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## A WARM WELCOME

Dear alumni, waarde Confrérianen,

"La Confrérie creates everlasting memories and friendships while encouraging personal development and embracing inclusiveness."

Welcome to the latest edition of La Lettre, Your source of updates, insights, and opportunities to actively engage with our beloved Brotherhood.

In this edition of La Lettre, an update is given by the Vice Chairman of the Board. Additionally, we will explore an industry-specific topic: asparagus, along with an interview featuring Isabelle van den Ijssel, owner of Belle Weddings. Furthermore, we will take a nostalgic journey through time with "Then and Now" photos.

We hope that this edition of La Lettre will again evoke fond memories, spark inspiration, and provide you with valuable insights into the dynamic world of our beloved La Confrérie. We encourage your active participation and warmly welcome any contributions or feedback you may have.

*Vive La Confrérie!*

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## AN UPDATE FROM BOARD PEEREBOOM

*by Vice Chairman Merel Tomassen*

Dear Alumni, Waarde Confrérianen

As is it an honor to wear the 'penning' of the Vice-Chairman, this is an opportunity to contribute to the 'La Lettre' addressed to you. My intention is to provide you with insight into my vision, the challenges I face, and the successes I have achieved in collaboration with other entities.

My name is Merel Tomassen, I am 22 years old and I advocate for the integration of enjoyable times and student well-being. One of my fundamental personal values revolves around "making a change". The driving force behind my commitment to this Board position is the desire to make a positive impact on the overall well-being of members and the introduction of La Confrérie to new members. But how exactly do I translate this into action?



I am looking forward to continue taking steps to reshape La Primeur and the Introduction Weekend by introducing contemporary initiatives that address societal issues among students, while also reviving cherished traditions. I seek inspiration from your stories, Stories that evoke fond memories from your own experiences during this period.

Currently, the Introduction Weekend spans three days, from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The focus of Friday and Saturday is on instilling the essence of being a Confrériaan the hard way. In past Weekends, a vulnerable activity called 'Crossing the Line' (or 'Over de Streep' in Dutch) took place on Friday nights. This activity, now scheduled for Saturday evenings, serves to foster unity among new members and to create a collective spirit. By transitioning from hazing to fostering connections, we aim to provide members and candidate members with a glimpse into the essence of belonging to La Confrérie.

During the most recent Introduction Weekend, we had the privilege of inaugurating 68 new members, covering 72% of the students who began their studies at HTH in February. While this percentage falls short of my desired target, I look back positively on this Introduction Weekend due to the changes already implemented with the support of Introduction Council 2023-I and Grape Council 2023-I (formerly known as 'Hoofd Medewerkers').

Furthermore, I am very proud to have had a guest speaker at our last General Members Meeting (or 'Algemene Leden Vergadering' in Dutch), who shed light on the rising commonness of mental health issues as well as alcohol and drug abuse among Dutch students. Her speech, titled 'How are you', was very well received by our members, bringing forth compassion, accuracy, and relatability. I consider this a valuable addition to a GMM, worthy of repetition in future events.

So, how do I plan to continue effecting change? I aspire to achieve a higher percentage of new members, actively pursue the reconstruction of the Introduction Weekend, and overcome the stigma surrounding discussions about mental health within La Confrérie. This, among many more goals.

I am looking forward to receiving your invaluable feedback and cherished recollections, as your insights are important in shaping the future of La Confrérie.

*Vive La Confrérie!*

Merel Tomassen

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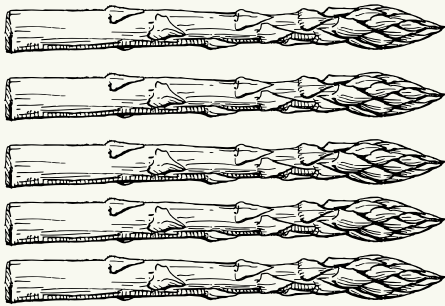
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## INDUSTRY SPECIFIC THIS EDITION: ASPARAGUS

**ALSO KNOWN AS WHITE GOLD, IS A PRIZED DUTCH DELICACY THAT BOASTS A UNIQUE FLAVOR AND TEXTURE. CAN YOU RESIST THE ALLURE OF THIS CULINARY TREASURE?**

The season for fresh asparagus is very brief, typically from the end of April to the end of June. During this period, fresh asparagus is at its best and most flavorful. There are different types of asparagus, including the Dutch white asparagus and green and violet varieties from other regions. Asparagus is selected based on its length and thickness to ensure consistent quality. White asparagus can be up to 22 centimeters long, while green asparagus can be up to 27 centimeters long.



## FACTS

Asparagus has a long history of being associated with royalty and the upper classes. Louis XIV of France even had special greenhouses built to grow asparagus for his personal consumption.

Asparagus was prized by the ancient Greeks and Romans for its taste and medicinal properties. The Romans even had a saying that "as quick as cooking asparagus" to describe something that can be done quickly.

## THE ASPARAGUS BATTLE: GREEN VS. WHITE!

In the world of asparagus, there's a fierce battle brewing—green versus white! These vibrant veggies are ready to duke it out for the title of the most delicious and delightful asparagus. Let's dive into the ring and see who comes out on top!

In the Green Corner, we have the verdant and vivacious green asparagus. With its brilliant hue, it's like Mother Nature's way of saying, "Look at me!" Green asparagus loves to soak up the sun, growing tall and proud. It's got a crisp texture that packs a punch with every bite.

But don't count out the White Corner just yet! White asparagus may be a little more subtle, but it's got its own unique charm. This veggie prefers the shade, growing in secret and away from prying eyes. Its pale color adds an air of elegance to the plate, while its tender texture melts in your mouth.

Whether you're a fan of the vibrant and crunchy green or the elegant and tender white, one thing's for sure—both varieties of asparagus bring a burst of freshness and flavour to any meal. So, let the battle continue on your plate, and savour the best of both worlds!



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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ISABELLE VAN DEN IJSSEL

*Owner of Belle Weddings Weddingplanner & Consultant*

Isabelle van den IJssel is a proud alumnus of La Confrérie, who now runs her own business called Belle Weddings. She started Hotelschool The Hague in 2013 and successfully completed her studies in 2018.

Isabelle cherishes her fond memories of her time as a member of La Confrérie and as a student at Hotelschool The Hague. She still has warm connections with her yearclub, called the Mergies, and this summer they are celebrating their 10-year anniversary. They still do trips almost every year with all 8 of them. Reflecting on those days, Isabelle says, *"I went to ClubBar so often, and it was absolutely fantastic. We practically spent every night there, especially during our time when living at Skotel."*

She remembers a lot from her first experiences with our association and has good memories of the introduction weekend. *"The introduction weekend was very intense, but fun at the same time. You could really see that everyone was facing similar challenges, which facilitated rapid bonding and shared experiences."* Isabelle particularly remembers the heartwarming moment of the fire ceremony, where each person expressed what they would contribute upon becoming a member of the association."

Isabelle would recommend all students to become members of La Confrérie. *"Although you make a lot of friends when you start at Hotelschool The Hague, becoming a member truly enhances your four years. If this is the best time of your life, you have to fully enjoy it, and I certainly did."*

Nowadays Isabelle is the proud owner of her own wedding planning business, Belle Weddings. She started her own company in 2019. During Covid, she really had time to create a business. Last year she organized 33 weddings and this year there are 46 weddings to be organized. Just last week, she held her first wedding in Italy, where a joyous couple exchanged vows. Isabelle possesses an extensive network of diverse businesses to assist her in arranging flawless weddings tailored to the desires and needs of her clients.

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## "THEN AND NOW"

*La Confrérie Lustrum 1997*

The Lustrum was celebrated as a week-long event filled with excitement and unforgettable experiences. From the eventful opening ceremony on the boulevard to the opening speech by the chairman, who had overcome various challenges to attend. Each day showcased the association's vibrant spirit.

Talented members of La Confrérie impressed the 600 guests with their exceptional skills in dance, theater, and singing, leaving everyone delighted. The evening began with a performance by Harry's House of Blues, the school band, who set the mood for the festivities. Throughout the week, participants enjoyed food, embarked on thrilling adventures, and relished in beachside revelry. A stormy BBQ challenge put their resilience to the test, while an unexpected wrestling match added an exciting twist and created lasting memories.



The MTV Beach House beach party brought 500 enthusiastic guests together, who celebrated the day with free-flowing drinks and boundless joy. Despite a minor mishap requiring a trip to the hospital, the spirits remained high.

Outdoor excursions and kart races filled the fifth day, leading up to a record-breaking eating competition at Kasteel Limbricht, leaving everyone astonished and satisfied.

The serene Te Werve estate provided a well-deserved respite, with a delightful high tea breakfast. The Royalty Regatta showcased impressive swimming skills, with the assistance of floaties of course.

The grand final at Sociéteit de Witte captivated guests with mesmerising performances by Henk Westbroek and Kiss The Kangaroo. The night extended into the early hours, creating lasting memories for all in attendance, maybe just not a lasting memory for the Chairman of the Lustrum.

La Confrérie's lustrum celebration exceeded all expectations, weaving together, excitement and laughter. It was a week filled with cherished memories, shared moments, and joy that will be remembered for all the years to come.



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