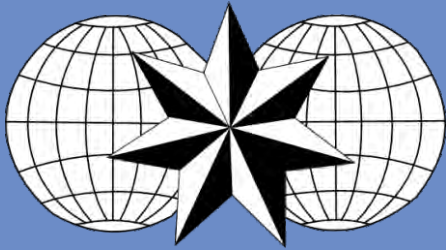


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# Newsletter

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## *Dear IGLD Brothers and Sisters*

At last, a sign of life from your president! It has been a while, but now most of the bits and pieces are coming together and it is time for a closer look at IGLD and the future. There is no excuse for our delay, but we wanted to give you as much accurate information as possible. I and my fellow officers hope that you all are now back in a near-normal life again, personally and in your lodges, and that you have not suffered too much during the pandemic.

More than two and a half years of general international close-down destroyed our plans for the 29th congress in Sweden. Luckily, we were able to cancel the hotel accommodations in the last minute without having to pay anything. We have also lost some important and devoted members of the IGLD family which likewise was a setback to our work. However, we had to start preparations for a new congress and after an invitation from the Norwegian national order, the IGLD officers and wise presidents decided that the 30th congress should take place in Stavanger, Norway in June 2024.

The preliminary program is as follows:

- Tuesday 11.6. Executive meeting
- Wednesday 12.6. Officers' meeting
- Thursday 13.6. Preparations/practice of rituals, Arrival of delegates/registration Evening meal/get-together
- Friday 14.6. Ritual meeting. Opening and initiations
- Saturday 15.6. Excursions for all. Congress banquet
- Sunday 16.6. Ritual meeting/initiation of new officers  
Departure

(Further information and details to follow)



Kay Hagby , Grand President



# 30th Druid World Congress, Stavanger Norway June 2024

Just before close-down in 2020, the European Grand Lodge (EGLD) was established at a meeting in Vejle, Denmark as a succession of the Scandinavian Grand Lodge (SGLD) with Germany, Switzerland and England as additional members. Unfortunately, everything halted, but the EGLD is now active again.

In April this year the Iceland lodges celebrated their 25th years' jubilee and in February 2023 they will become a separate national order of Druidism, still with motherly guidance and help from Norway.

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Most lodges are about to get back into a normal way of life. We hope to meet many of you in the months to come and most of all we look forward to the congress in Stavanger. Make a note in your calendar and start preparing for this great event!

*Kay Hagby*  
IGLD President



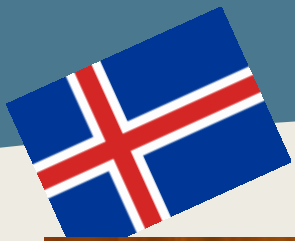


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## Images from the jubilee in Berlin





## First IGLD meeting on Island



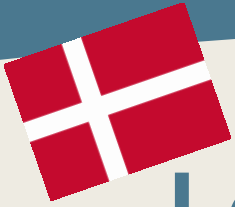
## Celebrating 25 years with Druids on Iceland

Friday 1st April, and it was no April Fool's Day, was the EGLD meeting held in the Free Masons' House in Reykjavik, where more than 50 brothers were received in the IGLD grade. As usual, the meeting was conducted in a dignified and stylish way, led by RSEE, br. Geir-Kåre Jordheim.

This was, like much else in Iceland, historically, in that this EGLD meeting was the first, carried out in Iceland, ever. Druid brothers from Iceland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway was represented, with the world president, ROE br. Kay Hagby in the lead.

On Saturday 2nd April, the actual holiday/anniversary meeting was held, also in the Freemasons House. Here there were over 100 brothers gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of lodge Janus, and the lodges on Iceland.





# Logen Vitus 50 years!



A long day in Horsens On Saturday 3 September, there were signs of the party in Horsens on the occasion of Logen Vitus's 50th anniversary. Noble Arch Bruno Vestergaard Christensen had invited to Højtidslogen on today's occasion. From early in the morning, breakfast was served for coffee at the lodge's premises in Kildegade 11, where the participating brothers and accompanying ladies enjoyed themselves before the brothers left in Lunden to participate in the Højtidslogen. During the Højtidslogen, the ladies were on a trip to Denmark Industrial museum, where, in addition to various industrial machines, they visited workers' housing from around the year 1900 and up to the 1980s. In a dignified and solemn manner, the officers of the lodge conducted the Solemn Lodge in the presence of 44 brothers from the leadership of the order, the Grand Lodge of Jutlandia, the Grand Lodge of Selandia and the founding lodges Jotar, Blicher, Sirius and Camelot and not least representatives from the Grand Lodge Schleswig Holstein and the Nordmark Lodge from Germany. In his speech to the Lodge, Great Noble Ærk Jens Aage said Jensen, among other things: It must be said that the brothers who started then had to create the basis for the well-functioning lodge that we see today, and which is the reason why we have been assembled for a beautiful Holiday Lodge. With my knowledge of you, you have been part of a fantastic travel for almost half the time that Den Danske Druis - the order has been in Denmark



## Lodge Camulus 50 years!



The Camulus lodge in Skövde was finally able to solemnly celebrate its 50-year existence on April 2, 2022, however 2 years late due to the pandemic. At 15:00 the gates were opened and the expectant brothers gathered at the pre-lodge for mingling together with brothers from visiting lodges from both Sweden and the lodge Uxello, Halden in Norway. Marshal Jan Hjortfors then

called the brothers to enter Lunden, where scribe Tomas Monsén read out the minutes from the founding of Lodge Camulus on 4/4 1970 and from the inauguration of Lodge Camulus on 5/4 1970 at Borgmästargården Skövde. After MÅ Johan Rapp preferred a short history from the history of Lodge Camulus, celebrated RSM Niklas Larsson and called on Lodge Camulus to continue the

## Lodge Selene's 50 years!



TjOÅ Per-Arne Meijgren drew a historical summary of the creation of Logen Selene, which at the idea stage was already started in the late 60s. The work culminated in Lodge Selene being instituted on Saturday, March 25, 1972. The

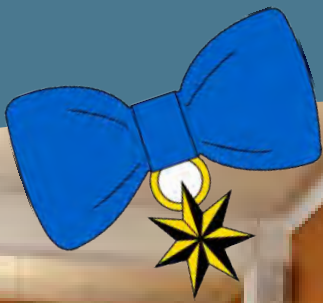
Then finally came the long-awaited day, when we were to celebrate Lodge Selene's 50th Anniversary. Lodge Selene was founded on March 25, 1972, but it was 50 years and one day later that we celebrated our anniversary. Gathering The day's festivities began at 3.30 pm with a gathering in the antechamber.

Lodge was named Selene after the Greek word for moon, which links well with the mother lodge Stella Polaris.

TjOÅ Per-Arne Meijgren highlighted 2 brothers who put in a lot of work with the Lodge to get brothers in our Lodge. Those whomentioned were OÅ Nils-Gustav Gardahl and OÅ Lars Nordblad. The next Brother admitted to our Lodge receives number 300 in the register. We have high attendance at our meetings and new brothers are coming in. We were informed that Lodge Selenevarit was represented in both Grand Lodge Sunnanland and in the Iks Grand Lodge. Head of the order RSÅÅ ROA Anders Eriksson gave a historic speech and handed over a gift in the form of a deposit in the fund.



# A peacekeeping force



*The first chapter in our modern days history of druidism descends from the foundation of the first lodge in London 239 years ago. The good idea spread and the establishing of more druidlodges were created.*

*Not only in the country were it all started, but later in USA, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland,*

*Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Finland. A living organisation consisting of men who only have an intention to better know themselves and their brothers. A worldwide organisation to develop the idea of druidism and brotherly love.*

*When druids meet, they always greet each other with a brotherly handshake and show respect and happiness over meeting again. Everywhere the lodge meetings are carried through in line with traditions and thoroughly considered rituals without any objections. The elected officials prepare well in order to manage running the meeting the way brothers have been used to through years in a lifelong learning process.*

*Every brother may hold his own personal experiences in the process to himself. The experiences may differ. Younger brothers get tutoring and are in their full right to question the subjects with great enthusiasm in order to improve their insight.*

*Another may, with just as much right, choose a more simple way to look at*

*theoretic learning, and be happy just to participate in a friendly environment in the lodge.*

*The druidic education, however, no matter what, given time, shape the brothers by being together with brothers, the repetitive contents in the meetings and by new discoveries at rank advancements.*

*The periods as elected assistant or officer will also set its mark on a brother through a concrete learning process. There is always time for mistakes, and we can all make mistakes during a lodgemeeting.*

*Mistakes are accepted, however, and anyone, being an officer or assistant doing a mistake may use it as an experience in their learning process.*

*The World Congress*

*A brother tells about his first world congress. He was not allowed to any ritual meeting. In a strange country - in a small town - 500 druidic guests were gathered for a few days. The young brother never felt a stranger. Lunch with German and Danish brothers, on a busride with Swedes, Swiss and Englishmen, a drink with Americans and an evening meal with Norwegians and Australians. The experience of being together with people of different languages from all over the world made a lasting impression and became the most important lesson for this brother.*



### Invitation to National IGLD meeting in Karlstad

IGLD meeting with initiation of new members will be held in Karlstad on Saturday 22 October 2022.

Location: Host lodge Aquila, Rosenbadsgatan 1, Karlstad.

#### Saturday

12:00 Gathering, Registration, coffee, and sandwich.

13:00 IGLD meeting with initiation.

15:00 Brother meal.

#### Sunday

10:00 Guided tour at Lerins art gallery.

Reception fee: SEK 300 is paid no later than 2022-10-08, enter name and GG IGLD.

Brother meal: SEK 400 is paid when registering by card (includes coffee, brother meal, art gallery visit).

Dress: Dark suit, white shirt, IGLD tie and IGLD bow, office regalia.

Hotel: Clarion Collection Hotel Plaza, phone: +4654-10 02 00.

Code: IGLD, valid until 19/9.

#### Foreign brethren's registration

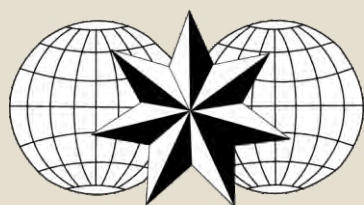
Registration is made no later than 2022-10-08 by email to [kansliet@druiderna.se](mailto:kansliet@druiderna.se)

Notify: "Lodge and Degree" and/or "Brother meal".

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