold an open joint installation of Grand Officer with the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog. Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2 so moved and seconded by Past Grand President Thomas Martin, Danmark #2. The Grand President called for the vote by asking those in favor to raise their left hand, the motion was adopted by a vote of Yes 33 No 0.

**The Grand President** thanked Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23 for providing all the pastries that were enjoyed during our coffee breaks.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** instructed the Grand Marshal and the Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup to go and inform the members of the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog of our vote to hold a joint installation of Grand Officers at 2:00 P.M.

The Grand Marshal and the Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup returned and report that the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog had adjourned but the message was sent.

**The Grand President** recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, who thanked Grand President Daniel Joensen for a wonderful year as Grand President and for his support of Solvang even though he was not able to visit the Lodge in 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.

**Grand President Daniel Joensen** led the singing of God Bless America. He then declared the 138th annual convention closed and asked for the closing sign at 11:20 A.M.

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

### 2018- 2019 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Jr, Past Grand President	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2
Grand President	John Scheuber	Bornholm #14
Grand Vice President	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9
Grand Marshal	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14
Grand Vice Marshal	Michael Vanderbeck	Valdemar #12
Grand Trustee #1	James "Jim" Jensen	Danmark #2
Grand Trustee #2	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14
Grand Trustee #3	Peder Hoy	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 Jorgensen	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
2016-17	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
Mel Lundberg,	2018	Valhalla #11

\* Denoted Deceased



**Dania Executive Board** meeting held on March 10, 2018 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

Steen Skjellerup	Jr. Past Grand President	Thor #5 and Chairperson
Daniel Joensen	Grand President	Danmark#2
PGP Mel Lundberg	Grand Trustee #1	Valhalla #11
James "Jim" Jensen	Grand Trustee #2	Danmark #2
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #3	Bornholm #14
John Schueber	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (non voting)
Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non voting)

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

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to explain the makeup of the executive Committee and explain who is entitled to speak, and who may vote. The Grand Secretary explain the Jr Past Grand President was the Chairman, and the other members were The Grand President, Grand Trustee #1, Grand Trustee #2, Grand Trustee #3 and the Grand Secretary who is a nonvoting member. He also explained that the Grand Vice President is required to attain but have no vote and may only speak when recognized by the Chairman.

### **Dania Scholarship and Dania Memorial Scholarship:**

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to explain the two Scholarships and how they are funded. It was agreed that the committee would review the application for both Scholarships at the same time. There were eight applications were submitted for Daina Scholarship and four applications for the Diana Memorial Scholarships. The Grand Secretary noted that he had received two others, but they were not accepted because the applicant was not a member of a Dania Branch. After the Grand Secretary read the names of all the applicants and pointed out who of them were members and who were not, and who applied for both. The names of those four who applied for the Dania Memorial, and it was noted that the Memorial Scholarship fund earned \$6,900.35 in interest during the past year, and that the Dania Scholarship is limited to \$1,200.00.

James "Jim" Jensen, Grand Trustee #2, moved to remove the names of those who applied for the Dania Scholarship and for the Dania Memorial Scholarship from the Dania Scholarship list. Seconded by PGP Mel Lundberg, Grand Trustee #1, the motion was adopted. James Jensen, move to accept Brandon Reinstein's application as a Dania Memorial Scholarship. Seconded by PGP Mel Lundberg, Grand Trustee #1, the motion was unanimously adopted. James Jensen, move to award the remaining four applicants for the Dania Scholarship \$300.00 each. Seconded by PGP Mel Lundberg, Grand Trustee #1, the motion was unanimously adopted. Those awarded were Bryce Fish submitted by Danneskjold #17; Sonja Giacinto submitted by Danneskjold #17; Robert Lacey submitted by Danneskjold #17; and Anne Gearhart submitted by Danmark #2.

Moved by PGP Mel Lundberg, to award five Dania Memorial Scholarships this year in the amount of \$400.00 each, seconded by James "Jim" Jensen. PGP Johanne Gade Grand Trustee #3 Moved to amend the motion to \$500.00 each. Seconded by Steen Skjellerup the motion was unanimously adopted to amendment to the motion. The Motion as amended was unanimously adopted. Those awarded were Jens Christiansen a member of Valdemar #12, Nina Christiansen a member of Valdemar #12, Benjamin Hoover Member Bornholm #14, Aaron Holt Member of Thor #5, and Brandon Reinstein Member of Dannevang #7.

**Dania Member of the year:**

After reviewing the deserving nominees, a vote was called for and the committee unanimously elected PGP Mel Lundberg as the 2018 Member of the Year.

**New Business:**

Grand Secretary handed out the proposed changes to Bornholm's Bylaws along with the original bylaws. The proposed changes were edited by the Grand Secretary and there for were not excepted by the committee and the proposed unedited changes submitted by Bornholm were not in the correct format. The Committee decided to delay their decision until such time as Bornholm could submit the proposed changes in the desired format.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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

**138th Dania Convention  
Delegates**

<b>Grand Officers</b>		4/21	4/22	<b>Representatives</b>	4/21	4/22	<b>Representatives</b>	4/21	4/22
<b>Jr. Past Gr. Pres.</b>	Steen Skjellerup	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Danmark #2</b>			<b>Valhalla #11</b>		
<b>Grand President</b>	Daniel Joensen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	John Jensen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Francis Sweet	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Grand Vice President</b>	John Schueber	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Peter Christensen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	PGP Mel Lundberg	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Grand Secretary</b>	Tim Heer	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Alex Lund	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Daniel Barney	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	Gregory Gleeson	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Dennis Nielsen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Grand Marshal</b>	Jana Heer Glovaski	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Peter Schakow	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Valdemar #12</b>		
<b>Grand V. Marshal</b>	Bente Ellis	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				Michael Vanderbeck	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Grand Trustee</b>	PGP Mel Lundberg	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Hejmdal #4</b>			Leif Larsen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Grand Trustee</b>	James "Jim" Jensen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	PGP Bob Schall	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	Alt: Carl H. Christiansen	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Grand Trustee</b>	PGP Johanne Gade	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>						
		10	10	<b>Thor #5</b>			<b>Bornholm #14</b>		
<b>Past Grand Presidents</b>				Don Pettiit	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Kersten Johansen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
		4/21	4/22	Steen Skjellerup	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Max Stowers	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
James Jorgensen	Bornholm #14	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>				Doris Juul Hoy	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra #9	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>				Jerry Zoller.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Freja #6</b>					
Glen A. Fritz	Danmark #2	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	Ole M Pedersen	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>			
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra #9	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Danneskjold #17</b>		
Alan D. Filiu	Thyra #9	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>				PGP Robert Lacey	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang #7	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>				Ron Nielsen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Robert Sorensen	Bornholm #14	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Dannevang #7</b>					
Tim Heer	Freja #6	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Gregg DiMartino	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Hejls Minde #23</b>		
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm #14	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	Robert Lamee	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Bent Olsen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Kaj Kristensen	Danmark #2	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	Dan Holm	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Knud Jacobsen		
Arne Graversgaard	Freja #6	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>				Finn Rurge	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold #17	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Thyra #9</b>					
John Johansen	Bornholm #14	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	PGP Gregory A. Gleeson	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Holger Danske #27</b>		
Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>						
Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>						
Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>						
Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Sønderjylland #10</b>					
Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Karen Fris Lysmer	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Bob Schall	Hejmdal #4	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	John Cruger-Hansen	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Alt: Debbie Crüger-Hansen					
		10	10					25	24

*Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada*

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas:**

*We the Officers and Delegates of the 138<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 20 and 21, 2018 at The Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and*

**Whereas:**

*The Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada was the host hotel to the 138<sup>th</sup> 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:**

*ROBERT LAMEE*

*Peter Christensen*

*Karen Tris Lysoner*

*Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada*

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas:**

*We the Officers and Delegates of the 138<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 20 and 21, 2018 at The Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and*

**Whereas:**

*The Loges of Valdemar No 12 and Dannevirke No. 9 hosted the 138<sup>th</sup> annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2018 convention at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks Nevada*

**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:** *ROBERT LAMEE*  
*Karen Friis Lysmer*  
*Peter Christensen*

**Resolution committee:**

*Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada*

**RESOLUTION of SORROW**

**Whereas:**

*We the Officers and Delegates of the 138<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 20 and 21, 2018 at The Nugget do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania.*

**Whereas:**

*We do deeply regret the passing of Past Grand President Gunnar Nielsen 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:**

*Robert LAMER*

*Peter Christensen*

*Karen Tris Lymer.*

*Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada*

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas:**

*We the Officers and Delegates of the 138<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge convention in Sparks Nevada on April 20 and 21, 2018 at The Nugget; have enjoyed a successful convention, and*

**Whereas:**

*The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrating her 78<sup>th</sup> 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:**

*Karac Jui's Lyssner  
Robert LAMEE  
Peter Christensen*