

**141st Annual
Grand Lodge Dania
Convention Report**



**Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Newark-Fremont,
39900 Balentine Dr., Newark, CA**

FRIDAY April 14, 2023

Grand Officers, Representatives, Past Grand Presidents, and Members assembled at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Newark-Fremont, Newark CA for Dania's 141st annual convention on April 14 and 15, 2023. Host Lodges were The San Francisco Lodges, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 along with Hayward Lodges, Thyra # 9 and Valborg #1;

GRAND OFFICERS

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

DELEGATES

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| Danmark #2 | James O. Jensen, Peter Schakow, Peter Christensen, and Aidan Jobs Sea |
| Thor #5 | PGP Steen Skjellerup, |
| Freja #6 | Ole M. Pedersen, PGP Tim Heer |
| Dannevang #7 | Dan Holm, Robert Lamee |
| Thyra #9 | PGP Gregory A. Gleeson, David Mahler, Eric Jorgensen |
| Sonderjylland #10 | Karen Friis Lysmer |
| Valhalla #11 | Larry Lancaster, Daniel Barney, Tamara Barney |
| Valdemar #12 | Leif Larsen |
| Bornholm #14 | Bodil Whitehouse, George Dutra |
| Danneskjold #17 | PGP Robert Lacey, Doris Skow |
| Hejls Minde #23 | Bent Olsen, Kristin Worthley |
| Holger Danske #27 | No Representatives |

Grand President Bente Ellis instructed the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and the Grand Vice Marshal Robert Lamee, to close the door at 9:08 A.M.

The password was taken by Grand Marshal Dan Holm and Grand Vice Marshal Robert Lamee. After the password was obtained the Grand President called for the opening sign. Grand President admonished all that any Cell phone going off from this point forward would result in a fine.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked the Grand Secretary Tim Heer, to call the roll of Grand Officers, Delegates and Past Grand Presidents. 10 Grand Officers, 22 Delegates responded and 14 Past Grand Presidents to roll call. The Grand Secretary informed the Grand President that a quorum was present. See the complete Roll Call result attached to this report.

The assembly then rose to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of Der er et Yndigt Land.

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

Grand President Bente Ellis welcomed everyone to the convention and then proclaimed the 141st 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 Bente Ellis instructed Grand Marshal Dan Holm to escort her advisor, Past Grand President Peder Hoy, to the chair on her right to act as her advisor during the Convention.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked Grand Secretary Tim Heer to read the minutes. The Grand Secretary then read the minutes from the close of the 140th Convention to the opening of this Convention. The Grand President asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes; there were none and she ruled them approved as read.

The Grand Secretary stated that the 140th Convention has just been placed on our website, and asked for the approval of the report to be tabled until next convention.

Report of the Grand President: Grand President Bente Ellis instructed the Grand Marshal to present the gavel to Grand Vice President Thomas Martin and turned the meeting over to him. The Grand Vice President asked the Grand President to read her report.

Let me start by saying that it has been a pleasure, I have truly enjoyed this year I started with the meeting in May at my home lodge Bornholm where I initiated a new member. We had a Welcome Home Candidates affair at Doris and Peder Hoy's home. Following that we had a meeting in San Jose. We met in the garden of the Lacey home for a lovely lunch and a meeting followed. It was a beautiful day.

After that I attended the Rebild Convention in cold, rainy, and windy Chicago, It was a great convention, again with everyone so happy to socialize finally! It was fun to visit with Illinois Dania members, and there were Anniversaries celebrated every day.

July, I celebrated the fourth of July in Denmark. It was extended because of the SAS Pilot strike. Two years in a row we have been rained out but this year was the worst so we all agreed no rain this year.

September we were in Ferndale, the installation was relaxed and the dinner was superb. Frances Sweet made the highlight speech; he has such a beautiful nature. After that we had a picnic in Sunol put on by San Francisco and a wonderful time.

October, we went to Reno for a wonderful Installation and Oh my gosh my the food they had prepared, Annette had her Sisters visiting from Denmark who were put to good uses.

November we did not have any installations but Christmas parties I was very happy to enjoy several Lodge Christmas parties. A great month started with my home Bornholm's very enjoyable party at LaParilla Restaurant in Modesto. We had lots of great food and if the noise level was an indication, a great time was had by all. Next, it was Hejls Minde's celebration at Bit of Denmark in Solvang. Next was Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3 celebrating at Bosco's Bones & Brew in Sunol. The next day was Danneskjold No. 17 in San Jose for a beautiful luncheon in Kim Nielsen Giacinto's lovely home.

February we went to Fresno and that was a nice installation after I found the place. Next Installation in Alameda for Denmark No. 2 and Thyra No. 3 in a fantastic venue on the water..

I hosted the San Jose Lodge Danneskjold #17 meeting and very abbreviated Installation.

March we were in Livermore for the last installation for the year, for to Thyra #9 and Valborg #1.

All in all I had a great time and fun, and thank you.

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee: The minutes of the meetings held on March 18, 2023 were read by the Grand Secretary. It was moved by PGP, John Scheuber, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee, seconded by, Grand Trustee John Jensen, Danmark #2. The Grand President declared the Minutes approved.

Grand President Bente Ellis recognized the Grand Secretary who moved to add to the agenda as a late addition the discussion of allowing the local Branches to register with the Secretary of State.

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 presented his annual report. The Grand Secretary's report is attached at the end of this report. The Grand Secretary continued his report and called the Member's attention to the itemized reports of the Branches on Membership, Assets, Receipts, and Disbursements for review. Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, moved to accept his reports. Seconded by Grand Vice President Tom Martin. The motion was unanimously approved. The Grand Secretary's report is attached at the end of this report.

Grand Treasurer's Report: Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson, presented the Grand Treasurer's report for review. Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, moved to accept the report, seconded by Danial Barney, Valhalla #11 and the motion was unanimously approved. The Grand Treasurer's report is attached at the end of this report.

Grand Trustees' Report: Grand Trustee #1 Johanne Gade read the report. Grand Vice President Tom Martin, moved to accept the report, seconded by Danial Barney, Valhalla #11, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Grand Trustees' report is attached at the end of this report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

History Committee Report: Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, asked to remain on the History committee where he would like to continue his written report on Viking Kings.

Grand Vice President Tom Martin, Reported that he and: Grand Trustee #1 Johanne Gade have moved all of the items that were stored in Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, garage to the only Dania Hall in Ferndale for safe keeping

It was moved by Danial Barney, Valhalla #11, to accept the report. Seconded by Grand Trustee #2, John Jessen, Danmark #2, the motion was accepted unanimously.

Report from the Advisory Committee: Had no report this year..

Report of the Membership Committee: Past Grand President, Robert Lacey made a short report. Doris Skow, Danneskjold #17 and a Past Grand President of Dannebrog, was recognized and was very pleased to still be active and happy to be a member of Dania and is enjoying her first Grand Lodge meeting as a Delegate at this convention.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Grand Trustee #3, John Scheuber, reported that the office of Grand Vice Marshal and Grand Trustee #3 are open.

Grand President Bente Ellis declared a Coffee recess at 10:20 A.M. to reconvene at 10:51 A.M.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, The Grand Secretary introduced one member that was not at the morning session, a Delegate from Valhalla #11 Tamara Barney. The meeting was reconvened.

The Grand Secretary asked to speak on our IRS Tax exempt status, thanks to Danmark #2 we have a hand out that explains a 501(c8) as a non-incorporated self-promoting organization which benefits to its members only. As it is the month of April reminded the membership that any donation made to our organization does not qualify as a Tax deduction on your personal Income Tax. He also reminded the members that local Branches can make donation out of their Branch's funds to Grand Lodge charities: the Senior Assistance Fund, Memorial Scholarship or the General Fund Scholarship. Branches making donations to 501 (c3) organizations could result in our organization's loss of our exempt status. The hand out is attached at the end of this report. He also pointed out that he had copies of the Senior Assistance Fund application form on his desk for those that maybe interested. This was followed by many questions regarding our relation with Dannebrog, which were left unanswered and no onion was offered as to how we should handle reimbursements between the two Bodies.

Grand President Bente Ellis; asked Grand Vice President, Tom Martin to explain the proper etiquette and how the Voting Members are to act during a session at Grand Lodge. It was recommended that The Grand Secretary provide all Grand Officers with a hand book covering requirements of their Grand Officers before the next convention and a hand out for all voting members regarding etiquette at the next convention.

Standing Convention Committees: Grand President Bente Ellis appointed the following:

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| Law: | Steen Skjellerup | Past Grand President, Thor #5 |
| | Robert Lacey | Past Grand President, Danneskjold #17 |
| | Lilian Rasmussen | Past Grand President, Sønderjylland #10 |

Resolutions: Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10
Aiden Jobe Sea, Danmark #2
Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Bornholm #14 of Modesto.
A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Thyra #9, Hayward
A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Valdemar #12 of Reno.
A thank you for a donation from the Solvang Lutheran Home.
A thank you for a donation from the Elverhøj Museum
A verbal thank you from the Danish American Historical Society, Fresno

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Grand President Bente Ellis asked if we had any old Business, there being none She declared this section closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Grand Secretary Bente Ellis opened the floor for a discussion regarding having Local Branch register with the Secretary of State. The Grand Secretary gave some back ground on how this has become an issue for a few Branches during the last few years. A number of Delegates also spoke about the problems they have been having dealing with their individual Banks.

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

Grand President Bente Ellis asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, there being no one standing, she reconvened the meeting.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked the Grand Secretary to present the bills.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Treasurer \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement; it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to pay the Grand Trustees \$1.00 each per year expense reimbursement it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary Tim Heer moved to set the Funeral Benefit at \$200.00 it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

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 Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson. The motion was accepted unanimously

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to the Danish American Historical Society in Fresno, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously

Grand Secretary moved to pay \$45.00 annual dues to Aldersly, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary moved to donate \$75.00 to Atterdag Village Solvang, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary moved to support the Web Site Committee not to exceed \$300.00 it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary moved to set the Grand Presidents traveling expenses at \$1,200.00 a year it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Secretary moved to set the Grand Marshal traveling expenses at \$600.00 a year it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Grand Secretary pointed out that due to the recent changes to the Constitution, the Traveling expenses are easier to handle, and that the Constitution states that the host Lodge of a Convention will receive \$300.00 so there is no need to vote it out as a bill.

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Grand Secretary \$200.00 per month expense reimbursement, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand Treasurer moved to pay the Newsletter Publisher \$100.00 per month expense reimbursement for the printing of the Monthly Newsletter it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Grand President asked if there was any other new business. Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, moved to have the Grand Secretary research if the Grand Lodge has to be registered with the California State Secretary. Seconded by Grand Trustee, John Jensen, the result of the vote was Yes 18, No 5, the motion was accepted.

Nomination and election of Grand Officers

Grand President Bente Ellis appointed Peter Schakow, Danmark #2, Jr. Past Grand President, Jana Heer and Kristin Worthley, Hajs Minde #23, as tellers and she gave the instructions to the tellers on how to process the votes.

The Grand President opened the nomination of Grand Officers for 2023-2024. The following were nominated and elected individually. There being only one person nominated for each office the Grand Secretary cast the ballot that elected the Officer.

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| Grand President | Thomas Martin | Danmark #2 |
| | Bente Ellis | Bornholm #14 She very respectfully declined |
| Grand Vice President | Dan Holm | Dannevang #7 |
| Grand Secretary | Tim Heer | Freja #6 |
| Grand Treasurer | Gregory A. Glee\$on | Thyra #9 |
| Grand Marshal | Robert Lamee | Dannevang #7 |
| Grand Vice Marshal | James O Jensen | Danmark #2 |
| Grand Trustee #1 | John Jensen | Danmark #2 |
| Grand Trustee #2 | John Scheuber | Bornholm #14 |
| Grand Trustee #3 | Johanne Rasmussen Gade | Bornholm #14 |

Grand President Bente Ellis dismissed the tellers and thanked them for their assistance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Grand Secretary being concerned that he may have over looked a Donation, moved to donate \$75.00 to the Elverhøj Museum of History and Art, it was seconded by Danial Barnet, Valhalla #11. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Grand President Bente Ellis; Asked if anyone had any announcements, On behalf of the Danish American Historical Society of California, Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup, invited everyone to an Æbelskive Brunch in Selma on May 13 from 9:00 AM till 12:00 noon.

The Grand President Bente Ellis; recognized The Grand Trustee, John Scheuber, who thanked the Grand Vice President on his presentation regarding decorum during a meeting and would like to see it included at the start of every convention in the future.

The Grand President Bente Ellis; recognized Grand Trustee, John Jensen, Danmark #2, who moved to add information regarding Meeting decorum to the “Grand Lodge Convention Agenda”, seconded by Grand Vice President, Thomas Martin, Danmark #2. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Grand President Bente Ellis declared a recess until 9:30 A.M. Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY April 15, 2023

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

The password was taken up by the Grand Marshal, Dan Holm and Grand Vice Marshal, Robert Lamee. The Opening sign was given.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Officers. 10 Grand Officers, 22 Representatives and 13 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read of greeting for a successful convention from Freja #6.

A thank you for a Scholarship from Ian Nielsen, Danmark #2.

Bent Olsen gave a verbal greeting from Hejls Minde #23.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Doris Skow, Danneskjold #17, Who complemented the Grand President on a very will run meeting, and invited everyone to a dry camp out in Hollister at the Skow Ranch on October 13-15 2023

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Grand Treasurer, Greg Gleeson who gave a report on the history of the Danish Camper group which was started in 1997 by Past Grand President Robert Sorensen, including the names of the original members.

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Grand Trustee, John Scheuber, Who complemented the Grand President on a very will run meeting, and thanked Danmark #2 for a very will run convention, especially the Friday “Flower Power” Party and Dinner.

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Grand Vice President, Thomas Martin, who want the membership to know that the convention was a joint effort of the Lodges of San Francisco and Hayward, and wanted to thank the members of Dannebrog's Lodge Valborg #1 who did a lot of the work in making the convention the success that it is.

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, who reported on the progress of creating a 65 year and 75 year membership pin. He let the membership know that there were samples on his desk for their review.

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized Grand Vive Marshal, Robert Lamee, who invited everyone to a convention in 2024 to be held in The Hotel Mission de Oro in Santa Nella, CA. on April 11-13 2024.

Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, moved to accept Livermore Branch's invitation to hold the 2024 convention, the motion was accepted unanimously. After much discussion regarding Olsen's Bakery being open to the kitchen to provide for out coffee breaks.

Grand President Bente Ellis; instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Vice Marshal to the Dannebrog meeting to invite them to the 2024 convention.

Grand President Bente Ellis; Recognized her advisor, Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, who complemented her on her fine job of running the meetings and recommended for future Convention Committees to have some kind of microphones system available in the meeting rooms. This did lead to a lot of ideas and discussion, but no action was taken. It was also suggested that branch's that have portable microphones system available have them at our local Installations.

The Grand President invited the Grand President-elect Thomas Martin to the podium and asked Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President-elect to address the Grand Officers, Delegates, Past Grand Presidents, and Members.

Presidents Advisor: Past Grand President, Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11

He announced his appropriate Password for the year.

Advisory Committee Past Grand President, Johanne Gade, Bornholm #14
Past Grand President, Glen Fritz, Danmark #2
Past Grand President, Peder Hoy, Bornholm #14

Nomination Committee Past Grand President, John Scheuber, Bornholm #14
Grand President, Bente Ellis, Bornholm #14
Past Grand President, Mel Lundberg, Valhalla #11

Membership Committee: Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5
Tamara Barney, Valhalla #11
Kristin Worthey, Hejls Minde #23

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

History committee Past Grand President Jana Heer, Freja #6
 Ole Pedersen, Freja #6
 First Delegate of every Branch
Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, continue with Viking King History

Auditors Past Grand President, Daniel Joensen, Danmark #2
 Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2
 Past Grand President, Steen Skjellerup, Thor #5

Grand President-elect is looking forward to visiting the Locale Branches when he can and attending special events. He encouraged Locale Branches to hold events where members can get together in a more relaxed time. He encouraged members to take the opportunity to visit other Branch's meeting. He would also like to see the Newsletter come out a little earlier in the month so members could plan to attend an event rather than reading about it after it happened.

The Grand President; recognized The Grand Secretary who asked to respond to the Grand Presidents-elect request for the newsletter to be out sooner, he stated that all articles need to be submitted by the 20th of the month to be published sooner than it currently is.

Grand President Bente Ellis declared a Coffee recess at 10:20 A.M. to reconvene at 10:51 A.M.

Grand President Bente Ellis asked for all those who were not in the morning session to stand, as Dannebrog had closed their meeting we had a number of their members who are also members of Dania in attendance. The correct Password was attained by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Vice Marshal.

The Grand President; recognized The Grand Vice Marshal, Robert Lamee who informed us if all goes well next year the Livermore Branches would like to also hold the 2025 Convention.

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**)

Grand President Bente Ellis; thanked and excused all her Committees that she had appointed.

The Grand President; recognized Natalie Heer, Freja #6 who asked for the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand President so all could thank her for a successful meeting.

The Grand Marshal escorted the Grand President around the room to a standing ovation, for a job well done.

The Grand President, Thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the newly elected officers and look forward to their year.

The Grand President recognized Bent Olsen, Hejls Minde #23, who thanked Grand President Bente Ellis for her wonderful year 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 Bente Ellis led the singing of God Bless America. She then declared the 141st annual convention closed and asked for the closing sign at 11:35 A.M.

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

2023- 2024 DANIA GRAND OFFICERS

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

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

List of all Past Grand Presidents of Daina

| 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 | * James Madison | Danmark #2 |
| 1892-93 | * John H.Lytgens | Danmark #2 |
| 1893-94 | * Halvor J.T. Jacobsen | Thor #5 |
| 1894-95 | * Halvor J.T. Jacobsen | Thor #5 |
| 1895-96 | * Halvor J.T. Jacobsen | Thor #5 |
| 1896-97 | * C.P. Jensen | Dagmar #8 |
| 1897-98 | * O.P. Kielsen | Thor #5 |
| 1898-99 | * Jacob Petersen | 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. Andreasen | Valhalla #11 |
| 1904-05 | * Carl Rasmussen | Skamlingsbanken #20 |
| 1905-07 | * Robert Nelson | 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 |

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| 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 Minde #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 |

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|---------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |
| 2019-22 | | Jana Heer | Freja #6 |

* 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 |
| John Schueber | 2023 | Bornholm 14 |

* Denoted Deceased

Dania Executive Board meeting held on March 18, 2023 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore California.

Present:

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| Jana Heer | Jr. Past Grand President | Freja #6 and Chairperson |
| Benta Elis | Grand President | Bornholm #14 |
| PGP Johanne Gade | Grand Trustee #1 | Bornholm #14 |
| PGP John Schueber | Grand Trustee #3 | Bornholm #14 |
| Tom Martin | Grand Vice President, | Danmark #2 (non voting) |
| Tim Heer | Grand Secretary | Freja #6 (non voting) |

Jr Grand Past President Jana Heer appointed Grand Treasurer, Gregory Gleeson as a substitute for John Jensen, Grand Trustee #2

Meeting was called to order by Jr Grand Past President Jana Heer at 10:20 A.M.

Jr. Grand Past President; Recognizer the Grand Secretary reported that there are a number of local Branches that are having a difficult time with Banks that they have been dealing with for a long time, opening up a new account. The Banks have been requiring them to be register with the Secretary of State as a Business and the there SFTB number would not be excepted. This was for their information because it may come up at Convention. This would affect every local Branch.

Dania Scholarship and Dania Memorial Scholarship:

This year we had one applicant for the Dania Scholarship and one for the Memorial Scholarship. The Grand Secretary explained that the Memorial scholarship fund did not earn any interest or change in Value last year and in accordance with our standing Resolution we may only gift the amount earn. By consensus the Committee agreed to uses money from the principle of the fund this year. He also reported the Dania scholarship is limited to \$1,200.00 in total.

PGP Johanne Gade Moved to award Ian Nielsen a \$1000.00 Scholarship from Dania and a \$1,000.00 Scholarship from the Memorial Fund, seconded by PGP John Schueber. After some discussion Johanne withdrew her motion and Grand President moved to award Ein Nielsen a \$1200.00 Scholarship from Dania and a \$2,000.00 Scholarship from the Memorial Fund, seconded by Grand Treasurer Gregory Gleeson. The motion was adopted.

Dania Member of the year:

Grand Secretary reported that we had two application for member of the year and suggest that PGP John Schueber recuses him self and wait outside. In John's absents the Jr. Grand Past President apported PGP Tom Martin as a voting member.

After reviewing the deserving nominees, a vote was called for and the committee elected PGP John Schueber as Member of the year for 2023.

PGP John Schueber was invited back into the meeting

The Grand President appointed PGP Johanne Gade and PGP John Schueber as Auditors for the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and Herself and Jr Grand Past President Jana Heer as Auditors for the Annual report of the Grand Trustees. This is similar to how Dannebrog does their annual Audit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 141st Grand Lodge convention in Newark on April 14th and 15th at The Double Tree Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The San Francisco Lodges, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 Alon with Fremont Lodges, Thyra # 9 and Valborg #1; hosted the 141st annual Danish Society Dania and Dannebrog 2023 convention at the The Double Tree Hotel, Newark, CA;

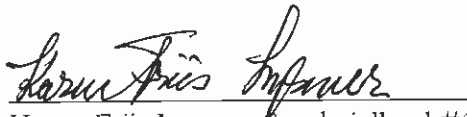
Therefore be it resolved:

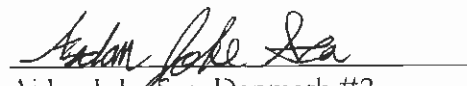
That this convention sends congratulations for a job well done.


Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:


Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10


Aidun Jobe Sea, Danmark #2


Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12
April 15, 2023

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 141st Grand Lodge convention in Newark on April 14th and 15th at The Double Tree Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention, and because of the hotel personnel being so efficient and accommodation we sincerely thank them all.

Whereas:

The Double Tree Hotel in Newark was the host hotel to the 141st annual convention of the Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

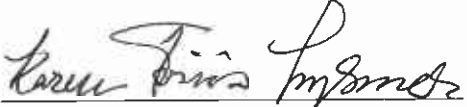
Therefore be it resolved:

We express our sincere appreciation for all services to us and the Personnel were very accommodating and quite Jovial while serving us.


Be it further resolved:

That this resolution is spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge and a copy is forwarded to the aforementioned officials, individuals and organization.

Resolution committee:


Karen Friis Lysmer, Sonderjylland #10


Aiden Jobe Sea, Danmark #2


Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12
April 15, 2023

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 141st Grand Lodge convention in Newark on April 14th and 15th at The Double Tree Hotel; have enjoyed a successful convention

Whereas:

The Queen of Danmark, Her Royal Highness Margrethe II, celebrating her 83rd birthday on April 16

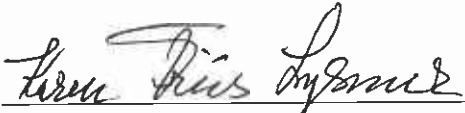
Therefore be it resolved:


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:


Karen Friis Lysmer, Sønderjylland #10


Aidan Jobe Sea, Danmark #2


Leif Larsen, Valdemar #12

April 15, 2023

Grand Lodge Dania of California and Nevada

RESOLUTION of SORROW

Whereas:

We the Officers and Delegates of the 141st Grand Lodge convention in Newark on April 14th and 15th at The Double Tree Hotel do deeply regret the death Past Grand President Hugo Rasmussen, our faithful member who gave his devoted service to our Society over many years, and do deeply regret the death of all lodge members of Grand Lodge Dania.

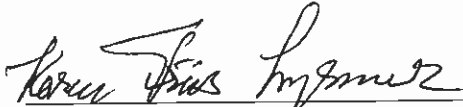
Therefore be it resolved:

We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy of sorrow

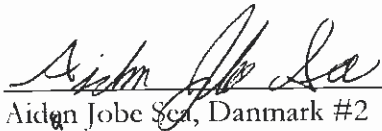
Be it further resolved:

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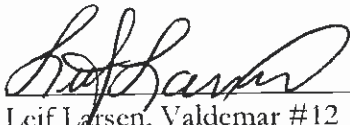
Resolution committee:



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April 15, 2023