

# CONFRÉRIE DU SABRE D'OR - USA EMBASSY

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Cher Sabreur,

Greetings from the USA Embassy of the Confrérie du Sabre d'Or and welcome to our newest Sabreurs!

#### **Announcements**



**Updated International Website.** The Confrérie du Sabre d'Or's international website has been updated and can be accessed here: <a href="https://lesabredor.fr/la-confrerie/">https://lesabredor.fr/la-confrerie/</a>



New Massachusetts Consul. We are proud to announce the addition of a new Counsul for the State of Massachusetts, Mr. Aaron Habibibpour. Mr. Habibipour is a Chevalier Sabreur and will be inducted at the International Grand Chapitre this Fall in Dauville, France. Aaron is an Artist and Art Director with a nearly 25 year career in interactive entertainment. Over the years, he has worked with companies like Warner Brothers, Activision, Sony Interactive Entertainment, and now CD Projekt Red on some of the biggest video game franchises in history, including Tony Hawk's Pro Skater, Guitar Hero, Insomniac's Spider-Man and Wolverine, and is now currently art director on

the next installment of Cyberpunk. Personally, Aaron has a passion for history and art, and is an active Freemason in the states of Virginia and California, where is a member of the Southern California Lodge of research. Please join us in welcoming Aaron to our Fraternity's Leadership.



New Washington Consul. We are proud to announce the addition of a new Consul for the State of Washington, Mr. Marc Vertaen. Mr. Verstaen is a Franco-American engineer who has built a diverse career both in major corporations (Renault, Oracle, Apple, Amazon) and in start-ups. He has served as CEO of start-ups four times, including three that he founded himself. He also led engineering and product development at Docker. Currently, he is the Director of Software Development at Kuiper, an Amazon subsidiary creating a constellation of 3,200 satellites. He is married, the father of two daughters, and the grandfather of one grandson. He resides in Redmond, Washington.

### **Recent Past Events**

Below are some photos from te 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sabrage Dinner held on September 1, 2024, our Caveau at The Eiffel Tour Restaurant in Las Vegas, Nevada.





## **Upcoming Events**

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Confrérie will be opening a new Caveau and participating in a luncheon and art auction featuring wine and Champagne at Upper West Restaurant in Santa Monica, California. Tickets for the event are \$225/person. Proceeds of the silent auction will benefit the Confrerie du Sabre d'Or USA which is a 501(c)(10) non-profit.

The event will begin at 11am with hors d'oeuvres and a Champagne reception At Noon, the Confrerie will conduct the Installation of the Caveau and new members Lunch will begin at 1pm followed by interviews at 2pm. The event will conclude by 3pm.

The menu for the event is as follows:

### **Appetizers**

BURRATA - tomato-cranberry chutney / frescobaldi olive oil / fresh dill / baguette

SPICY AHI TUNA CRUNCHY RICE - wasabi tobiko / avocado puree / jalapeno / sweet chili sauce / soy sauce

GRILLED ARTICHOKE HEARTS - citrus aioli / fennel pollen / parmigiano-reggiano / herbs

CARPACCIO - Tzatziki / caper-honey vinaigrette / arugula / grana Padano / toasted baguette

Paired - Piper Heidseick

### SALAD

### **CHOPPED SALAD**

grilled red pepper / fennel / celery / apple / feta cheese / cilantro / strawberry / quinoa / champs vinaigrette

### MAIN COURSE (surf & turf)

RAISED SHORT RIB & PISTACHO CRUSTED BAJA STRIPED BASS mashed potato / tarragon pesto / fresno / haricots verts amandine

#### Paired

Poggio delle Grazie Pinot Grigio Ramato DOC 2022 Poggio delle Grazie Corvina IGT Quadrivium 2017

### VEGETABLES (served family style)

GARLICKY GREEN BEANS - beech mushrooms / leeks / mustard seed / pedro vinegar

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER - chimichurri spice / barberries / tahini / pine nuts / toasted panko

### DESSERTS (choice of one)

BRIOCHE BREAD PUDDING - rye whiskey caramel /crème anglaise / fresh berries CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE - mandarin orange curd / whipped crème fraîche

On November 16, the annual Grand Gala for the Confrérie du Sabre d'Or will be held in Deauville France

Please save the dates of March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for our next US Grand Chapitre.

If you are interested in holding a Sabrage event near you, please let us know – Contact Information follows. Also, please let us know if you would like to purchase your own official, Confrérie Saber! Our Sabers are made in the traditional method, in France and are engraved with your name as well as the Confrérie logo.

Santé! Bonheur! Champagne!

Darryl Gugig, Secretary General Officier & Consul for South Georgia



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