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The CSLI is an independent service organisation with charitable activities and organized as association. "International" because the CSLI has not only members and friends from Austria, but also from many other countries. Moreover, the CSLI was founded also from the point of view to set up opportunities to become a "friendly association" for the various charities of the "Lazarus Orders" and other smaller aid agencies to act and to coordinate international operations better.

That is our vision, our dream and our goal! Let us hope that together we may be able to achieve this objective. (As Martin Luther King said: "... I have a dream ...")

Our main principles are

- TOLERANCE,
- HUMILITY,
- MERCY and
- CHARITY

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CSLI

The CSLI is trying to help other people and to make other people happy. This assistance is independent of age, skin colour, religion, social status or prestige of the needy. All employees of the CSLI work voluntarily and receive no compensation for their work in CSLI . All interaction is affected by a common feeling of companionship and characterized by respect and mutual appreciation. The honour and dignity of every CSLI member are inviolable and viewed as the supreme goods. In all mutual interactions of CSLI members, the companionate "you" and the first name are used, regardless of rank and position in the CSLI . The higher the position in the CSLI , the higher the willingness must be to work voluntarily and without restraint of one's own accord to serve other people.

We wish to achieve the objectives of the CSLI by means of

- Voluntary membership fees
- Sponsors
- Foundation Crosses
- Sale of uniform devotionals
- Donations
- Trainings and lectures

THE CSLI IS USING THE FOLLOWING MOTTO

"LET US CREATE NEW PERSPECTIVES TOGETHER"



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BASIC DECLARATION

The CSLI is open to all people, no matter the ethnic affiliation, religion, social status, sex, age and whatever membership to associations, societies and Orders, as long as these accept and follow the principles of ecumenical, humanitarian, brotherly love according to St. Lazarus.

Everyone who feels connected to these goals and is ready to work for these ideals, will be cordially welcome in the CSLI. The CSLI herewith declares a commitment of neutrality regarding all groupings of the Order of Lazarus and will not take sides in any issues.

The CSLI regards itself as an international welfare organization for all groups of the Order of Lazarus and will cooperate in friendship with all these groups on an international basis if desired. The CSLI commits itself to reconciliation, tolerance and brotherly love.

This policy statement is established and anchored in the statutes of the CSLI and can only be changed or amended by a majority of 75% of the members in a General Assembly. (See also Section 19 of CSLI-Statutes)

(FROM THE STATUTES (§ 20 NEW STATUTES) OF THE CSLI)

*We are **an independent and private charitable organization** in accordance to the ideals and the spirit of St. Lazarus. We are connected by the task to bring back joy into other peoples' lives, to provide disaster relief, furthermore to care for and provide help to disabled people and the homeless. **We work voluntarily and our members include volunteers from all age groups, professions and social backgrounds.***

We feel deep respect for everyone. We accept people as they are. We are open to all people, irrespective of their nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, social status or origin.

The quality of the relationships between our members is our primary. We give occasions to develop self-esteem and life skills to all our members.

We face the challenge of everyday changing missions and tasks. We are united by our team spirit. Our members have the opportunity to evolve in both spiritual and personal fields.

We offer safety and transparency to our friends and supporters for their numerous gifts both immaterial and material. We are dedicated to a competent, efficient and responsible use of our available resources strictly according to our statutes.

Inspired by our values, we accept every woman and every man in her / his uniqueness. We are guided in everything we do or think by the principles of love for all people, trust, mindfulness, joy, responsibility, courage and the willingness for reconciliation.



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GOALS, DECLARATION AND HISTORY OF THE CSLI

Objectives

- A living consequent charity to all the people where help is needed. No matter what race and ethnicity, what religion, what social status, what sex, age and affiliation to the clubs, societies and religious ever they have.
- Building a strong international group of like-minded people to deal with the objectives of the CSLI can identify with and a personal contribution to development. As always, this contribution will also look like.
- For CSLI members, there is whatsoever no exclusion of other people. Everyone has the right to individuality and the acceptance of this individuality. Just as it is this right to others should be ready to apply.
- Cooperation with other relief organizations and groups to the same or similar goals as the CSLI and aspire. Linked to altruism with experience and available know how these groups too.
- A further training and development of the Air Wing CSLI and camaraderie experience, together with our annual main event for “Fly with handicapped and homeless people” and our individual “Fly in’s.”
- Commitment to help homeless people through voluntary work with making homeless people services in dormitories and the collection of funds for homeless housing finance them.
- Use of personal private time to other people, such as homeless people without a fixed home, listen, respect for them and these people use this to show that they are accepted as they are!
- Every member should be CSLI small own initiatives, and where there is an opportunity, to make another people a joy, let us do it. It may be an easy smile, which costs nothing, but is able to do a lot.

To act and live in according to the CSLI motto:

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Obligatory declaration:

The CSLI (*LAZARUS UNION*) is not an order!

The CSLI was founded under the laws of the Republic of Austria and built expressly committed to their rule of law. The CSLI has given the benefits of its members and there are neither somewhere a need to “hide”, nor would it make sense for the CSLI, to give up the freedom and independence. The CSLI in particular is one of the last, in fact completely voluntary relief organizations, their members and officials do not receive any gifts or benefits from the association. All donations, gifts, etc. the CSLI receives neither spend out for administration nor in other similar costs.

The CSLI has the ideals of Saint Lazarus to his banner. As an organization we are autonomous and independent and not belong to any other associations. Following this view, the Lazarus Union is therefore not a part of any kind of Lazarus Orders and again, NOT an order.

This independence and autonomy is also documented through the official emblem of the CSLI. Aware NOT the green eight-pointed cross or the “green” Greek “cross, but the” *Claw Cross* “as the main element. (*The presentation of badges and insignia of the Order of Saint Lazarus on this website are therefore entirely documentary and informational nature and are NOT the insignia of the CSLI and used by the CSLI !*)