



Denmark 31. july 2011

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

First of all I hope all had a good summer (down under - a good winter) - and that you all have enjoyed a well deserved holiday.

Up here in the Northern Hemisphere is currently very quiet - just because of the holiday - so there is this time not much new to tell.

However, I must first express my deep sympathy with the people in Norway - and thus also our Norwegian brothers - as on 22 July saw a terrorist act that is totally incomprehensible and inhumane. You should know we are thinking of you and feel with you.

### **Economy**

I am not aware of any special problems right now - so I expect everything to go according to the plan

### **World President**

Asked me to remember all that the Executive meeting takes place on 8. and 9. October 2011 in Copenhagen - I have commissioned a number of rooms in hotel DGI, at a price of 1095 kr. night. The hotel is located in the center of Copenhagen only a few yards from the central station.

You are all kindly asked - as soon as possible - to notify me how many of you who turn up in Copenhagen - and what period you want to stay in the hotel.

We have planned a meeting on saturday - including initiating new IGLD brothers - in the "odd-fellow" premises in Bredgade in central Copenhagen from Saturday. 12 to 16 - and afterwards are planned a joint meeting of all vice presidents and the leaders from all countries from 16:30 to 18:30.

Sunday there are planned a meeting too - but only if we are not finished with the agenda already on Saturday.

The agenda will be circulated 2 weeks before the meeting - and will primarily address the World Congress and items to be processed there

### **Australia**

### **Denmark**

In Denmark we have all holiday - but we ended the year slightly boring because almost all the brothers in one of the lodges in Copenhagen (Excalibur) collectively resigned from FGDO.

Losing 18 brothers at one time was not exactly what we in Denmark needed - and we obviously hope that it in the long term is possible that they come back.

Since many of the brothers had very good contact with our Swedish brethren - is the leadership in Sweden separately informed of the unhappy situation.

## **England (Great Britain)**

### **New Zealand**

#### **Russell Hall, Secretary (South Island):**

Our membership has not increased- in fact through the death of a number of members we are down. These members had been with us for some time, they will be missed.

As you are possibly aware we have experienced some rather traumatic earthquakes in and around the Canterbury area and this has forced us to cancel a number of our meetings. It is getting very difficult to find a suitable venue. At the time of writing we have had a number of minor shakes but we did have a rather heavy snow fall, and I understand that it was the coldest July we have had since 1918. Roll on the Summer.

Recently a number of our members had the opportunity of attending their first International Congress, they were very impressed. Bro. Peter Mangos, his wife, Marie and I had attended another in Adelaide a few years ago. It was good to catch up and be able to put faces to names who one hears from by correspondence or E Mails. Both Marie & I were delighted to have a phone call from Bro. Bob Stewart the other morning telling us about future Congress's. This will be discussed at the next meeting in September.

#### **Bob Stewart :**

As you see, life is certainly not back to normal in Christchurch, but my spies inform me that the people of Christchurch are coping well with the disasters, and most are looking to the future with optimism. Here in 'Sunny Nelson' we are experiencing a rather normal winter, although rather later than usual. 6-8 degree frosts, followed by sunny days with temperatures reaching 12-16 degrees celsius. On the Druidical front, we have our Local Lodge meetings every two weeks, with our monthly social activities on the last Saturday of the month. These vary from visits to places of interest around the district, to BBQ's, Fish 'n' Chip teas, and card and other games evenings. These are usually well attended, with 15-20 members enjoying a night out.

IGLD(NI) met last on the 4th June in Hamilton, with the new Officers being Installed for the current Term. Following the Meeting the members met for Dinner at the Hamilton R.S.A. (Returned Services Club) Sunday we all went sightseeing out to the west coast from Hamilton, returning to Sis. Helen Warners Home for a meal. A great weekend was had by all. (even those of us who picked up a nasty little sickness bug) Our next meeting will be in Porirua (Wellington) in October, when no doubt Delegates will be selected for Copenhagen, as well as any other business concerning the World Congress in 2012. We are hoping for up to 10 members to attend the 2012 Congress, but we will know for certain later in the year.

Our thoughts and Prayers go out to our Brethren in Norway with the terrible events there.

Keep smiling, and regards to all in Unity, Peace and Concord.

## **Norway**

## **Schweiz**

## Schweden

### Germany

#### Br. Dieter Hennecke:

Several years ago the German and the Swiss Druid Orders decided to arrange their annual IGLD meetings mutually under the responsibility of one of the Orders and thus to keep and if necessary to improve friendship and brotherhood between the brothers - and to act in concert.

The 2010 IGLD meeting took place in Basel, Switzerland, and regarding the distance the brothers living in southern Germany were geographically favoured. The 2011 meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Flensburg, close to the Danish border, on the other hand, made it easier for the brothers living in northern Germany.

Besides of the ritual IGLD meeting the leaderships of both of the Druid Orders use to hold a bilateral conference in order to make an update about their joint interpretations of matters concerning Druidism and international problems.

#### The negotiations



at every time take place in a friendly and fraternal atmosphere and there is generally no difference between the German speaking orders to be seen in the essential points of Druidism.

But there was another remarkable event in Flensburg: As far as I remember never before the Presidents of the 6 European Druid Orders (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, United Kingdom, Switzerland and Germany) and additionally the Grand President and the Grand Secretary of IGLD came – besides of the World Congresses - together using the opportunity to discuss the current situation of the IGLD. This meeting and its result can be seen as “IGLD at its best”.

The German Druid Order is very grateful and a little bit proud having been host for such important members of our order.



(IGLD-VP-Germany Br. Dieter Hennecke and the President of the German Druid Order, Bro Frank Graffenberger)

During the ritual IGLD meeting 19 new members have been initiated into our international community. With respect to our important guests the essential parts of the IGLD Ritual was additionally held in the English language.

Another highlight during this meeting was the initiation of 2 German brothers who have deserved well of the international friendship among Druids into the *Grand Arch Chapter* of the German Druid Order.

The local Lodge "Nordmark" was responsible for the organization, and the brothers did a good job hosting the 72 participants.

## **USA**

### **World congress 2012**

The latest bulletin has now been made - the program is set - prices and registration form are posted - and everything can be found at [IGLD.org](http://IGLD.org).

We look forward to show you all Denmark and Copenhagen - and look forward to seeing you here.

In Unity, Peace and Concord

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