



Visit by US Travel Agents

A salute welcomed 21 American travel agents

The 21 American guests, who were special guests to Aalborg and North Jutland, arrived on their last evening of the visit to Nytorv in Aalborg. Here they were received with a salute, fired by Aalborg Kanonlaug before entering Jens Bang Stenhus to be initiated into the Guild of Christian the Fourth

The 21 Americans had been guests since Thursday, October 3, and were invited to Aalborg and North Jutland by a number of companies to experience our Region. The 21 people are executive travel agents in the United States, and were invited to come and experience Aalborg and North Jutland.

This Monday evening - the last night of their adventure tour - the 21 tourist agents were to finish their tour in North Jutland in Aalborg, with being admitted in the Guild of Christian the Fourth.

Chiefbencher Niels Voss Hansen warmly welcomed the guests to Christian the Fourth Guild in the old wine cellar in Jens Bang's Stenhus. The guests were festively presented to the guild and its activities, including

a presentation of the guild's brothers. They were also informed about the history of the guild before they got a key to the secret entrance to the premises.

To find this secret entrance, the newly initiated were led around in the city under musical guidance to the entrance, where one of the new members, on behalf of all the others, tested that the key could open the door.

Back in the wine cellar, the new members were invited to the galla dinner of the Guild of Christian the Fourth, consisting of two wonderful red sausages, a glass of beer and a glass of potatojuice (snaps). After the ceremonial the travel agents and their hosts went to a farewell dinner at the Utzon Center, which marked the final of the visit to Aalborg and North Jutland.

New Year's greetings

The year has been a quiet year without the big events such as Jubilee etc.

We've had 15 initiations including 277 people, pretty much the same as last year.

At the General Assembly on February 27th, two "new" board members were inaugurated, Ole Bech Kristensen, as Laugskældermester and Torben Røgild as Treasurer.

This year's Initiative Award went to Volunteers at Aalborg University Hospital represented by Tina Marie Aarup and Vibeke Rasmussen.

The Aalborg Award went to Leif Ervolder for his great efforts for LOA (an old ship).

This year's soldier was Sergeant Brian Dorum, Air Transport Wing.

In April we gave a pat on the shoulder to Joakim Bove Winkler and his girlfriend Dorssa Goodari. Together they had saved a person from drowning, a great achievement, which we honored with a symbolic amount and a bouquet.

The same happened on December 6th, when the Guild honored 2 police officers who had rescued a man from drowning by jumping into the cold water. They were each given a symbolic amount and a bottle of Laugsbitter.

This year we were invited to Odense, to GF "Gildeting", where Per Iversen, Keld Trudslev and the undersigned participated. Per Iversen and Keld Trudslev played fantastic music.

On May 4, in cooperation with Folkekirkens Hus, we participated in an community singing.

Also in the month of May we were visited by a journalist from the New York Times, he and four others were spontaneously initiated. It provided an excellent article in the New York Times.

This year we also had initiations from, our "old friends" Unmilpoc, Inger Røisland and several more.

I usually mention that the Rebild Party took place in sunshine! This did not happen this year, the tent lunch

went as usual nice and well. We handed over ties and scarves as usual. But the ceremony in the hills drowned in rain and storm.

The Oslo branch paid us a visit on May 27 where we initiated 10 Norwegians and 8 Danes. There were 70 spectators, so there were high spirits in the cellar.

In October, we had the initiations of 19 US travel agency people. The visit was organized by Atlantic Link and was the last event in a five day tour of North Jutland. It was a great success with a lot of good humor.

The guild was invited to celebrate Prince Joachim's 50th birthday at Sølyst near Copenhagen. We were well represented by vice chief bencher Jens- Christian Schmidt.

After 28 years Jens Scultz has wanted to leave the board as he has moved from the city. Many thanks to Jens for the work he has done for the guild, this also applies to Mrs. Charlotte who also has contributed to the well-being of Guild.

In 2018, the Foundation of the Guild did not pay any donations due to the interest rate. It is a little better this year, when on December 11th we donated DKkr 40,000 to several good causes.

As usual, the work of the Board has been inspiring and pleasant, if there are problems they are solved with a smile. Despite changes of board members in the recent years, the board acts as a team with the same spirit as before.

A special thanks to all the institutions and people we have been in connection with during the year for an excellent cooperating.

A special thanks to the board, which good work and humor makes it easy to be a chief bencher.

Niels Voss Hansen



Chief bencher



Happy recipients of “The Good Spirit Prize” from Christian the Fourth Guild



Every year, Christian the Fourth Guild donates a price of 1.000 kr. and a diploma, to a student in each of Aalborg's high Schools and Tech College.

The price is awarded to a student: Who with his/her good humor, positive attitude and happy disposition has been creating a good atmosphere

Each year the Guild Visits one school and is handing over the diploma and money in person, and instruct the recipients to use the money wisely, that is, something nice to him/her and his/her friends.

This year we visited the business school in Turøgade - and here the “The Good-Spirit-Prize” went to Kristian Appelgren Pedersen from 3 C.

With the following motivation: Kristian is full of humor, has a positive attitude, and he certainly spreads good atmosphere at the school.

Tech College had apprenticechef Sebastian Peder-

sen, who when not at school, is in the kitchen of the restaurant Textur of Vesterbro in Aalborg.

Five benchers meet in restaurant “Textur”, where Sebastian, to his surprise, was meet with a trumpet solo, a speech from Chief bencher Niels Voss Hansen, who handed over the diploma and money.

The motivation from Tech College was: Sebastian is diligent, careful, has great professional knowledge and respect for raw materials, is a good friend and have a good humor.

One of the good things about Christian the Fourth Guild's “Good-Spirits-Prize is, that one does not have to be the wisest or most capable/diligent student - but combining it does not harm.

The chief bencher also told Sebastian to use the money a little bit senseless here close to Christmas.



21 years in the same place at the Annual Guild Meeting



A bunch of happy people at a table in Duus Wine Cellar proved to be members of the Guild and that was of course why they were at the Annual Guild Meeting.

But there is more behind this. We found one of the happy participants Erik Christiansen from Støvring.

He could tell that the factual reason why they beca-

me members were that they all were engaged in Aalborg Corporate Sports. On the company's 50th anniversary they all were initiated in the guild.

At the same time they also became honorary members in Aalborg Firma Sport.

At that time we agreed to meet again, and it has become a tradition that we meet every year at the Annual Guild Meeting in Christian the Fourth Guild, and we have now done that for 21 years. It is Svend Aage Nymann who gathers us all together, and we are therefore happy participants every year, and have always reserved this table below the stairs, where we have our permanent place.

It is nice both to meet the old friends, but also to come here every year and take part in the activities of the Guild. We are of course not quite young anymore, but we will continue to meet as long as we can, and have a good evening in company with each other and in the company of Christian the Fourth Guild.



Two police officers saved 35 year old man from drowning

Christian the Fourth Guild has given them a "pat on the shoulder"

At a small ceremony in Christian the Fourth's Guild the two officers, Frank Pedersen and Anders, were given a "pat on the shoulder" from the Guild.

A man had fallen into the fjord, and was about to drown. Then the two officers jumped into the cold water (one degree C) and hold him until they were able to get him back on the quay and taken to Aalborg University Hospital, where a specialist doctor stabilized him.

After staying in the cold water, the two police officers quickly stripped off their wet clothes and were given a blanket to warm up while getting into the heat of a car. Both had managed the stay in the cold water very well, and were soon back in service.

The Guild thought it was a heroic deed, and decided to honor the two officers with a "pat on the shoulder", consisting of a small amount and a bottle of "Laugsbitter".

25 years jubilee

For the 25th time, Inger and Bjørn Røisland brought a bunch of happy Norwegians to the Guild of Christian the Fourth.

The initiation was, as usual very lively and the participants from Tvedestrand were in a high spirit, when the new members had to show their white socks (a special gimmick for people coming from Tvedestrand).

The group also song a couple of beautiful and special songs, for the benchers.

As it was the 25th time Inger and Bjørn Røisland had a group in the Guild, the chief bencher held a little speech and presented Inger and Bjørn with a bottle of "Laugsbitter" and two "shot glasses" engraved with C4.

In return Inger promised that they would return year after year – which we already are looking forward to.

It was a really good day with lot of humor and good vibrations.



Christian the Fourth's Guild's Foundation donations

The Chairman of the Foundation, former mayor Kaj Kjær, handed over the donations at Duus's Vinecellar.

Kaj Kjær stated that he was very happy to be able to support a number of good and charitable purposes.

Before that, he briefly outlined the economic conditions for relatively small foundation like ours.

A combination of low interest rates and the possibility of investing, had made it very difficult to produce a surplus, but somehow we have been able to produce around 40.000 Dkr. which was donated to the following good courses:

De frivillige på Aalborg Universitetshospital, Obelpigerne, Aalborg Forsvars- og Garnisonsmuseum, 4. juli festlighederne, Frelsens hær, Aalborg Pensionistorkester, Aalborg Fægte-

klub, Kristineklubben, Foreningen De Positive, Hjernesagen i Aalborg, Centerrådet Vestergårdens Strikkeklub, Danish Red Cross visitor service and Naturhornblæserne.

During the donations there were served Gløgg and apple dumplings, while Hanna Vig, Per Iversen and Kjeld Truslev entertained with song and music.

After a couple of cozy hours, the chairman Kaj Kjær thanked everybody for attending, and wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Clothes make the man

The Benchers of the Guild have been equipped with new blazer jackets

Back i November 2019, the Guild received a delegation from Spar Nord Bank.

The reason was that the bank chairman Hans Thorup and Client manager Ole Busk Hansen from the Østerå Branch handed over a donation of DKK 25.000 from the Spar Nord Foundation, earmarked for the Benchers to be equipped with new blazer jackets.

Small photo shows the handover of the donation.

The donation was very welcome, as the old jackets were more than 10 years old, and with many new Benchers we were short of jackets.



On the second picture you can see all the Benchers, but two, all looking very happy.

The Guild of Christian the Fourth are very fond of the donation and with the very pleasant cooperation we have with Spar Nord Bank.

Guild Meeting 2020

Wednesday, February 26 2020 at 19.00 in Duus' Vinkjelder in Jens Bangs Stenhus.
(Booking of table directly to Duus' Vinkjelder, telephone +45 98 12 50 56) After the Guild's annual assembly an initiation is carried out.

Subscription for 2020:

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.

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