

## **NORWAY**

### **GRAND CHAPITRE**

**Oslo, August 21 – 23, 2015** : The Balliage of Norway welcomed members and their guests on the roof of head office of the bank DNB – on “BarCode” Oslo’s new settlement - close to the Opera House (2008) and with a fantastic view to Oslo harbour. Oslo is Norway’s capital and largest city with nearly 600.000 inhabitants. The official opening event of the Grand Chapitre was a great buffet dinner.

On Saturday, a delicious lunch was served at the new restaurant “Vaaghals” (daredevil) also close to Oslo harbour. Vaaghals is a meeting place between unique Norwegian ingredients and flavourful Norwegian and international dishes. The meals were served exactly the way you imagine serving them to friends. A communal meal – in old Norwegian tradition called a “skifte”, or a sharing of the blessings of the table – where food and different kinds of local beer are put on the table and passed around. The menu reflects the changing seasons and the riches found in Norwegian nature, rooted in a traditional cuisine but prepared with a creative, innovative twist by the kitchen.

Later in the afternoon, the Induction Ceremony, officiated by Peter Musa from Switzerland, earlier Member of the Conseil d’Administration. The formal ceremony was held in The Stem House belonging to the Norwegian Mason Order.

The Headquarter for this Grand Chapitre was the Hotel Bristol (1920). The hotel is located right in the city centre. Hotel Bristol has high standards and are one of Oslo’s most traditional hotels. The culminating point of the Grand Chapitre, the Dîner de Gala took place in its main ceremonial hall. 225 festively dressed guests took part of the great banquet.

The Grand Chapitre concluded with a shellfish buffet onboard the sailing ship S/S Christiania (1858) on a round trip on the inner Oslo Fjord. Thanks to the Clerk of the Weather this sea voyage was a dignified finalization of the Grand Chapitre.

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