

October 2017



Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to our next three events:

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**Belgium King's Day Dinner Celebration**  
**Saturday, November 11th, 6 to 9 pm**  
**La Trappe Restaurant, San Francisco**

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We will celebrate Belgium *King's Day* or *Feast of the Dynasty* in San Francisco at La Trappe Restaurant. From 6 to 9 pm, the lower level of the restaurant will be all ours. This is a three course dinner with two drinks, for \$55, all included in the ticket price.

Thanks to the passion for Belgian food and beer from owner Michael Azzalini, La Trappe menu brings the classic dishes from our country.

The food selection we made for this King's Day Dinner Celebration is very typical and quite extraordinary for here in San Francisco. Of course, the Belgian beer selection of La Trappe is second to none in California!

We'll start with Charcuterie and Cheese Mingle when you savour your first beer.

**Course 1:**

*Philip's Choice:* Filet Americain

*Mathilde's Choice:* Aalst Onion Soup

*Elizabeth's Choice:* Tomate aux Crevettes - Tomaat Garnalen  
(with small tasty Canadian shrimps)

**Course 2:**

*Leopold's Choice:* Moules-Frites - Marinière

*Albert's Choice:* Chicken Vol-au-Vent - served with a small salad  
(Vegetarian option: Mushroom Vol-au-Vent)

*Baudouin's Choice:* Boulet de Liège with Belgian Fries

**Course 3:**

*Paola's Choice:* Orval Crème Brulée

*Fabiola's Choice:* Rijstevlaai - Tarte au Riz - Rice Tarte  
(Supplied by Vive La Tarte, a Belgian bakery)

*Elizabeth's Choice:* Café Liégeois

**Where**

La Trappe San Francisco, 800 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, CA 94133

For more information and directions, go to [latrappe800.com](http://latrappe800.com).

**Cost**

\$55 per BCNC member, including tips and tax. Maximum seating is limited.

Make your reservation early not to miss this royal feast. This is a members-only event.

To become a member, go to [www.bcnc.com/about](http://www.bcnc.com/about) and follow the instructions.

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, your new membership will count for the entire year 2018.

Reservation and payment need to be received by Nov. 6.

## Reservation and Payment

Reservation can be made at [bcnc.com](http://bcnc.com) and select the King's Day Dinner Celebration event and then follow the instructions.

Payment is by Paypal online or by check mailed to:

Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Please, specify how many people will be attending and the choices for each course.

For questions, contact Pierre Smit at 415-939-2410 or by email at [Pierre@bcnc.com](mailto:Pierre@bcnc.com).

For directions to La Trappe Restaurant, 800 Greenwich Street, at Columbus, please check your GPS. Parking can be challenging in the area. There is a parking lot at 721 Filbert Street (\$15 - 1 block away - This is North Beach & parking lots can get full early). We encourage you to take UBER/Lift, the cable car or to carpool. Be safe and have always a designated driver.

Also see at

<https://www.google.com/maps?ll=37.803495,-122.40843&z=14&t=m&hl=en-US&gl=US&mapclient=embed&q=800+Greenwich+St+San+Francisco,+CA+94133>

## NOTE:

For more information on the Belgian Monarchy, go to [www.monarchie.be](http://www.monarchie.be).

Attire: It may be the right time to pull the tiara out of the closet (or safe deposit box) ... what a better time to show it off than a Dynasty Dinner!

In good tradition, Saint Nicholas will soon be on his way to the Bay Area and promised us a visit.

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## Visit of Saint Nicholas in Sunnyvale

### Sunday, November 26th, 2 pm

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**Where:**

Fairbrae Club, 696 Sheraton Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Please note that the clubhouse is located next to a pool, parents are responsible for their child(ren) at all times during this event.

**Cost:**

Children: \$12 per child.

This is a members-only event. If you are not a member, please pay your (family) membership first. Your membership will be active for the entire year 2018. For more information on how to become a member, please visit

[www.bcnc.com/about](http://www.bcnc.com/about).

**Important:**

Please do not forget to bring a small gift for your child(ren). The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the full name of your child. After arrival at the clubhouse, please drop off your gift(s) in the kitchen area and put the gift(s) in one of the bags.

**Registration:**

- Sign up on our website or by writing a check made payable to BCNC, mail the check to Philippe Jansen - 647 Torrington Drive - Sunnyvale, CA 94087 before Tuesday, November 21st.

- Email the name and age of your child(ren) and a brief text for each child that you would like Saint Nicholas to read (what he/she did well, things that need to be improved, etc) to [philippe@bcnc.com](mailto:philippe@bcnc.com) by Tuesday, November 21st.
- The text can be in Dutch, French or English.
- We would like to inform you that we adhere to the “Pietenpact”, agreed to by a number of Flemish organisations and toy/food companies.
- When payment and email have been received, you will receive a confirmation email.

In another good tradition, Doris Davis, one of our members, would like to invite you, your family and friends to

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## Commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge Saturday, December 9th, 11 am

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**Meeting of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Golden Gate Chapter to Commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge**

**Date: Saturday, December 9th, 2017. Start Time: 11:00 AM Lunch will be served at 12 Noon**

**Location: Ft. Miley Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 Auditorium**

**Our Guest Speakers: Honorary Consul of Belgium, Nathalie Delrue-McGuire and the Consul General of Luxembourg, Pierre Franck**

**How To Register:** Call Doris Davis (650) 654-0101 and leave a message. Or email her at [doris@dordavis.com](mailto:doris@dordavis.com) Please mention the number of people in your party so we can plan an adequate amount of food. Family and friends are welcome!

## **95th Birthday wishes**

William “Bill” Armstrong, 26th Infantry Division (Yankee Division) really enjoyed being at the Belgian Club picnic on July 30th. He appreciated everyone who spoke to him. On December 5th, Bill will turn 95 years old. If you wish to send him a birthday card, his address is: 1510 Encanto Pl, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. He would be thrilled to receive the birthday wishes!

## **Thank You:**

- All our members who brought food and drinks to share at the oyster event. This made the event even more successful: 30+ Belgians enjoying incredible weather and great food and drinks on the beach!

**The Board.**