

International Leadership Academy (ILA) of the Lazarus Union



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Established in **2006** as a subsidiary association of the 1973 founded “Saint Lazarus Volunteers (LHW Lazarus Hilfswerk)” named “Lazarus Hilfswerk Landesgruppe Lower Austria – LHWNÖ”.

February 2007: separation from the “*Saint Lazarus Volunteers*”. Autonomy and change of name to “*Lazarus Hilfswerk Ostarrichi – LHWO*”.

Caused by a lawsuit forged by the “*Saint Lazarus Volunteers*” based on “*similarities of name*” change of name to “*Corps Saint Lazare Ostarrichi (St. Lazarus Corps Ostarrichi) – CSLO*”.

March 2008: VOLUNTARILY and full subordination under the protectorate of the PIA UNIO “*Order of the Knights of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of Austria, shortly Order of Lazarus*”. The CSLO sets up of a Board of Directors consisting of the highest members of the Chapter of the Order of Lazarus. The Order grants the status of “*official relief organization of the Order of Lazarus*” to the CSLO.

On **2nd September 2008** the CSLO was dissolved by the Board of Directors because of disagreements between the Board and the Executive Committee.

On **16th September 2008** it was re-established as CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL (*Stank Lazarus Corps International*), briefly CSLI. The CSLI cooperates with all organizations and sub-groups of the Order of Lazarus, who accept this cooperation, on a worldwide basis and presents the acquired know how without any limitations.

After reaching more than 2600 members worldwide, the constituent general assembly was held on **27th June 2009**. The founder of the CSLI, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, was elected for four years as the first president of the CSLI.

To keep step with the world-wide scorching growth of the CSLI and its different formations on **7th September 2010**, the LAZARUS UNION was founded as a world-wide umbrella organisation for the various CSLI groups in more than 50 countries and with more than 11,000 members already. It is registered and recognised officially under the Austrian ZVR registration number 023914681. The constituent general assembly was held on **8th December 2010**, with Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt being elected as president and Union Commander Mrs. Dr.med. Martina Mitter as vice president, both for a period of four years.

On **15th January 2011**, the CORPS SAINT LAZARUSAUSTRIA (*Sankt Lazarus Korps Österreich*) CSLA was officially founded in its constituent assembly and registered under the Austrian ZVR number 451929423 and officially recognised as an association by the state. At the same time all Austrian

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members of the CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL have been recognised as CSLA members and all non-Austrian members as LAZARUS UNION members, all with their respective function and rank. The (*old*) CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL was then officially and unanimously dissolved by the general assembly.

Since **1st 1.2012** the Lazarus Union, together with the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union, as independence aid organisation, is under the protection of the United Grand Priories of the Hospitalier Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. The LAZARUS UNION is not a part of this organization.

March 2013, the LAZARUS UNION was registered as NGO by the United Nation Organization (UNO).

At **21. June 2013** the Castle of Kreuzenstein nearby Vienna become the titular castle of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union after the given approval of the owner of the castle, Earl Hans-Christian Wilczek.

May 2014: The LAZARUS UNION as a registered and accredited NGO is proud to now announce officially that the LAZARUS UNION has been awarded "SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS" with the United Nations ECOSOC (*Economic and Social Council*). A big honour and distinction for the LAZARUS UNION but also for all the members who have made this success possible.

January 2015: Our new statutes § 18 a (2014) contains in amongst others: *„... the CSLI commits itself to neutrality towards all groups of the Order Saint Lazarus and will refrain from any partisanship...“* This passage expulses definitely any affiliation to a specific "Lazarus Group" or any "Order of St. Lazarus". Indeed it makes it necessary, to check all alliances, if they commit a breach of this self-declared neutrality. For this reason, the Lazarus Union converts the current affiliation to the "Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem of the United Grand Priories" in a "cooperative friendship" effective with **15. January 2015**. Therefore, the Lazarus Union is not an affiliated as member or "sister organization" with any "Lazarus Groups" or "Orders of St. Lazarus" and as UN-NGO registered organization in "Special Consultative Status with the United Nations (ECOSOC)" independent.

December 2015: Foundation of the "International Leadership Academy derLazarus Union-ILA"

January 2016: More than 20.000 members worldwide.

January 2017: Nomination for the "Nobel Peace Prize 2017" and more than 21.000 members.