



Denmark 30. july 2010

***Dear Brothers and Sisters throughout the world***

Summer has come to our part of the world - and perhaps especially for us here in Denmark - at least we now have had an entire month of temperatures between 25 and 30 degrees celcius, and I can say we are not accustomed to this, but it's nice anyway.

I would first take this opportunity to wish all the brothers a great summer - even down there, which of course is probably colder.

My call from last to write to me and tell of any news is limited were taken into account and therefore there is not much new to tell, but anyway:

1. 1st I got a little greeting from our German and Swiss brothers (Br. Dieter Hennecke), which tells that Basel has organized a joint meeting on 12 June 2010 between the two countries.

He tells "it was the second time after the dissolution of the Grand Lodge Central Europe in 2006 that our orders have initiated brothers of both of the national orders in the way we were used to in former times. Last year we met in Fürth, Germany, this year it was the turn of the Swiss brothers to arrange the meeting. And they did it in a perfect way and additionally they were wonderful hosts. In a dignified ritual ceremony in presence of a little more than 50 participants 18 brothers (5 Swiss/13 German) have been initiated into IGLD.

We decided to continue this kind of fraternal meetings.- and the next one will be hosted by a lodge situated in northern Germany."

The President and I am extremely pleased with such information and have noted that next year we probably and hopefully have the opportunity to participate in such a joint event, which are one of the objectives of the international order.

2. Also from Switzerland, I have received notification that IGLD Grand Vice President of Switzerland, Brother Oskar Hafner has resolute to resign from his duties. On the IGLD Meeting from 12. June the President of the Swiss Grand Lodge, Brother Oskar Gröflin wishes him a worthy farewell.

On the board meeting of the Swiss Grand Lodge Switzerland, from 28. June we have appointed our Brother Rolf Wenger to the new IGLD Grande Vice – President of Switzerland.

From here, we thank br. Oskar Hafner for his efforts in IGLD, and wish him well in the future.

At the same time, we congratulate Br. Rolf Wenger with the office and wish him good luck.

3. I have from the "outside" received a call from Jeremy "Chewy" Kamel, who writes:

"I am the Humbug (President) of the first and only chapter of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus (ECV) in Washington State, USA. We are based out of the Seattle, Washington, USA area. We have been working with the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1409 in Wilkeson, Washington, USA helping preserve their building. That building turns 100 this year. We know it was originally built for the Knights of Pythias. However the Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Redmen, the Druids and Druid Circle, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles all have used it.

One of the things Clampers like doing is providing and installing plaques. So I was trying to figure out exactly which Druid group was active in Wilkeson between about 1910 and the 1960's. So we can have the correct info on the plaque. We take plaques seriously. We have an old undated picture of the front of the building. In this picture on the building is a sign saying what day of the week which groups met. Its unspecific and just says Druids and Druid Circle next to thier meeting day.

I got in touch with the United Ancient Order of Druids today. They went through their archives and didn't find anything. They are very detailed in the opening and closing of their groves. They said it was either a part of the Eastern Fraternal Druids called the ? Supreme Grand Lodge ? or it was one of the more religious based groups.

They referred me to the Supreme Grand Lodge in Ohio but I havent been able to find them. Or the IGLD International Grand Lodge of Druids which us based in Australia.

I was hoping you could get me in contact with some one from one of the other Druid groups. I spoke with John Michael Gear from the AOD but he was unable to help. I also Spoke with Bill Koenig and Mary Lois DeGeorge from the UAOD in California. They Both said they never had any units in Wilkeson.

Thanks so much for any help you can provide.

So, dear brothers if you have anything to add - let me know - and I'll pass it on to Jeremy "Chewy" Kamel

### **Finances**

In the financial field there is not much new to tell - our grand treasurer has not of late had any outstandings - so everything looks reliable.

However, we received a very tough call from our friends in New Zealand, who believe they haven't been given answers to some queries specifically about payments and debt etc.

We allow ourselves to assume that any deficiencies are addressed now - and find it really

great that inquiries are made at this early stage, and preferably to the entire IGLD leadership as we together can solve the problems.

I must, to avoid any misunderstandings, make it clear that we want to act professionally in our doings - and if we do appear unprofessional, we would very much like to hear about it.

### **The Program for 2012**

I told lately that the program for the world congress is now broadly agreed on for the period Tuesday 29 May 2012 until Sunday 3rd June 2012.

Actually, we are now ready to send the first bulletin out - and it will be sent by mail to all of you - but also on paper in a suitable number of copies to each member country.

However, our physical address register is no longer up to date - it's almost not used anymore, so could you please help us, telling us where to send the bulletin - preferably as soon as possible.

Actually, I would be happy if you all would send me a physical mailing address - sometimes it's exciting to get a real letter.

Thanks in advance

In Unity, Peace and Concord

Flemming Ib Pedersen  
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