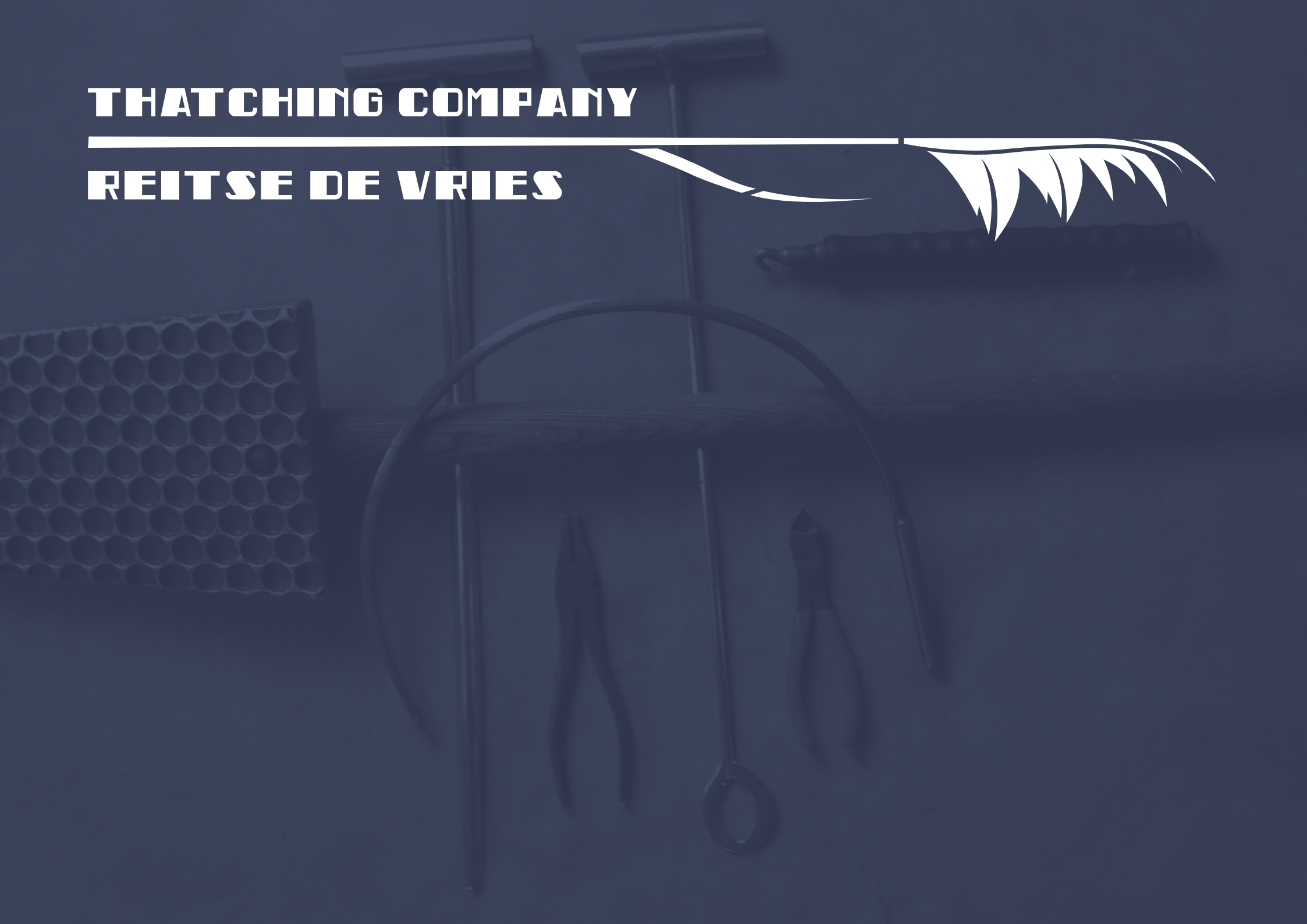


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Craft, experience and quality

I started thatching in 1999 as an 18 year old during vacations and on Saturdays. After years of gaining experience, I completed the vocational training of the Thatcher's Trade Federation in 2010 at the top of my class. I started my own business that same year.

I became a thatcher because I love this age-old craft. It goes without saying that modern tools aid in providing a better service to the customer, but my company centers around craftsmanship and expertise.

The quality of a thatched roof depends largely on the quality of the materials. I only use top-quality thatch.

All my projects meet the quality standards of the Thatcher's Trade Federation.



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NEW CONSTRUCTION



When building a new home, traditional or modern, a thatched roof will be very suitable. There are two ways to go about it: In the case of the so-called “screw-roof” the thatch will be directly attached to the sheet material by screws. With a traditional roof, the thatch is secured by sewing it to the laths. In either case there are various options available to finish the ridge.

Your choice of a particular roof-type will not only determine the isolation value, but influence your cost for insurance as well.

Please contact me, if you have questions or need some advice.



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REMODELING



Everything is possible with thatch: an addition to an existing roof, or to add skylights, dormers and ventilation- or exhaust ducts. It is also possible to replace a tile- or shingle roof with a thatched roof.

*I can assist you in applying
for the necessary permits.*



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MAINTENANCE



A thatched roof is lifelong investment. Your roof has to last as long as possible. It goes without saying that this starts with the use of good quality thatch, which has been expertly installed, but proper maintenance is equally important. Periodic maintenance will be a preservation for the future. Algae and mosses have to be removed and holes repaired.

There are several levels of maintenance. I will be glad to stop by to discuss your options. I can put a maintenance schedule together for you as well.



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CARPENTRY



To replace a thatched roof is sometimes more involved than just the thatching. Laths may have to be replaced, rafters repaired or the building of a complete new roof structure are some of the things, that I can do for you. As well as, for example, a haystack, a carport or a barn with robust roof beam construction. Have a look at the pictures of this traditional carpentry.

*If any masonry work is required,
I can do that as well.*





SUBSTRUCTURE



A knowledgeable and experienced thatcher, high quality thatch and regular maintenance are all important factors for a good thatched roof. But equally important is a well-built substructure. It happens frequently, that problems develop due to improper after-insulation, the lack of moisture barriers or the improper closing of gaps and cracks. It is therefore important to have a proper substructure.

Based on my theoretical and practical knowledge and experience, I am able to properly advise you and complete the job correctly.



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