

Annual Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (OAF) Meeting  
March 31, 2022, Modesto, CA

The Dania – Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (SAF) General Assembly meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Lacey at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and 18 Representatives and 8 Directors answered to roll. A moment of silence was observed for our departed members. The minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting were read and approved as read.

Tim read the Secretary's report; John Jensen #3 moved to accept the report, seconded by Karen Lysmer #10, and passed. Natalie read the Treasurer's report; Tim Heer #6 moved to accept the report, seconded by Martha Nielsen #11, and passed. Pat read the Trustee's Report for 2019, 2020, 2021; Greg Gleeson Thyra #9 moved to accept the report, seconded by John Jensen #3, and passed. (See attached reports) Bob commended all of us Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees on their work in the last 3 years of their reports.

Correspondence: none. Bills: none. New business: Bob appointed a committee of John Jensen, Tim Heer and himself, to review the requirement of the treasurer not having more than \$3,000.00 in the checking account.

Bob called on the Grand Presidents: Dannebrog Grand President Beth Cowan this is the first time at the SAF meeting. She also is looking forward to the convention to begin. Dania Grand President Jana Heer is food to be with everyone and complemented all on the work they are doing.

Unfinished Business: The Directors of the SAF, via email, increased the assistance to the recipient from Bornholm #14 from \$100.00 to \$200.00 a month starting October 1, 2021.

General Assembly Meeting adjourned at 4:56 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; John Jensen 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Trustees: Pat Brouillette, Mel Lundberg & Lynn Wachter.

Bob took over the meeting.

Tim moved that Bornholm #14 continue with \$200.00 or more for the recipient, seconded by John Jensen, carried. Bente will call the recipient.

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

The Committee meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog Annual Convention  
Hosted by  
Bornholm #14, Modesto, CA

Installing Grand Marshal, Stuart Mahler #1 entered with the Grand Officers escorting around the convention room and taking their stations.

Grand President Beth Cowan #1 appointed Anette Christensen #9 as Grand Vice Marshal due to the Lynn Wachter #10 unable to attend the convention. Kay Jensen #11 was appointed to assist the Grand Vice Marshal while away from her station. It was noted that Elizabeth Jensen #3 the #1 Grand Trustee, was also unable to attend the Convention. GP Beth #1 proceeded with opening of the convention.

GP Beth #1 instructed Grand Marshal Stuart Mahler #1 and Vice Grand Marshal Anette #9 to collect the password from all present. They carried the new containers for the flags presented by Beth #1.

GP Beth #1 instructed the GM Stuart #1 to escort her advisor, PGP Susan Gauthier #1 to a position to her right.

**Roll call** was taken and the following were present: Grand Past President Alan Filiau #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 Mahler #1, Grand Vice Marshal Anette Christensen #9, Grand Trustees: (#1 Elizabeth Jensen #3 absent) #2 Kathy Christensen #3 and #3 Tracey Lamee #16.

Delegates: Valborg #1 Hayward, Denise Andersen; Thyra #3 San Francisco, John Jensen, Jessica Jobe Sea;

Dannevirke #9 Reno, Bonnie Larsen, Lone Webb; Ydun #10 Ferndale, No Delegates; 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, Jackie Nielsen #16. Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Anette Christensen #9, Colleen Heer Cave #15, Stuart Mahler #1.

The GP Beth #1 read the names of the members who had passed away April 12, 2019, through March 31, 2022: Valborg #1 Hayward: Mary Rivers (2020), Viola Wilson (2020); Thyra #3 San Francisco: Irene Simms PP and PGP (2019); Dannevirke #9, Reno: Margaret Hansen (2020), Karma Smith (2020); Ydun #10 Ferndale: Kay Tirsbeck (2020), Dorothy Lancaster (2021), Zena Lundberg PP, PGP (2021); Thora #11, Fresno: Sharon Andersen PP (2019), Miriam Eskelsen PP (2020), Margie Zingarelli (2020), Betty Jensen PP (2021), Christine Hoskins (2021); Danebod #16. Livermore: Ole Juul (2019), Dee Matusiewicz PP, PGP (2019), Paulette Thomsen PP (2019), Bernice Via (2019), Mabel Cragholm (2021), Del Thompson (2021), Viola Hardy (2021), Barbara Wood (2021); Valkyrien #23 Santa Maria: Ester Jacobsen (2019); Grand Lodge: Bette Roberts Collins (2021). The Grand Marshal, Stuart #1, draped the charter in their honor. A moment of silence was observed. He used the beautiful lace drape given to Grand Lodge by Valkyrien #23, Santa Maria, in 2012.

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

My Grand Officer journey began in Clovis at the 101<sup>st</sup> Convention hosted by Thora #11 and Thor #5, Fresno, in April 2016. My initial reaction to the Nominating Committee's request to accept the nomination of Grand Vice Marshal was absolutely not! After giving it some thought, I realized it would be a great opportunity to follow my brother Stuart through the chairs.

It was an honor to be installed Grand President at a convention hosted by my home lodge, and I looked forward to installing the officers of your respective lodges. Thank you, Alan Filiau, for your fine work the previous year. Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 did a tremendous job of putting together a fun-filled and productive Convention. The highlight of the Convention for me was the honor of presenting my daughter Susan Gauthier with the Dannebrog Member of the Year award for 2019. Congratulations, Susan, you are so deserving of this award. Thank you, Kay Jensen, for donating your winnings in the amount of \$298 from the 50-50 drawing to the Dannebrog Scholarship Fund.

Sunny weather greeted us in Reno for our first installation of the year. The evening began with appetizers and beverages and greeting friends, some we hadn't seen in a year. We then enjoyed beautiful, as well as delicious, Danish open-faced sandwiches prepared by Anette Christensen and her assistants. Jana and I installed the officers of Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12, with the assistance of Grand Marshals Stuart Mahler and Tom Martin. Jana and I felt like the four of us were a pretty good team! It was a privilege and honor to present Cindy Christensen and Ruth Olsen with their 50-year membership pins. Congratulations Cindy, Ruth, and Pete Olsen on your 50 years of membership!

Susan Gauthier, Signe Ann McNeil and I traveled to Kastania Fælled in Petaluma for Sønderjylland #10's installation. It was a lovely afternoon visiting people I had not seen in a long time and meeting new friends, and, of course, enjoying the wonderful Danish meal followed by a raffle.

It was a great Labor Day weekend in Ferndale, beginning with a lovely ride north with Sue and Stuart Mahler. The installation went very well even though key persons were missing. Tom Martin did a great job in Jana's absence; and since Tom was filling in as Grand President, Tim Heer filled in for Tom as Grand Marshal, another job well done. Following the installation, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner and conversation, followed by an auction. Bocce ball on Sunday is always lots of fun, and a wonderful lunch was served at Dania Hall prior to some of us returning home.

In October, our travels took us to Salinas for a fun-filled afternoon where Jana and I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Dana #15 and Freja #6, which was followed by a delicious lunch. Members and guests looked festive dressed in their red and white attire while guessing the number of game pieces in a jar and naming the locations on small Danish plates.

In December 2019, I attended Hayward's annual Christmas Party held at Greg Gleeson's home. This is always a fun event, and we were happy to see Dania Grand President Jana Heer and Grand Secretaries Natalie

and Tim Heer.

February, 2020 was a busy month for installations. Our travels took us to Fresno, where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch and visiting friends. San Francisco was an evening affair with a delicious dinner followed by dancing. Our last February installation was in Livermore. Again, fabulous food was on the menu, this time a beautiful and delicious selection of open-faced sandwiches thanks to Kathy Thomsen and her team. I have had so much fun visiting the local lodges and visiting with their members.

Our final installation before convention was supposed to be the Hayward lodges on March 21, 2020. And we now know that was not meant to be. With the postponement of Convention to April 2021, the Grand Officers and local officers would continue for another year with no need for local installations. Dannebrog Executive Committee took care of business via email. Later on, Convention was postponed to September 2021.

By February 2021, I received the first two doses of the Covid vaccine and hoping for everything to get back to normal soon.

I had the privilege of joining Reno's zoom gathering in March. It was a small group with Anette, Eva, and Nina from Reno; Jana and Steen from Fresno; and Susan from Hayward. Thank you, Anette, for coordinating this gathering.

Dannebrog Executive Committee met March 29 via a zoom meeting. Thank you, Susan Gauthier, for coordinating this meeting. It was such a pleasure for me to see and visit with Grand Past President Alan Filiau, Grand Secretary Natalie Heer, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette, and Grand Trustees Elizabeth Jensen, Kathy Christensen, and Tracey Lamee. We were able to pay bills, make donations, award a scholarship, discuss other matters, and, of course, enjoyed socializing after business items. This past year has been a challenge for all us.

On June 3, a joint Dania/Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting was held via zoom to discuss items to be brought up at convention, such as future dates for convention and lodges interested in hosting the convention.

Due to the Covid surge and members' concerns, a Joint Dania-Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting was held August 11 via conference call to determine whether Convention should be postponed. Following comments from each of the committee members, it was agreed to hold the convention March 31 to April 2, 2022.

December 2021 was the month I was finally able to attend in-person gatherings with Danish friends. The first event was the delightful San Francisco Christmas Party which was held at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. A delicious lunch was served, songs were sung, door prizes handed out, and an ugly (or beautiful or gaudy) sweater contest was held. The following weekend, the Hayward lodge held their Christmas potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson. Thank you to both lodges for the enjoyable gatherings.

As I look back on my term as Grand President, the first year was very enjoyable. I loved traveling to your local installations and activities. Thank you so much for the meals and gifts I received during my term as well as the precious memories I cherish. Following that first year, there were a number of challenges we had to face, but it's beginning to look hopeful for getting back to normal. I would like to thank the Grand Officers, delegates, and members for the opportunity to serve as Dannebrog Grand President. I would especially like to thank my daughter, Past Grand President Susan Gauthier, Valborg #1, for her assistance as my advisor during my term. A big thank you goes to Signe Ann McNeil and Stuart Mahler for serving as my honorary advisors during my term. To Stuart, I think you and I made a great team. Thanks for guiding me through the installations and meetings.

Kathy T. #16 moved to accept the Grand President's report as read seconded by Anette, carried.

Grand Secretary asked for corrections or omissions to the 2019 Convention Report. Signe Ann #1 moved to accept as written, seconded by Sena Marie #9, carried.

The minutes of the March 29, 2021, Zoom meeting of the Executive Committee was read:

March 29, 2021

Beth called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:33pm

Executive members present: PGP Alan Filiau, GP Beth Cowan, GS Natalie Heer, GT Pat Brouillette, GT#1 Elizabeth Jensen, GT#2 Kathy Christensen and GT#3 Tracey Lamee, and Susan Gauthier administrating the Zoom meeting.

The bills presented:

Aldersly	\$ 45.00
Bethel Lutheran Home	35.00
Solvang Lutheran Home	35.00
Pat Brouillette	150.00
Natalie Heer	350.00

Grand President and Grand Marshal chose to not be paid until they are able to attend meetings.

Kathy moved to pay the bill presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth, motion passed.

Pat moved the money (\$484.00) from the per-capita go to the Scholarship Fund instead of the Senior Assistance Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy, motion passed.

Scholarship: Kaelie Martin-Mahler, Granddaughter of Stuart Mahler.

It was agreed to give Kaelie the \$200.00 scholarship.

Reports were snail mailed to be signed ready for convention.

Member of the Year will be postponed until we can meet.

It was approved to have only one copy of reports (Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Trustees) to each Branch instead of to each delegate, to save on paper.

We will have reports audited at the convention.

Susan was thanked for organizing the Zoom meeting for us.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Natalie Heer, Grand Secretary

Martha #11 moved, to accept the minutes as read, Diane #16 seconded, motion passed.

**Grand Treasurer's Report:** The Grand Treasurer, Pat Brouillette #1 read her three years of itemized reports. (See attached) **Scholarship Fund Report:** Grand Treasurer, Pat #1, read the three years of itemized Scholarship Fund Reports. (See attached) Mary Esther #1 moved to accept the reports as read, John #3 seconded the motion, carried.

**Grand Secretary's Report:** Natalie Heer #15 read the Grand Secretary's Report for 2019-21. (See attached) John #3 moved to accept the reports with correction of date, seconded by Martha #11, motion carried.

**Grand Trustee's Report:** #1 Grand Trustee's reports were read by #2 Kathy Christensen #3. (See attached) Colleen #15 moved to accept the reports seconded by Sena Marie #9, motion carried.

**Nominating Committee:** Colleen #15, Diane Reinstein #16 and Kay Jensen #11, will report after coffee break.

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

**Finance:** Bonnie Larsen #9, Sena Marie #9;

**Premium:** Denise Andersen #1, John Jensen #3;

**Resolution:** Martha Nielsen #11, Jessica Jobe Sea #3;

**Law:** Kathy Thomsen #16, Mary Esther #1, Lone Webb #9;

**Bills:** GP Beth #1 called for the reading of the bills:

Grand Officers Travel to Convention

Alan Filiau	\$25.00	
Beth Cowan	\$25.00	
Deanna Dunbar	\$25.00	
Natalie Heer	\$25.00	
Pat Brouillette	\$25.00	
Stuart Mahler	\$25.00	
Lynn Wachter replaced by Anette C	\$25.00	
Elizabeth Jensen absent	<del>\$25.00</del>	
Kathy Christensen	\$25.00	
Tracey Lamee	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	\$225.00	\$225.00

INSTALLATION TRAVEL EXPENSES

Grand President (Deanna Dunbar \$225.00)	\$450.00	(1/2 at Convention & 1/2 the following January)	
Grand Marshal (Kathy Thomsen \$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			\$1,280.00

The bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

**Correspondence:** Jacqueline & Pete Zuger thank you note and pictures of her mom Anna Dalgaard's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, thank you from Rudy Valentine for his scholarships and graduating from Oregon State University June 2019, he is the grandson of Inge Nielsen, PGP 1955-56, Danebod #16 President Diane Reinstein and Secretary Kathy Thomsen congratulations to Modesto for getting us back together, Thora #11 President Kay Jensen wishing us a successful convention and to stay healthy, Dannevirke #9 President Anette Christensen and Secretary Sena Marie Freeman wishing everyone a very enjoyable convention in Modesto and extend a special thank you to all Grand Officers that stepped in and did a great job over the past 3 years during Covid 19, thank you from Aaron Holt for the scholarship to help with his final year at Fresno State Bachelors program, thank you from Sonja Giacinto for scholarship support, thank you from Lenny Giacinto for scholarship money during my time studying abroad in Aarhus, Danmark, thank you from Rebecca Holt for awarding her a scholarship, thank you from Kaelie Mahler for her scholarship, thank you note from Sonja Giacinto for our support in helping her reach her goal, thank you from Bethel Lutheran Home for our generous gift, thank you for notification of a donation to the Dannebrog Scholarship Fund in memory of Bernice Holt Via from Danebod #16, thank you from Solvang Lutheran Home for donation, Valkyrian #23 Secretary Darlene's concern about the dwelling membership and hoping we have a fun convention, Lise Christian hello to everyone. GP Beth read an email from GVM Lynn Wachter being unable to continue through the chairs, due to dealing with personal health issues not related to Covid.

**Coffee Break:** to reconvene at 10:18 a.m. We enjoyed Bent Olsen's Bakery Kringle with our coffee.

**Reconvene:** 10:45 am

Susan #1 discussed having the Green Marches Friday and Saturday for Dannebrog Scholarship and SAF be changed. Mary Esther #1 moved to have only one Green March for the Scholarship Fund on Saturday only, seconded by Kay #11. Pat #1 explained that \$2.00 of the per capita goes to the SAF each year. Motion carried.

Pat #1 moved to have the \$2.00 per member that goes to the SAF from the per capita, changed to the Scholarship Fund, Diane #16 seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was defeated 6 to 15.

Susan #1 noted our opening this year with only the Grand Officers being escorted into the convention room by the Installing Grand Marshal, which is different then our usual opening. Susan #1 moved to continue with this practice, Kathy #16 seconded, carried.

Pat #1 pointed out the Scholarship application needs review for contact information of the applicant. GP Beth #1 requested her to do so.

Bonnie #9 asked about the scholarships. Signe Ann #1 explained the scholarships are \$200.00 per year for up to 4 year per applicant with a maximum of 10 recipients per year. Jessica #3, any other way for the Scholarship Fund to get funds, other than donations and branches donations? Mary Esther #1 spoke of the cookbooks that were created as a fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund, a few years ago.

Pat #1 has a card for the members to sign for Lynn Wachter's Birthday.

Stuart invited the Past Grand Presidents to his room for cocktails before going to the PGPs luncheon.

We broke for lunch to reconvene at 2:00 pm

**Reconvene:** 2:20 pm

Anette #9 announced that Reno has postponed their installation until Friday October 7 and invited the Grand Officers, delegates and members to their festivities.

**New Motions:** none

**Finance Committee:** The committee, Sena Marie #9 and Bonnie #9 signed the corrected report, approved.

**Premium, Resolution and Nominating Committees:** to report Saturday morning.

Sena Marie #9 thanked Stuart for hosting the cocktail party for the PGPs.

GP Beth #1 thanked the PGPs for adding her to the cocktails and luncheon. PG Beth #1 asked all the Past Grand Presidents to stand.

John #3 announced that Aldersly will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Kathy T. #16 asked if we needed to vote to have a guest admitted to our meetings? Signe Ann #1 said we don't have to vote on anyone, they can just be invited to attend our meeting.

Colleen #15 told of the paper plates on display were drawn by Pearl Heer, her mom, and held them up for us to see. They were scenes from Hans Christen Andersen's poems. They looked like Royal Copenhagen China.

Martha #11 the History Committee chair, Doris Skow #8, had handed the collection to the Grand Lodge. Martha #11 and Natalie #15 have much of her collection.

Mary Esther #1, so nice to see new faces around the room.

GP Beth #1 was pleased to introduce family members in attendance: daughters Susan and Denise, brother Stuart and sister Signe Ann. GP Beth #1 also noted that she and Signe Ann are 50-year members of Valborg #1 Dannebrog and Stuart is a 50-year member of Thyra #9 Dania.

Kathy T. #16 remembered back in 1981-82 when Stuart and her mom Ruth Thomsen went through the chairs in Dania and Dannebrog.

Colleen #15, chair of the Nominating Committee, encouraged anyone to talk with Diane #16 or Kay #11 if interested in being a Grand Officer.

GP Beth #1 wanted all to know that she enjoyed all her years in office.

Kay #11 spoke of the good times she and her husband Art had while he went through the chairs in Dania.

The meeting was adjourned until 10:00 am Saturday.

**Saturday April 2,** we reconvened.

Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal took the password of all present.

**Roll Call:** The Grand Officers and Delegates were all present, PGP Jackie Nielsen was noted absent.

The Grand President Beth #1 opened the meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Colleen #15 reported: Grand Marshal: Kathy Thomsen #16, Grand Vice Marshal: Tracey Lamee #16, Grand Trustees: #1 Kathy Christensen #3 and #3 Jessica Jobe Sea #3. We are still looking for a #2 Grand Trustee.

**Premium Committee:** Denise #1 and John #3 announced that Reno #9 received the \$15.00 prize for bringing in the most members of 11. And that Elizabeth Jensen #3 will receive the Grand President's prize. The Grand Marshal Stuart #1 was asked to escort John Jensen #3 to the Grand President who presented the GP gift to be given to his mother.

**Resolution Committee:** Martha #11 and Jessica #3 presented their report. Martha #11 read (Jessica had her laptop and was able to type it up and send to the GS to print out for presentation). We, the Resolution Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication at the 2022 Dania and Dannebrog Convention in Modesto, home of *American Graffiti* and George Lucas. The membership of Bornholm #14 is to be commended for providing such wonderful food, entertainment, decorations, and hospitality at the convention. Thank you to Mayor Sue Zwahlen for warmly welcoming us to Modesto at our Thursday night reception.

We would like to thank the Doubletree Modesto Hotel for their hospitality, accommodations, and coffee breaks. Also, many thanks to Bent and Susie Olsen for the delightful pastries from Olsen's Danish Village Bakery in

Solvang, served at our coffee breaks.

Thank you to all those who provided items for the convention bags, including Martha Nielsen for providing us with the Sun Maid Raisins, grown in Fresno on her vineyard. Thanks also to Dave and Merete Meeks for the almonds, Johanne Gade for the bottles of wine, and Peder and Doris Hoy for the walnuts.

We want to thank everyone who generously donated the beautiful and varied items for the raffle. Thank you to Marge and John Scheuber for organizing and overseeing the raffle gifts.

Thanks to The Quake Mobile DJ for providing music Friday and Saturday evenings. Friday night's American Graffiti dinner, raffle, and dancing was enjoyed by all, with many 50's and 60's themed outfits.

We want to thank the newly installed Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents Bente Ellis and Deanna Dunbar for their reception, and we wish them success and joy in the coming year.

We want to express our gratitude to the Convention Committee for making it possible for us to finally gather together after two years apart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Nielsen, Thora #11 and Jessica Jobe Sea, Thyra #3

GP Beth #1 accepted the report.

**Law Committee:** Kathy T. #16, Mary Esther #1 and Lone #9, have nothing to report.

**Correspondence:** Congratulations to Bornholm #14 Dania on a delightful 2022 Convention 3 years in the making. Cheers, Collen Heer Cave, Patricia Heer Anderson and Natalie Heer all of Dana #15.

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

GP Beth #1 turned the meeting over to GVP Deanna #11:

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the honor to serve as your Grand President. Everyone has been so helpful in assisting me as I moved through the chairs. I am looking forward to serving as your Grand President.

Due to Covid, we have not been able to meet in person until now. Seeing everyone reminds me of my family when we meet every third year at our reunions. So, my password this year will be reunion. I have asked Martha Nielsen to be my advisor. My nominating committee will be Kathy Christensen, Anette Christensen, and Kathy Thomsen. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve as your Grand President.

Deanna Dunbar

GVP Deanna #11 turned the meeting back to GP Beth #1.

GP Beth #1 asked the GM Stuart #1 to present Kathy T. #16 to her station where she presented her with her 50-year pin in Danebod #16 and a 50-year pin for her brother Ken.

GP Beth #1 introduced Bruce Bro, VP in America Rebuild, who invited us all to the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Denmark. Told us of the Happy meeting and the Holy meeting. (Dannebrog is the happy meeting.) He spoke of the need to reach out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation not just the immigrants. He has started a Danish America Organization. Which has sponsorships and grants, National Foundation for Danish America (NFDA) will have a traveling art exhibit of paper cuts in 2024. Anette #9 being a member, pointed out that Tom Paulsen of Seattle had supplied the timber for replacing the Log Cabin in Rebuild that had burned down.

GP Beth #1 thanked Bruce for his wealth of information.

GP Beth #1 instructed the GM Stuart #1 to escort Kathy C. #3 to her station where she returned the bag, a symbol of her being elected Grand Trustee #1, and having her returned to her station.

GP Beth #1 instructed the GM Stuart #1 to escort Bonnie Larson #9 to her station where she presented Dannevirke #9 with a check for bringing in the most members.

GT Pat #1 announced that the Green March had collected \$411.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Colleen #15 reported on a message from her sister Judi Heer #15, PGP, wishing us all a good convention.

GPP Alan #1 thanked all the members for being given the opportunity to serve.

GS Natalie #15 thanked the GP Beth #1 for her gift of an angel and to the members for understanding her reason for wearing a mask during the meetings.

John #3 received a message from Elizabeth #3, his mother, that she is missing everyone and wishing all a

happy time.

Sena Marie #9 thanked all who attended the PGP luncheon. And Stuart #1 for hosting the cocktails.

Anette #9 thanked the GP Beth #1 for her gift.

GVP Deanne #11 thanked the GP Beth #1 for her gift.

GTrustee #2 Kathy C. #3 thanked the GP Beth #1 for her gift.

GT Pat #1 thanked the GP Beth #1 for her gift and that she has enjoyed working with her all these years.

A delegation from Dania requested entrance. GP Beth #1 gaveled up the delegates. Tom Martin and Michael Fox both of Danmark #2 invited us to an open installation at 2:00 pm. They also invited us to a Convention hosted by Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, San Francisco, with the help of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9, Hayward Lodges. We gave them an ovation after which they retired from our meeting room.

GT Pat #1 announced the Scholarship recipients: Kaelie Martin-Mahler #1, Mikayla Fish, mother a member of Grand Lodge, and Ian Nielsen, mother a member of Thyra #3. GT Pat #1 then read the note included in Kaelie's application.

Martha #11, thanked for the scholarships to her granddaughter and grandson.

**Nominating Committee:** Colleen #15 with hat in hand, well actually on her head, reported it was quite a job she, Diane #16 and Kay #11 had. She read the following:

Grand Past President	Beth Cowan #1
Grand President	Deanna Dunbar #11
Grand Vice President	Stuart O. Mahler #1
Grand Secretary	Natalie Heer #15
Grand Treasurer	Pat Brouillette #1
Grand Marshal	Kathy Thomsen #16
Grand Vice Marshal	Tracey Lamee #16
Grand Trustee #1	Kathy Christensen #3
Grand Trustee #2	Kay Jensen #11
Grand Trustee #3	Jessica Jobe Sea #3

Martha #11 moved to accept the Nomination Committee's report, John #3 seconded, accepted.

GP Beth #1 declared the slate of Grand Officers by acclamation.

The GM Stuart #1 accepted the railroad hat from Colleen #15 and presented it to Kathy C. #3, the new chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

**Good of the Order:** GP Beth #1 thanked the membership for the support she received these past 3 years and especially her brother GM Stuart #1 and for her being his GM.

Martha #11's cell phone rang, \$5.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Signe Ann #1 asked the GM Stuart #1 to escort our GP Beth #1 around the room. We all gave her a standing ovation. GP Beth #1 expressed her heartfelt thanks to her advisor, Susan Gauthier #1, her daughter, GM Stuart #1 her brother, Signe Ann McNeil #1 her sister and Denise Andersen #1 her daughter for their love and support throughout these extended years due to Covid-19.

**Closing:** We sang the closing song, gave the sign, and the GP Beth #1 closed the Convention in due form until we meet again in 2023 for Convention hosted by Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, San Francisco, with the help of Thyra #9 and Valborg #1, Hayward Lodges.

Natalie Heer  
Grand Secretary

**Installation of Officers:** The Installation of Grand Officers, of Dannebrog and Dania for 2022 – 2023, was held Saturday April 2, 2022, at 2:00 p. m. Installing Grand Past President Alan Filiau, Valborg #1 Dannebrog and Jr. Past Grand President John Scheuber, Bornholm #14 Dania were assisted by Installing Grand Marshals Stuart O. Mahler Valborg #1 Dannebrog, and Daniel Joensen, Danmark #2 Dania and Installing Grand Vice Marshals Anette Christensen Dannevirke #9 Dannebrog and Steen Skjellerup Thor #5 Dania. They all did a fine job.

Dannebrog

Grand Past President Beth Cowan  
Grand President Deanna Dunbar  
Grand Vice President Stuart O. Mahler  
Grand Secretary Natalie Heer  
Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette  
Grand Marshal Kathy Thomsen  
Grand Vice Marshal Tracey Lamee  
Grand Trustee Kathy Christensen  
Grand Trustee Kay Jensen  
Grand Trustee Jessica Jobe Sea

Dania

Jr. Past Grand President Jana Heer  
Grand President Bente Ellis  
Grand Vice President Tom Martin  
Grand Secretary Tim Heer  
Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson  
Grand Marshal Dan Holm  
Grand Vice Marshal Robert Lamee  
Grand Trustee Johanne Rasmussen Gade  
Grand Trustee John Jensen  
Grand Trustee John Scheuber

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

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

Dannebrog's Grand President Deanna Dunbar introduced her new corps of Grand Officers. Then she reviewed the highlights of The Dannebrog Member of the Year recipient who has been very active in her local branch as well as Grand Lodge and being an organizer of the Danish Campers. Deanna presented a plate etched with the Danish woven heart to our Dannebrog Member of the Year, Pat Brouillette 2022.

Dania's Grand President Bente Ellis in turn introduced her new corps of Grand Officers. She then read the accomplishments of the 2022 Dania Member of the Year. He has worked tirelessly for many fraternal groups and the Boys Scouts, as well as his local Branch, Grand Lodges of Dania and Dannebrog. Bente introduced Alan Filiau #9 as the recipient of the Dania's Member of the Year for 2022.

These awards are well deserved and congratulations to you both!