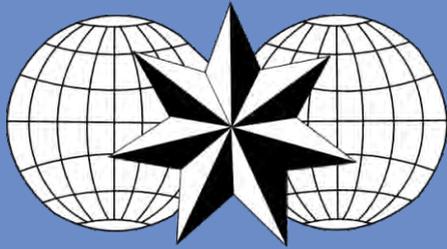


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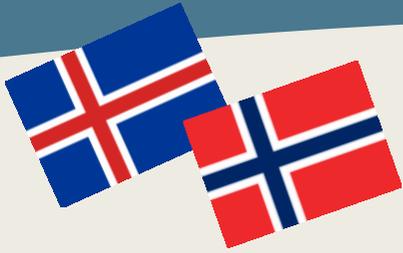


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DAY	ARRANGEMENT
Wednesday 5 Aug.	Arrival EC Preparing for meeting Dinner with spouses
Thursday 6 Aug.	EC meeting with training Registration of congress participants Get-together and evening meal.
Friday 7 Aug.	Official opening with reception and election of officers Excursions for spouses Evening meal at your own expense
Saturday 8 Aug.	Excursions for all Banquet with dinner and dance
Sunday 9 Aug.	Ritual meeting with the installation of new officers and closing Meeting for new EC Leaving for home



53 new IGLD Brothers from Icelandic and Norway.



Abaris Lodge was host at The Druids House in Sandefjord, Norway on the 20th of January, and had great pleasure in greeting 89 Brothers from 19 Norwegian and 4 Icelandic Lodges. There were 29 Brothers who had come the long way from Island to participate and become new members of the International IGLD. Many of our Icelandic Brothers spoke Norwegian, and it must be mentioned that the choice of language took into account that twentyfour Norwegian Brothers participated, the total number was 53 participants

The room where our Druid meetings take place in Sandefjord is large and can accommodate many participants, but nevertheless, they were greeted and presented with their IGLD grades in batches. It's felt that in this way they had a more personal experience of the occasion, both the recipients and guests, a very worthy seance accomplished by the Officers of IGLD assisted by very competent helpers. The evenings musical leader, Per Stensgård, replaced the usual Thoughts for the evening, with «Serenade to Spring» written by Rolf Løveland



played on an organ, which was quite an experience. After dinner, Supreme Old Archdruid Finn Egil Johannessen, held an excellent speech about contact establishing between Brothers, especially through IGLD from Iceland and Norway.



Dear Brethren



International co-operation, or saving fuel?.

A/NZ Congress Tour
South Western Australia 2005

International Druidism began in New Zealand in the early 20th Century, with both Grand Lodges involved in setting up IGLD NZ. Meetings were held at the conclusion of Grand Lodge Board Meetings, and were primarily Ritual Meetings, followed by an evening meal together. After many years of fluctuating membership and the increasing costs of travel, both Grand Lodges decided to split into two separate IGLD Lodges, becoming IGLD South Island New Zealand, and IGLD North Island New Zealand. Again increasing travel and accommodation costs caused problems, and attendance at Meetings began to decline. The Members then decided (especially IGLD (NI) NZ) to hold only 3 meetings a year, over 2/3 days, with a Ritual Meeting on the Saturday afternoon, followed by an evening meal and social time together. Sunday was a day for sightseeing and further social time together. This proved to be most successful, and many new friendships were formed. This format continues today, and it only strengthens our wonderful Order. Remember our motto, "United to Assist". The camaraderie and friendships bonded everyone together, and attendance grew. This was further enhanced with the advent of Joint Australia/ New Zealand bi-annual Congresses. These were held initially in Australia, but in 2003 New Zealand hosted the Congress in Hamilton, NZ. This was successful, and



IGLD NZ Members enjoying a BBQ meal after a meeting in The Maitai Lodge Rooms.



'The International Brigade' enjoying a convivial time during their South Island Tour following the World Congress in Nelson NZ 2016. L-R...Bro. Bob Stewart NZ, Sis. Linda Evans and Bro. Frank Evans UK, Bro. Par Thunstrom and Sis. Inga-Lill Thunstrom Sweden, Bro. Wolfgang Groeger Germany. Absent Sis June Stewart who was taking the photo.



IGLD NZ Meeting in Napier. February 2018

the friendship between Australia and New Zealand flourished. 2005 saw the A & NZ Congress held in Bunbury, Western Australia, 2007 Echuca, Victoria Australia, 2009 Adelaide, Australia, 2011 Wellington, NZ, 2013 Mandurah, Western Australia. These Congresses were held over several days (similarly to IGLD NZ Meetings), with a Ritual Meeting on the Saturday, and several days of sightseeing and entertainment. Once again the "Fraternal Bonds of Druidism" grew, and more friendships were created. Sadly, the demise of the Lodges in Australia and New Zealand, especially the de-registering of the Grand Lodges of NSW Australia, Victoria Australia and the Druids Friendly Society of Canterbury New Zealand saw the end of these wonderful bi-annual Congresses. However, we all still keep in contact, and an effort is being made to revive these meetings, albeit in perhaps a slightly different format. Although Lodges have closed, Druidism is not dead, and the friendships made at these events continue and flourish. This is the result of combining the Druidic Ritual Meetings with true friendship and camaraderie, and those of you who have attended these events as well as IGLD World Congresses will agree. On a personal note, I have made many friends throughout the world by being involved in International Druidism, and am very thankful for the opportunity. I have also found that the more you give, the more you receive. The very basis of Druidism. Sadly, over time, records have been lost or destroyed, and only remain in people's memories. Next edition will include a brief history of Druidism in New Zealand, along with some photographs.

Fraternal regards to you all in Unity, Peace and Concord. Bob Stewart PGP, Secretary IGLD NZ.

Australian Update



The First meeting convened of the Officers of the Victorian Grand Lodge was held on 14th June 1965 for the purpose of establishing a branch of IGLD in Australia. Since then 18 Congress meetings have been held in various parts of Australia and in Renmark 1998 it was agreed to invite New Zealand to nominate a Vice President and Bard for future Congress meetings.

Since the Mandurah Congress in 2013 there has not been one held. The Western Austalians are currently working on holding the next Congress in

Metings

1968	Albury	New South Wales
1971	Sydney	New South Wales
1974	Melbourne	Victoria
1977	Adeleide	South Australia
1980	Cremorne	New South Wales
1983	Perth	Western Australia
1986	Melbourne	Victoria
1989	Clare	South Australia
1992	Hawkesbury	New South Wales
1995	Greelong	Victoria
1998	Renmark	South Australia
2001	Bowal	New South Wales
2003	Hamilton	New Zealand
2005	Bunbury	Western Australia
2007	Moama	New South Wales
2009	Torrensville	South Australia
2011	Wellington	New Zealand
2013	Mandurah	Western Australia



The Grand President PGP Bro Jim Sutton installing PGP Bro Tom Rowe as Senior Grand Lodge Officer assisted by the conductors PGP Sis Rosa Williams and PGP Sis Jill Mallott

Victoria and interest has so far been received to show that at least 20 Members are willing to travel and participate, so the work to organise has started looking at 22nd to the 25th of March 2019. We are also considering a Pre-congress tour of Western Australia for just over a week prior to travelling to Victoria. This trip would be for the Overseas members where we will showcase some of the treasures of Australia - the South West of WA and Kalgoorlie Goldfields including a visit to an exact replica of Stonehenge in Esperance. The tour and costs would depend on the number of members attending.



The Grand President PGP Bro Jim Sutton presenting his report to the Annual meeting with the Immediate Past Grand President Bro Alan Grainger and PGP Bro Tom Rowe

Other news from Australia is that the only meeting lodges are in Western Australia where 2 lodges meet fortnightly, Bunbury Lodge (Est 1895) a male lodge and Jasmine Lodge (Est 1967) a dual lodge. After a ritual meeting the brothers and sisters enjoy fellowship including Carpet Bowls, Cards, Quiz and Good Cheer. IGLD meets 4 times a year. The Forest Royal Arch Chapter organises a Games night between the lodges played over 6 Nights during the year for the honour of winning the Len Holtzman Trophy. The trophy was named after Len Holtzman who was a dedicated druid serving as a secretary of Bunbury Lodge, Grand President of WA, Officer of

IGLD Western Australia and strong supporter of IGLD within Australia and the World Congresses.

The Members are also currently looking forward to Malmo, Sweden in 2020 and seeing some of the Northern Hemisphere.

Graeme Foulds



Lodge Amici 100 year



On February 19, 1916, the lodge Amici was founded with 21 brothers. This became the 4 lodge in Sweden, and the first one who was instituted by the Swedish Druid Order.. (Photo: Joakim Ericson)

Druid Roasters



For the fourth year, Druid Roaster gathered with brothers from far and near to admire each other's cars and enjoy great scenery. After dinner, there was a visit to the Svedino Car Museum. (Photo Uno Axelsson)



Christmas tree from Drammen to Wolfenbittel in Germany.



Kurt Thomas and several German brothers from Lodge Zur Bundestreue were in Drammen in August 1962, and were guests of Brother Alf Berg from Bardstjerne Lodge before they returned to Germany.

It was here that Brother Thomas most probably asked if it would be possible to send a Christmas spruce tree to Wolfenbittel. He had discussed this matter with the Mayor of the town. The matter was discussed in Bardstjerne lodge where full support was given to the request. A committee of Brothers agreed to work to help Brothers Thomas' dream come true.

The shipping of the sixteen meter high tree took place aboard M/S «Kong Inge» from Drammen on 14th October 1962. The event of a Christmas spruce tree Wolfenbittel was extensively reported in the local press. When the tree was positioned in the square and the four hundred lights were lit on Sunday 1st December 1962, several thousand people gathered and radio and television stations were very active. A Christmas tree is a symbol of peace, and the lights encourage everyone to help other human beings who need it. Speeches were made by The Lord Mayor Oelmann and Brother Kurt Thomas. A girls choir of sixty voices were accompanied by a brassband orchestra

The lighting of the Christmas tree on the square in Wolfenbittel is a special tradition for the people of the German town. Its quite a big occasion for the people there and Brothers and their families of Bundestreue Lodge as it is for Brothers and guests from the Friendship Lodge in Drammen every year.

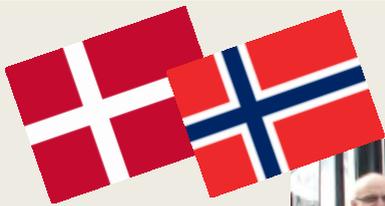


Honorary Druid of the Danish Order of Druids

The Honorary award of the Danish Order of Druids was awarded to Riks Stor Old Erk Brother Ib Fønsskov Mathiesen of Storlosjen Jutlandia on 12 March 2018

In his speech Riks Stor Skriver Erik Erik Schønwaldts said the following to the new Honorary Druid

«Our sincere congratulations to you Noble Riks Stor Old Erk Brother IB Fønsskov on the award of our Orders Highest distinction, the Honourable Award «Druid of Honour». You have made a fantastic contribution, with quite a few official activities and positions of trust throughout many years. When I joined Sirius Lodge in 1991, it was you as the secretary, had written my copy of the Laws of our Order, an excellently bound example with gold writing as it was then. Today I have been allowed, as RSSKR, to be one of the signators on your Honorary Grade Certificate for your Honourable Druid position, and with this the circle is completed. It has been and



Friendship contract

The photos shows Eken Lodges Horsens committee and the Sirius Norway committee



Eken Lodge in Tønsberg was quite young when four Brothers travelled to Horsens with a request of intension of friendship. They were expected and were met by Losje Sirius officers for an important meeting over a typical large Danish lunch. The meeting and the Ovat meeting which followed at Rådhusgade 2 was very successful

Sirius Lodge was founded in 1978, and has today approximately fortyseven Brothers. The number was sixty but thirteen Brothers were part of starting Camelot Lodge in Vejle. Sirius moved from Rådhusgade 2 to their own Lodg house in Kildegaden 11 a few years ago. Eken Lodge was founded in 1992 with thirtyfive brothers from the two other Lodges in Tønsber. The number of Brothers is today eighty. Every years since the contract was signed Brothers, accompanied by wives or partners meet in September. A coach each way with thirty to forty passengers. The trip from Norway this year, 2018 was announced in April, and at this time thirtyeight have Already booked seats. Special care is taken of the younger Brothers, the older ones have their usual Lodge friends who visit each others homes, but both lodges find good solutions and new friends for the Brothers who trave for the first time.

During the visits there is always a Ceremonious meeting and a party with ladies. Despite a very short weekend there's always time for trips and a lot of conversations between the couples have met



California Grove 1

California Grove 1 of Placerville held a luncheon at the Odd Fellows Hall in downtown Placerville and later that evening a dance in the hall as well.

Annually our Druidic brothers and sisters make the Pilgrimage to Placerville, California (formally know as Hangtown) to honor our founder Past Noble Grand Arch Frederick Sieg.

Our Grand Historian Henry Baker once again lead the ceremony remembering the life work P.N.G.A. Frederick Sieg at his grave site. These representatives of the three branches of the Druidic Order spoke at the ceremony:

John Rainwater Sr. Noble Grand Arch, Past Grand Arch Druidess Linda Andersen, and Past Grand Cheif Knight John Zeni.

Unity,Peace &Concord. Byron Wilson Deputy Grand Arch, UAOD PNA, Frederick Sieg Grove 94



Frederick Sieg and other druid brothers.



Flowers are place at the head stones of P.N.G.A.



Concordia Guild.

During the middle ages, in the Nordic countries, banquets were described as widespread committees of equally minded members. In old documents we can read of several hundred farmers taking part in drinking sessions, but at the same time we read that the banquets were associated with the teachings of the Catholic Faith. The society had fixed goals and its own committee. The leader was then, as it is now, the Master of the Society. Thoughts of unity have always been central during the Concordian societies, and therefore emphasize on social activities and gatherings. Members support each other, mutually, economically, and if a society brother was killed it was the duty of the other brothers to seek revenge. We all know the principal of voluntary work, and the society acted as a sort of insurance company.



From the Guild trip to Bornholm Denmark

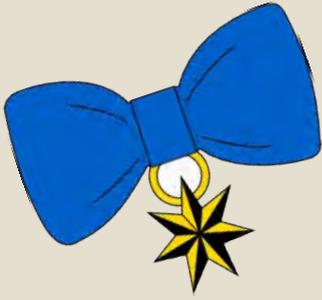
The same thoughts about mutual support, benefits and social meetings within the society reminds us of Henry Hurles' thoughts at the foundation of our Order. This was most probably at the very beginning of the foundation of our Order of Druids when the idea of the formation of the Concordia society was realised twentyfive years ago. There are Concorde societies in fifteen of the Norwegian towns and cities where there are Druid lodges. Members are pensioned Brothers of our Order, their ladies, and, of course widows of deceased Brothers.

A short visit to the Master of the Society Brother Thomas Huste in Tønsberg, who was very forthcoming with concrete information about the first twentyfive years. Brother Thomas tells that the meetings are held in the middle of the day eight times a year in the Lodge House Gimle in Tønsberg. At each meeting forty to fifty members from the four lodges in the lodge house. These meetings are very popular with the widows, and ladies are often the majority of the participants. There are always talks held by members or people from outside the society. Every now and then, the whole meeting is dedicated to bingo, which is very popular. Meetings always end with a snack or a meal.

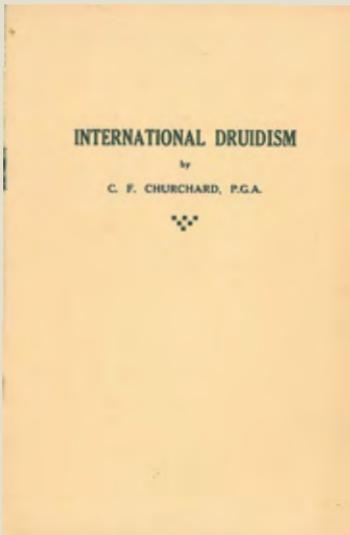


Master of the Society Thomas Huste

During thirteen of the twentyfive years Concordia has existed in Tønsberg, members have travelled around Norway on coach trips and flown to foreign destinations. These trips have always been fully booked. This years' trip is to Krakow in Poland, and will be in June. At the moment this article is being written it looks as if just as many participants are interested in taking part in this trip as in all the other Guild trips.



Part III



INTERNATIONAL DRUIDISM

Malmo-1928.

The International delegates met in Sweden under the presidency of Bro. Hugo Wiese, with Bro. C. W. G. Green as Vice-President and Bro. F. Askew as Secretary, The business of the Congress was carried through with success, both Druidic and Social, due in no small measure to the hearty welcome accorded the delegates by the Swedish U.A.O.D. At the conclusion, the delegates departed with popes of a happy re-union in 1933, in London, as guests of the Parent Ancient Order.

London-1933.

Whether or not five years between meetings is too long an interval will be decided at the forthcoming conference, as will be the venue of the next meeting. It is the sincere wish of all the brethren that there will be no more tragic interruptions of the sequence of meetings by war such as that which took place in 1914, and that as the Druidic movement becomes stronger, the brethren will be able to exert more influence on International affairs to the utter abolition of warfare as the method of settling disputes, and that closer intercourse, through Druidism, will lead to a more Friendly feeling among the nations of the world.

The Constituents of International Grand Lodge.

The Ancient Order of Druids.

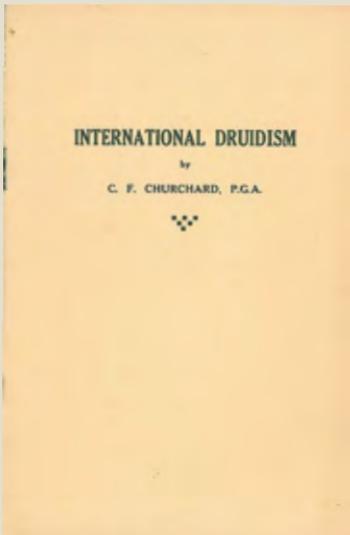
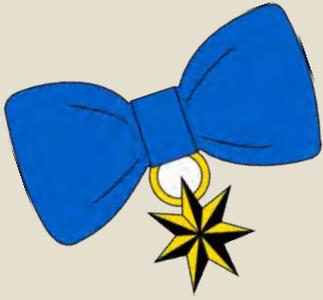
The Ancient Order of Druids-the parent Order of modern Druidism-was founded in 1781 at "Ye Olde King's Arms," Poland Street, London, W. , and from that period until 1834 the fraternity became a national institution, some 250 Lodges being established in various parts of Great Britain, whilst Lodges were also established in France, British North America and the United States of America.

More recently Lodges have been consecrated in South Africa, the British West Indies and British Guiana.

As many readers know, it has three degrees, Primitive, Chapter and Past Arch; Imperial Grand Lodge, the governing body, being formed of two delegates from each Primitive District, Provincial and Colonel Grand Lodges. The Supreme Chapter governs the Primitive Chapters but is in turn subservient to Imperial Grand Lodge, where it has a representative who is a Grand Officer. The Order, founded on social and philanthropic lines, carries out the principles laid down by its founder--Bro. Hurler--and during its career 707 Lodges have been established, whilst the brethren who have given their fealty to the Order must in numbers have far exceeded one million. It has a Voluntary Benevolent Fund which helps needy brethren and their dependants and gives annuities to aged brothers. The A.O.D ... Tinfoil Fund, founded in 1913, has been the means of raising over £20,000 from the sale of waste tinfoil and other metals.

This money has been given to hospitals and other kindred institutions. The Order's Convalescent Home Fund enables





DRUID CUTTING THE MISTLETOE

brethren and their dependants who are recovering from serious illnesses to recuperate under most favourable conditions. The headquarters of the A.O.D. are in London, where a miniature Stonehenge has been built, where Druidical rites are performed and business meetings held.

Membership is restricted to males over the age of 19.

Subscriptions to its various funds have remained entirely on a voluntary basis since the foundation of the Order, wherein it differs from its kindred English Societies which are recognised Friendly Societies."

The United Ancient Order of Druids.

The U.A.O.D. is an offshoot of the Ancient Order of Druids, being founded from Lodges who severed their connection with the parent Order in 1836-38, and from that period has remained a distinct society, the principle objects of the fraternity being based on friendly society lines, and its membership, including females and juveniles, is approximately 191,000. The government of the U.A.O.D. is located at Hull, and the General Secretary is Bro. F. Askew, the present Secretary of International Grand Lodge, and a past president of that body. The funds amount to £3,486,615.

The Order of Druids, This Order was founded about the same period as the U.A.O.D., and for similar reasons, broke away from the parent Order. The objects of this society include sick and funeral benefits, and the fraternity, which has a membership considerably exceeding 100,000, has its headquarters in Manchester.

The United Ancient Order of Druids of America.

The U.A.O.D. of America is quite distinct from the English section of the same title. It is also a link of the A.O.D. -the parent Order-Lodge 244, of the Ancient Order of Druids being established at the Elephant and Castle, Canal Street, New York, as a Grand Lodge of America, by brothers from Lodges 2 (Whitechapel), 47 (Worcester), 59 (Oxford), 72 (Rochester), and 135 (Worcester), Bro. Haywood of Albion Lodge, Oxford, being the first Grand Arch Druid. For a time the Order in America made considerable headway, it being reported in 1839 that it had on its roll of membership upwards of 9,000.

Unfortunately, dissension arose and the Order was split in twain. On account of the distance from the seat of government, the parent Order was unable to deal with the dispute.

Subsequently, the opposing forces were reconciled, and to mark their appreciation of the re-union, the fraternity decided to work together under the name of the U.A.O.D. of America. Rules were framed setting forth that the principle objects of the Society were based on similar lines to the ordinary benefit society, its membership including -women. The latter were enrolled in . Circles ., and the male members in "Groves," each having a separate place of meeting. Strict attention is paid to the secrets and ceremonies of the fraternity, the ritual, to suit the needs of the members, being printed in several languages.

(Part 4 in next number.)

From where, why and where to?

The winter season in Norway is by far the darkest period of the year with minimal activity, giving oneself room for reflection and reading.

We can separate these reflective thoughts into three basic questions; from where, why and where to?

The obvious answer for 'from where' was convincingly explained by Charles Darwin (1809 – 1882) through his modern evolution theory. On the other hand it becomes harder for us to find answers for 'why', and quite impossible for 'where to'. The modern person gives the impression that everything is over the day we end our Druidic journey. But is it really that simple? What about our soul? Philosophers and others have had differing views on "the soul", from the earliest Pythagoras times to Platon and philosophers of today. But no one person has been able to find the truth.

In spite of this we often refer to our soul as soul mate, keep body and soul together, etc...

Some philosophers have the opinion that the soul is replaced by the mobile phone and so-called social medias.

But why do I address this topic? Not to be negative or judge but to emphasize the need

for a relaxed and digital-free place. This gives us the opportunity to shut out any digital interruptions for a moment and therefore allow us to meet in our inner lodge and become inaccessible to the outside world.

I believe that we all, independent of age, feel a need for personal contact with one another through eye contact as an example. Just keep in mind that 60 to 80% of our language is our body language, meaning much is said without a word being spoken.

Maybe I'm saying this because I am old, but I know even the younger generation think in exactly the same way.

I feel that my lodge is a place to feel free, which is vitally important to me. Thus this should be protected!

I remind you of the moral law phrase created and lived up to by Konfutsé who lived in China around 500 years B.C.: Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you!



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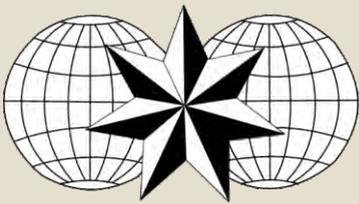


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29 September, 2018 Stavanger Norway
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From an editors meeting Trond Olsen Abaris Lodge, IGLD GS Geir Kaare Jordheim and Rolf Anker Eriksen Eken Lodge