

ENGLISH SUMMARY

Anniversary

The foundation of the Pannonic Brotherhood of the Vine in 1984 was the cornerstone for the European Knighthood of the Vine as well as the III. order period of the St George's Knightly Order from 1333 and 1468, respectively.

From the beginning, idealism, competence and motivation as well as a clear guideline were the moving spirit for Knightly activities. In the Editorial, the Magister Generalis expresses his sincere thanks to all Knightly confederates who have actively participated and shared Knightly life. On behalf of the Knightly Senate, he issues a cordial invitation to join the extraordinary festivities during the anniversary as well as to acquire the anniversary memorabilia. Updated information can be found in the "Festkalender" (calendar of events) at www.equesdevino.eu!

Ordensconvent and European Forum

The Ordensconvent is together with the Stiftungsfest, the "Stille Fest" and the vintage Proclamation one of the most important events of the Senate during the year. Its aim is the cultivation of Knightly mindset and the consolidation of Knightly Principles. The XXVI. Order convent was held in the place of pilgrimage, Maria Loretto, under the professional guidance of Rektor Senator Dr. Dr. Gernot A. Absenger, with the motto "Ethics and morality". Previous to the convent, the European Forum was held in the Senate Commandery Hotel Burgenland. Representatives from 14 Consulates, members of the Senate and Magistrate made an impressive number of attendants and a constructive meeting.

Tract Magister Generalis

The philosophical reflexion by the Magister Generalis, titled "Laufschuh statt Hemmschuh" ("Running shoe instead of brake shoe") deals, in short, with the results of scepticism and denial of new ideas. Humans with such behavioural patterns are often lacking security and are sometimes full of envy. With this behaviour they are detaining positive developments.

This is the reason why vanguards of a great idea are very often fighting with unnecessary problems before they reach their aspired higher goal. The European Order of the Vine has also made such experiences during its progress. However, a successful network for cultural diplomacy was created with idealism, power and belief – and it is continually developing further.

The guideline: „It is only once you have overcome envy and start giving yourself to other causes that you become a truly chivalrous person“ was and still is the prerogative for inner and outer growth.

Consulate Vienna

This edition focuses on the introduction of the Consulate Vienna. It consists of the Legates Vindobona and Danubia as well as the newly founded Commandery Vienna City Hall (Wiener Rathaus). More than 200 Knightly confederates see to an active Knightly life. The most important event during the year is the Consulate festival in St. Michael's church in Vienna. An attractive way to improve one's knowledge about wine is offered by the monthly sensorial Round Tables.

Eques Panorama

The Eques Panorama enables a glimpse into the variety of individual activities from all parts of the order.

The Commandery Wiener Neustadt was presented with a rare sprig of the famous 450-year-old vine during the vintage festival in Maribor, Slovenia. The rare breed "Blauer Kölner" was planted in the so-called "Bürgermeistergarten" in Wiener Neustadt.

The Legate Eisenstadt-Leithaberg celebrated the so-called "Sautanz", a traditional custom during carnival. Pork specialities were served, accompanied with matching wines.

In 2013, the era of the knightly domicile Leisserhof ended because the location will be used for other purposes. The achievements of the former landlord, Senator h.c. Ernst Engel, was honoured with the bestowal of the honorary plaque.

The Senatslegate Carnuntum initiated its annual course of events with the "Frühlingserwachen" (spring awakening), by enjoying a first-class gourmet dinner accompanied by wonderful wines from the vine cellars of the Legate's winemakers.

Honorary Consulate

Award: Dozent Ing. Peter MIHOK, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Slovakia was bestowed with the Golden Honorary Medal by the President of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations came from the Honorary Consules Mag. Volker Pichler and Prof. Alfred Tombor Tintera as well as the Austrian Ambassador Dr. Markus Wuketich. They all are united with the honoured person in their Knightly friendship through the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae.

Exhibition: Initiated by the Honorary Consul of Slovakia, Prof. Alfred Tombor Tintera, a special exhibition in honour of Adam Frantisek Kollár (1718-1783) was presented in the rooms of the "Burgenlaendische Volksbildungswerk" (Eisenstadt). He was scriptor in the Imperial Court library in Vienna, main librarian of the Austrian National Library and Court counsellor of Empress Maria Theresia.

St. Johannesfest 2013

The annual round of festivities of the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae was closed by the celebration of the St. Johannesfest in the Bergkirche in Eisenstadt. Knightly candidates and guests came together for the wine blessing, as well as celebrating the nobilitations of Knightly confederates to Equites de Vino, since due to the size of the Order a second possibility for nobilitations must be given in addition to the Stiftungsfest.