

03 April 2011

Cher Consoeurs et Confrères

The early bird season has come and gone. I must say I was very happy to see the large number of members making use of the early bird special.

The members who still have to pay their renewals only have until 15 April to pay their 2011 renewals

My thanks to the Baillis and every Vice- Argentier for making sure the payment advices went out on time.

We tested a new system this year and so far it looks as if it worked very well.

New procedures

In our quest to make sure that the administration of the National Bailliage and the various regional Bailliage runs smooth, we have instituted new procedures especially with the payment of renewals, admission of new members etc.

All payments will go through the regional Bailliage in future; they in turn will pay over to the National account. This gives the Baillis more control over the regions and any queries can be sorted out as soon as possible.

Brass Plaques

Brass plaques have been distributed to professional members who qualify, it is imperative that each professional member with a rank of Maitre and above to update their details on the international website www.chaine-des-rotisseurs.net.

You can gain access of the site by using your last 5 digits of your membership number. If you are having trouble entering the site, please let your Bailli know and we will sort it out from there.

We are putting together a national registry of Brass plaque holders, those of you who have received brass plaques before this year – please let your Bailli know with the last 5 digits of your membership number. This will help us check it against the national register as well as the international register.

New Members

South Africa is top heavy with professional members and we would like to improve our non-professional membership. Therefore we have a special running from 1 March to end November 2011. See the payment table below, this is really a very good special price for non-professional members to join la Chaîne.



Non-Professional Couple	Non-Professional Single	Non-Professional OMGD	Professional Main member incl OMGD membership	Professional Spouse/partner Excl OMGD membership
R 2800, 00	R 2000, 00	R 325, 00 per person	R 3000,00	R 1500, 00
				If spouse/Partner is non-professional excl OMGD R 1 400, 00

We really hope to improve our non-professional membership as they are the mainstay of our organization.

Grand Chapitre

By now you would have received the invitation to the Grand Chapitre in Knysna from 26-29 May 2011.

This is a very special Grand Chapitre as we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the National Bailliage as well as the 10th Anniversary of Bailliage de l'Outeniqua.

I do hope you will be able to join us for this very special occasion.

Especially the Outeniqua members as a Grand Chapitre only happens once every 6 years.

Annual General Meeting

The notice of the Annual General Meeting has gone out and the agenda, financials and proxy forms will be sent out on 28 April. If you cannot attend the AGM please make sure your Bailli has your proxy.

Young Chef Rôtisseur and Young Sommelier Competitions

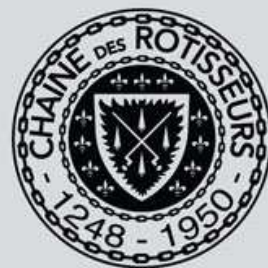
The regional competitions will be held on 20 April followed by an awards dinner to celebrate their achievement and also the 30th Anniversary of la Chaîne in South Africa.

The national competition will be held in Johannesburg on 02 June followed by the awards dinner at the Westcliff Hotel. Please come out in force for these functions.

Regional Chapitre

The Pretoria Chapitre will be held on 16 July 2011. Prospective members are welcome to contact the Bailli of Pretoria, Ronel Bezuidenhout to enquire about membership, ronel@capitalhotelschool.co.za

The KwaZulu-Natal Chapitre will be held on 22 July 2011. Prospective members are welcome to contact the Bailli of KZN, Kevin Joseph kjoseph@oysterbox.co.za or the Vice-Chancellor Philip Mostert philip@geochem.co.za.



Website

The national website is undergoing a drastic change at the moment and we will hopefully be able to launch it at the end of April.

Bailli Changes

We have new Bailli in Johannesburg, Karin Paquay, she stepped in when Jan Johnson stepped down due to various commitments. She will be assisted by Lynn Butler who has been appointed Vice-Chancellor.

The Johannesburg Bailliage committee looks like this now

Bailli	Karin Paquay
Vice-Chancelier	Lynn Butler
Vice- Argentier	Jeanette Albertyn
Vice-Conseiller Culinaire	Stacey Lee Chan
Vice-Conseiller Gastronomique	To be filled
Vice –Charge de Mission	George Cohen
Vice – Echanson	Miquel Chan

The Bailliage de l’Outeniqua also has a new committee

Bailli	David Hyman
Vice-Chancelier/Argentier	Sue Lenferna de la Motte
Vice-Conseiller Culinaire	Lizelle Stolze
Vice –Echanson	Nell-Marie le Roux
Vice-Conseiller Gastronomique	Anne Hadley
Vice- Charge de Mission: Fundraising	Toitjie Muller
Vice- Charge de Mission: Membership	Sue Mills
Vice- Charge de Presse	Peter Bishop

I do hope you find all the happenings and changes as exciting as I do!
Here is to good meals, good wine and good company.

Vive la Chaîne
Vive la Ordre Mondial

François

François Ferreira
Bailli Délégué