



Laugs - Tidende

CHRISTIAN DEN FJERDES LAUGS NYTAARSBREV 2024

The Chief Benchers Report 2023

We had fourteen initiations throughout the year, representing 317 persons from twenty-four different countries.

The assembly took place on Thursday, February 28, in a crowded cellar, where former emergency chief Jørgen Petersen, as chairman, guided the assembly smoothly through the agenda.

Various awards were given out, including Soldier of the Year: Jonas Høvring Skov Initiative Award: Safe House by Martin Bossen Aalborg Award: Café Parasollen by Lise Hansen Honorary Award: Raise for Kids by Sonja Christensen

Following this, the initiations proceeded in the usual calm and orderly manner.

On March 17, we attended a reception at Duus's wine cellar where hosts Peter Kragh and Mrs. Lene presented their beautiful renovation of the cellar. We encourage others to see the results. On the same occasion, we presented a bronze cannon found at Skagen.

This year, we also had two initiations from UNMIL-POC, which, as usual, were festive ceremonies with many languages and different uniforms, adding color to Aalborg.

On Saturday, June 17, we had the pleasure of initiating fifteen students from the American Coast Guard training ship Eagle. It was delightful to see mariners in the cellar again.

Another pleasant initiation was of seventeen individuals from the Odd Fellow sister lodge, where, as always, beautiful singing filled the air when many "ladies" were present.

From Norway, on April 29, we had a fine initiation of thirty-eight people from Kristiansand, Grimstad, and Sarpsborg, creating a very pleasant atmosphere.

July 4th, as always, was a significant initiation, this year with twenty-seven people, making the cellar bustling with activity. In Rebild Bakker, we had a tent lunch in a completely sold-out tent. Very nice atmosphere, where we distributed ties and newly designed scarves (for the ladies) to the speakers. Also, the debut of our new C4 Cap.

In 2023, Christian the Fourth's Guild Fund donated approximately 75,000 DKK to various charitable causes. The payout took place in Duus's wine cellar on May 4, where the Guild hosted hot dogs and beer, along with entertainment by Hunting Horn Blowers and Pensioner Orchestra. Afterward, we went to Helligåndsklostret, where there was a tour and mention of the Churchill Club. Afterwards, there was a communal singing at Gammel Torv.

The year brought many good events, although we had to bid farewell to former board member Per Svensson, who passed away in February.

The board has a great collaboration, where everyone "pull in the same direction". I would like to commend our two troubadours who do an excellent job during the initiations.

Also, a big thank you to our partners, including Venture and Duus's wine cellar. I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyful New Year.

Niels Voss Hansen

Chief Benchner



2024

Delightful initiations in 2023

We began the year's initiations on February 11, 2023, where new members from the company K-Properties and the Aalborg Guide Association were initiated.

Next, there was an initiation of Norwegian friends from Kristiansand and Sarpsborg on April 29th. Here, we had the pleasure of initiating not less than 38 new members. Additionally, there were many guests, so the second floor of the wine cellar had to be used. It is obvious that the Chief Bencher entertained with Norwegian anecdotes, including one about the young priest in Northern Norway and his issues with the congregation. However, the overall atmosphere was cheerful throughout. The large attendance also meant that the "salespeople" were able to sell many of our beautiful C4 pins, which can now be seen in many places in Norway.

Another significant initiation took place in the month of August. This time, it involved the initiation of no less than 46 new members from the Cimbria Lodge in Aalborg. The Freemasonry lodge forwarded the article they wrote about the initiation. Quote: "Freemasons, their families, and good friends from Randers to Skagen defied the gloomy weather forecasts and flocked to Aalborg. The Freemasonry lodge filled the entire basement of Jens Bang's Stone House, including the first floor. The Chief Bencher, along with the benchers, delivered a fantastic and colorful



initiation, and luckily for the basement, there were plenty of stones over the ceiling, or else the roof would have blown off."

Then there was the initiation of the employees from Auto G Company. The Chief Bencher and the benchers faced curious looks as they entered the basement. There was probably some anticipation about what was going to happen. The excitement increased as the Thirst Master, Palle Bjørnstrup, made sure the benchers quenched their thirst while guests looked on in wonder. On this day, we had to take a short trip through the city as there was another event at our tree on Gl. Torv. However, it was compensated by finally giving the guests something to drink and eat, and especially our two-man band played the Guild's good songs, and the Chief Bencher subsequently elevated the atmosphere further with his stories.



Det blev til mange herlige optagelser i 2023.

International activities also thrive in the Guild. In addition to the initiation in connection with the Rebild Festival, the Guild had two more international initiations with Unmilpoc. This is because Aalborg engages in the training of international military police, organized in Unmilpoc. Twice a year, there is training/course at the Military Police in Aalborg. Each course usually lasts for 14 days. Traditionally, after visiting the Town Hall, the students are initiated into the Christian the Fourth Guild. This time, we also had a visit from one of Unmilpoc's leaders, a Colonel from Bulgaria. This has led to the initiation of new members from no less than 14 different nations.

Finally, in the month of October, we had what we call an autumn initiation. This initiation included new members from Aalborg and Vendsyssel.

These are individuals or couples who wish to join the Guild, and we are, of course, happy about that. Although the October weather was changeable, we managed to complete the city tour through the old and new Aalborg. Fortunately, the participants had made sure to wear outerwear, so the trip did not become too strenuous. Inside the warmth, the participants were subjected to the “tough” initiation ritual, and our two-man band again ensured a festive atmosphere, with the entire company singing along. It surely helped that the “potato juice” brought back the inner heat.



C4 cap

The Guild of Christian the Fourth has had a number of caps produced featuring our noble and elegant C4 logo.

A practical and stylish black cap with our Guild's logo in gold.

In addition to providing protection against the weather, the cap will show your membership of the Guild. You can buy the cap on the Guild's website.



4th of July Celebration 2023

On July fourth, the American Independence Day, we had our traditional inaguration in connection with the festivities at Rebild Hills.

There were 27 applicants, who all succeeded in walking around the Stonehouse as well as tastning the Mead, the sausages, beer, not to forget the potatojuice.

Among the new members were the US keynote speaker Elisabeth Bumiller, head of The New York Times in Washington, minister for digital government Marie Bjerre, representing the danish government and Simone Sastrup, This years youth speaker.

We started the inaguration at halfpast nine and ended ten to eleven, so everybody could reach the tent luncheon in Rebild, which started at 12 o'clock.

The tent luncheon was as usual a great succes, with a fully booked tent, everybody in a good mood, and good entertainment.

We awarded a Christian the Fourth tie to the Danish keynote speaker Adam Price, the American keynote speaker Elisabeth Bumiller, minister Marie Bjerre and youthspeaker Simone Sastrup all got a new designed Christian the Fourth silk scarf.

Futhermore we presented, to the above mentioned, our new C 4 cap, which is very usefull in sun or rain! Former and present President of the Rebild National Park Society Jesper Jespersen and Jørgen Bech Madsen also got a C4 tie.

Like last year the weather did not behave, it was raining, so raincoats were in great demand when all went down into the Hills!!

The new C4 cap can be ordered on our HomePage



Soldier of the year

Over the past many years, the Guild of Christian fourth has awarded the "Soldier of the Year" prize at the Guild Assembly in the month of February.

This year, the event was moved to the square in front of the Cathedral, where a "New Year's Event" was



organized, featuring the participation of Mayor Lasse Frimand Jensen, entertainment by Trio Vellyd, the Denmark Society presenting Flag Prizes, the selection of the "Cannon of the Year" by the Aalborg Cannon Guild, and the "Soldier of the Year" by the Christian IV Guild. In addition, there was a New Year's speech by Regional Manager Bo Bojer from Sparekassen Danmark.

The Aalborg Cannon Guild fired salutes, and Champagne was served to all attendees throughout the event. Chief Bencher Niels Voss Hansen highlighted in his speech:

Flight Corporal Simon Steenhoff Salomon Madsen. He acknowledged the commendable statements received from the Aalborg Garrison and presented both a diploma and a modest amount (which can be used imprudently) to the "Soldier of the Year" and wished Simion all the best in his future in the Royal Danish Airforce.

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The Good Spirit Prize

On Thursday, December 19; Master of Ceremonials Svend Aage Suhr, Troubadour Henning Kaastrup, and Chief Bencher Niels Voss Hansen entered the hair Salon MY & HOLGER.

Their customers, staff and "the person of the day" Sofie Grønhøj Møller were surprised to see the Chief Bencher present Sofie with Christian the Fourth Guild's GOOD SPIRIT PRIZE



The Prize is awarded to a trainee "who, with her good humor, cheerful disposition, and positive attitude contributes to spreading good vibes and camaraderie."

Sofie have all these qualities and is a fantastic Girl who tackles all task with a smile.

The Prize consists of a diploma and 1.000 dkr.

Christian the Fourth Guild's Foundation donations for 2023

Christian the Fourth Guild's Foundation, donations for 2023.

On May 4th, the distribution of the donations took place in Duus's Winecellar. With the donation, there were served wonderful red sausages, beer, or wine, so there was a pleasant atmosphere in the Cellar.

Chairman of the Foundation Vibeke Gamst mentioned, that it was the twenty-six time the donations had been paid out.

This year 75.000 Dkr. was paid out to good purposes. In all, since the start in 1997, the Foundation has donated 1.8 mil. Dkr.

There was also entertainment in form of Aalborg Pensionistorkester and Aalborg Huntingclub, playing natural horn.

Like last year, when the donations had been paid out, we walked to Aalborg Monastery, where Søren Wormslev, gave an interesting lecture about the Monastery and news about the "Churchill group."

Many of the participants ended the day by attending "alsang" at "Gammeltorv"



Guild meeting 2024

In Duus' Vinkjælder in Jens Bangs Stenhus. Tuesday 27th februar 2024 - 18.30.

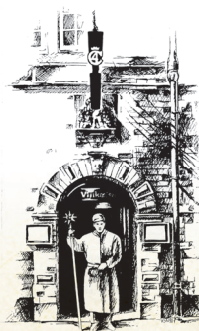
(Booking of table directly to Duus' Vinkjælder, telephone +45 98 12 50 56)

After the Guild's annual assembly an initiation is carried out.

Subscription for 2024:

Annual subscription: 150 DKK, 175 NOK, 200 SEK, 18 GBP, 23 USD or 20 EUR.

Payment for lifelong membership is unaltered: 600 DKK, 750 NOK, 750 SEK, 90 USD, 70 GBP or 90 EUR.



New lifelong members will receive a special Guild letter signed by the Chief Bencher and the Treasurer, and the names of the members are entered in the list of lifelong members.

Change of address: Directly to the Guild or via the website.

Newsletter: Members who have not yet signed up for our electronic newsletter are kindly requested to do so via the website, www.chr4laug.dk.

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