

Annual Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (OAF) Meeting
April 11, 2019, Grosvenor Best Western, South San Francisco, CA

The Dania – Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (SAF) General Assembly meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Lacey at 5:00 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 19, 2018 meeting were read and approved as read.

Secretary's report; Bob Lacey read Tim's report due to Tim's coughing; Mel Lundberg #11 moved to accept the report, seconded by Sena Marie Dannevirke #9 and passed. Natalie read the Treasurer's report; Bent Olsen Hejls Minde #23 moved to accept the report, seconded and passed. Pat read the Trustee's Report; Greg Gleeson Thyra #9 moved to accept the report, seconded by Tracey Lamee Danebod #16 and passed. (See attached reports)

Correspondence: none. Bills: none. New business: none.

Election of New Committee Members: Greg Gleeson Thyra #9 moved to continue with Mel Lundberg and Sena Marie Freeman on the Board seconded by Bent Olsen and passed.

Other business: Dannebrog Grand President Alan Filiu said how nice to be here it's been awhile since he has attended a SAF meeting. You all are doing a good job, this is what keeps us alive and thanks for allowing me to be here. Dania Grand President John Scheuber said SAF is working well.

Unfinished Business: none

General Assembly Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Tim Heer called the Dania-Dannebrog SAF Committee meeting to order to elect officers. The current slate of officers was unanimously elected to stay in their current office. Robert (Bob) Lacey, Chair; Sena Marie Freeman 1st Vice; John Jensen 2nd Vice; Trustees: Pat Brouillette, Mel Lundberg & Lynn Wachter.

Bob took over the meeting and had Tim read the redacted applications.

The application from Hejls Minde #23 was no longer in need since she has moved in with family members.

A new application from Hejls Minde #23 was received. The Investigating Committee recommended \$300.00 assistance. John Scheuber moved to accept the recommendation of the Investigating Committee, seconded by John Jensen passed.

John Scheuber GP moved to accept the recommendation of the investigating committee from Bornholm #14 of \$100.00 for each recipient totaling \$200.00, seconded by John Jensen, carried.

Bent Olsen presented a \$500.00 donation to the SAF from Olsen's Danish Village Bakery and Karen Faraldo \$50.00 donation in memory of Irene Simms.

If new questionnaires are received they will be reviewed in October. The Representatives were reminded that each and every applicant's identity is kept confidential. Bob thanked all for their diligence.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog Annual Convention
Hosted by
Valborg #1 and Thyra #9
South San Francisco, CA

Installing Grand Marshal, Martha Nielsen #11 entered with the Past Grand Presidents escorting them around the convention room. She then escorted the Grand Officers around the convention room taking their stations.

After the Flag ceremony, Mary Esther Filiu #1 and Signe Ann McNeil #1 presented GP Alan Filiu #1 and GVP Beth Mahler Cowan #1 with beautiful orchid plants.

Grand President Alan Filiau #1 appointed Anette Christensen #9 as Grand Vice Marshal due to the resignation of Donna Vanderbeck #9. Rowland McNeil #1 was appointed to assist the Grand Vice Marshal while away from her station. GP Alan #1 proceeded with opening of the convention.

GP Alan #1 instructed Grand Marshal Deanna Dunbar #11 and Vice Grand Marshal Anette #9 to collect the password from all present. They carried the new containers for the flags presented last year by Beth #1.

GP Alan #1 instructed the GM Deanna #11 to escort his advisor, PGP Susan Gauthier #1 to a position to his right.

Roll call was taken and the following were present: Grand Past President Stuart O. Mahler #1, Grand President Alan Filiau #1, Grand Vice President Beth Cowan #1, Grand Secretary Natalie Heer #15, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette #1, Grand Marshal Deanna Dunbar #11, Grand Vice Marshal Anette Christensen #9, Grand Trustees: Mary Esther Filiau #1, Elizabeth Jensen #3 and Kathy Christensen #3.

Delegates: Valborg #1 Hayward, Jytte Stoecker, Rowland McNeil; Thyra #3 San Francisco, Anne Gearhart; Laura #8 San Jose, Maud Hansen; Dannevirke #9 Reno, Eva Demosthenes, Bonnie Larsen; Ydun #10 Ferndale, Lynn Wachter, Zena Lundberg; Thora #11 Fresno, Kay Jensen, Deanna Dunbar; Dana #15 Salinas Colleen Heer Cave; Danebod #16 Livermore, Diane Reinstein, Kathy Thomsen; Valkyrien # 23 Santa Maria, No Delegates.

Past Grand Presidents: Signe Ann McNeil #1, Diane Reinstein #16, Sena Marie Freeman #9, Susan Gauthier #1, Mary Esther Filiau #1, Martha Nielsen #11, Natalie Heer #15, Karen Faraldo #16, Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Anette Christensen #9, Colleen Heer Cave #15, Elizabeth Jensen #3, Zena Lundberg #10, Lynn Wachter #10.

The PGP Susan #1 read the names of the members who had passed away April 20, 2018 through April 12, 2019: Valborg #1 Hayward: Winifred Jensen; Thyra #3 San Francisco: Irene Simms PP and PGP; Thora #11, Fresno: Ruth Low PP, Helen Beck PP, Lilli H. Benedict; Valkyrien #23 Santa Maria: Mona Gross. The Grand Marshal, Deanna #11, draped the charter in their honor. A moment of silence was observed. She used the beautiful lace drape given to Grand Lodge by Valkyrien #23, Santa Maria, in 2012.

GP Alan #1 turned the meeting over to GVP Beth #1 and proceeded to reading his Grand President's report:

Grand Presidents Report

Alan D. Filiau

First, I would like to thank Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 for a wonderful Convention.

At the truly Grand Viking Ball, I was privileged and very proud to be able to present Past Grand President Martha Nielsen with the Dannebrog Member of The Year Award. She was very surprised and shocked. This award is well deserved for the things she has done and continues to do for Dannebrog.

What fun it was for my wife and I to assist Past Grand Presidents of Dania, Daniel Joensen and Stuart Mahler in presenting our four sons, Michael, Scott, Mark and Tim with their 25 year membership pins from Dania. The boys were very surprised.

My thanks to the Reno lodges for having your installations on Sunday while so many members were still in town to attend. We enjoyed a very nice brunch followed by the installation, which went very well for being the first one for all the new Grand Officers.

On August 4, Mary Esther and I went to Modesto for the installation of Bornholm #14 officers. It was very nice to see Bente Ellis installed as their President. The food was good and I enjoyed visiting with the members.

The Labor Day Weekend in Ferndale was great. The Installation went well and the food and hospitality were outstanding. A bonus for us was to have our son Mark and his fiancée Gayle there for the weekend. The Bocce was fun for me to watch. (I think I'm too old to play.) After the last two matches of Bocce, we headed to the Dania Hall for a delicious buffet. We followed Mark and Gayle to Oregon, where we visited with them and our son Tim for a few days. Then headed back to California, with a brief stop in Lakeport to visit friends and see the tragic fire damage. The fire came within 20 feet of their house.

On September 22nd, Mary Esther and I attended Livermore Lodges, Danebod #16 and Dannevang #7, Annual Bar-B-Que at the lovely home of Bob and Tracey Lamee. The food and fellowship were wonderful. The setting was perfect and the weather was very nice.

To start the month of October, Mary Esther and I traveled to Salinas for their installation. After the installation we retired to the dining room for their Dansktoberfest, good food and hospitality. A fun time was had by all.

On 8th of December, we joined the members of Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 at the Grosvenor Hotel for their annual Christmas Party. There was good food, fellowship and caroling in English and Danish. It was especially nice to see PGP Irene Simms there. Her son Carl and his wife Sue, from Arizona, rented a special equipped van to bring her to the party.

A week later we traveled to Greg Gleeson's home for Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 Annual Christmas Party. We had a wonderful Potluck dinner and lots of time for visiting and the spirits were plentiful. We also had a nice collection of toys, done annually, for the Salvation Army.

On February 2, we went to Fresno for the Installations of Thora #11 and Thor #5. The food was very good and it was so nice to visit with members we don't get a chance to see during the year.

On our way home an alert came on the radio, "Tornado warning take cover!!" (Remembering in my mind the newspaper picture of Gunner Nielsen standing in front of his roofless barn, with the caption "Tornados in Fresno?") My wife, being from Minnesota, didn't want to find out if there was one, so she looked around and put the metal to the pedal and were gone!!

February 9th we traveled to South San Francisco for the Installation of Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 officers at the Grosvenor. As usual the food was great, prizes plentiful, music for dancing and lots of fellowship.

February 17th saw us in Santa Clara for the Installation of Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 at the Mariana Restaurant. It was nice to be able to install their officers. The food was very good and so was the champagne. It was so good visiting with friends we haven't seen for a while. Reminiscing is so much fun.

March 2nd, on to Modesto with Greg, Pat and Jytte for the Annual Fish Feed. This is always such a special event. The hors d'oeuvres were, as always, very good. And the fish and potatoes accompanied by the parsley and mustard gravies were oh so delicious. Hats off to the Hoy family of cooks!!!

March 5th Mary Esther and I went to Solvang for shopping and the Installation of the officers of Hejls Minde #23 to be held on the 6th. Dania Grand President, John Scheuber presided and was assisted by PGP Johanne Gade as acting Grand Marshal. After the Installation, we all retired to the dining room to be treated to a traditional Danish lunch of open face sandwiches and all the trimmings, including Jubilaeums. It was fun and enjoyable to see some old friends again!

Our next and final stop was at the Cattleman's restaurant in Livermore for the Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting, followed by the Installation of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 officers. It seemed to be fitting that my last installation was my home lodge. We had a great lunch and plenty of time to visit afterwards.

I want to thank all the officers, delegates and members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Dannebrog Grand President. I want to thank Past Grand President Susan Gauthier, Valborg #1, for her assistance as my advisor during the year. I also want to thank Grand Marshal, Deanna Dunbar, Thora #11, for her efforts this year. When I was having problems walking, she held on a

little tighter so I wouldn't fall, I appreciated your understanding. And last but not least, my wife Mary Esther, for all your love and support and always getting me where ever I had to be. Thank you so very much! I have thoroughly enjoyed my year.

Alan D. Filiau

Dannebrog Grand President

April 12, 2019

Martha #11 moved to accept the Grand President's report as read seconded by Kathy T. #16 and carried. Grand Vice President Beth #1 turned the meeting back over to the Grand President Alan #1.

Grand Secretary's Report: Natalie Heer #15 read the Grand Secretary's Report. (See attached) Signe Ann #1 moved to accept the report so far, seconded by Sena Marie #9, motion carried. GS Natalie #15 will have the rest of her report after the break.

Corrections to the 2018 Convention Report as mailed: Martha #11 was Installing Grand Past President not Lynn #10. This correction was noted in the 2018 Convention report.

Grand Treasurer's Report: The Grand Treasurer, Pat Brouillette #1 read her itemized report. (See attached) Kathy T. #16 moved to accept the Grand Treasurer's report, seconded by Karen #16, motion carried.

Scholarship Fund Report: Grand Treasurer, Pat #1, read the Scholarship Fund Report. (See attached) Susan #1 moved to accept the report as read, Anette #9 seconded the motion, carried. It was asked why a \$200.00 scholarship had been returned. Anne Gearhart explained she had applied to a very competitive studies program opening and hadn't been accepted.

Grand Trustee's Report: #1 Grand Trustee Mary Esther #1 read her report. (See attached) Sena Marie #9 moved to accept the report seconded by Susan #1, motion carried.

Appointment of Committees: GP Alan #1 appointed the following committees, with the first named being the Chair:

Finance: Deanna Dunbar #11, Anne Gearhart #3, Bonnie Larsen #9;

Premium: Diane Reinstein #16, Maud Hansen #8, Jytte Stoecker #1;

Resolution: Colleen Heer Cave #15, Eva Demosthenes #9, Karen Faraldo #16,

Law: Martha Nielsen #11, Zena Lundberg #10, Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Sena Marie #9;

Bills: GP Alan #1 called for the reading of the bills:

Grand Officers Travel to Convention

Stuart O. Mahler	\$25.00	
Alan Filiau	\$25.00	
Beth Cowan	\$25.00	
Natalie Heer	\$25.00	
Pat Brouillette	\$25.00	
Deanna Dunbar	\$25.00	
Donna Vanderbeck replaced by Anette C	\$25.00	
Mary Esther Filiau	\$25.00	
Elizabeth Jensen	\$25.00	
Kathy Christensen	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	\$250.00	\$250.00

INSTALLATION TRAVEL EXPENSES

Grand President (Beth Cowan \$225.00)	\$450.00	(1/2 at Convention & 1/2 the following January)
Grand Marshal (? \$200.00)	<u>\$400.00</u>	(1/2 at Convention & 1/2 the following January)

	\$850.00	\$425.00
DONATIONS/DUES		
Aldersly-Dues	\$45.00	
Bethel Lutheran Home-Donation	\$35.00	
Solvang Lutheran Home-Donation	<u>\$35.00</u>	
	\$115.00	\$115.00
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		\$1,305.00

The bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

Coffee Break: to reconvene at 10:30 a.m. We enjoyed Bent Olsen's Bakery Kringle with our coffee during the break.

Grand Secretary's continuing of her report: GS Natalie #15 read the rest of her report (see attached). Susan #1 move to accept the rest of the report, Karen #16 seconded, accepted.

Correspondence: Thank you from Doris Skow #8 to Martha Nielsen #11 for taking on the task of historian in her absence this year due to her being unable to attend Convention for only the 6th time in 68 years. She thanked Grand Lodge for the privilege in serving as historian and for all the support she received from the various lodges and members, without the donations this program wouldn't have been possible. She informed us of her need to retire as chair, but will continue to support her successor. She is looking forward to attending the 2020 Convention in Modesto; Carl and Betty Jensen sent greetings for a Great Convention and enjoy the raisins; Have a good Convention from PGP Dorothy Petersen; Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 wishing all an enjoyable Convention and congratulations and best of luck to the newly elected Grand Officers and all are invited to their May 3rd installation in Reno. Please RSVP for our famous open-face sandwiches at a very low cost of \$20.00 per person; Valborg #1 extended best wishes to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, delegates and members on our 104th annual Convention; Laura #8 wishing a productive and joyful Convention; Danebod #16 congratulations and best wishes for a successful Convention

New Business: History committee: Martha #11 offered to oversee the history items for one more year but would like to have someone volunteer to oversee the History items.

Colleen #15 asked who is on the Nominating Committee.

GP Alan #1 responded with Anette #9, Elizabeth #3 and Lynn #10 are the members of the 2018-19 Nominating Committee.

Kathy T. #16 was glad to present Anette #9 with the railroad hat which symbols the chair of the Nominating Committee. Anette accepted graciously.

Elizabeth #3 invited anyone of the PGP or PP to volunteer for the positions of GM and GVM and GTrustee.

Anette #9 was pleased to announce that Tracey Lamee #16 had volunteered for the position of GTrustee #3.

Anette #9 reported on finding two photos while cleaning out their locker in Reno with one of the Hayward installation in 1914 and one of the 1912 San Francisco installation. They had the photos framed and brought the Hayward photo for "show and tell". Signe Ann #1 pointed out the

history of Valborg #1 in the program. (See attached)

GP Alan #1 told us about the members who lived in Hayward, first meeting with the Livermore Branch and deciding to create their own Branch in Hayward back in 1893.

Green March: GM Deanna #11 prepared the money jar and we then all filed by with our donations to go to the Scholarship Fund.

Susan G. #1 is working on the Dania/Dannebrog web site and found the Joint Meeting Ritual for local branches which was adopted by Dania/Dannebrog at the April 19, 1997 convention in Ferndale, was not on the web site and she wants to post it on the web site. Elizabeth #3 mentioned they created their own. Susan #1 was concerned if your branch isn't using the Joint Meeting Ritual you may not be using the list of officers. Elizabeth #3 stated it has been difficult to get Thyra #3 members to be officers to share with Danmark #2. Natalie #15 mentioned that Doris S. #8 uses the Joint Ritual at the meetings in San Jose. Beth #1 pointed out that in the old days; each officer had a copy of the ritual. Sena Marie #9 asked to have a copy of the ritual emailed to her.

GT Pat #1 reported the Green March raised \$315.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

GT Pat #1 had a card to Ann Dalgaard #13 and asked any and all to sign. She also read a note from Ann's daughter Jackie, noting that Ann is now 98 years young.

Karen #16 spoke with PGP Dee Matusiewicz's daughter and Dee is now in a rest home in Livermore.

Signe Ann #1, Chair of the Convention Committee welcomed us to the Convention and impressed upon us with the need for the Constitution and Laws ARTICLE VII LAWS FOR BRANCHES; Par. 14. Delegates and alternates to the Convention and also representatives to Dania-Dannebrog Old Age Fund meeting shall be elected at the last meeting in December and names sent to the Grand Secretary not later than January tenth (10th). An alternate whose name was not sent to Grand Secretary by January tenth (10th) may bring a letter from the Branch Secretary under the seal of the Society stating that the member is legally elected as such. A delegate does not need to be present at the last Branch meeting before Convention. Be followed since the Grand Secretary and Host Branches need to receive the list of delegates. The GS for her roll call and the Host Branches for the Hotel, caterer, and printing of the program. Beth #1 pointed out that the GS sends out the Annual Report in December to be returned by January 10th.

Sena Marie #9 thanked Signe Ann #1 for arranging for the PGP luncheon. As being the Host Branch for Convention, it was so much better having the PGP in the area arrange for the luncheon. Sena Marie #9 asked for the Host Branch to set up the luncheon in the future.

Martha #11 invited the PGP's and GP Alan #1 to her room #826 for a wine party before lunch. She then asked to be excused to prepare for the cocktail party.

Break for lunch: we recessed at 11:20 am to reconvene at 2:00 pm.

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

Roll Call: PGP Ann-katherine Sawyer #9 joined us.

GP Alan #1 opened the meeting by singing the "Opening Song"

Correspondence: Thora #11 wishing everyone a wonderful Convention.

Nominating Committee: Anette #9 reported we are still working on it.

Premium Committee: Diane #16, Maud #8 and Jytte #1, reported Ydun #10 brought in the most new members of 5 and Mel Lundberg #10 won the Grand President's prize for recommending the most new members.

Finance Committee: Deanna #11, Anne #3 and Bonnie #9 reported they found the bills in order. Signe Ann #1 moved to accept the report and pay the bills and to also accept the Premium

Committee report, Martha #11 seconded, carried.

Law Committee: Martha #11 asked the committee members: Zena #10, Kathy T. #16, Kay #11 and Sena Marie #9 to meet with her during the break.

Corrections to 2018 Convention Report: Anette #9 found a note from Donna Vanderbeck #9 with corrections to the Resolution Report in the 2018 Convention Report. “The spelling of the pianist’s last name is De Paole and he is with the Reno Philharmonic.” These corrections were noted in the 2018 Convention report.

Colleen #15 of the Resolution Committee asked for the Host Branch members for correct spellings.

Anette #9 asked Karen #16 to tell her joke about a boy who didn’t speak. (You will have to ask her for the details!)

New Business: Signe Ann #1 and Susan #1 pointed out having fewer attending, getting more difficult to appointing 3 to the committees and moved to change the number on committees from 3 to 2, seconded by Diane #16. After discussion, Signe Ann moved to amend the motion to the Law Committee would be a minimum of 3 seconded by Susan #1 approved. The motion as amended of the Premium, Finance, and Resolution Committees to consist of a minimum of 2 members and the Law Committee a minimum of 3 members was approved.

Mary Esther #1 moved to insert in the Grand Lodge Rituals for Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog of CA & NV “Approval of Convention report as mailed” in Proceedings be moved just after the reading of the names of Grand Officers Delegates and Past Grand Presidents and in Procedure of Grand Lodge Meetings, seconded by Susan #1 and passed.

GT Pat #1 read the recipients of our Scholarships: Brenna White, Leonard Giacinto and Sonja Giacinto whose mothers belong to Laura #8 certificates were presented to Maude #8; Aaron Holt whose mother belongs to #11 and member Rebecca Holt #11 certificates were presented to Martha #11; member Kaelie Martin-Mahler #1 was presented to her Grandfather Stuart #1. All were presented by GM Deanna #11.

Good of the Order: Kathy #16 asked about the password Gilleleje which came up when she and Dan were visiting the island of Zealand (Sjælland). Anette #9 pronounced Gilleleje for us and GP Alan #1 said it reminded him of a small fishing village.

Meeting recessed: Susan #1 proposed to adjourn to prepare for the Beach Party dinner serving chicken or pork tonight. It was agreed to reconvene after the 10:00 am break on Saturday.

Saturday April 13, 10:25 am: GP Alan #1 called the meeting to order.

The GM Deanna #11 and GVM Anette #9 obtained the password.

Roll Call: the Grand Officers and Delegates were taken.

GP Alan #1 called on the Nominating Committee for their report.

Nominating Committee: Anette #9 with hat in hand, well actually on her head, reported it was quite a job she, Elizabeth #3 and Lynn #10 had. She read the following:

Grand Past President	Alan Filiu #1
Grand President	Beth Cowan #1
Grand Vice President	Deanna Dunbar #11
Grand Secretary	Natalie Heer #15
Grand Treasurer	Pat Brouillette #1
Grand Marshal	Stuart O. Mahler #1
Grand Vice Marshal	Lynn Wachter #10
Grand Trustee #1	Elizabeth Jensen #3

Grand Trustee #2

Kathy Christensen #3

Grand Trustee #3

Tracey Lamee #16

Mary Esther #1 moved to have the Grand Secretary cast a vote by acclamation, Rowland #1 seconded, to accept the Nominating Committee's report, passed.

GP Alan #1 thanked the Nominating Committee on their hard work.

GP Alan #1 called on the Resolution Committee for their report.

Resolution: Colleen #15 read the report: The Resolution committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 for providing a wonderful and fun convention.

Congrats Alan for doing a fine job as Grand President.

We wish to thank the management and staff at the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel here in South San Francisco for providing comfortable accommodations for our lodging and activities that enhanced the convention experience. Special appreciation to Rose Restauro, Manager.

Thank you for the presentation of the American Flag by the Sojourners, wonderful and memorable presentation!

Continued thanks to special members Betty and Carl Jensen for the delicious and healthy raisins, to Bent Olsen of Olsen's Danish Village Bakery in Solvang for providing delicious pastries for Thursday reception and coffee breaks. Thanks also to Martha Nielsen for providing avocados to share and for taking over History duties. Thank you DJ Robert Morton Jones for musical entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Thanks to all who donated to the Raffles – great stuff!

Finally, congratulations to the incoming Grand Officers for 2019-2020!

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Cave #15, Karen Faraldo #16 and Eva Demosthenes #9

Kathy #16 moved to accept the Resolution Report seconded by Kathy #3, carried.

Law Committee: Martha #11 reported the members of the Law Committee: Zena Lundberg #10, Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Sena Marie #9 have nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Anne #3, Deanna Dunbar #11 and Bonnie Larsen #9 reported they found all in order. Karen #16 moved to accept their report, Sena Marie #9 seconded, passed.

GP Alan #1 asked GM Deanna #11 to present Zena #10 with the Branch prize for bring in the most members and the GP prize for Mel #10 for signing the most applications for memberships.

Correspondence: Greetings from Dana #15 and Freja #6 with continued success and fun during Convention 2019 and a job well done to the organizing committee!!

Unfinished Business: GP Alan #1 called on GT Pat #1 who reported on the per-capita of \$2.00 per member to go to the SAF, our total membership currently is 273 = \$546.00.

New Business: GS Natalie #15 pointed out our Scholarship Fund is getting low and wondering about our having today's Green March go to the Dannebrog Scholarship Fund instead of the SAF. Karen #16 moved to have the Green March go to the Scholarship Fund, seconded by Susan #1, motion carried.

Green March Dannebrog Scholarship Fund: Green March was taken.

Good of the Order: Anette #9 thanked for having her as the GVM and thanked the GP Alan #1 for her gift of a gnome.

GP Alan #1 turned the meeting over to the GVP Beth #1.

I would like to thank the members of Dannebrog for electing me as Grand President for the ensuing year. I have appointed my daughter PGP Susan Gauthier as my advisor along with my brother Stuart and sister Signe Ann as my Honorary Advisors. My Nominating Committee

appointments are Colleen Heer Cave #15, Diane Reinstein #16, and Kay Jensen #11. Three of my grandparents emigrated from Denmark and were members of Dania and Dannebrog. My parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren also joined the tradition of becoming members. Therefore, I have chosen “tradition” for my password for the coming year. GP-elect Beth #1 then turned the meeting back to the GP Alan #1.

GP Alan #1 asked the GM Deanna #11 to escort GTrustee #1, Mary Esther #1 to his station. Mary Esther #1 turned over to the GP Alan #1 the bag she had been entrusted with last year. GM Deanna #11 then escorted Mary Esther #1 back to her chair and escorted Elizabeth #3 GTrustee #1-elect to the GP Alan #1. GP Alan presented the bag to Elizabeth #3 with good wishes in the coming year.

GT Pat #1 announced the Saturday Green March of \$332.00 along with the Green March from Friday totals \$647.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Signe Ann #1 asked the GM Deanna #1 to escort our GP Alan #1 around the room. We all stood and gave him an ovation and thanks.

GT Pat #1 thanked the GP for her gift and thanked the delegates for electing her as Grand Treasurer.

GS Natalie #15 thanked GP Alan #1 for her gift of a gnome and Starbucks gift card. Also to the delegates, continuing to support her with another year as Grand Secretary.

GM Deanna #11 thanked GP Alan #1 for her gift and her coffee addiction.

GT #2 Kathy #3 thanked GP Alan #1 for her gnome and gift card.

Signe Ann #1 was surprised with a gift as chair of the convention committee. Thank you!

GT #3 Elizabeth #3 thanked for her gift gnome and coffee.

Kay #11 thanked for the gift she won last night.

In recess: GM Bente Ellis Dania entered and invited us to an open installation of Grand Officers at 2: pm. She also invited to the 2020 convention on April 16 – 18, 2020 hosted by Modesto with help from Fresno.

Stuart #1 thanked for his gifts and thanked the delegates for electing him as Grand Marshal to be able to do this again.

Kay #11 thanked GP Alan #1 and GPP Stuart #1 for you two have added a lot to our meetings.

Mary Esther #1 thanked the GP Alan #1 for her gifts.

Anne #3 has heard of other gentlemen wanting to join our group.

Diane #16 suggested we may be able to raise money for the Scholarship next like we did for the SAF.

Anette #9 invited us to Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12's installation of officers May 3rd. 6:00 pm gather for cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner of Smørrebrød, with installation to follow. A special dessert and coffee will be served to end the fun evening.

GP Alan #1 said this has been the high light of his life and he has been honored in many other groups, but this is closest to his heart.

Closing: We sang the closing song, gave the sign, and the GP Alan #1 closed the Convention in due form until we meet again in Modesto, CA at the Clarion Hotel on April 16, 17 & 18, 2020 for Convention hosted by Bornholm #14.

Natalie Heer
Grand Secretary

Installation of Officers: The Installation of Grand Officers, of Dannebrog and Dania for 2019 – 2020, was held Saturday April 13, 2019 at 2:00 p. m. in the Essex-Marlborough room. The superb and beautifully attired Escort Team of Mary Esther Filiau and Signe Ann McNeil did an outstanding job keeping the installing team going in the right directions. Installing Grand Past President Stuart O. Mahler Valborg #1 Dannebrog and Jr. Past Grand President Daniel Joensen Danmark #2 Dania were assisted by Installing Grand Marshals Martha Nielsen Thora #11 Dannebrog, and Steen Skjellerup Thor #5 Dania and Installing Grand Vice Marshals Anette Christensen Dannevirke #9 Dannebrog and Arne Graversgaard Freja #6 Dania. They all did a fine job.

Dannebrog

Grand Past President Alan D. Filiau
Grand President Beth Cowan
Grand Vice President Deanna Dunbar
Grand Secretary Natalie Heer
Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette
Grand Marshal Stuart O. Mahler
Grand Vice Marshal Lynn Wachter
Grand Trustee Elizabeth Jensen
Grand Trustee Kathy Christensen
Grand Trustee Tracey Lamee

Dania

Jr. Past Grand President John Scheuber
Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski
Grand Vice President Bente Ellis
Grand Secretary Tim Heer
Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson
Grand Marshal Tom Martin
Grand Vice Marshal
Grand Trustee Johanne Rasmussen Gade
Grand Trustee Peder Hoy
Grand Trustee Robert Lamee

Following the installation, the Grand President's reception hosted by our new GPs Beth and Jana was a wonderful time to greet our new Grand Officers.

During the Grand Ball Dinner and Dance in the Windsor-Tudor rooms, the Raffle Committee continued to delight those present with wonderful raffle gifts to the lucky winners.

Dannebrog's Grand President Beth Cowan introduced her new corps of Grand Officers and began reading a bio of the Dannebrog Member of the Year recipient. She has been very active in her local branch as well as Grand Lodge while raising two daughters. Beth had the distinct pleasure in presenting her daughter Susan Gauthier with the Member of the Year Award 2019. She was presented a plate etched with the Danish woven heart and Dannebrog Member of the Year, Susan Gauthier 2019.

Dania's Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski in turn introduced her new corps of Grand Officers and then read the accomplishments of the 2019 Dania Member of the Year. He has worked tirelessly for Mended Hearts, his local Branch, Grand Lodge and the Dania-Dannebrog SAF. Jana introduced Robert Lacey Danneskjold #17 as the recipient of the Dania's Member of the Year for 2019.

These awards are well deserved and congratulations to you both!

History of Valborg #1

On Saturday evening, December 16, 1893, a group of Danish women and men met in the Odd Fellows Hall in Hayward for the purpose of organizing THE DANISH LADIES SOCIETY OF HAYWARD, dedicated to aiding needy people of Danish origins. The names of 23 women and 23 men are on the original charter. Mrs. H.P. Jensen, who is credited with the idea, became the Society's first President. On March 17, 1900, the Society's name was changed to DANISH LADIES SOCIETY, VALBORG.

At organizational meetings held in Hayward in 1914 and in San Francisco in 1915, 12 existing Danish Ladies Societies in California united as the DANISH LADIES SOCIETY DANNEBROG and were accepted as auxiliary lodges of the GRAND LODGE DANIA.

VALBORG, being the largest and oldest of the 12 Societies with 178 members, became known as VALBORG NO. 1 of DANNEBROG CALIFORNIA and NEVADA.

VALBORG has had eight members elected to the office of Grand President. Mrs. Ernestine Christensen of Hayward, who had presided over the organizational meetings became the first Grand Vice President of the GRAND LODGE DANNEBROG that year and went on to become Grand President in 1917, followed by Mary Brix 1967-1968, Signe Ann McNeil 1982-1983, Ceil Mahler 1987-1988, Susan Gauthier 1992-1993, Mary Esther Filiau 1995-1996, Stuart O. Mahler, Dannebrog's first male Grand President, 2017-2018, and Alan Filiau 2018-2019. Our current Grand Vice President, Beth Cowan, is also a VALBORG member.

Other GRAND LODGE officers held by VALBORG members are Grand Secretary Signe Ann McNeil 1993-2007, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette 2004 to the present, and Grand Trustees Minnie Jorgensen, Eva Heiser, Deborah Johnson, Linda Cumming, Pat Brouillette, Mary Esther Filiau, Esther Jorgensen, and Jonna Villadsen.

VALBORG has had two members honored with Dannebrog's Member of the Year Award, Signe Ann McNeil 2013 and Mary Esther Filiau 2014.