



Laugs - Tidende

CHRISTIAN DEN FJERDES LAUGS NYTAARSBREV 2023

Initiation of the new US Ambassador

The U.S. Ambassador took office on July 1st, and on July 4th, he was initiated in Christian the Fourth Guild

This year's Rebildfest 2022 was one of the very first tasks for Ambassador Alan Leventhal and his wife Sherry. It also meant initiation in Christian the Fourth Guild on the very day that America's Independence Day is being celebrated.

A total of seventeen people were initiated as new members of Christian the Fourth Guild.

The company were introduced to the guild's history and were presented with the conditions for becoming a member of the guild - luckily, everyone said yes.

After the ceremony, it was time for the obligatory walking tour of the old and new Aalborg and watering the tree.

After this, the guild's beautiful dinner, consisting of two wonderful red sausages a piece of bread, beer, and a glass of akvavit, were served and enjoyed, and as usual, the guests were introduced to the rituals of the akvavit by singing it down.

The ceremony ended at 11 am when everybody took for the festivities in Rebild Hills, this year even with the participation of Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe the 2nd.



Mrs. Sherry Leventahl show her C4 key with pride.

Photo: Jens Morten



Here the Rebild Society had arranged a tent luncheon, consisting of herrings, meatballs, potato salad, beer and akvavit, for more than six hundred people. During the luncheon, the Chief Bencher awarded: Ambassador Alan Leventhal, Danish main speaker Jens Bjerg Sørensen, American main speakers Casper Phillipson and Anders Agner, each with a Christian the Fourth Tie.

Just when this year's Rebild luncheon was over, a terrific rain and thunderstorm broke out. It delayed the start in the hills with about 45 minutes. People were happy, that they had remembered their umbrella/raincoat!!

*The new american ambassador couple, Sherry and Alan Leventhal.
(Private photo)*

2023

The Chief Bencher`s New Year Greetings

2022 was the first “normal” year after the corona crisis. We had sixteen initiations with a total of 338 people from eighteen different countries, including 224 Danes, 53 Norwegians, 2 Ukrainians and one from Argentina.

The year started with handing out a “pat on the back” to Philip Holst Park Nielsen, who had saved a person from drowning in the fjord.

Our General Assembly was held on Wednesday the 23rd of February, where the wine cellar was fully booked.

The evening started with our new bencher Henning Kaastrup who was dressed in our mantel, as well as our bare. One of Henning’s many qualities is that he plays the guitar excellently.

This year the Aalborg Prize went to “Aalborg Garden”, the Honorary Prize to Knud Kristensen, who is behind the organization “come on, man”.

The soldier of the year was chief constable David Gerdt Jensen.

The General Assembly was also the debut for our new conductor, Jørgen Petersen, which he did with a firm and authoritative hand.

The first initiation of Norwegians took place on 13th of March with eighteen people from Østfold - great to hear Norwegian in the wine cellar again.

As usual The 4th of July was celebrated with the initiation of, among others, the new American ambassador, Allan Leventahl and his wife.

Later a full booked the tent luncheon Rebuild, took place. The weather had been behaving quite good, until we had to go down into the hills, then the clouds opened, and the rain poured down.



Again, we had two initiations from Unmilpoc, even with participants from Ukraine.

We also had the pleasure of initiating thirty-four crew members from the frigate Absalon, Aalborg city’s adoption ship. - Nice to see sailors in the wine cellar again.

Bencher Per Svensson had, after 25 years of service to the Board, wanted to step down. We said farewell on 31th of March, with a small ceremony in “Laugss-lokalet”, where we thanked Per and Mrs Else for the great work they had been during over the many years.

The Guild’s Fund is again in good shape, we paid out a good dkr. 95,000 in 2022 to worthy causes.

2022 was also the year we lost our “Musical Conductor” of 22 years, Per Iversen. Per was a God-given musician and showman who has brought out smiles to thousands of new Guild members.

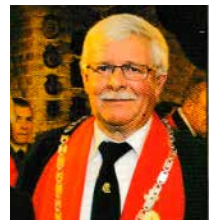
The year has provided many good initiations. The Board has been working hard, and with humor, which makes things easy. Likewise, a big thank you to our business partners, i.a. Venture and not least the host couple in Duus’s wine cellar, Peter Kragh and Ms. Lene, who have single-handedly renovated the wine cellar very nicely.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year with the hope to see you in the wine cellar in 2023.

Niels Voss Hansen

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Niels Voss Hansen".

Chief Bencher



The chief bencher together with happy recipients.

Photo: Jens Morten

On December 21st the Guild visited Aalborg City Gymnasium

Here we should present “the Good-Spirit-Prize” to Victoire Kalunga Namumya, but- as he was taking ill, Rector Mette Bilstrup received the Diploma and the cheque on behalf of Victoire.



The ceremony took place in front of over one hundred students who applauded, while troubadour Keld Truslev played the accordion.

The motivation for the prize was, that Victoire always is a happy soul, tells lot of stories, and create a good atmosphere around him.

Ceremonialmaster Svend Aage Suhr, rector Mette Bilstrup, Chief Bencher, Niels Voss Hansen, Thirstmaster Palle Bjørnstrup og troubadur Keld Trudslev.

Photo: Jens Morten

Apprentice butcher, Asbjørn von der Lippe, has been awarded “the Good-Spirit Prize 2022”

Christian the Fourth Guild’s “Good Spirit-Prize” is every year given to young students from Gymnasiums located in Aalborg, Aalborg Business School, and Tech College.

Every year they are asked to nominate one of their students, who with his/her good humor, positive at-

titude and cheerful disposition has been creating a good atmosphere.

Representatives from Christian the Fourth Guild were present at “Salling Super” on Friday 9th of December.

Here they handed over the Diploma and a modest cheque to Asbjørn von der Lippe, while customers and coworkers applauded, while Keld Truslev played the accordion.

Both Tech College and Salling Super had nominated Asbjørn because of his good mood, cheerful mind and positive attitude, and he is always creating a good atmosphere, and he is good singer!!



Ceremonialmaster Svend Aage Suhr, Thirstmaster Palle Bjørnstrup, Chief Bencher Niels Voss hansen, Apprentice Asbjørn von der Lippe og Troubadur Keld Trudslev.

Photo: Jens Morten



The new board of the Chr. d. 4. Foundation: Jens-Chr. Schmidt, Ernst Trillingsgaard, Chairman Vibeke Gamst, Niels Voss Hansen and Michael Slavinsky Dahl. Photo: Jens Morten

The Foundation of Christian the Fourth Guild

In 2022 the annual return of our assets had improved, so we were able to pay out around dkr. 95.000 to several good courses.

The distribution took place on May 4th, the day Denmark was liberated in 1945.

To mention a few recipients: "Obelpigerne" dkr. 2000, author Uffe Westerberg - a new book about the Churchill Club dkr. 5.000. Hospice Vangen dkr. 5.000. Lung Associations Network Group dkr. 3.000. "Strikkepigerne" på Vestergården dkr. 2.500.

After the donations had been paid out, we walked to Aalborg Monastery (300 meters away), where there was a new exhibition about the "Churchill group", the first Danish resistance group. The group was founded at Aalborg Monastery in 1941.

After 25 years as Chairman of the Foundation, former Mayor Kaj Kjær had decided to resign, after having done an excellent job.

Newly elected to the Foundation is Professor Michael Slavensky Dahl. Other members of the Foundation Board are: Ernst Trillingsgaard, Vibeke Gamst, Jens-Chr. Schmidt and Niels Voss Hansen.

The new Chairman is Vibeke Gamst.

7 initiations in September

Nice that the corona is almost over. In Christian the Fourths Guild, we had the pleasure of carrying out 7 initiations in one month.

On August 22nd fifteen persons from Operators Hockey Club were initiated. It is an American veteran organization, who plays Ice hockey.

There were about seventy bystanders, so there were a lot of activities and humor in the Wine Cellar.

On September 7th we took up twenty-eight persons from Unmilpoc, a military police course, including two Officers from Ukraine. As usual with Unmilpoc it was a nice initiation.

September 10th initiation of twenty-eight engineers from Norway, Sweden and Denmark. They were attending a seminar in Aalborg, and everybody understood Danish. The initiation was performed in a particularly good spirit.

September 21st seventeen retired persons from Siemens Gamesa had gathered in the Wine Cellar and we had a nice afternoon – there were many Ladies amongst them, so the songs sounded better than usual.

Thirty-two members of the Crew and Officers from the Danish frigate Absalon were initiated on September 24th. Absalon is adapted by the City of Aalborg. It was a fine day, and the Chief Bencher remembered the first time the Crew were initiated in 2008 and handed over our C 4 crest.



One of the merry initiations in 2022

Photo: Jens Morten

Obituary Per Iversen

Per Iversen died on June 20th, 2022, after a short illness.

Per was healthy to the end, as recently as 14 days before his death, he had entertained with remarkable success at Unmilpoc's farewell dinner.

Per was a member of the Guild for 34 years, including 22 years on the Board. Per was Lauget's "maestro", he mastered all kinds of instruments, from "Lur," (Danish instrument from the Bronze age) to grand piano.

Best known in the Guild was his excellent trumpet playing - also accordion, if not both at the same time! Thousands of members of the Guild have enjoyed his always cheerful playing.

Per was a positive and happy person who spread joy around him.

We will always remember Per with great pleasure.



Per Iversen playing his beloved trumpet.

Guild meeting 2023

In Duus' Vinkjælder in Jens Bangs Stenhus.
Thirsday 28th februar 2023 - 19.00.

(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 2023:

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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