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Brüderschaft Newsletter
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Dear Friends of the Mountains,

As we write this newsletter, preparations are underway for the celebration of one of our Brother's birthday. Mike Wiegele is 60!!! Mike, with new hip attached, will be back skiing this winter and happy to be able to do so. Our best wishes go out to him for both his birthday and for his new hip joint. May all his body parts function well for the next 60 years.

This past winter was witness to a number of new brothers and sisters being inducted into our "Brüderschaft". The ceremony was usually conducted in the lounge above the foyer in the Guides Haus. Such a nice setting with soft lights, a nice wine and many friends! Gordon Dixon, long time friend of Mike and the of the mountains, was the first to officially feel the touch of the "Brüderschaft" sword. Since that time, the founding members and now others have been officially welcomed.

Our membership is growing slowly, as was the original intention. The reasoning behind this is that we all want to have an organization we can be proud of and can contribute to. Membership in the organization is not automatic and cannot be sought after. Members are all friends of friends and have to be nominated by an existing member and approved by the membership committee. As time goes on, the membership will continue to grow slowly.

Even though we are a small organization at the moment, we needed money to get the organization started and we will need money to keep it going. Administration, publishing newsletters, etc., do need funds and this is a reminder of that fact. The initial membership fee is \$100CDN and the yearly fee is \$25CDN. The fees are due by September 30th of each year. Funds in excess of the small administration needs will go to projects and people that are deemed to be in need.

We look forward to seeing you in the mountains or at a visit to either the headquarters in Blue River or the satellite headquarters in Zell am See.

Take care and go hug a mountain or a friend of a mountain.

Yours Sincerely,

The Brüderschaft Steering Committee