

# ENGLISH SUMMARY

## PREFACE BY PROTECTOR OF THE ORDER KARL HABSBURG

In his preface, the Protector of the Order emphasizes the importance of the Knightly Order of the Vine for Europe as follows: „Europe is living through a period of enormous changes. *Taking this into consideration, it is necessary to have organisations which are not losing sight of eternal values and are building their activities upon the European and Christian principles. This is exactly what the Knightly Order of the Vine is doing: the European Christian heritage, giving us the task to be not only heirs, but to become ancestors is one component and the noble wine, one of the oldest cultural treasures, the other. With these two pillars and the enthusiastic participation of many Knightly Confederates, the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae is looking toward a successful future and will fulfil its tasks accordingly in Europe, which is currently undergoing its unification process.*”

## PRELUDE TO THE ANNIVERSARY

Already in May this year, the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae invited to a press conference in Vienna. Senator Dr. Franz Fischler said that the Knightly Order of the Vine is supporting the empowerment of the European idea and wants to contribute to European integration. Mid of June, the Programme for the Anniversary Stiftungsfest was presented at the seat of the Senate, as well as the Honorary medal Signum Honoris, the wine labels for the anniversary wines and the anniversary postage stamp, followed by a concert with Haydn music at the Esterházy palace with a reception of the Senate on the next day.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN THE CONSULATES

On May 3rd, the Consulate Steiermark (Styria) celebrated 20 years of Knightly activities in the city of Graz. Guided by Proconsul Viceconsul Alois Paul, Proconsul Werner Grüner, Proconsul Siegfried Stange and Administrator Josef Strohmaier, more than 200 Knightly confederates are contributing to the elitist Knightly opus. The festivities included a reception by the mayor in the city hall, a colourful festive parade, the order mass in the cathedral, concluded by a sublime banquet in the Schlossberg restaurant. A special gift was a sprig of the world's oldest vine presented to the Consulate by the city of Maribor. The Consulate Oberoesterreich (Upper Austria) celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the seat of the Consulate, the „Hotel zum Schwarzen Bären“ in Linz. Proconsul Ing. Herbert Eisschill, Administrator Eques Peter Klönhammer, Legat Eques Ing. Markus Ernst and Stiftungskommur Iudex KommR. Franz Pernkopf arranged an atmospheric festival, filled with joy, friendship and pleasure.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

**Historical visit:** At the beginning of April, the Serbian Consulate, led by Proconsul Aleksandar Kojić organised a cultural-diplomatic meeting in Belgrade on the occasion of the commemoration of the beginning of the First World War 100 years ago. The delegation with the Protector of the Order, Karl Habsburg, his brother Georg Habsburg, Protector of the Order for the Consulate Hungary and Consul Primus Alfred R. Tombor Tintera was received by high representatives and valuably contributed to international understanding according to the aims of the Order. **Honorary visits:** A delegation of the Senate was present at the ceremony of the annual swearing-in of the Pontifical Swiss Guard in Rome and the following thanksgiving service in St. Peter's Basilica. The traditional wine donation was handed over and the Commander of the guard was awarded with the shield of honour. On the occasion of the annual festival of the Cavalieri di San Marco in Venice the Protector of the Order and the Magister Generalis socialised with Doge Presidente Giuseppe Vianello and enjoyed an interesting cultural programme. **Honorary Consulate:** The Doyen of the Corps Consulaire Burgenland and Honorary Consul of Slovakia for Burgenland, Prof. Alfred R. Tombor Tintera invited on the occasion of the National holiday of the Republic of Slovakia representatives from policy, economy and diplomacy as well as office holders of the Knightly Order of the Vine to a reception at the seat of the Senate. Embassy counsellor for Culture, Dr. Alena Heribanová expressed her thanks to the current Honorary Consul for the regular and interesting activities to support the bilateral contacts. **25 years Pan-European-Picknick:** On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Europaforum Burgenland and the Paneuropean Movement invited to a „breakfast at the border“ on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014. 25 years ago, hundreds of citizens of the former GDR escaped to the west during this peace manifestation. Contemporary witness Dr. Walburga Habsburg Douglas, acting vice president of the Paneuropean union and member of the Swedish parliament, held a moving speech. Consul Tombor in his function as chairman of Paneuropa Burgenland spoke about the activities of the Knightly Order of the Vine for a peaceful Europe.

## CONSULATE ROMANIA - MOLDAVIA

The united Consulates of Romania and Moldavia are flourishing since their foundation 7 years ago - currently with more than 500 Confederates. Seat of the Consulate is in the Legate Pitești. Proconsul Marius Farmazon is the first chairman for both regional Knightly organisations, accompanied by the second chairman, Bogdan Gilculescu. Second chairman for Moldavia is Eques Alexandru Sapojnic. All chairmen show enthusiastic engagement and support such the continuous development of the Knightly opus.

## EQUES PANORAMA

Highlights around the cultural heritage of wine are the focus of this Eques Panorama. After a longer intermission, the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae hosted the Welschriesling Trophy 2014 together with the wine marketing organisation Wein Burgenland and the Burgenlaendische Volkszeitung (BVZ). The winner out of 140 wines was the successful family winery Liegenfeld in Donnerskirchen. At the popular „Blaufraenkischturnier“ of the Senatslegat Mittelburgenland-Blaufraenkischland the winner for the 8<sup>th</sup> time in succession was the winery of Iudex Georg Wieder with the Cuvée Morandus. During the Burgenlaendische Wein- und Genussstage in Eisenstadt, the new wine queen of Burgenland, Katharina I. Putz, from the winery Leidl - Putz in Purbach, was crowned, supported by the traditional honorary formation of the OEVE. The Knight festival in the free borough of Rust was focused on accreditations and intronisations of well-known persons from economy and media, followed by the enjoyment of exclusive wines at the winery of Consiliarius Ing. Hermann Hammer.