

**140th Annual
Grand Lodge Dania
Convention Report**



**Held at the Double Tree, Modesto
April 1- 2, 2022**

FRIDAY April 1, 2022

Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at Double Tree, Modesto, CA for Dania's 140th annual convention on April 1 and 13, 2022. The Host Lodge were Bornholm No. 14

GRAND OFFICERS

Jr. Past Grand President	John Scheuber	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand President	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Vice President	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6	Salinas
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9	Hayward
Grand Marshal	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	San Francisco
Grand Vice Marshal			
Grand Trustee	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	Modesto
Grand Trustee	Robert Lamee	Dannevang #7	Livermore

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Danmark #2	Michael Fox, Ian Nielsen, Aiden Jobe Sea, Peter Christensen, Alternate James Olef Jensen,
Thor #5	PGP Steen Skjellerup, Jerry Hansen
Freja #6	PGP Tim Heer Sr.,
Dannevang #7	Dan Holm
Thyra #9	PGP Mr. Gregory A. Gleeson
Sonderjylland #10	Karen Friis Lysmer, John Cruger-Hansen, Alternate Debbie Cruger-Hansen
Valhalla #11	Daniel Barney
Valdemar #12	Leif Larsen
Bornholm #14	Doris Juul Hoy, Bodil Whitehouse, George Dutra
Danneskjold #17	PGP Robert Lacey
Hejls Minde #23	Bent Olsen, Knud Jacobsen
Holger Danske #27	No Representatives

Grand President Jana Heer appointed Past Grand President, PGP Glen Fritz to fill the Office of Grand Vice Marshal.

The Grand Officers were instructed to take their respective stations and the Acting Grand Vice Marshal Glen Fritz, to close the door at 9:05 A.M.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal Tom Martin and Acting Grand Vice Marshal Glen Fritz. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

Grand President Jana Heer spoke on how special this convention is and how we have been waiting for 2 years to hold it. She thanked the Officers and Members for their dedication and patients during the extended time and in an effort to honor them she asked that as your name is called to stand and remain standing until all the names in your group have been read. Then Grand President then asked the Grand Secretary Tim Heer, to call the roll of Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Presidents. 9 Grand Officers, 10 Past Grand Presidents and 17 Representatives responded to roll call. It was noted during the calling of the Roll of Representatives of Danmark #2 that Alt James O. Jensen was taking the place of Ian Nielsen. After each Group they were greeted by a+ round of

applause. The Grand Secretary reported that the Quorum requirement to hold a convention has been stratified with 17 Representatives in attendance.

The assembly then rose to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of Der er et Yndigt Land, which was supplied on a song card written in English and Danish this year.

Grand President Jana Heer asked the Grand Secretary to read the name of those who had passed away since our last convention. After the list of three Past Grand Presidents, one Past Grand Trustee and twenty-one members were read. The Grand Marshal was asked to drape the Charter in memory of our departed Members while the Grand President recited a section from the Dania Local Lodge funeral ritual, after which everyone stood for a moment of silence in honor of our departed Members.

Grand President Jana Heer welcomed everyone to the convention and thanked everyone for taking this brave step into the normal. Thanked Bornholm #14 for all they went through over the last two years to organize this event. She then proclaimed the 140th 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 Jana Heer informed the membership that she has come prepared with her agenda, her gavel, the same one she used as Grand President of Dannebrog 2004-2005. She also said that she has a few extras in my toolbox to assist her in seeing that order is maintained as per Article 9 Sec. 3 Par. 12 in the Constitution, her Dannebrog, a timer, and a whistle. She listed a few reminders; 1) To attend meetings on time, 2) When you wish to speak, for any reason, including points of order and calls for the question, please stand quietly and wait to be recognized, you might want to use that time to take a deep breath. 3) Upon recognition, please give your name and branch. And 4) Please quiet your phones now if you haven't already.

Grand President Jana Heer instructed Grand Marshal Thomas Martin to escort her advisor, Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, to the chair on her right to act as co-advisor during the Convention.

As the first Grand President of Dania to have served as a Grand President of Dannebrog, she wanted to bring to Dania some of the flavor of how Dannebrog goes about their meeting so the Dania may have a better understanding of Dannebrog's traditions. She pointed out that Dania Grand Lodge Agenda does not include an opening statement, so she used the one from the Dania Local Lodge ritual. She followed that with the one that the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog uses when they open their Grand Lodge session.

Grand President Jana Heer asked Grand Secretary Tim Heer to read the minutes from our previous Convention. The Grand Secretary moved that the Annual report of 2019 be approved as distributed, seconded by PGP Tom Martin. The motion was adopted. The Grand Secretary then read the minutes from the close of the 139th Convention to the opening of this Convention. It was moved by Past Grand President Tim Heer, that we accept the report, seconded by PGP Tom Martin. The motion was adopted.

Grand President Jana Heer declared a Coffee recess at 9:55 A.M. to reconvene at 10:10 A.M

Grand President Jana Heer 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 recognized the Grand Secretary who move to allow Bruce Bro who is the U.S. Vice President

of Rebild National Park Society, and President of the “National Foundation for Danish America” to attend our meeting as a visitor. Seconded by Grand Trustee, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14, The motion was adopted. Bruce Bro was welcomed. Bruce was asked to introduce himself. Bruce extended greetings from the Members and officers of Rebild National Park Society and explained what the National Foundation for Danish America is trying to do in its effort to report the activities of all Danish American clubs activities in America including Dannebrog and Dania.

Report of the Grand President: Grand President Jana Heer instructed the Grand Vice President Bente Ellis to take charge of the meeting as she gives her annual report.

After being installed in April 2019 my first newsletter message was full of optimism and excitement for the coming year of Dania & Dannebrog activities. And for the most part that became a reality. In May of that first year, Reno’s installation with great food among great company, is always a successful event especially for the newly installed officers, Reno is always very forgiving of missteps and fumbled speeches. I enjoyed the honor of presenting a member with their 50 year pin. Next on the list was camping with the fun-loving Danish Campers at Casa de Fruta. A little down pour didn’t put a damper on the campers and as a plus we met some REAL Danish campers. In June, Fresno’s picnic in the backyard of Don and Christie Pettitt, gave me another opportunity to present several 25 year pins, only one of the recipients, Steen Skjellerup, got his on time on time, the others a little overdue, but all gracefully received. I have many memories of joking and laughing around a campfire with Don Pettitt and I was deeply touched by the sight of his tears as I pinned his father-in-law’s Past President pin on him. I was also able to present Dania Scholarships to siblings Aaron and Rebecca Holt, young members who are actively involved in the local Danish community. Then a year later, I became a member of the Fresno Danish dancers and found myself learning dance steps and benefiting from their youth, vigor and patience with my first awkward attempts. I’ll never forget Fourth of July picnic in Santa Maria. Colorful tents and banners among the trees with the sound and scent of perfectly seasoned of Tri Tip steak wafting through the air. I had the honor of presenting the first of many 25 and 50 years pins that day and came home with a stack of homegrown homemade apple pies. In August, Sønderjylland’s installation in the magical Kastania Fællid in Petaluma I was deeply inspired by outgoing President Karen Friss Lysmer and incoming President Debbie Cruger-Hansen’s lovely and loving presentations. Kastania Fællid is by far the most beautiful backdrop for a Dania installation, I encourage everyone not to miss the opportunity to enjoy Sønderjylland wonderful hospitality. In September, unfortunately Modesto’s Bornholm had to cancel their installation due to illnesses and low turnout. I was sorry to miss that Dania “one man show” installation. I also missed out on Dannevang and Danebod’s BBQ in Livermore, because suddenly and sadly I was needed on the home front. Missing installing Ferndale was a big disappointment for me too, but I wished I had the where with all to have someone video the installation so I could have seen the fine and most certainly very entertaining Grand Marshal team of Stuart Mahler and Tim Heer, and I’m sure Beth enjoyed installing alongside our Past Grand President and current Grand Marshal Tom Martin. Then, missing Danish Days in Solvang? . . . well, it was a rough couple of months.

In October 2019 I timed my visit to Hayward’s meeting held at the home of Greg Gleeson just in time to bid farvel to Alan and Mary Ester Filiau before they moved to their new home in Minnesota. That same month, my home lodge in Salinas enjoyed our annual re-installation of old officers and are always grateful to see our tables full of guests and appreciate the Grand officers extra effort to install our small core of officers into multiple positions. As we like to call it the Salinas Installation Shuffle.

Next, Christmas parties in December, remember those? San Francisco, Hayward, and Modesto kept me in the spirit and had me singing Christmas carols all month. Then, in January 2020 I witnessed the closing of San Jose’s Laura #8 of Dannebrog. It was a bittersweet moment, and the members were making a unified effort to figure out how it will all work with everyone being members of Dania. I know that San Jose did everything they could to avoid this happening, but it reaffirmed my resolve to find a way for Dania and Dannebrog to move into the future without any branch having to give up their charters.

At this point in my life I had changed my zip code to 93711, Fresno. Which made it a short drive to participate their

installation, the Valentine theme was very appropriate much appreciated. Speaking of hearts, I always love going back to San Francisco to retrieve mine, Danmark #2 was where my relationship with Dania all started. Then an installation in Livermore is always special in that nice old roomy building. Only one plant from my mini succulent garden I received as a gift has survived and is over 4 feet tall now.

In February in anticipation of Convention in April I was encouraging members to venture out into new territory by “switching sides”. I will continue to encourage this, there’s a chance that any blending of Dania and Dannebrog will only happen naturally and not by some laborious effort. I was also predicting that, “Soon we’ll be getting back into the swing of good times in D&D with the last of 2019-2020 Branch installations followed closely by convention in April”. We all know that that wasn’t in the cards.

The first two weeks in March we started hearing more about this new Coronavirus, and during that time I was able to attend the last few gatherings before life as we knew it experienced a huge shift. First, my new traveling companion, Steen Skjellerup, and I attended Solvang’s Heils Minde#23 meeting. The spirits were high as they celebrated the return to the newly renovated meeting place, the Bit o’ Denmark. We enjoyed wonderful food, singing, and visiting.

Everyone was happy to be in Modesto for the much anticipated annual Fish meal, this year they served Lunch. The tables were overflowing with food and beverages and the room was packed with happy smiling, not yet masked, faces as we all practiced the new elbow bump greeting. Next, we made the trip to my home lodge in Salinas for our annual March St. Patty’s Day meeting. This has always been a special one for the Heer family to celebrate our father’s Irish heritage. In 1911 as a young teenager his mother immigrated from Ireland to San Francisco to help her recently widowed uncle and his very young children. I hadn’t attended a Rebild meeting since I was Grand President of Dannebrog in 2005 and lived right down the street from Aldersly in San Rafael. Since then, I’ve gotten to know so many members of Rebild and I was excited to attend the annual planning meeting of San Francisco Chapter of Rebild at Anderson’s Pea Soup Restaurant in Santa Nella. It was just one day before everything “shut down” on March 15th, 2020. All organizations found themselves in the same dilemma. Extremely uncertain of what was ahead but moving forward with plans as if nothing was changing. Within a few days later it became painfully obvious that Convention was going to have to be postponed till 2021. Which also meant that Hayward had to cancel their installation, an important event especially for Dannebrog’s Grand President Beth Cowan, she’s still waiting to install her own branch.

I started off my 2020 Grand President messages expressing my hopes for our upcoming convention in April, “This is my sincerest wish and will be my #1 priority that all voting members will walk away from deliberations feeling that their voices were heard, and opinions respected.” I still fell that way and I know we can do it.

Where did the last two years go? Really, it feels like a blur.

The Last 24 months have been less about me and more about all of us with all you did and all your effort to remain healthy. By social distancing would ultimately bring us all together. Thank you all, the Grand Officers especially for remaining in your Grand Office for those two years and keeping in touch through all of the virtual Executive meeting, thank you Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber and Grand Secretary Tim Heer for making that happen. As many of you know Dania does pay me for my traveling expenses and with the pandemic I did not do a lot of traveling and no one was having installation, so I am going to reimburse Dania my traveling expenses I received every month with this check for \$2,022.00.

The Grand Vice President asked the Delegations what are our wishes regarding the report of the Grand President. It was moved by Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, Freja #6, that we accept the report of the Grand President, seconded by Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber, Bornholm #14. The Grand Vice President ruled that the motion was adopted, and then returned the meeting back to the Grand President.

Minutes of the Executive Committee: The minutes of the meetings held on March 15-19, 2020, March 26, 2020, April 23, 2020, November 23, 2020, March 20, 2021, May 27, 2021, and February 24, 2022 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by Grand Marshal, Tom Martin, Danmark #2, to approve the minutes of the Executive

Committee, seconded by James O Jensen, Danmark #2. The motion was adopted. The Minutes are attached to this report.

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. The Grand Secretary's annual reports for 2019, 2020, and 2021 were read. The Grand Secretary's reports are 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. A complete copy is attached to this report. It was moved by Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, Freja #6 to accept the reports. Seconded by Daniel Barney, Valhalla #11, the motion was adopted.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, presented the Grand Treasurer's annual reports for 2019, 2020, and 2021 for review. Past Grand President Tom Martin moved to accept the report, seconded Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5 and the motion was adopted. The Grand Treasurer's reports are attached at the end of this report.

Grand Trustees' Report: Grand Trustee #1 Past Grand President, Johanne Rasmussen Gade, Bornholm #14 presented the Grand Trustees' annual reports for 2019, 2020, and 2021 for review. Past Grand President Tom Martin moved to accept the report, seconded Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5 and the motion was adopted. The Grand Trustees' reports are attached at the end of this report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

History Committee Report: Grand President called on Grand Marshal, Past Grand President Thomas Martin to give a report. He explained the items on the back history table and reported that all of the items in the History Committee's possession have been moved to the last remaining Dania Hall located in Ferndale for safe keeping.

Report from the Advisory Committee: Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup reported on behalf of the Committee's members, Past Grand President Lilian Rasmussen, and Past Grand President Robert Lacey, that there were two items. They recommended that all 39 changes to the Constitution be handled as one motions. They also recommended that each local Branch keep the Grand Secretary up to date with their membership contact information to make sure that all members are receiving a monthly newsletter. Past Grand President Tom Martin moved to accept the report, seconded by Karen Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10 and the motion was adopted.

Report from the Membership Committee: The Grand President asked the Grand Secretary to read the report submitted by Ole M Pedersen, Chairman: The Danish Societies of Dania & Dannebrog have a glorious past, rich with History, tradition and experiences enjoyed by our membership for more than a Century. It is time to look towards the Future and work on what we as members want the Societies to be in the Future and to find a purpose for their existence that goes above and beyond what we have been and are now. One of the reasons is that we want to be 'relevant' and thereby make it more interesting for people to join the Societies as members.

Another reason is that our rich Danish Heritage in the widest sense is meaningful, valuable and important to pass on, not only to our descendants but because our heritage can make a positive contribution to the Peoples of the World. We suggest that we discuss and brainstorm about our mutual future of our Danish Societies in the year leading up to the 2021 Convention and put it on the agenda for the Convention. Our suggestion is that the discussions take place in the individual Lodges at meetings and gatherings, at the Grand Lodge level and in this Newsletter. The common theme is suggested to be:

"What do we want the Societies to be in the Future and how can we make sure the Societies can survive and prosper in the decades to come?"

"We need more members!". We hear this spoken often, not just in our own organization, but in many others as well. If we fail to act, there is a very high possibility that the decline in membership will continue and we'll eventually have to 'close up'.

Proposal:

That the Societies set up a grant/stipend/scholarship or something of that nature where an applicant will be awarded \$3000-\$4000 to cover, in part, participating in the studies of Literature and History at a Danish Folk High School in Denmark. The condition would be that upon returning to the US, the applicant would visit all Lodges, and perhaps the Convention, and communicate the experience.

There are about 70 Folk High Schools, the best known is probably Askov:

<https://www.danishfolkhighschools.com/folkhighschools/?school=askov-hojskole>

Sincerely, Ole M Pedersen , Dania Membership Committee

Past Grand President Tim Heer moved to accept the report, seconded Past Grand President, Tom Martin and the motion was adopted.

Grand President Jana Heer declared a Lunch recess at 11:55 A.M. Convention to reconvene at 2:00 P.M

Before reconvening, The Grand Secretary moved to allow a visitor to be present during the afternoon session. It was moved seconded and approved to allow the visitor. The Grand President Jana Heer then welcomed her sister Pat Anderson, who was visiting from Lynden Washington, and is a member of Dannebrog

Grand President Jana Heer asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being no one standing, she reconvened the meeting. She then explained the procedure that Dannebrog follows that allows them to tell if a member had not returned after lunch.

The report of the Nominating Committee: The Grand President call on the Jr. Grand Past President John Scheuber for his report. He explained that they have three Grand offices still open. He reported the nominations as follows: Grand President, Bente Ellis, Grand Vice President, Thomas Martin, Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, Grand Treasurer, Greg Gleeson, Grand Vice Marshal, Robert Lamee, Grand Trustee #1 Johanne Gade. Grand Marshal Tom Martin mover to except the Nominating Committee's report seconded by Daniel Barney, Valhalla #11. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Legacy Committee: As the Chairman was not in attendance, this was tabled until the next convention.

Report of the 65 Year Pin: The Grand President called on the Grand Secretary for his report. Who explained his idea of an engraved disk that would fit behind a membership pin. Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson moved to accept the report it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin and the motion was adopted.

Report of the Constitution Committee: The Grand President call on Chairman Bob Lamee for his report. He introduced his committee; Tracey Lamee, Stuart Mahler, John Jensen; Jana Heer and Tim Heer. He then present the Committee's proposed changes to the constitution. He went over some of the changes and additions in detail. The then thank this current committee and the two other pervious committees for all of their hard work that went into these proposed changes. Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to accept the Committee report, seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion was adopted.

The Grand President: asked the Grand Secretary to clarify what is the procedure when changes to the constitution are proposed at a convention. The Grand Secretary reference Article VI of the constitution that a committee on Laws shall examine all proposals for new laws or amendments.

Standing Convention Committees: Grand President Jana Heer appointed the following:

Law:	Steen Skjellerup Lilian Rasmussen Robert Lacey	Past Grand President, Thor #5 Past Grand President, Sønderjylland #10 Past Grand President, Dannebjerg #17
Resolutions:	Karen Friis Lysmer Aiden Jobe Sea Leif Larsen	Sønderjylland #10 Danmark #2 Valdemar #12

Grand President Jana Heer declared a Coffee recess at 3:08 P.M. to reconvene at 3:28 P.M

Grand President Jana Heer asked for all those who were not in the previous session to stand, The Grand Marshal was directed to obtain the password from the members. The Grand President asked the new members to introduce themselves as Colleen Heer Cave, Natalie Heer, Freja #5 and John Jensen, Danmark #2. The Grand Secretary moved to allow Colleen Heer Cave as a visitor to the afternoon session, Seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. It was moved seconded and approved to allow the visitor. The Grand President Jana Heer then welcomed her sister Colleen Heer Cave who is a member of Dannebrog, her sister in-law Natalie Heer who is the Grand Secretary of Dannebrog and John Jensen to our afternoon meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

A thank you for a 2019 Scholarship from Sonja Giacinto

A thank you for a 2020 Scholarship from Sonja Giacinto

A thank you for a Scholarship from Lenny Giacinto

A thank you for a donation from the Elverhøj Museum

A thank you for a 2019 donation from the Solvang Lutheran Home.

A thank you for a 2020 donation from the Solvang Lutheran Home.

A letter was read Nina Christiansen announcing her graduation with a Masters of Biotechnology from University of Nevada, Reno.

A thank you for a Scholarship from Nina Christiansen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grand President Jana Heer asked if we had any Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Grand President Jana Heer; recognized Grand Secretary Tim Heer who moved to suspend the approved method of presenting changes to the Constitution at this convention only Seconded by Past Grand President Daniel Joensen. The Motion was adopted

Grand President Jana Heer; recognized the Chairman of the Law Committee Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup reported that they did not find any issues with the proposed changes to the constitution as presented by the Constitution Committee. It was moved by Aiden Jobe Sea, Danmark #2 to accept the report of the Law

Committee, seconded by Grand Trustee #1 Past Grand President Johanne Gade. The motion was adopted.

Grand President Jana Heer; recognized Jr. Grand Past President John Scheuber who moved to accept all of the changes to the Constitution as presented by the current Constitution Committee, seconded by Grand Trustee #1, Past Grand President Johanne Gade. The Grand President requested that copies of the changes be passed out to the delegates. The motion was adopted unanimously followed by a loud applause which required the Grand President to use her whistle to quiet the crowd.

Grand President Jana Heer asked the Grand Secretary to present the bills.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer Freja #6 moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustees \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement; it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was Yes 18 No 2 the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the Funeral Benefit at \$200.00, seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

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 Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was Yes 19 No 1 the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$25.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art, seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23 moved to amend the motion to donate \$75.00 seconded by Aiden Jobe Sea, Danmark #2. The motion to amend requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President called for a vote on the motion as amended also requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion as amended was adopted.

Grand Secretary as a member who voted on the prevailing side move to reconsider a previous motion to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, Jr. Grand Past President John Scheuber as a member who voted on the prevailing side move to reconsider a previous motion to donate \$25.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma, it was seconded by Grand Marshal

Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to the Solvang Lutheran Home, it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin Danmark #2. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted. It was pointed out that the Home has had a change of name to Atterdag Village.

Grand Secretary moved to pay \$45.00 annual dues to Aldersly, it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Secretary moved to support the Web Site Committee not to exceed \$300.00 it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

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 Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

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 Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement for the printing of the Monthly Newsletter, it was seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Grand President Jana Heer; recognized Grand Secretary Tim Heer, moved to allow the Grand Secretary to purchase 10 65 year disk not to exceed \$100.00 seconded by Grand Marshal Tom Martin. The motion requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass, the vote was the vote was unanimous the Grand President ruled the motion was adopted.

Nomination and election of Grand Officers

The Grand President appointed Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, Daniel Barney, Valhalla #11 and Past Grand President Daniel Joensen, as Tellers and she gave the instructions to the tellers on how to process the votes.

The Grand President asked Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, Freja #6 to explain the traditional method of the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand President opened the nomination of Grand Officers for 2019-2020. The following were nominated and elected individually.

Grand President	Jana Heer Freja #6, she very respectfully declined	
	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14
Grand Vice President	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9
Grand Marshal	Dan Holm	Dannevang #7
Grand Vice Marshal	Robert Lamee	Dannevang #7
After being elected to Grand Vice Marshal, Robert Lamee resigned as Grand Trustee #3		
Grand Trustee #1	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14

It was moved to suspend the constitutional requirement that a nominee be a delicate at this convention. Seconded and passed.

Grand Trustee #2	John Jensen	Danmark #2
Grand Trustee #3	John Scheuber	Bornholm #14

Grand President Jana Heer thanked and dismissed the tellers

Grand President Jana Heer declared a recess until 9:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Grand President Jana Heer; recognized John Jensen, Danmark #2, who informed the delegates that he had fliers regarding Aldersly's upcoming 100th birthday celebration.

SATURDAY April 2, 2022

The Grand Officers were instructed to take their respective stations and the Acting Grand Vice Marshal Glen Fritz, to close the door at 9:00 A.M.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal Tom Martin and Acting Grand Vice Marshal Glen Fritz. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign.

Grand President Jana Heer asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll call of Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Officers. 9 Grand Officers, 18 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.

Grand President Jana Heer asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of all departed Members.

Grand President Jana Heer instructed Grand Marshal Thomas Martin to escort her advisor, Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, to the chair on her right to act as co-advisor during the Convention.

The Grand President entertained a motion to hold an open joint installation of Grand Officer with the Grand

Lodge of Dannebrog at 2:00 P.M. Grand Marshal Thomas Martin, Danmark #2 so moved and seconded by Jr Grand Past President John Scheuber. The vote was ruled unanimous by the Grand President, the motion was adopted. The Grand President instructed the Grand Marshal to invite the Grand Lodge of Dannebrog to the Installation at 2:00 P.M. after Coffee break.

The Grand President Jana Heer; recognized James O Jensen Danmark #2 who invited everyone to the 2023 Convention hosted by Danmark #2 and Thyra #9.

Grand President Jana Heer; instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Resolution Committee to the podium.

Resolution Committee report: the Resolutions were read by the Resolution Committee, Aiden Jobe Sea, Danmark #2, Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10 and Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12 (**See addendum**)

The Grand President; recognized Grand Secretary, Tim Heer who moved to except the report of the Resolution Committee, second by Grand Marshal Tom Martin, Danmark #2. The Grand President ruled the vote was unanimous and the motion was adopted.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Grand President instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President-elect Bente Ellis to the podium.

Grand President-elect Bente Ellis thanked everyone for this successful Convention and she is truly honored to be elected as Grand President.

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

Auditors Past Grand President, Robert Lacey, Danneskjold #17

Nomination Committee Past Grand President, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14

Membership Committee: Bodil Whitehouse, Bornholm #14

Web Committee: Past Grand President Tim Heer, Freja #6
Past Grand President John Johansen, Bornholm #14

History committee Past Grand President Tom Martin, Danmark

She announced her appropriate Password for the year.

The Grand President, Instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President-elect Bente Ellis back to her station.

The Grand President; called on a Representative from each Branch to give a brief report on what their Local

Branch has done during the pandemic.

The Grand President recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, who thanked Grand President Jana Heer for her wonderful years as Grand President then led the group in singing a medley of Danish drinking songs as part of a tradition that should never be forgotten.

Grand President Jana Heer; Closed the convention by using Dannebrog and Dania closing ritual as she did at the opening

Grand President led the singing of God Bless America. she then declared the 140th annual convention closed and asked for the closing sign at 11:50 A.M.

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

2019- 2020 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

Jr, Past Grand President	Jana Heer-Glovaski	Freja #6
Grand President	Bente Ellis	Bornholm #14
Grand Vice President	Thomas Martin	Danmark #2
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	Freja #6
Grand Treasurer	Gregory A. Gleeson	Thyra #9
Grand Marshal	Dan Holm	Dannevang #7
Grand Vice Marshal	Robert Lamee	Dannevang #7
Grand Trustee #1	Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14
Grand Trustee #2	John Jensen	Danmark #2
Grand Trustee #3	John Scheuber	Bornholm #14

MINUTES TAKEN BY Timothy J Heer Sr., Freja #6, GRAND SECRETARY

Past Grand Presidents

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.Lydgens	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	Danmark #2
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. Andreassen	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
1931-32	* Viggo C. Dahl	Danmark #2
1932-33	* Henry Gilling	Helga #3
1933-34	* Iver Frydendahl	Dannevang #7

1934-35	* Marius Petersen	Valdemar #12
1935-36	* Carl Fauerso	Bornholm #14
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
1974-75	* Dan Mogensen	Thor 5
1975-76	* Clyde G. Brown	Dagmar 8
1976-77	* Paul W. Andersen	Danneskjold 17
1977-78	* Svend Christian	Freja 6
1978-80	* Niels Wolter 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
2017-18	Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2
2018-19	John Schueber	Bornholm #14

* Denotes Deceased

Dania Member of the Year Award

Name	Year	Branch
*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 McNeil	2016	Thyra 9
Glen Fritz	2017	Danmark 2
Mel Lundberg	2018	Valhalla 11
Robert Lacey	2019	Danneskjold 17
Alan Filiau	2022	Thyra 9

* Denoted Deceased

Minutes of the Dania Executive Committee meeting held using emails starting with an e-mail from chairman Jr Past Grand President, John Scheuber on March 15, 2020 at 4:56 P.M.

Those involved in the email string:

Chairman, Jr Past Grand President, John Scheuber
Grand President, Jana Heer Glovaski
Grand Trustee, PGP Johanne Gade (by Phone and e-mail through her sister)
Grand Trustee, PGP Pader Hoy
Grand Trustee, Robert Lamee
Grand Secretary, Tim Heer sr. (non-voting Member)
Grand Vice President, Bente Ellis (required to attend)
Grand Treasurer, Greg Gleason (invited guest)
Grand Marshal, Tom Martin (invited guest)

Subject 2020 Convention

The chairman opening e-mail is as follows:

Dear Grand Officers:

Bornholm 14 has a contract with the Clarion to host our Convention. We may need to postpone it to another day due to the Coronavirus situation. Please see the attached note stating the benefit of rescheduling versus cancelling it altogether. I will try to meet with Jocelyn tomorrow to see what the impact would be on Bornholm /or the Grand Lodge. If the government steps in that could make a difference. This definitely needs to be a topic at the Executive Meeting in Hayward, if held, or at a conference call very soon.

John Scheuber, Jr. Past Grand President of Dania

A Letter from Clarion dated March 14, 2020 was attached to the e-mail and is attached to these minutes.

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 15, 2020 at 4:55 P.M.

Thank You John for sharing this information.

Am I correct in understanding that if it is decided to postpone the convention until April 2021 that there would not be a loss of funds other than any interest the deposit could have earned during the year.

The Danish Rebild has chosen to do that with their Membership meeting and have moved it from April 2020 to April 2021 in the same place...

Tim

Reply from the Grand President on March 15, 2020 at 4:58 P.M.

Hi all, hope you are all staying well!

Thanks for sharing this John, I know this virus been on all our minds (hopefully no where else!). Tim, Nat and I have each received inquiries from members regarding the status of our convention planning. I've spoken to Beth Cowan on the phone on Friday as well as Tracey and Robert Lamee that evening. I also saw Tim, Natalie, Johanna and Bente at the Rebild meeting yesterday. We're all concerned about how we should be responding to this situation. I've been told that Modesto has received several cancellations so far. According to the Dania Constitution, Article 3, section 2, Paragraph 1:

Par. 1. In case of wars, epidemics or other elements endangering the public welfare, the Grand President together with the Executive Committee shall be empowered to postpone a regular convention until such state of urgency has been overcome, but must call a regular convention within six months after the conclusion of such a state of urgency.

So I've been thinking about what I as Grand President of Dania should be doing right now, and the first thing I'd like to do is make a written statement to all our members reassuring them that the Grand Lodge is taking this very seriously, that Dania's Executive Committee is discussing this, that it will be at the top of our agenda on Saturday (that is if Hayward doesn't cancel their installation), that the host lodge is working with the Hotel and that we will inform everyone as soon as we've decided on a plan of action. I think that I should do this immediately, everyday something new develops, the public is being worked up into a frenzy, I don't think we should keep our members wondering what Dania is doing about this. I can only speak for Dania, on Friday Beth said she wants to wait till the Executive meetings on Saturday to take any action, but agrees with me that this decision should reflect the input from both Dania and Dannebrog. But for now, our members need to know that we are not ignoring this threat. I'd like to hear from all of you regarding this.

Thank you

Jana

Reply from the Grand Marshal on March 15, 2020 at 5:18 P.M.

All,

I am not encouraging the postponement at this time. Most of the recommendations are concerning groups of 250 people or more. We haven't had that many at one of our conventions for quite some time. If the hotel is confident that they can provide a clean environment, and our members practice good hygiene, we should be fine. I am not a member of the executive committee, but that's my two cents worth.,

Tom Martin

GM

Reply from the Grand Treasurer on March 15, 2020 at 5:24 P.M.

Thank you Tom, I agree with you.

John,

You should inform Dannebrog officers about your concerns.

Haywards plans for installation, etc. next Sat. have not changed.

Greg

Reply from the Grand President on March 15, 2020 at 5:26 P.M.

This just it -

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-15/la-me-coronavirus-california-news>

don't forget, most of our members fall within that "elderly" category they keep talking about.

Reply from the Grand President on March 15, 2020 at 5:39 P.M.

The recommended gathering size keeps getting smaller and smaller, this quote is from the article link I just sent. Like I said, things keep changing every day.

"Counties across the region have issued public orders banning gatherings — including at restaurants, bars and theaters — of [as few as 10 people](#) unless all attendees can be 6 feet away from each other and prospective attendees are warned they face a higher risk of coronavirus infection. Each county issued various rules. San Mateo County placed limits on gatherings of 10 or more people and officially banned those of 50 or more; Santa Clara County on Friday [restricted gatherings](#) of 35 or more and banned those of 100 or more.

[San Francisco](#) and [Contra Costa County](#) banned all nonessential events of 100 or more people. Alameda County suggested all gatherings of 250 or more be canceled. San Francisco also banned visitors and nonessential personnel from hospitals and psychiatric hospitals.

Officials called the rules radical but said they were needed to battle the virus. "These measures are designed to slow the spread of disease and preserve critical healthcare capacity and other essential services," said Santa Clara County health officer Dr. Sara Cody."

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 15, 2020 at 5:51 P.M.

Tom Today the Governor called for all those over 65 to isolate themselves in their homes, so things are changing fast and becoming hard to keep up with. We do not know how long this is going to last, but when Bornholm is against a deadline for a decision, we are being left with just what is in the best interest of all of our members, and I for one would welcome comments from all of them, Executive Committee or not.

Tim

Reply from the Grand Marshal on March 15, 2020 at 6:14 P.M.

New CDC recommendations to cancel events with 50 or more or postpone for two months. Got a feeling we're not going to have much choice if the recommendations get more restrictive.

Reply from the Grand Trustee Bob Lamee on March 15, 2020 at 6:40 P.M.

Things are changing minute by minute, and all of this is in our backyards now. As most of our members (grand and local) are >70 years old, it would be tragic if a member became ill or spread this to other attendees. A week ago, I would have said no problem and let's plan on holding convention. Since this whole thing could go on for some time, now I'm all for postponing. It sounds like our constitution accommodates this type of event.

Also, I wonder if Cattlemen's is going to be able to accommodate the installation this weekend. Rules just came out restricting restaurants to 50% capacity, with 6' separation of tables. And bars, pubs and wineries will no longer be serving.

I think the executive committee can meet remotely to discuss scholarships. This is important business. As I'm new to this, if we need to discuss financial business, we could do this at the same time or even postpone.

Food for thought - maybe we should think about putting together a committee to do shopping for our elderly members who are unable to shop or get supplies. It hit close to home as we have neighbors with elderly parents who have no one nearby to help them.

I know there is a financial stake for Hayward this weekend and convention in Modesto, but I don't see where it should put peoples' health at risk. The executive committee could discuss how to assist these branches if they are going to be greatly impacted.

Again, my vote is to postpone, keep individuals in their respective offices, and revisit this when things settle down. Also, I think we ought to include Dannebrog executive board in these discussions.

Bob

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 15, 2020 at 5:51 P.M.

Bob

I do agree with you.

And Just so you and the others understand, I sent an email to John Scheuber requesting him to be prepared to talk about convention and the Virus at our Executive Committee meeting which started this worthwhile conversation. I sent it on Thursday March 12th and on the same Day The Grand Secretary of Dannebrog sent an E-mail asking for input from the Grand President of Dannebrog. As Jana has said Beth is wanting to wait until Saturday's installation, so I do not want anyone to think that we have not already made attempts to bring Dannebrog into this discussion.

Tim

Reply from Jr. Past Grand President on March 15, 2020 at 10:10 P.M.

I am hoping to get an appointment with the Clarion tomorrow to see what our options are. I am not sure postponing for a year will be acceptable without an additional cost. More to come soon. Since Jana has addressed Dannebrog I feel that notification has been done. These are crazy times. None of us knows how long the postponement needs to be to be beyond our crisis. John Scheuber

Reply from the Grand President on March 16, 2020 at 2:40 P.M.

And now there's this . . .

11:45 a.m. March 16: Bay Area counties to announces "shelter in place" order

Six Bay Area counties, including Santa Clara County, are set to announce an order for residents to shelter in place on Monday, which would request residents to stay inside their homes as much as possible for the next three weeks, [according to the San Francisco Chronicle](#), which reported the news ahead of a planned announcement by county officials Monday.

The order will direct residents to stay inside their homes and away from other people as much as possible starting at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday morning. The counties set to make the announcement include Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda, which have a combined population of more than 6.7 million people, the Chronicle reported.

Sounds like a lot of our Bay Area delegates are being directed to stay home for the next three weeks, then what? all the virus's will be gone?

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 16, 2020 at 3:35 P.M.

The Grand Secretaries did receive this information from the Grand Treasurers who will be in contact with the Hayward Branches to find out about the impact of this weekend's Installation... Is Livermore in Alameda county??

Updates to follow

Tim

Reply from the Grand Trustee Bob Lamee on March 16, 2020 at 4:19 P.M.

Tim

Yes. Livermore is in Alameda County. We have been told to shelter in place.

Bob

Reply from the Grand Marshal on March 16, 2020 at 6:31 P.M.

I suspect the restaurant will be forced to cancel Saturday's festivities based on the current shutdowns recommended by the health department. They announced at my office this afternoon that all non-essential businesses were to be closed. I doubt a restaurant would pass as essential. Looks like I'm getting a few weeks of unpaid, stay-at-home vacation...

Tom

On Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 12:58 the Grand President started a new email subject Convention 2020. With the same Members in attendance as listed above.

Hello all, hope you've all managed to avoid this virus, and are also managing all the other disruption in our lives it has caused. This memo was sent from John to the Grand Presidents and Grand Secretaries of both lodges, and since then the Hayward installation has been cancelled.

Dannebrog has been discussing their ideas on the next plan of action, and I haven't been able to focus on it till now, my apologies. It's time to face the fact that 2020 convention is not going to happen. Now the big question is when will it? John has laid out our concerns clearly in his memo.

I'd like to hear from all of you . . .

Do we wait till 2021? or try to re-schedule before the end of the year? If we wait, do we keep the same line of officers? It's been suggested that if we don't change officers then we also "require" that the branches do the same and not burden the Grand President and Grand Marshal with another year of traveling to installations. I'm not totally convinced that this would be necessary, I'd like to consider the idea of Past Grand Presidents sharing that obligation so that branches who wish to still have that option of keeping their installation traditions alive. Maybe Dania could decide on a stipend per installation per installing officer instead of an annual allowance to the Grand President and Grand Marshal for travel and expenses. There are other issues to discuss regarding this situation, and John S. is proposing a conference call to go over them.

SO, what are your thoughts, please share now and we'll figure out the next step. My #1 priority is notifying the members immediately that the convention is being postponed, they need to know that April 2020 is not happening, whether or not we have decided on a new date or not, do we agree about that?

stay well, Jana

Memo from Jr Past Grand President John Scheuber
To All Grand Officers/Executive Committees:
From: John Scheuber, Jr Past Grand of Dania & Convention Committee
Re: Potential Convention Dates

I just completed a long conversation with Jocelyn Venable, Sales Manager for The Clarion, and she is being quite accommodating in an effort to resolve our convention dates in light of the pending Coronavirus situation.

These are some summer and fall dates in 2020, assuming the virus is no longer an issue and if we elect to have a convention prior to next year:

August 13-15

August 20-22

September 10-12

September 24-26

October 15-17

October 22-24

She is also able to let us put this off for an entire year to 2021, with this date:

April 15-17

Please send this to your Grand Officers and Executive Committees, as appropriate. Once both Grand Presidents are informed and have some of the Grand Officer input, I would suggest that both Executive Committee (Dania & Dannebrog) members call into a conference call at a date and time to be determined. I have an 800 conference # we can use.

As a start I would suggest we have this call on Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm, or Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm. Let your Grand President know what date works for you.

Assuming we have no installation at the Cattlemen's on Saturday there may be other topics like Scholarships, Member of the Year, and others. These topics could be addressed at a subsequent meeting by each of our Executive Committees.

Many questions come to mind if we postpone the convention for an entire year.

1. Do the current Grand Officers stay on?
2. If not, could we elect a slate by email or some other electronic method.?
3. Would we continue with the usual branch installations?
4. Do we select a Member of the Year with or without a convention?
5. Many other questions

Reply from the Grand Trustee Bob Lamee on March 18, 2020 at 5:00 P.M

I think we need to wait until April 2021. With this virus, things are changing day to day and we don't know where we will be in six months. A week ago I was watching baseball in Arizona and now I'm on lock-down at home.

The constitution has a provision for exactly what is happening now.

ARTICLE III

THE CONVENTION OF THE GRAND LODGE

Section 2

Par. 1. In case of wars, epidemics or other elements endangering the public welfare, the Grand President together with the Executive Committee shall be empowered to postpone a regular convention until such state of urgency has been overcome, but must call a regular convention within six months after the conclusion of such a state of urgency.

Par. 2. If conditions should prevent the Grand Lodge from holding a yearly convention, the present Grand Officers and all regulations shall continue through the next succeeding convention.

If a grand officer doesn't want to retain their office, we do what we've been doing this year and fill in as needed at an installation.

As for the local branches, I say we do the same. We're going to have to be flexible.

In addition to the questions John and Jana brought up, I would also add how we pay the bills? Can that be done remotely by the Executive Committee? I think a conference call to talk about these things would be great.

Thanks, John, to you and the convention committee. I know this has been difficult.

Bob

Reply from the Grand Treasurer on March 18, 2020 at 6:03 P.M.

Hello to all.

The Constitution states clearly how we should respond to the situation that is unfolding now.

Those of us that have active calendars, have already blocked the time in April to attend the Convention, if we try to reschedule it to a different time, it might be had for our members to attend.

With the current conditions, who knows how long it will take to get back to normal.

I agree with Bob, we should wait until April 2021.

Thanks John, and your committee for following up on this.

That's my two cents,

Greg

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 18, 2020 at 7:15 P.M.

Hi All

I am in Favor of a April 2021 Convention, mainly because if we had a convention in the fall and installed a new group of Grand Officers they would only be in office for six months. In 1906 there was a small convention held shortly after but they did not install a new core of Officers and all of the Local Branches continued holding their installations throughout the year. Using 1906 is not a really good idea because after all that was 114 years ago and they did not have an example to follow either, they just did what they thought was best for their relatively new Organization.

I am not sure how to define "and all regulations shall continue" but it may mean that all financial reimbursements to Grand Officers, and membership dues, would stay in effect, but our annual donations would be a problem.

Scholarships should be awarded and a simple e-mail vote should handle it.

I am not in favor of awarding a Member of the year this year. There is nothing that requires the awarding of this every year. It is a very special award, and not being able to honor a deserving member at our Gala Dinner falls short of giving the Member the attention that is deserved. I have heard suggestions that we could make a presentation on Friday night of the 2021 Convention and I would be concerned that it would take away from the 2020 and the 2021 recipients in having to share the spotlight...

I also think that the main issue is when to hold the Convention the other questions can be dealt with later on.

Tim

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 18, 2020 at 7:56 P.M.

PS

Addendum

In 1945 we did not hold a convention and Ted Petersen Of Bornholm #14 held the Office of Grand President for two years and installed Officers in the local Branches. I think that there was a war going on... During WWI it appears that we did not miss a convention.

I had call Johanne to tell her about this weekend's cancellation and she also let me know that she was in favor of a April 2021 date for our next convention in Modesto, and the Officers to remain in place.

Tim

Reply from the Grand Marshal on March 19, 2020 at 5:27 P.M.

I would like to address the member of the year concern here. I believe that there is at least one nomination of a deserving candidate who never attends convention. Would we not honor them just because they wouldn't be at the convention? We wouldn't be depriving them of the spotlight if they weren't going to be there anyway.

As for shorter terms resulting from a later convention, I doubt this is really a problem for those of us in the line at the current time. Bente would be the only one to really be short-changed, so I would ask for her input to be our starting point.

Just my two cents,

Tom

On Thursday March 19, 2020 at 7:44 A.M. the Jr. Past Grand President started a new email subject Decision to Postpone Convention. With the same Members in attendance as listed above.

Hi All:

It is my opinion that after hearing from all of you by email or phone that we have agreed to postpone the convention until next April. The specific dates would be April 15 -17 at the Clarion in Modesto, CA. Those dates are being held for our approval. If we are all in agreement, I would like to proceed a confirm these dates. I see no need for an Executive Session on this unless someone feels this needs further discussion. I await your comments. I believe; however, we need an Executive Session to discuss the Scholarships and possible Member of the Year, there could be another topic or two as well. If our Grand Secretary will spell out our need for this session, he could mail the Executive Committee some of the application for scholarships prior to a conference call for us to study. If the Member of the Year Recipient doesn't normally attend a convention, then his/her presentation could be done at the local level and we wouldn't have to wait another year.

Some Topics That Need to be Considered:

1. Do all the Grand Officers stay in place or do we vote for a slate electronically? Unfortunately, this would limit the fanfare for the new Presidents and not be ideal.
2. Do we encourage local branches to keep their current officers in place to limit the need for installations?
3. If there are installations, how can some former Past Grands step in to help if needed
4. How are the installing officers compensated for their travel?
5. Should the Grand President make a concerted effort to find and appoint a Vice Marshal?
6. Other topics to consider

I await your response so we can move ahead. While there is no urgency on some of these decisions, we need to map out a timeline.

Reply from the Grand President on March 19, 2020 at 11:02 A.M.

Thanks, John Scheuber, Jr Past Grand President of Dania & Chair of the Dania Executive Committee

I agree with John regarding the consensus to postpone the convention to April 15-17, thank you all for your feedback. I would like to add that Rebild has postponed their conference meetings and activities till March 21-31 2021, and Easter next year will fall on April 4th, so we don't have any conflicts in scheduling, Danish Sisterhood is not meeting in 2021 either. Dannebrog Grand officers are also in agreement to postpone till 2021. I did speak with Bente yesterday and she is in agreement with the postponement and also with keeping our slate of officers through this next year.

I am going to write a message this morning informing the membership of the postponement and the new date. I will be asking the Grand Secretary to forward my message via his newsletter contact list and let him in his great wisdom decide what to do about our members who are not online. Thanks again to all of you, and especially to you, John and the

members of Bornholm, for juggling all these complicated details. One more thing though, should members who have sent in their registration fees expect a full refund?

Till we meet on the phone . . .

Jana

Reply from the Grand Secretary on March 19, 2020 at 11:24 A.M.

Let me just say that I have Three applications for Member of the Year, and all three are form Member which I know have regularly attended Convention and I have and understanding that they were planning on attending the 2020 convention. The Names of the applicants are confidential, between the Grand Secretary and those that nominated the Member. Even the Nominee is not supposed to know of their nomination, so I am just a little surprised about Tom's comment.

Over the years we have had two who were at the last minute were unable to attend and in both cases it was a let down but unavoidable. In one case it was presented at his home in Fresno and in the other at a very well attended Branch Meeting in Solvang. In my opinion both were unfortunate and should be avoided when possible.

Tim

Reply from the Jr. Past Grand Secretary on March 19, 2020 at 12:30 P.M.

Tim Thanks for that input. John S

Reply from the Grand Trustee Bob Lamee on March 19, 2020 at 1:03 P.M

All,

I agree with John. We need to tell the hotel and membership about the change to convention, and soon. There have been emails bouncing around, but I think we need to make a decision and move on it. We don't know what will be happening in a week much less 6 months from now.

Below are the items I think we need to address now.

1. Formally postpone the 2020 convention and inform the general membership. Make sure they know to cancel their hotel reservation. Communicate the process for returning registration fees.
2. Contact all grand lodge officers and see if they are willing to hold their current office until the 2021 convention. If not, then we need to figure out how to handle it.
3. Review scholarship applications, select recipients, and mail the checks. They can be recognized formally in the newsletter and at the next convention. We don't know when the local branches will be meeting so there is no need to hold off presenting them.
4. Determine the criteria for the grand officer draws for the coming year.
5. Is there anything done at the executive committee meeting at the Hayward installation, like review and audit of reports, that is required by the IRS or the government? If yes, then we need to come up with a way to do it remotely. If not, kick it down the road.

As we begin to learn more about our new world, then I think we start looking at these other things, like installations and how they are handled. There are too many unknowns right now.

We also need to work with the Dannebrog side on most of these items, so we are consistent. Does anyone know what their final decision was on convention?

The constitution has provisions for exactly what is happening now. Article X is all about the executive committee, their duties and their authority. I would like to have a conference call this weekend so we can get the ball rolling on the next steps. Emails are great, but we don't always see the latest in the chain.

Bob

Reply from the Grand Treasurer on March 19, 2020 at 1:59 P.M.

Yes, I am in agreement to postpone the convention to April 15-17, 2021.

As far as the executive committee meeting, I feel this should be postponed for at least a month, even six weeks. Assuming there is no convention this April, there's no deadline for the selection of the scholarship winners, member of the year, etc. Actually, all the schools are closed now anyway.

As far as keeping current officers in place for the Grand lodge and local lodges, or finding vice marshals, this can all be discussed in a few weeks. Nothing is that urgent. However, I do feel the Grand President and Grand Marshall's stipends should be suspended at this time as there should be no travel involved.

Greg

Reply from the Grand Marshal on March 19, 2020 at 8:49 P.M. (listed out of timeline order for the ease of the reader)

The suggestion that stipends be eliminated for the year as no travel would be involved assumes that the branches will not have installations before the next convention. I suspect that those with installations in the next few months would likely cancel, but those farther out may still be desired. Please confirm there will be no travel before proceeding with this concept. I see no reason to pay the stipends for April or May, but before we cancel them for the year, we should confirm that all travel will be cancelled.

Tom

On Thursday March 19, 2020 at 5:16 P.M. the Grand President started a new email subject Postponement message to members. With the same Members in attendance as listed above.

Hi all, I'm sending this message to all of you first before Tim sends an email blast to all our members. In an effort to get the word out to members that rely on printed correspondence, he will also be sending additional emails to branch Presidents and Secretaries and requesting the branches to pass on this message to their members as soon as possible. And to make sure no one gets overlooked, he will also include this letter along with his normal mailing of the printed newsletter. John confirmed with me that Modesto will be refunding any registration fees paid so far. On behalf of Beth, I am also sending Dannebrog Grand Officers this sneak peek at this message. Thank you all for your input, Tim will be sending us minutes with all the comments and concerns from our email exchanges, and work with John to schedule a Executive committee meeting via conference call ASAP. I'm foreseeing more yet to be discovered issues coming up as we progress through the year, chances are we'll be having more Executive committee meetings than usual.

stay germ free my friends

Jana

Copy of the Letter

Hello to all our members of Dania and Dannebrog, from your Grand Officers,

We hope that all of you and yours are staying well both physically and emotionally during this unprecedented health crisis in our modern history. The Grand Officers of both Dania and Dannebrog have been working together to determine the best plan of action regarding the scheduling of our annual convention, and we have decided to postpone our 2020 April 16 -18th convention till next year April 15 -17 2021. Your current Grand Officers will remain in their positions for this coming year. Those of you who have already sent in your registration and fees to Modesto will be receiving a full refund, please call John Scheuber, 209-541-4092 with any questions. This postponement is also presenting a list of Grand Lodge business issues to be worked out and we will be sharing all of that with you as soon as possible. But for now we felt that it was most important to let you know what our most pressing decision was so that you, and especially your delegates will have one more answer to the questions we've all been asking ourselves on a daily basis - "What's next?!"

Many thanks to Modesto's Bornholm #14 of Dania for all your planning and preparations for convention this year, it is very unfortunate that we have to wait another year for our much anticipated

and enjoyed event in Grand Lodge. Thanks to all of you for your concern and patience as we work through all these challenges, and stay tuned as the year progresses and presents challenges we haven't even thought of yet. We can only hope that this crisis that we are experiencing will give more members cause to decide to attend next year, we will have a lot to celebrate, and a lot of hugs to catch up on.

*Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other,
sincerely,*

*Jana Heer, Grand President Dania
and Beth Cowan, Grand President Dannebrog*

the Grand Secretary on March 19, 2020 at 6:31 P.M. sent out a mass e-mail.

This email was sent to 80% of the Membership who receive emails from the Grand Secretary. The balance will be sent on March 20, 2020 after 6:30 P.M.

The E-mail include the short Paragraph below plus the notice detailed above.

Dear Members the following is an important message for the Grand Presidents of Dannebrog and Daina, please help in getting the word out to all of your members who may not have an e-mail address. Thank you Tim

This concludes the minutes of the e-mails sent out during March 15, 2020 at 4:56 P.M. and March 19, 2020 at 5:16 P.M.

Normally Committee Meetings do not include discussion or opinions of the members, but in this case were it is difficult to follow an e-mail wail it is happening I felt that it would be for everyone's benefit to have a complete chronological listing of the discussion.

The Original letter from the Host Hotel is included below.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy J Heer

Grand Secretary



March 14th, 2020

Attention: John Scheuber

Re: Dania Convention April 2020

With your upcoming convention approaching in the next month, I want to write you to address the concerns surrounding COVID-19. It is important for me that you know the health and safety of our guests is a top priority for us.

As this situation continues to evolve, we want to ensure you we are following all of the best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is important to us that you are aware of preventative measures that we are taking to keep both our guests and our employees safe. All hotel staff has been following the best practices regarding cleaning, sanitation, disinfection and prevention within all areas of the hotel.

Choice hotels has asked that with all sleeping rooms we honor any cancellations, penalty free, for any convention attendees who should decide not attend if you move forward. In regards to our meetings and banquets, we have also implemented a policy during this time to allow organizations to reschedule their events at a later date – up to 18 months away from the original deposit date. Since your organization made a deposit quite some time ago, please let me know what dates you have in mind to reschedule in 2020 and we will make sure to accommodate you, should the need arise. Otherwise, if your organization should agree to cancel, we will honor the 30-day cancellation policy of forfeiting 80% of the full estimated event total bill. I do understand that 30 days is quickly approaching, so I can extend the deadline until **March 31st** to make your decision to cancel, move forward with the scheduled date, or reschedule for a future date in 2020.

We will continue to keep you apprised of the latest news and information related to COVID-19 as your convention moves closer. Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or concerns before making your decision. I have enjoyed working with your convention committee and look forward to the opportunity to host our group next month.

Regards,
Jocelyn Venable

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on March 26, 2020

Present: On the call and sheltered in place.

John Schueber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)

Meeting was started by Jr Grand Past President John Schueber at 6:00 P.M.

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll of the members in attendance. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

Agenda

Late addition to the agenda were noted and the Agenda as circulated March 25th was excepted by the Chair.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to place an item in the newsletter reminding members that they must cancel their room at the Inn. Jr. Past Grand President gave an update on the cancellation of the convention. Everything that needs to be done has been done. We are set for a Convention at the Clarion Inn for April 15-17, 2021.

Robert Lamee moved that from here going forward that decisions of the committee be done by a voice vote and not be consensus nor by e-mail. Seconded by PGP Johanne Gade, the motion was adopted.

PGP Johanne Gade moved to cancel the annual convention for 2020 and postpone the convention until April 15-17, 2021 to be held at the Clarion Inn Modesto. Seconded by Robert Lamee, the motion was adopted unanimously.

PGP Johanne Gade moved that the Grand Officer are to stay in place through the next succeeding convention (see Article III, Section 2, Par 2.) Seconded by GP Jana Heer, the motion was adopted unanimously.

PGP Johanne Gade moved that the Local Branches be encouraged to hold installation if it is allowed by their Local Government. Seconded by GP Jana Heer, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Robert Lamee presented a concept as to how we move forward on paying travel expenses to the GP and GM and payments to the GS and GT. After a long conversation it was agreed to bring this item up at a later date.

PGP Johanne Gade moved to except all the Scholarships and recommended amounts as sent out by the Grand Secretary. Seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup, the motion was adopted unanimously. (see Attached form)

PGP Johanne Gade moved not to award a member of the Year for 2020, seconded by Robert Lamee. The vote was Yes 4 and No 1 the motion was adopted.

PGP Steen Skjellerup suggested that we hold an Executive Committee Conference call on April 23, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. it was ruled approved by consensus.

PGP Johanne Gade moved make our normal donations as last year, seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup, the motion was adopted unanimously.

PGP Johanne Gade moved to set the set the annual per capita tax as the same as last year, seconded by Robert Lamee. The Grand Secretary was asked to state for the Committees information what the dollar amounts are. He reported it was \$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. the motion was adopted.

The Grand Trustee's reported that they have approved their annual report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. until April 23, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on April 23, 2020

Present: On the call and sheltered in place.

John Schueber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)

Meeting was started by Jr Grand Past President John Schueber at 6:00 P.M.

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll of the members in attendance. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

Agenda

Agenda was excerpted as circulated April 23. Bob Lamee reserved the right to add an Item at the end of the meeting regarding Finances.

Robert Lamee moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2020 as distributed, seconded by PGP Johanne Gade. The notion was approved.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand President, Jana Heer, to report on her findings in the Constitution. She referred to Article III section 2 Par 2 which speaks to Grand Officers staying in place and all regulation shall continue. She then asked for item #1 to be removed from the Agenda, having to do with Grand Officer Pay for services and travel because it is already covered in the Constitution and no further action is required.

Robert Lamee moved to compensate the Grand President \$1,200.00, the Grand Marshal \$600.00, the Grand Secretary \$2,400.00 and the Grand Treasurer \$1,200.00 a year, seconded by PGP Johanne Gade. The motion was passed 4 in favor and 1 abstained vote.

The Grand Secretary lost contact with the meeting...

PGP Johanne Gade moved to set the funeral Benefit at \$200.00, seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup. The motion was approved.

GP Jana Heer moved to move forward with the Web site at \$300.00 seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup. The motion was approved.

The Grand Secretary regained contact with the meeting...

PGP Johanne Gade moved to reimburse the Grand Secretary \$100.00 a month for the newsletter, seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup. The motion was approved.

Robert Lamee moved to approve \$150.00 be paid to Bornholm #14 for the 2020 postponed Convention, seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup. The motion was approved, by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 members being members of Bornholm did not vote.

The Grand Secretary reported that the annual report of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustees have been sent to all local Branches and members of the Executive Committee for their information, no approval is required. He answered questions regarding Insurance and the Annual Audit. He reported that all tax forms for 2019 will be completed and submitted to the IRS and the State Franchise Tax Board by May.

Robert Lamee moved to approve payment of our insurance up to \$4,000.00, seconded by PGP Johanne Gade. The motion was approved.

A number of good question and discussion followed but no other actions were taken at this time

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on November 23, 2020

Present: On the call.

John Schueber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)

Meeting was started by Jr Grand Past President John Schueber at 7:00 P.M.

The Chairman called the roll of the members in attendance. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

New business.

Jr Grand Past President John Schueber opened the discussion regarding if the April 22-24, 2021 is a good Idea or not.

After a little discussion Jr Grand Past President John Schueber opened the discussion regarding new dates available at the Double Tree as listed in the Agenda.

Robert Lamee moved to move our convention to September 9-11, 2021, with the contingent that the date is agreeable with Dannebrog. Seconded by Johanne Gade. It was approved unanimously. Jr Grand Past President John Schueber asked the Grand Secretary to ask the question of Dannebrog.

Grand President's Report.

Grand President, Jana Heer reported that since last March she has not travelled at all and is planning on returning all of her travelling expenses lest any travelling she may do till then.

Jr Grand Past President John Schueber Tabled reading of the minutes of April 23, 2020 till next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

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

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on March 20, 2021

Present: On the call and sheltered in place.

Present:

John Schueber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
Gregory A. Gleeson	Grand Treasurer	Thyra #9 (observing)
Thomas Martin	Grand Marshal	Danmark #2 (observing)

Meeting was called to order by Jr Grand Past President John Schueber at 7:10 P.M. The Chairman called the roll of the members in attendance, and noted the three visitors. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

Minutes:

PGP Johanne Gade moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020 as distributed, seconded by GP Jana Heer. The motion was approved.

GP Jana Heer moved to approve the minutes of November 23, 2020, seconded by Robert Lamee. The motion was approved.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand President, Jana Heer, for her report. She thanked all of the Branches for their support of the monthly newsletter and how important it has been during these trying times.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Secretary for his report.

Dania Scholarship:

PGP Johanne Gade, Grand Trustee #1, moved to award Nina Christiansen member of Valdemar #12, Kaelie Martin-Mahler member of Thyra #9 and Hunter Nielsen Son of Jim Nielsen of Valhalla #11, \$400.00 each, seconded by Robert Lamee. Johanne Gade Moved to amend the motion to include awarding Nina Christiansen member of Valdemar #12 and Kaelie Martin-Mahler member of Thyra #9 \$600.00 each for the Dania Memorial Scholarship seconded by Robert Lamee. It was suggested that the \$600.00 be increased to &1,000.00 and without objection from the proponent, the motion and amended and adjusted was approved.

Annual Dues and donations, John Schueber as the Grand Secretary to read the list of normal donation., they are; Dues Aldersly Inc, \$45.00; Donations; Uthel-Luth Home, \$25.00, Danish American Society, Fresno, \$25.00, Elverhoj Museum, \$25.00 and Solvang Lutheran Home, \$50.00. PGP Johanne Gade, Grand Trustee #1, moved to only pay our dues to Aldersly and not our normal donations, seconded by Robert Lamee, , Grand Trustee #3. The results of the vote was 2 Yes and 3 No the motion failed. PGP Johanne Gade, Grand Trustee #1, moved to pay all of the Annual Dues and donations, with them being ratified at convention, seconded by GP Jana Heer. The results of the vote was 4 Yes and 1 No the motion was approved.

Grand officers reimbursement of The Grand President Traveling of \$1200.00, Grand Secretary of \$2,400.00, Grand Treasurer of \$1,200.00 and the Grand Marshal Traveling of \$600.00. PGP Johanne Gade, Grand Trustee #1, moved to pay the expenses with the provision that if the Grand officer felt that the Traveling expense did not exceed the payment that they be allowed to return any unused portion, , seconded by PGP Steen Skjellerup. The Motion was approved.

The Grand Secretary referred to the unaudited Grand Secretary's annual report and entertained question regarding the report. There were a number of question regarding the insurance which were answered by the Grand Secretary.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Treasurer Gregory A. Gleeson to present his unaudited annual report. He answered questions regarding using the term interest instead of increase in value or gain.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Trustee #3, Robert Lamee. to present his unaudited annual report.

The Conference ended for a commercial break
When we reconvened, Johanne Gade, Thomas Martin was not in attendance.

John Schueber Jr. Past Grand President reported on the Convention plans, but would like to know what the confidence of the membership. It was reported that worst case we could postpone till April 2022 without an added cost. There was a lot of discussion regarding what or how the upcoming convention will be and what to expect in the future. After much discussion about when we should meet again it was agreed to meet on Thursday May 20th at 6:30 P.M.

The Grand Secretary asked to be recognized in regards to our tax status and a question from a local Branch and our ability to donate to other than our own Grand Lodge. He asked for feedback from the Committee on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on May 27, 2021

Present: On the call.

John Scheuber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)

Meeting was started by Jr Grand Past President John Scheuber at 7:00 P.M.
The Chairman called the roll of the members in attendance. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

It was noted that this meeting was postponed from the original date and time of May 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Agenda

There were no late addition to the agenda

Minutes:

John Scheuber Jr. Past Grand President, pointed out the following corrections to the March 20th meeting, corrections of “notion” to motion, “as” to asked, Spelling of his last name from “Schueber” to Scheuber, and “planes” to plans He then asked for other correct or omissions.

PGP Steen Skjellerup moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2021 as corrected, seconded by PGP Johanne Gade. The motion was approved.

New business.

Grand President’s Report.

Grand President, Jana Heer reported she is looking forward to Convention in September.

John Scheuber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Secretary for his report. He that the reports of the status of the Local Branches were distributed John Scheuber, Jr. Past Grand President gave a verbal summery of those reports. Grand Secretary reported that he had filed all of the necessary State and Federal tax forms for the Branches, Senior Assistance Fund and the Grand Lodge. He reported on behalf f the Grand Treasurer the financials year to date as of April 8, 2021 that the total expenses were \$7,032.46, our total income was \$11,621.67 leaving a positive Balance of \$4,598.21.

John Scheuber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Trustee #1, PGP Johanne Gade who reported the as of April 30, 2021 the account balance was \$41,290.82

John Scheuber Jr. Past Grand President reported on the Convention plans.

By consensuses of those present it was agreed that we invite the Officers of Dannebrog to a joint meeting regarding our next Convention and those in the future. The Grand Secretary

was asked to place a notice in the next newsletter asking for locale Branches to start thinking about holding a convention in the near future.

John Scheuber Jr. Past Grand President called on Grand Secretary regarding Questions about our insurance. There are 10 questions that have been submitted, most of which have been submitted to the insurance company. Other Question were addressed by the Grand Secretary.

No date for a follow up meeting was set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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

Dania Executive Board Conference call meeting held on February 24, 2022

Present: On the call and sheltered in place.

John Scheuber	Jr. Past Grand President	Bornholm #14 and Chairperson
Jana Heer	Grand President	Freja #6
PGP Johanne Gade	Grand Trustee #1	Bornholm #14
PGP Steen Skjellerup	Sub-Grand Trustee #2	Thor #5
Robert Lamee	Grand Trustee #3	Dannevang #7
Bente Ellis	Grand Vice President,	Bornholm #14 (observing)
PGP Tim Heer	Grand Secretary	Freja #6 (non-voting member)

Meeting was started by Jr Grand Past President John Schueber at 7:00 P.M.

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll of the members in attendance. It was noted that PGP Steen Skjellerup was appointed by the Grand President to substitute for PGP Peder Hoy.

Agenda

1. An Update on our Conference with an assurance we are going forward.
2. A Discussion of the Covid Protocol that will likely be in place (This could be a moving target)
3. Discuss what our Convention Agenda will include
4. Determine when to meet to complete our year end activities including:
 - a. All the Audits
 - b. Scholarships Selections
 - c. Select the Member of the Year
 - d. Other, as needed

Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber; Address item #1 and the convention is going forward as planned. All of the details have been worked out with the Hotel.

Item #2; on the issue of mask wearing is still undefined, but the Grand President wants members to know that she will be wearing a mask and would like to make it recommend their use and recommend that everyone attending is vaccinated.

Item #3; there was discussion regarding the Article submitted to the Newsletter, by the Convention Chairman, it was agreed that the newsletter editor could break up the article into three different articles. Questions were asked about committee reports and were addressed by the Grand President. John voiced his concerns regarding who will be hosting future conventions.

Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber; Called on the Grand Secretary to speak on Item 4.a, he reported that he has been working with Dannebrog to figure out how and where to hold the Audit. The current thinking is to hold them on the Thursday before convention. A number of concerns were voiced about the timing of the Audits. The Grand Secretary will take their concerns under advisement.

Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber; Called on the Grand Secretary to speak on Item 4.b; He suggested that with the few applications that the Executive Committee vote on them

remotely it was agreed to by all. The Grand Secretary will e-mail the application to the committee members.

Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber; Called on the Grand Secretary to speak on Item 4.c; Johanne Gade Moved, Robert Lamee seconded, The Committee elected a Member of the year from the nomination submitted.

Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber accepted the responsibility of managing the approval of the scholarships by phone or e-mail.

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

Minutes of E-mails sent out after this meeting

Friday February 25, 2022 The Grand Secretary sent out to the members of the Committee. All of the application that had been received by that date.

Wednesday March 9th Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber sent by e-mail a form for the committee members to vote on the Scholarships by e-mail and return to him.

Sunday March 12, 2022 Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber sent by e-mail the results of the vote as being that Kaelie Martin-Mahler (Member of Thyra #9), and Mikayla Fish (nonmember, Rena Fish Danneskjold #17) are awarded a Danish Society Dania Scholarship of \$600.00 and that Kaelie Martin-Mahler (Member of Thyra #9) be awarded The Dania Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.00.

Wednesday March 16, 2022 Grand Secretary, Tim Heer sent out to everyone on the Committee a new Danish Society Dania Scholarship and a Dania Memorial Scholarship application.

Friday March 18, 2022, Jr. Past Grand President, John Scheuber sent by e-mail a request for the committee to vote on the Grand Secretary's recommendation to not except the new Danish Society Dania Scholarship application due to the fact that the maximum amounts for a year has already been awarded. He also recommended that a Dania Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 be awarded.

Wednesday March 23, 2022, Past Grand President, John Scheuber sent by e-mail to The Grand Secretary a notice that the vote has been completed which approved a Dania Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Ian Anders Nielsen (Member of Danmark #2).

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

**140h Dania Convention
Delegates**

Grand Officers		4/1	4/2	Representatives	4/1	4/2	Representatives	4/1	4/2
Jr. Past Gr. Pres.	John Scheuber	X	X	Danmark #2			Valhalla #11		
Grand President	Jana Heer	X	X	Michael Fox	X	X	Daniel Barney	X	X
Grand Vice President	Bente Ellis	X	X	Aiden Jobe Sea	X	X			
Grand Secretary	Tim Heer	X	X	Peter Christensen	X	X			
Grand Treasurer	Gregory Gleeson	X	X	James O. Jensen (Alternate)	X	X			
Grand Marshal	Thomas Martin	X	X	Robert Fox (Alternate)	X	X	Valdemar #12		
Grand V. Marshal			X				Leif Larsen	X	X
Grand Trustee	PGP Johanne Gade	X	X						
Grand Trustee	PGP Peder Hoy	A	A						
Grand Trustee	Robert Lamee	X	X						
		8	9	Thor #5			Bornholm #14		
Past Grand Presidents				PGP Steen Skjellerup	X	X	Doris Juul Hoy	A	A
		4/1	4/2	Jerry Hansen	X	X	Bodil Whitehouse	X	X
Stuart O. Mahler	Thyra #9	X	X				George Dutra	X	X
Peder Hoy	Bornholm #14	A	A						
Glen A. Fritz	Danmark #2	X	X	Freja #6					
Gregory Gleeson	Thyra #9	X	X	PGP Tim Heer	X	X			
Alan D. Filiu	Thyra #9	X	X				Danneskjold #17		
Allen Thomsen	Dannevang #7	A	A				PGP Robert Lacey	X	X
Tim Heer	Freja #6	X	X						
Hugo Rasmussen	Bornholm #14	A	A	Dannevang #7					
Arne Graversgaard	Freja #6	A	A	Dan Holm	X	X	Hejls Minde #23		
Robert Lacey	Danneskjold #17	X	X				Bent Olsen	X	X
John Johansen	Bornholm #14	A	A				Knud Jacobsen	X	X
Stanley Kjar	Thor #5	A	A						
Roger Gearhart	Danmark #2	A	A	Thyra #9					
Lilian Rasmussen	Sønderjylland #10	X	X	PGP Gregory A. Gleeson	X	X	Holger Danske #27		
Johanne Rasmussen Gade	Bornholm #14	X	X						
Mel Lundberg	Valhalla #11	A	A						
Bob Schall	Hejmdal #4	A	A						
Thomas Martin	Danmark #2	X	X	Sønderjylland #10					
Steen Skjellerup	Thor #5	X	X	Karen Fris Lysmer	X	A			
Daniel Joensen	Danmark #2	X	X	John Cruger-Hansen	A	X			
				Alt Debbie Cruger-Hansen		X			
		10	10					17	18
				representatives elected	19				
				two-thirds	12.7	13			
The convention is legally constituted when two-thirds of the representatives elected are present									

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 138th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto on March 31 to April 2~~X~~, 2022, at The Double Tree; have enjoyed a successful convention, and

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrating her 82nd 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:

[Handwritten signatures]
Aiden John
Karen Ann Lysoner

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 138th Grand Lodge convention in Modesto on March 31 to April 2, 2022, at The Double Tree; do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania.

Whereas:

We do deeply regret the passing of Past Grand Presidents James Jorgensen, Robert Sorensen, and Kaj Kristensen, 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:

Karey Tris Lysmer
Bob Thorne
Kidron J. DeLuca