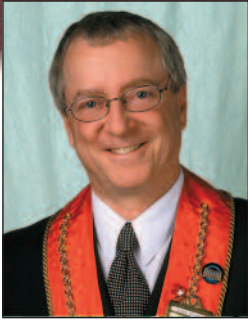


Note from the Bailli Délégué



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During the last three months of 2008, I had the pleasure of attending induction dinners from coast to coast —Vancouver, Kelowna, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, and all the way to the other side of this great country, Halifax. Of course, we were very pleased to have our national meeting in our newest Bailliage in Quebec City. All of the events I attended were excellent and showed the dedication of our Baillis, their Conseils and all the members in ensuring that la Chaîne in Canada remains an extraordinary organization.

In keeping with one of our main objectives, we held our 2008 national Jeunes Commis Rôtisseurs competition in Quebec City at Collège Mérici. Ten Jeunes Commis from across the country competed in this event, and all ten were inducted as members into la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.

Membership is important to an organization such as ours. It is important that we induct younger members to succeed us in la Chaîne, and to bring us new ideas. It is important to induct older members to give us tradition and a foundation on which to build.

It is not enough now to just offer membership to professional members in large hotels and established restaurants. The new talent — in the smaller restaurants, wineries and bistros — is not necessarily heading in that direction. We need to search out this young, independent entrepreneurial talent and invite them to be part of the future of the Chaîne.

It is important that we focus on developing strategies to transform us into a modern, meaningful gastronomic organization with our roots firmly planted in the historical philosophy of la Chaîne.

During this period of economic volatility, we must be sensitive to any members who may be unable to continue their membership. We must try to encourage them to keep their memberships, and to continue to enjoy the advantages of our organization.

Additionally, if you have friends or colleagues (professional or gastronome) who might enjoy la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, I hope you will take the first step and invite them to your next dinner, and introduce them to your Bailli Régional.

This year we are pleased to have our national meeting in Victoria BC, October 22-25, at our host hotel The Fairmont Empress. Bailli Régional Colin Mantell, his Conseil and his members will, without doubt, put on an excellent event for us. I am pleased to announce that my friend and colleague Mr. George Brown, the Bailli Délégué of the USA, will be present to do the inductions.

I look forward to seeing you in Victoria.