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Dear Brothers and Sisters throughout the world,

From all of us to all of you: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A year has passed - 2009 are now being replaced by 2010 - and it has been an exciting year, the Grand President, the Grand Treasurer and I believe.



One thing is that Denmark was allowed to host a climate conference - and the problems with police all over and the traffic jams that meant for us who live in the capital. Another thing is the outcome of the conference, which on good and evil will befall us all together and become a natural part of everyday life within a very short period of years.

The president and I had the pleasure to have Br. Rolf on business in Copenhagen during the climate conference - and we got in this way a good and inexpensive opportunity to discuss the challenges we face - concerning our own World Congress in Copenhagen in about 2 ½ years.

A challenge we still look forward to - including a visit to Copenhagen's city hall.

Although the payment to IGLD is significantly reduced - our Grand Treasurer however still informs us that all participating countries had not yet paid the quota. Therefore we will wait just a few months and then publish the accounts.

There is still no doubt that the surplus from the former years is nice to have in reserve for the future.

I also think I may start to feel a more positive attitude from all to IGLD - I have received messages and comments from many of you - thanks for that.

A thank you to:

- Graeme Fould for his greetings
- Helen and Eric Warner for their Rambles from October (very interesting)
- Rainer Hesselbarth for his good wishes

Br. Rainer is looking for a good speaker (in German) from Scandinavia to give a lecture on the Druidic New Year's Day (Friday May 7) in the vicinity of Zurich. Please help.

I have a good and effective cooperation with the Br. D. Graetzel from Germany. He is very helpful with IGLD @ org. We will now try to adapt the website so that newsletters from IGLD get a page for themselves. Members-news, greetings and other kind of information (local newsletters) etc. will be presented on another page.

If you otherwise have any suggestions for layout and details - please let me know.

A big thanks to John Butler for all the work you over many years has done IGLD, and also thanks for a very good and detailed minutes of our meeting in Munich. Minutes as well as the outcome of the meeting - namely the new law - is available on IGLDS website.

Rudi Koehler and Robert Brooke

It is always a great loss for IGLD when brothers reach the last door in life and have to leave this world.

A particularly large loss is it when it is a brother who for many years was elected to the highest positions in our order, nationally as well as internationally.

Br. Rudi Koehler and Br. Robert Brooke have both served as presidents of the World IGLD and thus put their valuable imprint on our order.

I have personally had the pleasure to work with these great personalities in IGLD 's leadership and visited them in their home towns in Offenbach, Germany and Newark, Ohio.

It has been events I look back on as good and positive experiences.

I've always had respect for their knowledge and skills in relation to the work of IGLD, and the human qualities they ever have shown.

Our thoughts are with their relatives.

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