

CONSULAT KÄRNTEN

Wein und Spargel standen im Mittelpunkt des schönen Gründungsfestes, zu dem der Ritterliche Senat und das Consulat Kärnten unter Proconsul Peter Stauber nach Maria Rojach, Gemeinde St. Andrä im Lavantal, einluden. Die Festmesse in der schmucken Wallfahrtskirche zelebrierten Consiliarius Bischofsvikar Prof. Dr. Peter Allmaier und Ritterlicher Hospes GR Pfarrer Mag. Helmut Mosser. Besondere Wertschätzung erfuhren die Akteure durch die Anwesenheit des amtierenden Landeshauptmannes Dr. Peter Kaiser. In seiner Tischrede beim Festmahl im Kulturstadl betonte er, dass sich die Weinkultur in Kärnten positiv entwickle und der Weinritterorden mit seinen Initiativen wesentlich dazu beitrage. Persönliche und soziale Verantwortung, sowie die Netzwerkpflege mit europäischer Ausrichtung seien von zentraler Bedeutung für konstruktive Begegnungen und gute Nachbarschaft, so der Landeshauptmann. Die Führung dieser neuen Komturei obliegt Stiftungskomturm Judex Prof. DI Otmar Gönitzer. Unterstützt wird er vom 2. Vorsitzenden Judex DI (FH) Siegfried Juri. Beide werden dem Ritterlichen Werk im aufstrebenden Consulat Kärnten noch stärker als bisher dienen.

Viceconsul Senator tit. Alois Paul, Magister Generalis Alfred R. Tombor Tintera, LH Peter Kaiser, Proconsul Peter Stauber (v.l.n.r.)



Herzliche Begrüßung durch LH Dr. Peter Kaiser.



Amtseinführung für Eques Robert Gindl (r.) und Consiliarius Erwin Genser für den Vorsitz im Legat Clagenfurth.

Nach der feierlichen Amtseinführung:
Judex Prof. Otmar Gönitzer, Judex Siegfried Juri,
Consiliarius Erwin Genser, Eques Robert Gindl (v.l.n.r.)



STATEMENT OF THE PRAESES SENATUS

On the occasion of the Anniversary, the Consul Praeses Senatus described the elitist position of the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae in the II. edition of the "Weinblatt" with following words: *"There is only ONE Ordo Equestris Vini Europae, only one European Knightly Order of the Vine – a knighthood combining the virtue of an order with the chivalry of noble knights. This aspect expresses our singularity which we can show with pride. Only the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae has the written mandate by the Casa Austria (Habsburg) to continue the worldly tradition of the two previous order periods of the Knightly Order of St. George in its 3rd order period, focussing on wine, our ancient European cultic and cultural treasure."*

NOBILITAET - STILLES FEST

The Senate of the European Forum (Senat des Europaforums) gathered on April 5th, 2014 at the seat of the Senate in the free borough of Eisenstadt. This is the annual meeting of all Proconsules with the aim to coordinate the European and international activities of the European Knightly Order of the Vine. During the Nobilitaet (General Assembly), the business report, the treasurer's report and the audit report were presented. The discharge and the confirmation of offices in the Knightly Senate were approved unanimously. The Order Mass and the Eques Tag were celebrated in the Cathedral of Eisenstadt. The Ceremonial act was closed with motivating words of gratitude by the Magister Generalis: *"The High festivities of the Knightly Order of the Vine are a chance to express thanks to all Knightly confederates of all order ranks and offices. Your services fill the Consules of the Senate with great pleasure. Together with our deeply expressed thanks we kindly ask you to keep – and intensify – the priorities in your life which made your Knightly service successful. We wish you a heartfelt and continuous enthusiasm, because everything of greatness in this world can only be created with enthusiasm, according to the words of St. Augustine: „What you wish to kindle in others must burn within yourself!"*

ORDER PROTECTOR for CONSULATE HUNGARIA

In March 2014, Archduke Georg von Habsburg-Lothringen became Order Protector of the Knightly Consulate Hungaria. It is a special privilege for the Hungarian Consulate in its 10th anniversary to be to be under guidance and patronance of His Royal Highness. The Solemn Investiture by the Magister Generalis, with the assistance of the Praeses Senatus was celebrated in the arch abbey of Pannonhalma. The archabbot, Imre Asztrik Várszegi, was bestowed with the Honorary Cross in reward for the knightly reception in Pannonhalma.

YOUNG CONSULATE CYPRUS

The Consulate Cyprus was founded in 2012 and is one of the most recent foundations of the Knightly Order. The dry soil of this Mediterranean island is used for cultivating wine. The „Commandaria“ is a typical sweet wine famous for the region. The second Knight festival in the beginning of May this year, headed by foundation commander Marcos Marcou, was a unique combination of strict observation of the Solemn Form and exhilarant Mediterranean spirit.

HONORARY CONSULATE

The successful events of the Slovakian Honorary Consulate are a result of the expedient use of the close connections to the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae. As examples, we may present some of the recent activities. One of the events were the *"Eisenstädter Europatage"* at the Fachhochschule Burgenland (secondary college), which was a symposium on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of EU membership of 10 countries. Representing the Slovak Republic, Embassy Councillor Zlata Šipošová and the Honorary Consul Prof. Alfred R. Tombor Tintera commented on current economic issues. A friendly get together was made during the *"Tunisian-Austrian Friendship Days"* in the pedestrian zone of Eisenstadt with H.E. the Ambassador of Tunisia, Samir Koubaa, and the Honorary Consules Eques Franz Schmidbauer and Alfred R. Tombor Tintera. An enjoyment of art was the *Haydn concerto in the Haydnakademie Burgenland*, Eisenstadt, organised by the Slovak Honorary Consulate in cooperation with the Music Conservatory Bratislava and the Slovak Institute of Culture, represented by general manager Dr. Alena Heribanová.

EQUES PANORAMA

The Eques Panorama gives a short insight into Knightly activities outside Senate events. This edition reports about the festive erection of an EU column designed by renowned artists on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the EU enlargement and 25th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain, organised by the *Consulate Burgenland – Senatslegat Eisenstadt/Leithaberg*. The Senate *Commandery Larimar-Stegersbach* celebrated a Knightly gourmet festivity with a set menu with several courses accompanied by noble wines from Weingut Domaene Lilienfeld. The Senate *Commandery Panthé* also invited to a beautiful festival on the occasion of the opening of the historical walls of the 800 year old Lilienfelderhof. The Knight festival in the remarkable old town of *Skalica/Consulate Slovakia*, was one of the most splendid Knight festivals of Slovakia. The wine tasting – especially famous is the ruby red wine cuvée *"Skalický rubín"* – was accompanied by delicacies provided by Knightly Confederates of the Commandery Skalica. The festivities around the foundation of the *Commandery Lavant* in the Consulate Carinthia were exceptional. The Knight festival in Maria Rojach in the community of St. Andrä im Lavanttal focussed on wine and asparagus; the governor of Carinthia, Dr. Peter Kaiser, addressed his sincere thanks and words of appreciation to the Knightly confederates.

26th INTERNATIONAL HAYDN DAYS

The 26th International Haydn Days (September 4 – 14th, 2014) are this year dedicated to the music of Joseph Haydn und Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Intendant Dr. Walter Reicher values highly the great opus of both composers. The grand opening of this traditional festival will be on September 4th with Joseph Haydn's famous Oratorium *"Die Jahreszeiten"* ("The Four Seasons"). Information & tickets: www.haydnfestival.at