Dear brothers and sisters,

First of all, I want to wish you all a happy new year and, in these days, more important than ever: a good health!

This is my first end of the year report, and when I took over, I thought to myself: what can happen in just 4 months under Corona that is worth writing about?

But I was taught better. In this short time a lot has already happened. Particularly noteworthy was the European rally in Oostkamp, which was a huge success. Almost 400 members met to celebrate and chat together and to have a good time. This was somewhat limited under the prescribed corona measures, but nevertheless a complete success. Once again, I would like to thank the hosting chapter for a very successful weekend.

Afterwards we were invited to a small party at the M"anneke Piss in Brussels. Once a year we have the great honor to equip him with our colors and he is allowed to represent them proudly the whole weekend. With a pipes and drums escort we were led from the meeting point to the M"anneke Piss, which certainly gave some of us goose bumps. After an official speech of the city of Brussels, some photos were taken, and everyone could then if desired still see Brussels something.

Then it went to a 50th birthday with a simultaneous chapter birthday party.

I also had the great pleasure to participate in some meetings of the international board, as well as phone calls with the members. It was and is very nice to see how committed, motivated, and cordial everyone is.

In Europe we have also had the good fortune that some new chapters have been founded. I would like to congratulate them and welcome them to the big family.

Finally, one more thing that is particularly close to my heart:

In these times where we are doing relatively well, please also think of those who are not doing so well. Even in our ranks there are people who are struggling at the moment. Try to support and help them as much as you can. Take care of each other and help and support each other as best you can.

I wish you all a happy new year, good health and an even better season.

Fraternally

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