



# THE GRAND LODGE OF EUROPE

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1. **The Executive Committée** met in Copenhagen September 7th-9th and worked with an extensive agenda. The preparations for the next Annual meeting in Berlin June 7th-9th are in full progress. More information is to come after the BGS meeting in the beginning of November. We already know there will be around 100 applicants for the Degree of Wisdom.
2. **IAB ( International Advisory Board)** met prior to the start of the SGL meeting. In IAB the different ODD Fellow Institutions over the world meet and discuss joint activities, problems and the future. This time the meeting was well prepared under the leadership of SGM Heckart. The European Grand Sire and the Grand Sires from Denmark and Iceland attended the meeting. Leadership and recruitment were two of the important topics.
3. **The Sovereign Grand Lodge meeting** took place in Des Moines, Iowa August 20th-24th. New SGM is John F.Cupp and Michelle Heckart is Past SGM. There is a four year cycle starting with one year as Grand Warden then Incoming SGM, SGM and Past SGM. Thomas Calabrese New Jersey was elected as the new Grand Warden. The European Grand Sire Morten Buan – also Deputy SGM- made a ppt presentation which is enclosed. His presentation contained a description of the Odd Fellow Organisation in Europe and a comprehensive description of the Odd Fellow help for Ukraine.
4. **In June a new lodge, A4, was Instituted in Lviv**, Ukraine under the Polish Grand Lodge.
5. **The European Youth Tour** in July 21st-29th went to Iceland and New York. There were 33 delegates from 8 countries and with Morten Buan as leader together with 4 co-workers. See the enclosed ppt presentation made by the European Grand Sire.
6. **The Board of Grand Sires will meet in Copenhagen** November 9th-10th.

With fraternal and sisterly greetings in  
Friendship Love Truth

*Morten Buan*  
European Grand Sire

*Christina J. Rydman*  
European Grand Secretary