

PRESS RELEASE

Successful Launch of the First Regional Bailliage of the Chaîne des Rotisseurs in the Algarve

The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs has inaugurated a new Chapter at the Algarve

The Bailliage d'Algarve

during **26-29 May 2005** with different events taking place at different locations. Among others Lunch at the famous 2 Star Michelin Restaurant "Vila Joya", Albufeira and Restaurant "Camané" on the island of Faro as well as a Beach Barbeque at "Búzios", Praia Vilamoura. One of the highlights was the Golf Tournament "Chaîne Cup" at the new Victoria Golf course as well as a guided visit of the natural salinas in the Ria da Formosa delta near Olhao.

44 members and international guests (including 4 members who have especially travelled from Austria to participate in this Chapter meeting) celebrated the official investiture during a Gala Dinner on Saturday 28th May at the Marinotel, Vilamoura. On this occasion 19 new members were dubbed by Sr. Anibal Soares, the President of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Portugal. All were sworn in to their specific ranks with the appropriate collar chaine and medal on a purple ribbon and have taken an oath to honour the art of cuisine and the culture of the table and to always fulfil the duty of fraternity and respect of the fellow members. Their new membership entitles them to participate in any of the functions organised by any of the chapters worldwide (www.chainept.org)

The objective of "La Chaîne" is to promote gastronomy and the "culture de la table" in all countries, by encouraging in particular the development of the culinary arts. The new Bailliage d'Algarve will implement its objectives through the organisation of meals, conferences, conventions, competitions, chapter meetings, exhibitions, culinary and gastronomique demonstrations.

The world headquarters of the Chaîne is located in Paris, France. Originally established in France in 1248 by Louis IX, it flourished along for over 500 years until the French Revolution, when it was abolished along with all the other guilds. Happily, a modern incarnation of the Chaîne was re-founded in Paris in 1950, and has since grown to 90.000 members in 150 countries.

Members of the Board of Directors of the new Bailliage d'Algarve are:

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Responsible for the activities at the Algarve is the President, Manfred G. Matysik.

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