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252\textsuperscript{nd} Stiftungsfest Gala Dinner
Saturday, November 5, 2016
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to our 252nd anniversary Stiftungsfest. The year 2016 is coming to an end; we have worked hard and accomplished much, and it is time to enjoy an evening of delightful conversation, good food, dancing, and camaraderie.

The past twelve months have been busy, but also rewarding. The waterproofing project has been completed, and the new heating system became operational last week. As you look around this evening, there are still signs of ongoing construction. We are in this for the long haul. Thoughtful long-term planning and a strong vision for the future on the part of our volunteers will continue to shape the society, both physically and philosophically as we move forward. Their talent, commitment and enthusiasm are the lifeblood of the organization.

We are continuing our efforts to operate the German Society on a balanced budget, and at this time, I want to express my thanks for your annual contributions as well as your participation in our endowment fund. Special recognition and thanks go to Ernie Weiler for his dedicated efforts in grant writing and the raising of endowment funds.

Our outreach to the broader community is ever widening. We continue to cooperate with German heritage and non-German heritage related organizations. These relationships are strengthened and reinforced by cooperative events. The last election brought some new faces – representatives involved with other organizations in the area as well as the German Society – to the Board and committee structures, and we are enriched by each member’s experiences.

As always, the 252nd anniversary year was loaded with programs, concerts and events. Among other things, it saw the opportunity for us to become part of the new sister city relationship between Philadelphia and the city of Frankfurt. In honor of this partnership and to welcome our new Frankfurt friends, we sponsored an event last June highlighting food and wine from the Frankfurt region. As always, the 252nd anniversary year was loaded with programs, concerts and events. Among other things, it saw the opportunity for us to become part of the new sister city relationship between Philadelphia and the city of Frankfurt. In honor of this partnership and to welcome our new Frankfurt friends, we sponsored an event last June highlighting food and wine from the Frankfurt region. We also signed an agreement for future cooperation with the Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft in Frankfurt.

Just last week, we cooperated with the National Park Service to create the first annual Poe Arts Festival. There were enlightening tours of the Poe House across the street, and lectures, music, films, and an art exhibition on the German Society premises. The fall weather cooperated beautifully, and the food and drink on the Leidy Terrace were enjoyed by all.

I want to thank all those who prepared this evening under the professional guidance of Frank Klare and the Stiftungsfest Committee. Let’s have a wonderful time this evening. I am grateful for your strong commitment to the German Society of Pennsylvania and hope to see you at many events to come.

Anton Michels
President

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The Linden Society recognizes all individuals and families who have made either donations, notified The German Society of Pennsylvania (GSP) of plans for donations, or included the Society in their estate plans (bequests, charitable gift annuities, life insurance and retirement plan proceeds, charitable remainder trusts, real estate or other assets).

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Master of Ceremonies: Joseph DeMaria
Welcome Address: Mr. Anton Michels, President

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Dinner, Auction, and Dancing

In the Albert and Hete Barthelmes Auditorium
7:00pm - 11:00pm
Procession of Colonial Societies
The National Anthems
Toast: Frank Klare

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Dinner Menu

Caesar Salad
Filet Mignon
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