



**YOUR EMINENCE,
YOUR HIGHNESSES,
YOUR EXCELLENCY MY LORD GRAND MASTER,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

AS DELEGATE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREUNDESKREIS HOCH- UND DEUTSCHMEISTER MANNHEIM / BADEN IN THE DEUTSCHMEISTERBUND WIEN, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE MOST PERSONAL GREETINGS OF OUR MEMBERS AS WELL AS OUR PRESIDENT, LIEUT.GEN. (RET.) CSLD MARTIN H. WIEGAND, GRAND COLLAR OF YOUR ORDER, WHOM SOME OF YOU HAVE MET RECENTLY.

THE TEUTONIC ORDER OF SAINT MARY OF JERUSALEM OF THE HOUSE OF ANTIOCH AND SVEVIA AND THE FREUNDESKREIS HOCH- UND DEUTSCHMEISTER WHICH IS ONE OF THE OFFICIAL TRADITIONKEEPERS OF THE REGIMENT OF THE ORDER FROM 1695 UNTIL 1918, HAVE THEIR COMMON ROOTS IN THE GREAT HISTORY OF THE TEUTONIC ORDER AND DO KEEP THESE TRADITIONS TOGETHER.

THIS FACT HAS HELPED TO MEET WITH ONE ANOTHER AND IT WILL BE, I AM CONVINCED, THE FUNDAMENT FOR THE FURTHER INCREASE OF OUR FRIENDSHIP AND A RELATION BETWEEN GERMANY AND ITALY.

TODAY MEMBERS OF YOUR DYNASTIC ORDER ARE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY AND MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY ACT AS GRANDPRIORS OR MEMBERS OF YOUR ORDER IN EUROPE.

THESE COMMON EFFORTS WILL GUARANTEE SUCCESS AND GOOD RESULTS FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH JOY IN OUR HEARTS WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR COMMON FUTURE.

THANK YOU ALL.

**ROLAND SCHWANTES
DELEGATE OF FK HUDM
GRAN PRIORE PER LA GERMANIA**