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Monseigneur, Altesse, Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Club members and friends,

"Tonight we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the German International Club of Monaco in favor of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation.

Being among the founder members of our Club, I have been asked by our Committee to express some words of honor and appreciation towards Karl and Nina Vanis.

Karl Vanis created our Club in 1973 in accordance with His Serene Highness Prince Rainier of Monaco, the then Government, represented by His Excellency Pierre Notari, and with the support of the first Committee, consisting of Dr. Franz BURDA, Dr. Max GRUNDIG, Consul General Bruno SCHUBERT, Consul General Rudi MEHL - our first President from 1973 until 1979 -, and Honorary Consul Mrs. Christine ESSWEIN, our second President from 1979 until 1994.

The respective Presidencies of Rudi Mehl and Christine Esswein gave the Club a special signature, and so has been doing our current President Karl Vanis.



The German International Club of Monaco has fulfilled a tremendous work of organizing more than 800 prestigious events, 33 journeys to exceptional and memorable destinations, and has supported 30 organizations in the fields of charity, helping those in need, culture, health and sports. Our Club today counts 250 members from 28 countries."

Dear Karl and Nina,

"On behalf of all the members of our Club and in recognition of Karl's great devotion,

the Committee Members, Marianne Andresen, Kristina Ridley, Hans Kompernaß and Carsten Sommer,

are very proud to hand you over a painting, representing your portrait with your three young grandsons, Lilian, Quentin and Louis.

This wonderful work of art was made by the valued contemporary German artist and member of the C.A.I., Prof. h.c. Mathias WASKE, one of the most important and renowned representatives of Modern Realism. A multitude of exhibitions and numerous international art prizes have awarded Mathias Waske's work during his lifetime."

Congratulations!

Heribert Diehl Founder Member