

Annual Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (OAF) Meeting
April 12, 2024, Santa Nella, CA

The Dania – Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund (SAF) General Assembly meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Sena Marie Freedman #9 at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and 16 Representatives and 7 Directors answered to roll. A moment of silence was observed for our departed members. The minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting were read and approved as read.

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Tim read the minutes of April 13, 2023. They were accepted as read.

Doris Skow Danneskjold #17 informed us about Bob Lacey's condition and that he is thinking of us and he is in high spirits, missing everyone.

Tim read the Secretary's report.

Natalie read the Treasurer's report.

Pat read the Trustee's Report; Doris Skow #17 moved to accept the report, seconded by John #2, and passed. (See attached reports)

Correspondence: A thank you from Ross Mortensen, Sena Marie's cousin, for the donation in memory of his wife Jamie,.

Bills: none. New business: none

Election of new committee persons: Jana moved, Pat seconded, to elect Mel Lundberg #11 Trustee, motion carried. Doris Skow #17, moved, seconded by Kathy #16, to elect Sena Marie Freeman #9 to continue on the Board, carried.

Sena Marie called on the Grand Presidents: Dannebrog Grand President Stuart Mahler nice to be here and the funds are up. There are people out there needing assistance, we need to be better in getting the word out. Dania Grand President Tom Martin, it's nice to see everyone this morning. The best news is that the funds are up and there are no new applications. If you know of anyone in need please help them fill out an application and forward it to the Committee.

Thank you Grand Presidents for your attendance.

Unfinished Business: none

General Assembly Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

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

Acting chair, Sena Marie, took over the meeting.

Tim reported there were no applications.

Doris Skow complemented Sena Marie in running the meeting.

If new questionnaires are received, they will be reviewed in October.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.



Dania Ladies Society Dannebrog Annual Convention
Hosted by
Danebod #16 and Dannevang #7, Livermore
Santa Nella, CA
April 11 – 13, 2024

April 12, Beth Cowan GPP, #1 led the Grand Officers into the meeting room who marched around the convention room and took their stations.

Tracey Lamee #16 presented beautiful potted flowers to GP Stuart Mahler #1 and GVP Kathy

Thomsen #16.

GP Stuart #1 proceeded with opening of the convention with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of **the United States of America** and singing of America the Beautiful.

GP Stuart #1 instructed Grand Marshal Tracey Lamee #16 and Vice Grand Marshal Dennis Nielsen #3 to collect the password from all present. They carried the new containers for the flags presented by Beth #1.

GP Stuart #1 proceeded to open the convention per the ritual. Then we sang the Opening Song. The Convention was opened for business. Please give the opening sign.

GP Stuart #1 instructed GM Tracey #16 to escort his advisor Signe Ann McNeil #1 to his right who will my assistant during the convention.

GP Stuart #1 greeted all to the Gustine area of Santa Nella.

The GP Stuart #1 read the names of the members who had passed away April 14, 2023 through April 12, 2024: Valborg #1 Hayward: Mary Vieregge, Linda Cumming, PP, PGTrustee; Thyra #3 San Francisco: Eva Kristensen; Dannevirke #9, Reno: Ann-katherine Sawyer, PP, PGP; Ydun #10 Ferndale: Francis Sweet PP, PGM, Helen Elliott, Shirley Thomsen, Annie Wentworth; Thora #11, Fresno: Mary Quist, Betty Green PP, Barbara Ahlberg; Danebod #16. Livermore: Diane Reinstein, PP, PGP, PGTrustee, Shirley Vegas. The Grand Marshal, Tracey #16, draped the charter in honor of the members who have passed.. A moment of silence was observed.

GP Stuart #1 asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the 2023 Convention Report. Having none, the report was accepted as printed.

Roll Call: Grand Past President Deanna Dunbar #11, Grand President Stuart Mahler #1, Grand Vice President Kathy Thomsen #16, Grand Secretary Natalie Heer #15, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette #1, Grand Marshal Tracey Lamee #16, Grand Vice Marshal Dennis Nielsen #3, Grand Trustees: #1 Kathy Christensen #3, #2 Jessica Jobe Sea #3 and #3 Martha Nielsen #11.

Delegates: Valborg #1 Hayward, Denise Andersen, Rowland McNeil; Thyra #3 San Francisco, Daniel Joensen; Dannevirke #9 Reno, Bonnie Larsen, Jillian Baker; Ydun #10 Ferndale, Lynn Wachter; Thora #11 Fresno, Kay Jensen, Deanna Dunbar; Dana #15 Salinas Natalie Heer; Danebod #16 Livermore, Jackie Nielsen, Sherrill Esposito, Alternate Karen Faraldo; Valkyrien # 23 Santa Maria, No Delegates.

Past Grand Presidents: Signe Ann McNeil #1, Sena Marie Freeman #9, Susan Gauthier #1, Martha Nielsen #11, Natalie Heer #15, Karen Faraldo #16, Jackie Nielsen #16. Kathy Thomsen #16, Kay Jensen #11, Anette Christensen #9, Lynn Wachter #10, Stuart Mahler #1, Beth Cowan #1.

GP Stuart #1 appointed Rowland McNeil #1 to assist the Grand Vice Marshal while away from her station.

GP Stuart #1 turned the meeting over to GVP Kathy #16 and proceeded to reading his GP Report:

Dannebrog's Grand President Report 2024

First, I would like to thank the officers, delegates, and members for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your Dannebrog Grand President for a second time. Congratulations to the 2023 convention committee on a job well done last year. I am confident that all of those who attended the 2023 convention had a great time. Friday night "Flower Power" was enjoyed by all and a lot of interesting costumes from the past. We will just have to wait and see how Western Night goes tonight. I know it will be a lot of fun!

A special treat for me personally, last year, was recognizing Kathy Thompson as Dannebrog's Member of the Year! Kathy has been continually active in her lodge and at the Grand Lodge level. She is a Past Grand President, Past Grand Trustee, Past Grand Treasurer and soon to be Grand President for a second time.

The Aldersly Retirement Community in San Rafael was started by Dannebrog and Dania over one hundred years ago. A lot of our current members may not have been aware of the history which is why I promoted them during this past year. Aldersly could always use your generous contributions to support their continued efforts.

A great big thank you to our nominating committee; Dennis Nielsen Thyra #3, Sena Marie Freeman Dannevirke #9, and Susan Gauthier Valborg #1. Also, Colleen Heer Cave, NCRS...Nominating

Committee Resource Specialists. These resolute Dannebrog members did not hesitate and graciously accepted the challenge. So, do not run and hide if one or more of them approach you here at the convention. They just may want to say hello!

I was incredibly sad to hear of the unexpected passing of Past Grand President Diane Reinstein. We had such a great time at the 2023 convention, and it was pretty apparent that Diane was enjoying herself with the activities and chatting with those in attendance. Diane was a major mover in the Senior Assistance fundraiser we did several years ago. This benefit generated some nice benefits to the fund. It was a pleasure working with Diane and she will be missed!

On Tuesday July 19, 2023 I had the privilege to attend the official groundbreaking at Aldersly Retirement Community, representing Dannebrog and Dania. The groundbreaking was for their Marselisborg expansion project. President Peter Schakow, who is also a Dania member, provided a brief history of the founding of Aldersly by the members of Dania and Dannebrog and how the home has evolved to what it is today. He then went into the process of developing the concept of Marselisborg to where they are today.

On Saturday August 23, 2023 I had the privilege of attending Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 summer gathering at Kilkare Woods Homeowners Association clubhouse in Sunol. The menu included barbecue chicken and bratwurst. A nice assortment of side dishes and an abundance of a variety of great desserts!

Members from other lodges attending were from Reno, Livermore, Salinas, Modesto, and Hayward. The food was great, and socializing was also great. A lot of chatting and sharing ideas, and what folks have been doing during the summer. I am pretty sure it was a great time had by all! (As the saying goes...)

Next up was the Labor Day holiday event in Ferndale for their annual installation of officers followed by a great dinner and Sunday events to close out the weekend. It was another nice weekend up in the redwoods.

On October 6 I drove up to Reno with my wife and two sisters. A lot of chatting and talking about the past when Dannebrog and Dania had more members and the activities we used to experience. Arrival in Reno was somewhat delayed due to an accident on west bound freeway 80. Took some time to get by that as we were down to one lane east bound. When we arrived at the hotel, we all went for a stroll after checking in and found a location for a nice lunch along the river.

Anette and her committee did their usual outstanding job with the Danish style meal and the conversations around the various tables. After dinner Tom and I conducted the installation of officers along with the awesome outstanding team of Grand Marshals, Tracey and Robert Lamee! Next up was a journey to Livermore for their installation on October 21 at the home of Tracey and Robert Lamee. However, I was fashionably late as my car battery was playing possum and I needed to jump start my car to get to Livermore. I did get there in time for the installation. It is great working with Tom doing the installation of officers along with the more than capable Grand Marshals, Tracey and Robert Lamee! The yard setting was beautiful, and it was a gorgeous afternoon. A fabulous luncheon followed the installation with some great conversations.

Next up on our travels was San Francisco's Christmas luncheon at the Hotel Mac in Richmond on December 9th. This was a well-attended luncheon by members near and far. A delightful luncheon and as always great and interesting conversations around the tables.

February 2, 2024 was the annual installation of officers in Fresno for Thora #11 and Thor #5. Unfortunately, I missed their installation as Susan and I were in Cancun Mexico for a week with some of the family and our incredibly special cute granddaughter. In her twenty-one months with us she has already experienced multiple flights to Texas, Seattle, and southern California.

February 10, 2024 was the installation of officers for San Francisco Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 held at the beautiful Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. A genuinely nice setting on the estuary on a beautiful day. We enjoyed a delightful lunch followed by a touch of Aquavit.

To wrap up the installations I had a short trip to downtown Benicia at the historic and haunted Union Hotel for Valborg #1 and Thyra #9. I must say, for a luncheon banquet meal, a lot of us agreed that our host did an excellent job! Did one of the guests actually experience a ghostly encounter?

On May 4, 2024 **"Denmark Day"** event will be held at the Danish Soldiers Club in Petaluma from 11 TO 3PM. They are inviting Dania and Dannebrog members to wear some sort of traditional costume, if possible. Those who wish to volunteer may also do so. It is anticipated that the Denmark Day event will have Young Scandinavians Club members present as well as other Danes, Dania and Dannebrog's participation would be a wonderful way to entice new membership. Entertainment and food will be a part of this get together. Consider attending and promote Dannebrog membership

It was almost a year ago that I became Dannebrog's Grand President in Newark California. As I reflect on the past year as Grand President, I also look back on my over fifty years in Dania and all the Dannebrog and Dania conventions I attended. A lot has changed over the years. The formal attire has gone by the wayside. Local branches are starting to disappear and membership in both Dannebrog and Dania is disappearing as well.

The one thing that has not changed is the friendliness of the remaining membership. Socializing, getting together, creating new memories, new friends and the fun of conventions and local installation where we recall the past good times.

Any ideas on building new membership in both organizations? A lot of ideas have been tried in the past. Certainly, there could be new and improved ideas to sustain these two long-time organizations. In doing what we have been doing for the last ten to twenty years the way to go? Are we able to get our children to join? What about our grandchildren? We all have friends! Now, if we do get them to join how do we get them involved and to come back to subsequent meetings and events? Remember the past festivities at lodge gatherings in addition to their annual installations of officers? We had a lot of get-togethers and a lot of fun! Could that be replicated into today's world! Are people no longer interested in getting together? Sure, folks today are busy and have a lot to do that is vying for their time. What could we do to become relevant in today's world? In closing, I wish Kathy Thomsen the best of luck in her second term, and I am confident she will do an outstanding job as Dannebrog's Grand President! We have a great list of Grand Officers going into their new terms. Thank you Susan Gauthier, PGP Valborg #1, my niece for her work with the Facebook page and the website. Thank you Signe Ann McNeil, PGP Valborg #1, my sister, for her assistance as my advisor during this past year. Lastly Beth Cowan, PGP Valborg #1, what a joy to be each other's Grand Marshals as we were both Grand Presidents. As I stated on April 20, 2018...WHAT WOULD MOM THINK OF ALL OF US NOW? Thank you.

Martha #11 moved to accept the Grand President's report as read seconded by Tracey #16, accepted as read. Grand Vice President Kathy #16 returned the meeting back to the Grand President Stuart #1.

Grand Secretary's Report: The Grand Secretary Natalie #15 read the Grand Secretary's report. Kathy #16 moved and Tracey #16 seconded to accept the report, carried. (See attached). The Inventory Report PGP pins 1 from Danner #4; PP pins 1 new 3 from Danner #4; 50 yr. pins 14; 25 yr. pins 150; Local Lodge rituals 5; Grand Lodge rituals 4; Grand Lodge Regalia 2; Grand Lodge gavels 2; Constitution & Laws 5; song books 9; Old Chapters 2; old records; briefcase. PGP Deanna #11 moved Kathy #3 second, carried.

Grand Treasurer's Report: The Grand Treasurer, Pat Brouillette #1 read her. (See attached) GT Pat #1 reported the current funds as of the end of March are \$8,578.46;

Scholarship Fund Report: Grand Treasurer, Pat #1, read the Scholarship Fund Reports. (See attached). GT Pat #1 reported the current funds as of the end of March are \$13,227.08. In 2023 the scholarship was increased to \$250.00 with the maximum of 8 scholarships to be awarded. GM Tracey #16 moved to accept the reports as read, GT#2 Jessica #3 seconded the motion, carried.

Grand Trustee's Report: #1 Grand Trustee, Kathy Christensen #3 read the report. (See attached)

Kathy #16 moved to accept the reports seconded by Susan #1, motion carried.

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

Finance: Denise Andersen #1, Kay #11;

Premium: Rowland McNeil #1, Sherrill Esposito #16;

Resolution: Daniel #3, Lynn #10;

Law: Beth Cowan #1, Bonnie #9, Karen #16;

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

Grand Officers Travel to Convention

Deanna Dunbar, GPP	\$25.00	
Stuart O. Mahler, GP	\$25.00	
Kathy Thomsen, GVP	\$25.00	
Natalie Heer, GS	\$25.00	
Pat Brouillette, PT	\$25.00	
Tracey Lamee, GM	\$25.00	
Dennis Nielsen, GVP	\$25.00	
Kathy Christensen, GT#1	\$25.00	
Jessica Jobe Sea, GT#2	\$25.00	
Martha Nielsen, GT#3	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	\$250.00	\$250.00

INSTALLATION TRAVEL EXPENSES

Grand President (Kathy Thomsen \$225.00)	\$450.00	(1/2 at Convention & 1/2 the following January)
Grand Marshal (Dennis Nielsen \$200.00)	<u>\$400.00</u>	(1/2 at Convention & 1/2 the following January)
	\$850.00	\$425.00

DONATIONS/DUES

Aldersly-Dues	\$45.00	
Bethel Lutheran Home-Donation	\$35.00	
Solvang Lutheran Home-Donation	<u>\$35.00</u>	
	\$115.00	\$115.00

ADMINISTRATION

Grand Secretary's Expenses (Natalie)	\$350.00	
Grand Treasurer's Expenses (Pat)	\$150.00	
Web Master (Susan G.)	<u>\$150.00</u>	
	\$650.00	\$650.00
Membership Prize	<u>\$15.00</u>	
	\$15.00	<u>\$15.00</u>
Grand Total		\$1,455.00

The bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

Other bills:

Scholarships issued of \$250.00 each to: Ian Nielsen, Audrey Filiau, Victoria Filiau, Kiana Gleeson and Robert Jensen. For a total of \$1,250.00

Member of the Year award \$110.00

Correspondence:

Best wishes to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers. Delegates and members of Dannebrog of California and Nevada for a very successful and productive and fun filled 2024 convention at our 109th annual

convention: Valborg #1 Eric Jorgensen and Secretary Beth Cowan; Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 Reno, wishing us a an enjoyable convention and to note their installation of officers is October 4, 2024; Danebod #16, Kathy Thomsen Secretary (you can keep this notepad. I know you'll need the paper); Thora #11 President Deanna Dunbar and Secretary Martha Nielsen; Thyra #3 John A. Jensen Secretary; Dana #15 President Jana Heer and Secretary Natalie Heer; greeting from: Dorothy Petersen PGP; Lise Christian PGP; Judi Heer Bonner (When cherished friendship comes to call the spirit is revived.); Thank you from Bethel Lutheran Home for our donation of \$35.00.

Unfinished Business: Tracey #16 reported Dannebrog and Dania PGP luncheon will be in the Balboa Room. Sena Marie invited the PGPs to the luncheon.

New Business: #1GT Kathy #3 asked for guidance on handling the Grand Trustees funds. Susan #1 said the Grand Trustees have the authority to change institutions where the funds could earn the most interest. GT Pat #1, make sure to use the scholarship application form on the website which has the most current and has information on the first and second line that is important.

GS Natalie #15 thanked Susan #1 for placing the scholarship application on the website.

There was much discussion regarding the Opening Song. Thought best to leave it only, let history stand.

Signe Ann #1 moved for Susan Gauthier #1 to receive \$150.00 annual for her work on the website, it was seconded by Sena Marie #9 the motion carried.

Beth #1 invited the PGPs to her room 315 for a cocktail party before lunch.

Coffee Break: to reconvene at 11:40 a.m. We enjoyed Bent Olsen's Bakery pastries with our coffee.

Reconvene: 2:00 pm

GP opened the meeting.

New Business: Jessica #3 moved that we increase the donation from \$35.00 to \$75.00 to the Bethel Lutheran Home Selma and Solvang Lutheran Home, seconded by Susan #1. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

Thora #11 wish for us a very successful and enjoyable convention. With GP Stuart we know you will have a great time, Deanna Dunbar President and Martha Nielsen Secretary.

Signe Ann #1 gave good wishes for a good convention from Doris Skow #8 who is sorry she isn't able to attend due to her being a delegate to Dania's.

Premium Committee: Rowland 'Mac' #1 and Sherrill #16 presented Dannevirke #9 with \$15.00 for the Branch who brought in the most members. Louise Myers #9 for bringing in the most new members received the Grand Presidents prize.

Finance Committee: Denise #1 and Kay #11 gave the report which was corrected to reflect the increase of Administration Fees then signed and approved for payment.

Mac #1 requested the GM Tracey #16 present the Premium Committee's report to the GS Natalie #15.

Martha #11 moved to accept the Finance Com. Report, seconded by Susan #1, motion carries.

Susan #1 moved to accept the Premium Com. Report, seconded by Deanna #11, motion carries.

Good of the Order: Dennis #3 thanked the members for his son Ian's scholarship. He is studying Engineering at Davis has another 1 1/2 to 2 years to go in his PHD. Currently he is a member of Danmark #2 and their Marshal.

Nominating Committee: Dennis then put on the engineer's hat reported it was a great opportunity to work with Susan #1 and Sena Marie #9 and also Colleen #15 NCRS, being able to make some nominations he read the following:

Grand Vice Marshal	Susan Gauthier #1
Grand Trustee #1	Jessica Jobe Sea #3
Grand Trustee #2	Kathy Christensen #3
Grand Trustee #3	Jillian Baker #9
Grand Marshal	Dennis Nielsen #3
Grand Secretary	Natalie Heer #15
Grand Treasurer	Pat Brouillette #1
Grand Vice President	Tracey Lamee #16

Grand President

Kathy Thomsen #16

Grand Past President

Stuart O. Mahler #1

Signe Ann #1 moved to elect the Grand Officers by acclamation, Martha #11 seconded, proclaimed accepted.

Beth #1 wanted to commend the Convention Com. for the PGPs luncheon it worked out very well.

Dennis #3 has some unfinished business of passing the Engineer's Cap on, but it will have to wait until tomorrow.

Reconvene: 2:30 pm, to reconvene at 10:30 am Saturday. Coffee and pastries are at 10, so enjoy.

April 13, Saturday, GP Stuart #1 started with the sign and the GM & GVM taking the password. Reminded all to turn off their cell phones. Karen #16 requested those who are expecting emergency calls to be able to leave their phones on. Singe Ann #1 reported that Denise's husband Mike had a medical emergency and Denise will miss the rest of the convention.

GP Stuart #1 reminded us of the Annual Denmark Day Event May 4, being held at the Danish Soldiers Club in Petaluma. The flyer was emailed to all the secretaries of Dannebrog and he encouraged us to attend.

Resolution Committee: We, the Resolution Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication at the 2024 Dania and Dannebrog Convention in Santa Nella, farm country, home of *Country Hoedown* and windy weather. The membership of Dannevang #7 and Danebod #16 is to be commended for providing such wonderful food, entertainment, decorations, and hospitality at the convention. Thank you to consular general Jesper Kamp for addressing the connections between Denmark and the US while wandering from workings of the consular general office to agriculture, biotech, cross-country investment and beer at our Friday night country hoedown celebration.

We would like to thank the Hotel Mission de Oro for their hospitality, accommodations, and coffee breaks. Also, many thanks to Bent and Susie Olsen for the delightful pastries from Olsen's Danish Village Bakery in Solvang, served at our coffee breaks.

Thank you to all those who provided items for the convention bags, including Doris Skow for providing us with the Delicious Dried Apricots and Martha Nielsen for the raisins. Thanks also to Kathy Thomsen for the almonds, and John Scheuber for the bottles of wine.

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

Thanks to Mo Eazy from Meraz Event Services for providing music Friday and Saturday evenings. Friday night's Country Hoedown dinner, raffle, and dancing was enjoyed by all, with many country- and cowboy-themed outfits.

We want to thank the newly installed Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents Dan Holm and Kathy Thomsen for their reception, and we wish them success and joy in the coming year.

We want to express our gratitude to the Convention Committee including Jackie Nielsen, Sherrill Esposito, Kathy Thomsen, Dan Holm, Bob Lamee, Tracey Lamee and Dianne Reinstein for making it possible for us to gather together.

Finally, in a year of change for the Danish Royalty, we wish to send our sincere greetings and congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II on her 84th birthday this coming Tuesday, April 16th, and to her son, His Majesty King Frederik X, Count of Monpezat, on his upcoming 56th birthday next month on May 26th.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynn Wachter, Ydun #10 and Daniel Joensen, Thyra #3

Anette #9 moved to accept the report as read seconded by Kathy #3, motion carried.

Good of the Order: GP Stuart #1 turned the meeting over to GVP Kathy Thomsen #16. I know you all are waiting in anticipation who my advisor is going to be what the password is going to be, but first of all I want to say something about tomatoes. If you noticed the room in here has tomatoes, on the carpet, in your goodie bags the brochure about tomatoes, because the owner of this place owns a tomato packing plant called Morning Star. I just wanted to acknowledge that. I believe he has done well.

I would like to announce my advisor is Anette Christensen #9, she was my Marshal and we had a good time together and she is very Danish and I want to bring Danish into these Danish Lodge Conventions. Thank

you Anette for accepting, looking forward to our year together. She appointed the first delegate of each Branch to be her assistant. She asked Dennis #3 if he was ready to pass on his cap. She appointed her Nominating Committee: Kathy Christensen #3, Deanna Dunbar #11 and Stuart Mahler #1. For the password, it's a word we are all familiar with, June 15th the year 1219, there's a flag in Estonia that fell from the sky and it is to this day they call this Danish cloth as Dannebrog. We are Dannebrog, so this will be my password. This flag holds the record of being the oldest continuing used national flag. That is my report.

Green March: GM Tracey #16 prepared the money jar and we then all filed by with our donations to go to the Scholarship Fund.

GP Stuart #1 instructed the GM Tracey #16 to escort #1 GT Kathy #3 to his station along with her paraphernalia. She was escorted back to her station. GM Tracey #16 please escort #1GT elect Jessica #3 to the GP where he presented the GT's paraphernalia to Jessica #3 and then had GM Tracey #16 escort her back to her station.

Law Committee: Beth #1, Bonnie #9 and Karen #16 have nothing to report. The GP Stuart #1 complemented them on doing a wonderful job.

GP Stuart #1 called on the GM Tracey #16 to bring Bonnie Larson from Dannevirke #9 to his station. Instead, GP Stuart #1 had GM Tracey #16 escort him to where Bonnie was seated where he presented her with the check for \$15.00 to Dannevirke #9 for bringing in the most members and the Grand President's prize to Louise Myers of Dannevirke #9 for recommending the most new members.

GM Tracey #16 announced that Danebod #16 and Dannevang #7 Tracy will be hosting convention here again next year

GVM Dennis #3 passed on the heavy engineers cap to Kathy #3 who is not the chair of the Nominating Committee.

Daniel #3 announced there will be a forth coming check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Thyra #3 to go to the Scholarship Fund.

Doris Skow PGG Grand Lodge member, wanted to let everyone know how nice it is be here and be able to in, because Dania finished early to give me time to come over to Dannebrog and I am having a lot more fun over here. Congratulation to your corps of officers and I am looking forward to the installation this afternoon. Safe travels to all and I am looking forward to next year's convention.

Jessica #3 presented a card to the outgoing GP and to the incoming GP from Thyra #3 and many of the members present also signed the cards.

Kathy #3 thanked GP Stuart #1 for his donation And thank you for a wonderful and exciting year and can't wait for Kathy #16 for her year.

Jackie #16 thanked Tracey #16 for whipping Danebod #16 and Dannevang #7 into shape.

Natalie #15 thank you Stuart #1 for your thoughtful kind gift!

Martha #11 that is a great idea because they do use the funds, thank you Stuart #1.

Kathy #16 read the note that was included in the envelopes to each of Stuart's #1 officers: It is appropriate to give a gift to each of the Grand Officers, this year he has a little card and in it is a little note: As you know, I wanted to renew Dannebrog's awareness of our involvement in creating the Danish retirement home, Aldersly in San Rafael. With our new members in Dannebrog and Dania, I was concerned that they may not be aware of our establishment of Aldersly, which is now over one hundred years old. Being one that is not particularly good at selecting the right gift, I made a contribution to Aldersly on behalf of the 2023-2024 Dannebrog Grand Officers, my advisor for the year, and the member who created the most memberships during our term. Thank you all for what you do for Dannebrog! Thank you Stuart #1

Deanna #11 thank you for the great gift idea Stuart #1, I had never thought of it.

Stuart #1 I heard a comment on how wonderful the singing was yesterday, it did sound more awesome then normal, thank you Anette #9 for leading us in song, she had a good backup from Daniel #3, I think that helped us all. Thank you two!

Green March: GT Pat #1 announced that the Green March had collected \$415.00 to the Scholarship Fund, the Per capita tax of \$2.00 from 197 members \$394.00, and the donation from Thyra #3 of \$5,000.00=\$5,809.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Dennis #3 would like to share a thank you for your donation to Aldersly. Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 have a member who is very involved in Aldersly, Peter Schakow, who keeps up to date with the expiation that is planned.

Signe Ann #1 as your advisor, as your sister I have been very happy and very proud of what you have done for Dannebrog, I think you have done an excellent job. You know what you are doing, you have shown people some humor and making this a fun convention and I would like GM Tracey #16 to escort you around the room one final time.

Closing: There being no further business, we sang the closing song, gave the sign, and the GP Stuart #1 closed the Convention in due form until we meet again in April 2025 at the Hotel Mission De Oro in Santa Nella for Convention hosted by Danebod #16 Dannebrog and Dannevang #7 Dania Lodges of Livermore.

Natalie Heer
Grand Secretary

Installation of Officers: The Installation of Grand Officers, of Dannebrog and Dania for 2023—2024, **2024-2025** was held Saturday April 15, 2023, **13, 2024** at 2:00 p. m. Installing Grand Past President, ~~Beth Cowan Valborg #1~~ **Deanna Dunbar Thora #11** Dannebrog and Jr. Past Grand President ~~Jana Heer Freja #6~~ **Bente Ellis Bornholm #14** Dania were assisted by Installing Grand Marshals ~~Alan Filiau~~ **Beth Cowan Valborg #1** Dannebrog and ~~John Scheuber Bornholm #14~~ **Jana Heer, Freja #6** Dania and Installing Grand Vice Marshal ~~Daniel Joensen Danmark #2~~ **John Scheuber Bornholm #14** Dania.

Dannebrog

Grand Past President Stuart O. Mahler
Grand President Kathy Thomsen
Grand Vice President Tracey Lamee
Grand Secretary Natalie Heer
Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette
Grand Marshal Dennis Nielsen
Grand Vice Marshal Susan Gauthier
Grand Trustee Jessica Jobe Sea
Grand Trustee Kathy Christensen
Grand Trustee Jillian Baker

Dania

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Grand President Dan Holm
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Grand Secretary Tim Heer
Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson
Grand Marshal James Olef Jensen
Grand Vice Marshal Greg Gleeson
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Grand Trustee John Scheuber
Grand Trustee Johanne Rasmussen Gade

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

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

Dannebrog's Grand President Kathy Thomsen introduced his new corps of Grand Officers. Then she reviewed the highlights of The Dannebrog Member of the Year recipient who has been very active in her local branch as well as Grand Lodge and being a 52 year member of Dannebrog, Kathy presented a plate etched with the Danish woven heart to our Dannebrog Member of the Year, Beth Cowen 2024.

Dania's Grand President Dan Holm in turn introduced his new corps of Grand Officers. The members of Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 came forward to accept He then read the accomplishments of the 2024 Dania Member of the Year. His many years of service to Valhalla #11 as secretary Dan announced the recipient of the Dania's Member of the Year for 2024 Christian Nielsen.

These awards are well deserved and congratulations to you both!