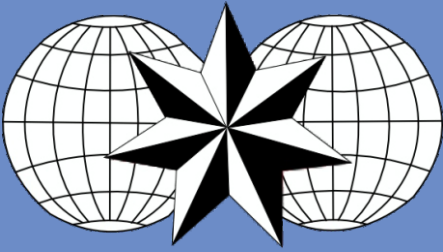


Fall 2019



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Kay Hagby , Grand President



Dear IGLD Brothers and Sisters

I had a pleasant and most positive visit to Fürth in Germany the first weekend of September, where I attended both an IGLD ritual meeting for Germany and Switzerland as well as a 7th grade meeting. 14 new members were initiated into IGLD at this occasion. The same weekend the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer visited an IGLD meeting in Karlskrona, Sweden with 40 new members. It must be said that none of our visits were charged to IGLD!

The first weekend of November there will be a working session in Hamburg for IGLD Executive Officers to prepare for next year's 29th Congress in Sweden. All the IGLD nations will participate with their Vice Presidents and an agenda has already been distributed with more documentation to follow.

you will also find the invitation to the Congress. Please contact the Congress Committee as soon as possible if you intend or are planning to go to this main druidic event. You will then receive booking forms with specific details of what to do. It is important that you act ASAP so that all arrangements can be set up properly for the 200-300 brothers, sisters and spouses that we expect will visit lovely Malmö next August.

I wish you all the best in the coming week and months, and look forward to meeting with old and new friends at druid meetings.

In Unity, Peace and Concord

Your Brother and IGLD Grand President,

Kay Hagby

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29 Druid World Congress, Malmö, Sweden

5 – 9 august 2020

The preparations for "MALMÖ 2020" are on the schedule and more and more details will be concretized, such as the preliminary Congress Program which is shown on next side.

Registration fee as well as prices for individual events cannot be finally determined today but in the next edition of Newsletter you will have the chance to find out how much – or how amazingly little-money you have to spend when you intend to join the Congress in Malmö Sweden in august 2020, I hope you will find it attractive.

Congress Hotel will be: Scandic Triangeln Hotell Triangeln 2, 21143 Malmö. The hotel is in the heart of Malmö, everything is close.

In the same building a big shoppingcenter, lots of small shops around the square Triangeln, 10 min walk to the Operahouse and artmuseum and 15 min walk to the old town with lots of good restaurants.

Bus from Malmö airport stops just outside the hotel.

Train from/to Copenhagen airport, 10 min walk.

Large Parkingspace in the basement of the hotel.

Welcome to Malmö and Sweden 2020





29. IGLD World Congress Malmö, Sweden 5. - 9. August 2019

You can now register to participate at this international meeting.
If you are not already an IGLD member you will have the possibility to join during this Congress.

Congress hotel is Scandic Triangeln Hotel www.scandichotels.se
All prices are quoted in Swedish currency (SEK)

Price room per night, breakfast included:
Double SEK 1200,-
Single SEK 1000,-

Program (NB! Additional dates & times apply for IGLD officers)

Wednesday 5th August

13:00-16:00	Congress desk open for registration	
Abends	Buffet dinner, coffee incl.	SEK 355,-

Thursday 6th August

11:00-16:00	Congress desk open for registration	
12:30-13:30	Lunch buffet (all)	SEK 245,-
18:30	Get-together evening (all)	
	Buffet dinner, coffee incl.	SEK 355,-
	Aperitif & 2 glasses wine	SEK 250,-

Friday 7th August

09:30-12:30	Official opening of the Congress, ritual meeting and initiation ceremony	
08:30	Bus excursion for spouses, incl lunch (see separate program & choices)	SEK 350,-
12:30-13:30	Lunch for IGLD members	SEK 245,-
13:30-17:00	IGLD meeting continues	
19:00	2-course dinner (all)	SEK 395,-
	The rest of the evening is free at own expence	

Saturday 8th August

08:30-16:30	Bus excursion for all, lunch included	SEK 700,-
19:00	Congress banquet (all), 3 courses	SEK 595,-
	Aperitif & 2 glasses wine	SEK 250,-

Sunday 9th August

09:30-12:30	IGLD meeting with election and installation of new officers. Closing of the congress.	
12:30	Lunch buffet	SEK 245,-

Check out time before 13:00 if you are leaving on Sunday.



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Choice of excursions for spouses on Friday:

Departure from the Scandic Triangeln Hotel

Alternative 1:

Visit to Ellinge castle, coffee break, guided tour of the estate and a visit to the production facilities for the Purity vodka. To the village Sjöbo for lunch before going back to Malmö through the Skåne countryside. Arrival 15:30 at the latest.

Alternative 2:

Visit to the coastal town Ystad, coffee break, guided tour to the former UN General Secretary Dag Hammarskjöld's home Backåkra. Then to Löderup beach hotel for lunch. Return to Malmö, arrival 15:30 at the latest.

Alternative 3:

Visit to the university city Lund and the cathedral, the botanic garden and other interesting places. Then to Östarp for lunch. Back to Malmö, arrival 16:00 at the latest.

Excursion for all in Saturday:

Departure from the Scandic Triangeln Hotel

To Köpingsbro/Ystad visiting the herb & spice garden. After coffee to Köpingsberg vineyards and wine tasting. Lunch at Överums Nygård and then to Petersborg farm for a mustard presentation. After a visit to a canola oil producer we return to Malmö with arrival 16:30 at the latest.

Registration

Send an e-mail to rsbibl.druidorden@gmail.com

When we have received your e-mail we send you an acknowledgement and a detailed order form and instructions about the payment.

*Registration fee (mandatory) SEK 600,-

*Reception fee for new IGLD members from abroad SEK 300,-

Latest time of registration March 31st 2020

Registration after this date is extra SEK 600,-

We welcome you all to the wonderful city of Malmö and look forward to meet brothers and sisters from all druidic countries.

Fom where, why and where to?

Here in the north we have four seasons, and we are already far into the third - autumn. Our summer has long hours of daylight, but autumn comes with longer evenings which give room for reflections and indoor activities. More time to work with our inner selves, generate more tolerance and patience towards others. The lodges are again at full activity after a break. Its good to get started again.

It is said that a persons mind and personality is acquired within the four-five first years of our lives, something that can have a postive influence in our later years - depending on the enviroment we grew up in and on our acquired learning. This can be a challenge, and in this case it is a great advantage to belong to a lodge as this can be instrumentel in teaching us to work on improving ourselves.

The times we live in are marked by rapid changes which influence us, wether we like it or not, and in our lives as Druids , this require us to apply ourselves to master these chal- lenges.

If not we will have a very difficult task in recruiting new and younger brothers (mem- bers).

IGLD is also in a changing fase in order to strengthen cohesion internationally, to keep unity, peace and concord alive.

Recruiting and teaching are adamant (or decisive) so as younger generations will be able to benefit from what Druidism bestows upon us.

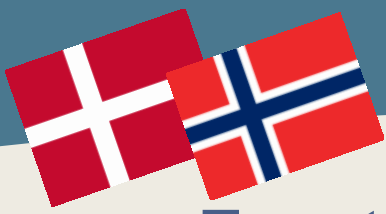
Cooperation is a key note and to follow up on this, an annual meeting is organized in Norway amongst the leaders of the differ- ent Societies, to discuss the challenges that lay ahead. This is usefull as many challenges are identical, although details may vary.

Our leaders wish that 2019/2020 shall be a year where the main focus is on positivity, - a year of positivity. If we stay positive, this will in turn influence our surrondings.

Let us stick together in this effort.



Reidar Bratli



Twentyfive years of loyal Danish and Norwegian friendship



61 Brothers who received their Norwegian IGLD degrees at Myrica Lodge in Porsgrunn, Norway, represented no fewer than twenty Lodges. This gives an idea of the Norwegian Order of Druids' interest for our international Brotherhood. We are very pleased and proud to say that the 1100 Norwegians represent 40% of our worldwide membership.

The meeting in Porsgrunn was undoubtedly an international event as four representatives from The Swedish Order were present. Since 1908 we Druids have had international meetings. From the early days where a Brother had to have the Ringrade until now the requirements are the Chapter degree. Leaders have looked to the future and have reduced the requirements for membership in IGLD. After the next world congress in Malmö, Sweden in 2020 the requirements will be to have the Bard grade.

Many Brothers ask why it has taken more than a hundred years. From the very first day when we join the Order we learned that our highest aim is to try to influence Brothers to work towards a peoples ideal development based on friendship, charity, and Brotherly love. To this end it's only natural to invite the younger brothers to become members.

Brother Erik Kleiven, Old Archdruid of Albota Lodge was one of the Brothers who received his IGLD grade in Porsgrunn, and he had a few words with our IGLD Brother: He was asked how he experienced the ceremony

«How do you feel now Brother Erik?»

His answer was «I've always felt myself as an international Brother, but during the ceremony I felt even closer to International Druidism. I wondered why it has taken so long for it to develop. Scandinavia is very small in many other ways, but in the IGLD world we are not small in any way. I hope that Druids all over the world will work for the growth of IGLD, and I feel that international cooperation will strengthen our future. I must add that an arrangement as big as this meeting is very praiseworthy».

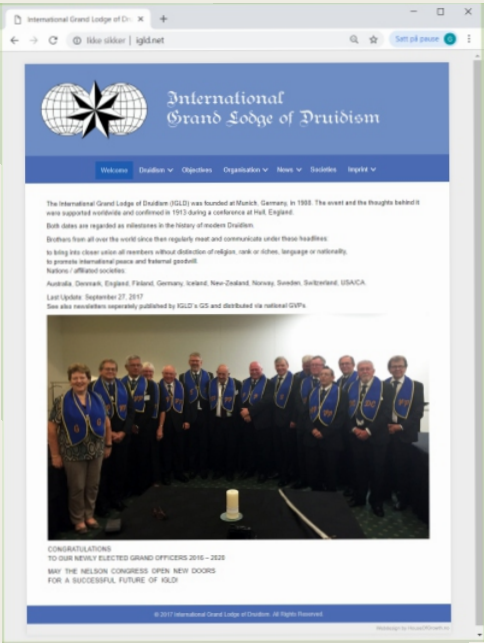
Noble Arch Druid Nils Steinar Sundbo, member of the same lodge as Brother Erik agreed with Brother Erik, and added «This was a surprisingly good experience. I have the feeling that I have become a member of a large international family, and starting in the IGLD took place surrounded by a friendly and safe environment. On behalf of all of us new IGLD Brothers I would like thank Newsletter very much.»

IGLD Calendar

Gjøvik, Norway
11th January 2020.

Porsgrunn, Norway
21th January 2020.

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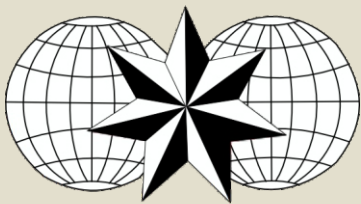


New officers in Norway



New Officers for 2019-2023

RSEE Geir-Kåre Jordheim
RSOE Geir Tofsrud
RSME Asbjørn Strand
RSBibl Svein Kristiansen
RSSkr Roar Nygaard-Andersen
RSSkm Henning Brørby
RSCM Otto Grønningen
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