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„CSLI Foundation Cross“

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# LAZARUS UNION

*"... a vision continues ..."*

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## „... a vision continues ...“



Vienna, March 2023

Dear reader of this folder!

After more than twelve years leading the Lazarus Union, I have been allowed to hand over the leadership of the Lazarus Union in the year 2019. As founder of the Lazarus Union, I naturally continue to watch very closely the development and prosperity of the Lazarus Union, even if I no longer intervene "executively" in the leadership. Today the guidance of the Lazarus Union lies in the good and caring hands of Oliver Gruber Lavin. Up to the handing over of command 2019 the slogan *"... a vision became true ..."* described best the development of the Lazarus Union since the year 2007

Today I would even go so far as to be able to accept with particular joy the motto of the new leadership *"... a vision continues ..."*. This is not only due to the new courses from May 2020 of the "International Leadership Academy of the Lazarus Union", which I founded in 2015, but also the entire growth and permanent international recognition. Not least by the elevation of the Lazarus Union to "General Consultative Status" with the United Nations in 2019 as the 138th NGO in the more than 70-year-old United Nations history. In the last few years, I think we've done a great job and our officer training has been brought to a high standard. I know few NGOs where this is offered so professionally and clearly. Offered for ALL! Non-members can also immerse themselves in the world of the Lazarus Union and get to know the Lazarus Union more closely.

I would like to express my great thanks and great compliments not only to the General Secretariat of the Lazarus Union, which has assumed the international responsibility for our academy and has prepared all these courses and examinations and incorporated them into a practical whole, but also a great thank you to ALL those who have made their personal contribution to the well-being and growth of the Lazarus Union. (To list all of them here, the place would not be enough!)

Yes, it's true: *"... a vision continues ..."* and I am very happy about it!

Have fun and enjoy reading this folder about the Lazarus Union.

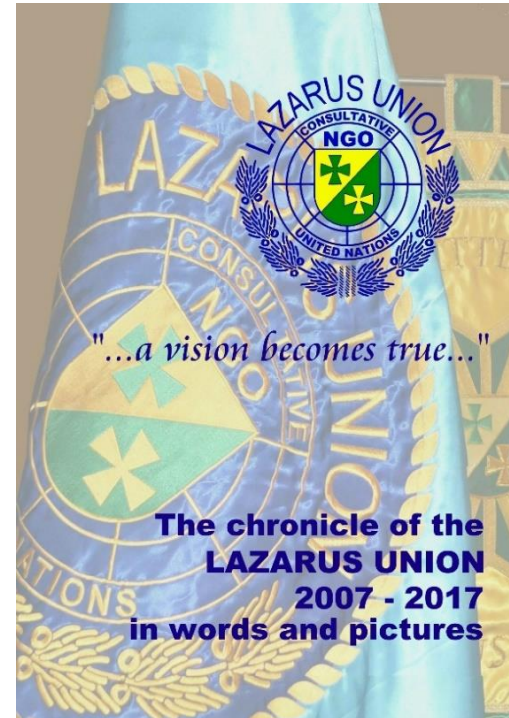
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Sincerely

**Senator Prof.h.c. Colonel Wolfgang Steinhardt PhD(USA) h.c.**  
Founder of the Lazarus Union

## „... a vision becomes true ...“

### A full chronicle of the LAZARUS UNION from the very beginning to 2017

Our special thanks go to our chronicler CSLI LtCol Andreas A. Haftner who put together and designed this chronicle as well as Secretary General Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin for editing the works. Thanks also to all persons who supported these memorable chronicle with contributions and pictures.



The chronicle in which the first 10 years of the history of the LAZARUS UNION is described in more than 600 pages with more than 2.600 coloured pictures and tables.

Many things were already forgotten and these chronicles brought them back to our memories. Actually each LAZARUS UNION member should own a copy of these chronicle.

Of course all interested friends and supporters of the LAZARUS UNION can order this extensive documentation at the cost price of EUR 54.- (Soft-Cover 170x240mm) or EUR 84.- (representative Hard-Cover), p&p (EUR 6.- shipping to Austria, EUR 16.- shipping within the EU and EUR 25.- shipping outside of the EU) via our **Web Shop**.

## Application Form



I hereby declare my accession as a member of the Association LAZARUS UNION (Union Corps Saint Lazarus International CSLI) and accept the statutes of the association noted. As a member, I am relieved from paying a membership fee but it is expected that I will acquire within twelve months from the date of acceptance as a member one of the

stages of the "CSLI Foundation Cross". As a supporting member the membership fee is EUR 25,- per annum.

Requested type of membership	
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Place of birth	
Citizenship	
Current profession	
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I also declare that I will not bring forward whatsoever claims for injuries or damages against the association or its organs maintains that I, due to injuries or damages, which in the context of my work for the association may ever suffer. I therefore explicitly renounce to this assertion. The exercise of my duties for the LAZARUS UNION is at my own risk.

I agree that my personal data (as specified by me in the form below) will be processed by the association to settle the application. I can revoke this consent at any time.

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## About the actual future ...



Vienna, March 2023

Dear readers of this brochure!

In the year 2023 we will continue and complete the reorientation and adjustment of the Lazarus Union to the multiple crises. In the effort to make a contribution, the union aligns itself in the future to the lastingness goals as well as to the global Compact program of the United Nations.

This framework gives us the opportunity to implement comparable but also individual programmes and campaigns in all countries where the Union is represented. New tools such as a redesigned homepage, social media accounts and the use of video conferences will also contribute to this.

But all these tools are not a one-way street. Some suggestions will come from the Union Command, but we also ask all country commands, group members and individual members to become active themselves and bring in suggestions.

The General Secretariat will be happy to process and distribute them. The United Nations Days of Action and Remembrance provide a date reference. In future, proposals for selected days of action - whether as graphic campaigns or concrete event proposals - will be prepared and distributed by the General Secretariat at the appropriate time.

As pilot project for the field work 2023 in Uganda & Kenya projects are implemented, which convert this requirement also into practice. The Lazarus union is a comparatively small NGO but it enjoys general adviser status with the United Nations.

This gives us the opportunity to recognise problems, to name them, to point them out and to create awareness, and thus to take a share in the solution. So I am in good spirits for the new year, knowing that we can achieve great things.

In doing so, let us preserve what defines us: our connectedness with each other!

Sincerely Yours

**Colonel hon. Oliver Gruber-Lavin y Ochoa FRSA**  
General Plenipotentiary of the Lazarus Union



## 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).***

## How to become a CSLI member?

As already stated in the Declaration of Intention of the CSLI all people are welcome who can identify with the ideals of St. Lazarus and who want to work for the CSLI. The CSLI strictly emphasizes on the voluntariness of every kind of contribution in the CSLI.

In other words NOBODY will be forced to do anything in the CSLI that is not his/her own VOLUNTARY will.

Any kind of help or activity is welcome. This may be an ACTIVE membership as well as a purely material support. The CSLI only expects from its members that the assigned responsibilities have to be executed to the best of one's knowledge, as long as there are not officially handed over again.

This means that anybody may apply for any function or task in the CSLI (see the organigram of the CSLI). Certainly anyone may also qualify for the highest positions in the executive committee!

As a PERSON you can become an „extraordinary“ or „supporting“ member in the CSLI, as a FIRM or ASSOCIATION you can become a “supporting” or “voting” member. Active (extraordinary) members please do not forget to fill out the “education profile” in order to determine the various skills, privileges etc. because without this information only the status of a “supporting” member can be granted!

Adolescent people from the age of 10 to 18 years can get a „CSLI youth member“ if their parents or legal guardians agree.

We ask you to fill out the appropriate form and to send it to the specified address (via email is possible). The application will be initially checked and tested by the different involved commands and departments (Google, Facebook, Twitter, references etc.) and then forwarded to the local national commander.

He delivers his opinion or gives his recommendation and he also defines the rank of the new member concerning the future tasks in the CSLI.

If there is no ranking recommendation the entry rank is “Private CSLI” (Helper CSLI). The awarded first rank must be retained for six months before another rank can be given. The confirmation of the membership (decree) will be sent back after the decision of the board.

The last decision about the CSLI rank is made by the Union Commander in Chief. On the following page you will find the membership application form to join the LAZARUS UNION.

**The LAZARUS UNION is looking forward to YOUR application form!**



## What you should know:



Over and over again we honestly emphasise: The LAZARUS UNION asks neither for application fees nor for membership fees. The Lazarus Union neither receives any public aid or grant nor has it ever asked for such. So the LAZARUS UNION finances its various projects only based on voluntary donations and so depends on the money of the various distinctions which can be acquired by purchase and the fees for distinctions applied for. Distinctions which cannot be applied for are in general awarded

without fees but the persons awarded are free to place a donation to the LAZARUS UNION after having been awarded. We consider this open, honest, and transparent towards all persons receiving a distinction from the Lazarus Union because also a "donation" for a distinction which can be acquired by purchase is in our eyes worthy of an award!

The person to be awarded a distinction is in the centre of interest and shall be honoured publicly by the award. This honour being awarded to the person is declared publicly by a corresponding decree but this does not hold any obligation (also not for the person nominating somebody for an award!) to buy the wearable insignia of this award!

We must once again try to come back to the fundamental idea of an award putting idealistic intangible assets before material tangibles. In ancient Greece it was only a laurel sprig which was handed over to an Olympic winner as sign of his merit and honour.

A CSLI award will be granted in a fitting degree according to the merits earned and with the handover of the decree the awarded person (or the nominating person) is entitled to acquire by purchase the corresponding insignia. This purchase is absolutely VOLUNTARILY and is in no way connected to the actual award. This ruling ensures on one hand that the decorated persons can enjoy a corresponding appreciation of their merit (without having to care about material costs) but on the other hand NO donation money will be spent by the CSLI for the award. Special awards are yet free for the person being awarded!



## Our Mission Statement

(as fixed in the Lazarus Union statutes)

We are an independent private relief organisation following the ideals and the spirit of St. Lazarus. We are united by the tasks of bringing joy to others, providing disaster relief, attending handicapped people, and supporting the homeless. We work solely on a pro bono basis, coming from all sorts of age and occupation and different social backgrounds.

We meet all people with respect. We accept them as they are. We are open to all sorts of people regardless of which nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, social standing and background.

We put the quality of human relations above all. We provide room for development of self-esteem and human skill.

We continuously respond to new challenges. Team spirit unites us. There are manifold chances to develop spiritually and personally.

We guarantee certainty and transparency to all friends and sponsors for their donations. We use all resources provided in an appropriate, competent, economical and responsible way.

In regard with our mission statement we accept every person as unique as it is. Our doing and thinking is guarded by humanly love, trust, attentiveness, joy, responsibility, strength and the readiness to do reconciliation.

The main principles of the LAZARUS UNION are tolerance, piety, compassion and brotherly love.



**Everybody can do something.  
“Let us TOGETHER provide new perspectives!”**

## The tasks of the LAZARUS UNION

The LAZARUS UNION as such can in principle be compared to a “concern holding organization” of the various independently and autonomously working local groups and unions affiliated with the union, often with their own legal status. By this “holding functionality” of the LAZARUS UNION these sub-organizations are joined and get their “superior home.”

The LAZARUS UNION performs all coordination tasks and supervises the worldwide activities of the various organizations with regard to the mission statement and the principles of the LAZARUS UNION while providing largely individual freedom according to the local possibilities. All members are working on a pro-bono basis!

The LAZARUS UNION cares for all logistic issues regarding uniforms and the various signs and insignia. Only the LAZARUS UNION may after a personal request grant any member personally the permission to wear uniform and the insignia of the LAZARUS UNION and these privileges can be revoked. This is also valid for using logos and all signs by the local organizations.

All nominations and promotions are in the responsibility of the Union Commander who can delegate these tasks to subordinate officers of the LAZARUS UNION.

All real actions as well as execution of projects including financing and responsibility are the task of the various sub-organizations und local unions and shall in principle stick to the following emphases:

### JOY TO OTHER FELLOW HUMANS DISASTER SUPPORT SUPPORT FOR HANDICAPPED HUMANS SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS

The own initiatives of the LAZARUS UNION in Austria are restricted to the Music Corps, maintenance of international relationships (e.g. with the United Nations), organising conferences and trainings where every participant has (according to the statutes) to cover personal costs, and logistic support for possible international activities and assignments.

The principal orientation of the LAZARUS UNION is under the responsibility of the board of management in consultation with the directorate and the general assembly. The operative leadership is the task of the Union Commander. He is the direct superior of all subsequent structures and officers of the LAZARUS UNION and is only responsible to the General Assembly.

## Examples for various awards

### New awards



### Donation Cross



### Lazarus Medal



### Foundation Cross / Blessing Medal / Jubilee Medal



### Special Awards



For more information and awarding details as well as the various application forms please visit our homepage!

## Decorations



Our "awarding philosophy" provides for three different kinds of awards of the LAZARUS UNION. The awards listed below are giving no indication of any "priority".

**Distinctions as a "Thank You" and as a "donation receipt" (These are, so to say, distinctions which can be "acquired by purchase". Their purpose is to help financing our projects.):**

- Donation Cross
- Foundation Cross
- Friendship Medal
- Jubilee Medal
- Lazarus Medal in "Silver" and "Gold"
- Membership Medal
- Nomination Medal "Nobel Prize 2017" (for the benefit of the UNHCR)
- UN-NGO Remembrance Cross (for the benefit of the UNHCR)

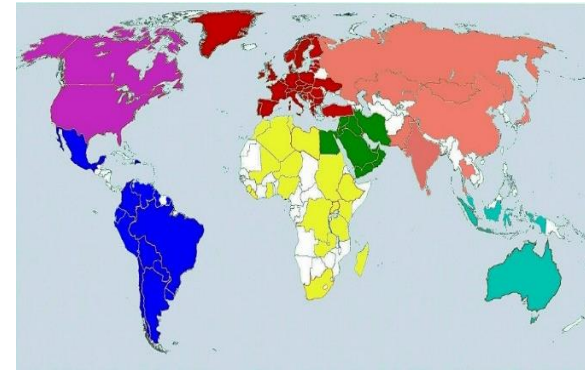
**Distinctions that can be applied for and which original insignia usually are awarded for an insignia fee:**

- Academy Decorations
- Friendship Decorations
- Humanity Decorations
- Merit Decorations
- Mission Decorations
- Music Corps Decorations
- Navy Corps Decorations
- UN-NGO Decorations

**Distinctions which will only be awarded but cannot be applied for:**

- Cross of Honour for Science, Research, and Arts
- Decoration of the General Plenipotentiary
- Flame of Mercy
- Lazarus Cross of the Lazarus Union
- LAZARUS UNION Grand Stars
- AZARUS UNION Stars of Honour
- Peace Cross of the Founder
- Peace Cross of the President
- Special Awards and Honour Clips
- UN-NGO Medal for LAZARUS UNION UN delegates

## CSLI worldwide



### Legend:

	CSLI Europe
	CSLI Africa
	CSLI North America
	CSLI South America
	CSLI Middle East
	CSLI Asia and Far East
	CSLI Oceania

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the CSLI has more than 23.000 members and is represented worldwide on all continents and in more than 120 different countries by local organizations and groups, delegations, or individuals.

Especially in our times many projects are "overstuffed" and "overmanaged." Many HGO (for various reasons) jump on this band wagon. The reason for this is often trivial: The higher the medial interest for and the prestige of a social project the easier it is to access the "donation fountain." There are (unfortunately) lot of examples for this!

**The Lazarus Union tries the exact opposite:**

**AWAY with "spectacular" events**  
**AWAY with "expensive" events**  
**AWAY with "mass events"**

**We return, or at least try hard, to the roots of mutual aid on the "small" scale.**



## History of the LAZARUS UNION

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

**February 2007:** Separation from the "Saint Lazarus Volunteers". Autonomy and change of name to "Lazarus Hilfswerk Ostarrichi – LHWÖ". 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 set up of a Board of Directors consisting of the highest members of the Chapter of the Order of Saint Lazarus. The Order granted the status of "official relief organization of the Order of Saint Lazarus" to the CSLO.

On **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**, the CSLO was dissolved by the Board of Directors because of disagreements between the Board and the Executive Committee and on September 16th, 2008, it was re-established as CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL (Saint Lazarus Corps International), briefly CSLI. The CSLI cooperates with all organizations and sub-groups of the Order of Saint Lazarus, who accept this cooperation, on a worldwide basis and presents the acquired know how without any limitations.

After reaching more than 2.600 members worldwide, the constituent general assembly was held on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 pace with the world-wide fast growth of the CSLI and its different formations on **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, the LAZARUS UNION was founded as a world-wide umbrella organization for the various CSLI groups in more than 50 countries and with more than 11.000 members already. It has registered and recognised officially under the Austrian ZVR registration number 023914681.

The constituent general assembly was held on **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, with Senator Prof.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.

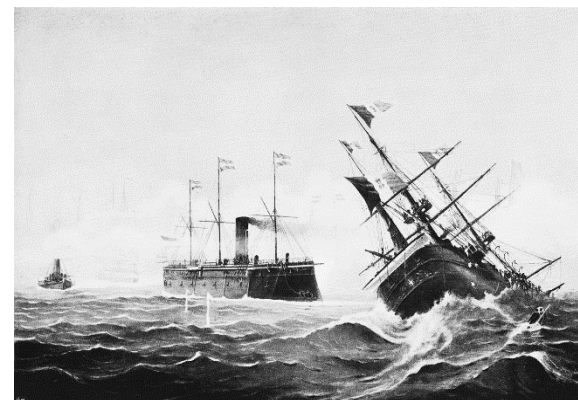
On **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, the CORPS SAINT LAZARUS AUSTRIA (Sankt Lazarus Korps Österreich) CSLA was officially founded in its constituent assembly and registered under the Austrian ZVR number 451929423 and officially recognised as an association by the state. At the same time all Austrian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



*Flag of the Naval Comradeship*



*Ironclad „Erzherzog Ferdinand Max“ at the battle of Lissa*



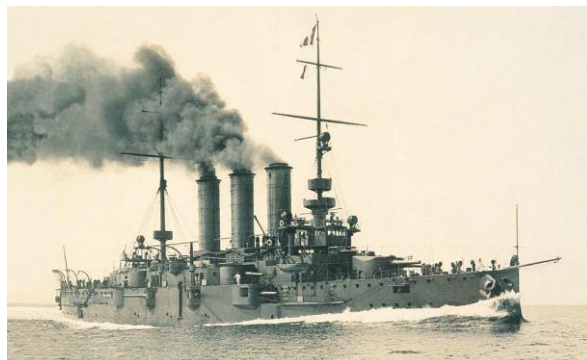
We selected a name rich in history "Vice Admiral Archduke Ferdinand Max" on purpose and the union was founded on December 8th, 2010, by electing the board. On January 8th, 2011, the union was registered in the Austrian union registry under the ZVR Id 882175885.



Archduke Ferdinand Max was a brother of the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph I and is better known as "Maximilian I, Emperor of Mexico". A warship bearing the same name was the flagship of Admiral Tegetthoff, the victor in the battle of Lissa 1866, and was an instrumental part in the victory of the Austrian navy by ramming the Italian flagship "Re d'Italia."



Later there was another battle ship in the Austrian navy bearing the same name. To do justice to these historic memories and to prove ourselves worthy of this tradition is besides our charity commitment the most important goal of the LAZARUS UNION.



**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**, the LAZARUS UNION, together with the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union, as independence aid organization, is under the protection of the United Grand Pories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. The LAZARUS UNION is not a part of this organization.

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

On **June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**, the Kreuzenstein Castle nearby Vienna became the titular seat of the Knighthood of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION after approval by the owner of the castle, Hans-Christian Count Wilczek.

**May 2014**: The LAZARUS UNION as a registered and accredited NGO was 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) states: .... the CSLI commits itself to neutrality towards all groups of the Order Saint of Lazarus and will refrain from any partisanship...". This passage excludes definitely any affiliation to a specific "Lazarus Group" or any "Order of St. Lazarus". Indeed this 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 with the "Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem of the United Grand Pories" in a "cooperative friendship" effective with **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Therefore the LAZARUS UNION is not 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)" completely independent.

**December 2015**: Foundation of the "International Lazarus Union Leadership Academy – ILA" as a deanery of ASLECH (*Academia Sao Lázaro de Estudos Cavallheirescos e Humanitários*) of CSLI Brazil.

**January 2016**: More than 20.000 members world-wide.

**January 2017**: Nominated for the "Nobel Peace Prize 2017".

**April 2019**: Appointment as NGO with "General Counsel Status" by the UN. Assumption of the function of the General Plenipotentiary by Prof.DDr. Lothar Gellert on the occasion of the Investiture 2019 of the Honorary Knighthood.

**June 2019**: Appointment as NGO with "General Counsel Status" by the UN.

**April 2022**: Assumption of the leadership of the LAZARUS UNION by Col. hon. Oliver Gruber-Lavin y Ochoa FRSA as General Plenipotentiary and the start of the "Project Uganda". Beginn of the reorganization of the LAZARUS UNION and adaptation for future challenges.

## LAZARUS UNION uniform

The LAZARUS UNION is a uniform-wearing relief organization and as such openly acts against the current ousting of all forms of uniforms from official support and rescue services. Every active CSLI service man/woman is responsible for obtaining his/her uniform and all accessories at his/her own expenses. But sustaining members not wanting to wear uniform are most welcome to assist in plain clothes during various operations like air days or homeless and handicapped persons support events. There is no compulsion whatsoever in the CSLI to wear uniform.



Highest principle is: "May uniformity matter to us!" Especially in public it is important to be recognised as LAZARUS UNION.

In case of an emergency the LAZARUS UNION cooperates with other units wearing uniform. Without the corresponding hierarchy and command structure every mission would be chaotic, most unprofessional, and therefore dangerous.

For those reasons the LAZARUS UNION has decided to implement the usual international principles regarding the structure of such units and the corresponding identifications of rank and command structures by wearing uniforms representing those structures with signs of rank and function. We do this with pride, joy, and esprit de corps.



After being awarded its "special consultative status" with the United Nations LAZARUS UNION members in uniform also wear the blue beret with the LAZARUS UNION UN-NGO insignia at certain occasions.

## The LAZARUS UNION Naval Corps

For navy fans we have the

### Naval Comradeship

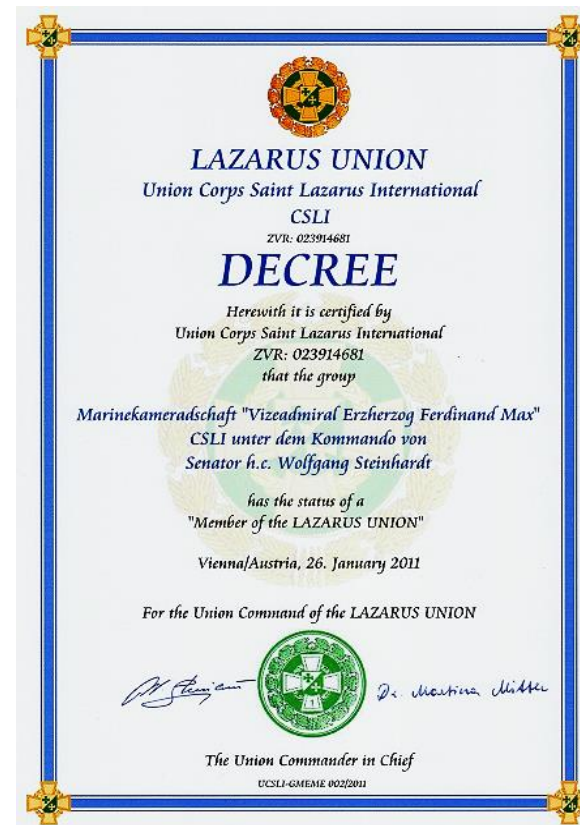
#### Vice Admiral Archduke Ferdinand Max

The Naval Comradeship is a full member of the LAZARUS UNION

Excerpt from the statutes:

*"... the non-commercially organised union has the purpose to support camaraderie and tradition of the former Austro-Hungarian navy, world-wide seafaring, and promotion the ideas of inland water navigation and seafaring..."*

This is the text of our statutes. Austria today has no access to the sea and so also no navy. But we do have a big naval tradition which needs to be cultivated and preserved.

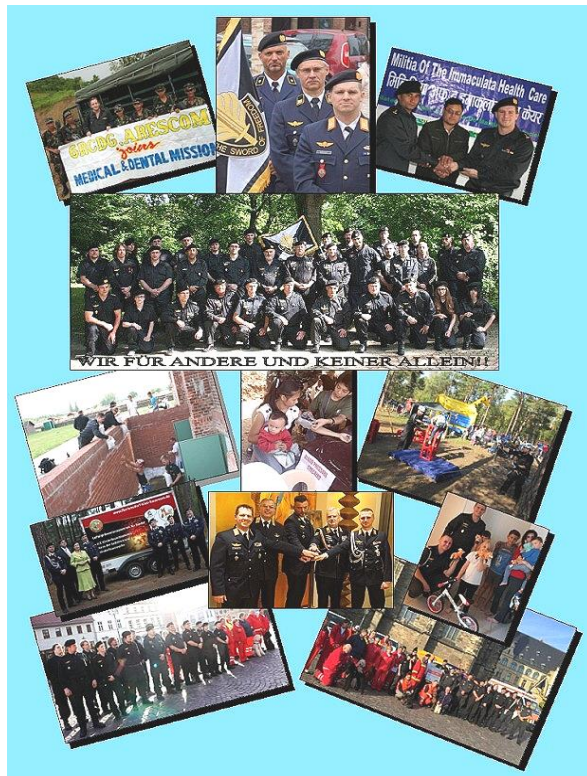






## The SOF rank signs

With the badges and insignia of the uniform-carrying parts of the "The Sword of Freedom – Corps" the cross was omitted on purpose. They are designed with the unique unmistakable SOF symbol, the flaming sword. The blue uniform is according to the LAZARUS UNION uniform.

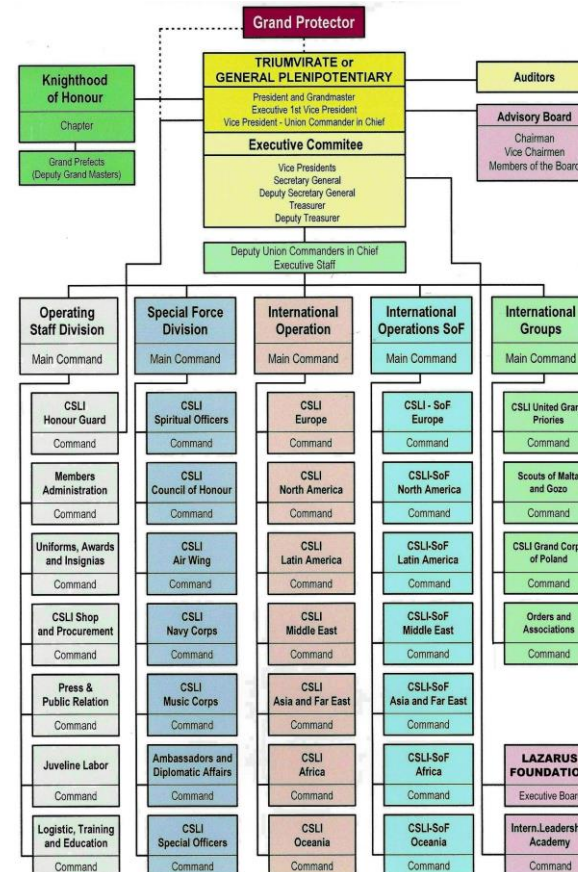


## LAZARUS UNION command structure

An organization as large and active on a world-wide basis like the LAZARUS UNION needs a clear and manageable command structure. It has to be avoided that the various commands have too many immediate subordinates. This allows for efficient and very personal ties to the immediate staff and delegates responsibility down to the smallest unit.

No commander does have "military authority" in the strict sense. Discipline and cohesion in such a versatile organization is not accomplished by "orders" but by common goals and the promise which binds each officer "... by his honour..."

Every commander is fully responsible for his area and also does have the power to promote his team to a rank one step below his own.



## United Nations – ECOSOC



The LAZARUS UNION as a registered UN NGO (Non-Governmental Organization, Reg.no. (=Profile Code) 632158) is proud to have been awarded the "SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS" with the UN ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). A big honour and award for the LAZARUS UNION but also for all its members who have made this success possible. In June 2019, the status was increased and the LAZARUS UNION was appointed as "General Consultative NGO" to the United Nations.



Being awarded "special consultative status" now is not only a new challenge for the Lazarus Union to internationally prove itself but also an obligation to support with all its power the goals and the spirit of the United Nations.

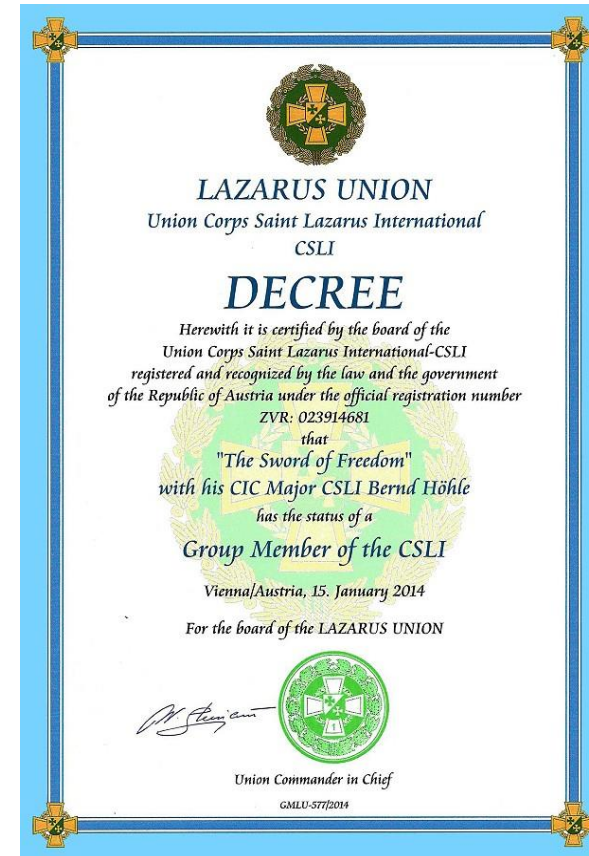
**"...the Lazarus Union stands for international understanding and world peace. It advocates human and children's rights as well as justice and equal rights and feels obligated to the values of the United Nations..."**

The LAZARUS UNION wants to prove this not only with words but also with actions. As such in remembrance of the awarding of the special consultative status in May 2014 the "UN-NGO Remembrance Cross" was donated and all net earnings from this go to the UNHCR.



## The „Sword of Freedom- Corps“

The uniform-carrying SOF units are worldwide special forces of the LAZARUS UNION and act in more than 120 countries.



"The Sword of Freedom – Corps" is a registered, humanitarian, international peace and relief organization (NGO) inside and under the umbrella of the LAZARUS UNION. In more than 120 countries it supervises, maintains and supports various national and international aid projects. Its purpose is to promote and support needy, sick, disabled and elderly people. Individual sections are active worldwide through financial, material and personal assistance where necessary in cases of poverty, misery and disaster. See the homepage for reports on their various projects.





Several "district commanders" then form a "national association". Here, too, the team commanders, together with the district commanders, elect their national commander and his deputy.

As a link to the federal leadership, the federal leadership appoints a "board representative" who leads the national command together with the national commander and his deputy.



All decisions are made according to democratic principles!

The "Command III/3" of Group III "Operational Commands" and its head, the Union Commander or the General Secretariat, serve as the contact point for the individual Land Commands.



Depending on the size of the individual teams, district and country commands, the commander of the CSLI assigns the corresponding ranks. However, as a sign of trust, each appointed or elected commander is entitled to award ranks to his staff up to one rank below his own rank. This decision is then only confirmed by the Union Commander in the form of a promotion decree.

**All ranks for functions from Deputy Group Leader onwards shall be awarded exclusively by the Union Commander of the LAZARUS UNION.**

## PROJECT UGANDA



Nobel economics laureate Angus Deaton, who has studied poverty and worked at the World Bank for decades, said the rich world needs to think about "what we can do to improve the lives of millions of poor people around the world without interfering with their economies as we do by giving huge sums of money to their governments".



The Lazarus Union is also of the opinion that the focus of the international community must change if we really want to improve the lives of millions of suffering men, women and children in Africa. Above all with local donations and financing sources locally we will support the citizens to make decisions, which benefit their local communities most.





Our main goal is to work with local communities and their leaders, such as businesspeople, CEOs of local companies or industries, to deliver essential public goods and services. We challenge the status quo to create a culture of transparency where citizens are well informed and can speak with a collective voice that has influence.



The Lazarus union is convinced of the fact that there is also in developing and threshold countries a gigantic potential at local financial and intellectual resources to develop and accomplish programs for humans in need and lasting assistance to the self-help. This way, programs can be implemented directly in the communities without the feeling of dependency and/or the compulsion to fulfil external conditions.

First, this shortcoming must be recognized, and then it must be addressed. We do not come in and present a solution to all problems. Instead, we show how to achieve something meaningful step by step within the existing limits. This way people feel strengthened and can take their lives into their own hands.



The Lazarus Union approach is thus collaborative, user-centered and can break down some of the barriers that often make foreign development aid so complicated and ineffective.

## Career in the Lazarus Union

**The ONLY important and essential "structure of the CSLI" is the individual member!**

The success or failure of the CSLI begins with each individual member. It is here that it is decided whether or not to act according to the principles of the CSLI.

Therefore, the CSLI grows "from the bottom up" and not "from the top down". Therefore, if individual members join together in it in the immediate area and start a small individual project for themselves, this is in the spirit of the CSLI.

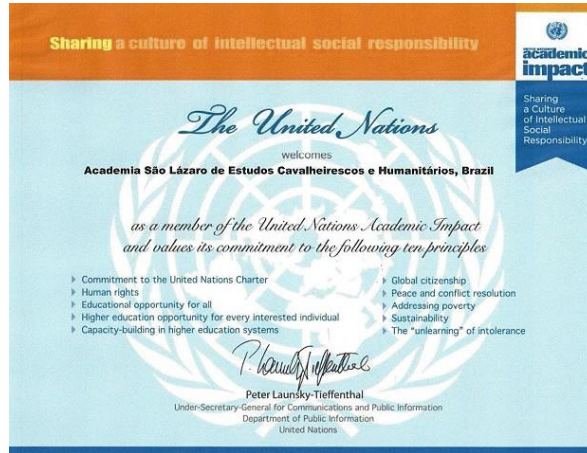


This smallest CSLI unit is called a "team". From among them they elect their "commander" (team leader) and his deputy as contact persons, who are reported to the federal leadership. Such "teams" can and should form and come together wherever like-minded people wish to commit themselves according to the principles of the CSLI.

If there are several such "teams" in a regionally coherent area, their commanders elect a district commander and his deputy from among them, who are also reported to the federal leadership. They are then the direct and responsible contact persons for the higher commands.



## Academy's Decrees of Acceptance



## LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour

Motto: "VIRIBUS UNITIS"  
(With united power)



Since June 2013 Kreuzenstein Castle has become the official seat of the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the owner and lord of the castle - Hans-Christian Count Wilczek - has given his approval that Kreuzenstein Castle may be named as "official titular seat" of the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour. It is almost a duty for every LAZARUS UNION member to visit this wonderful castle!



Kreuzenstein Castle originally was a medieval castle near Leobendorf in Lower Austria, a few Kilometres north of Vienna. In its place today is a castle in various mixed styles which was erected between 1874 and 1906 by order of Johann Nepomuk Count Wilczek.





## Our access to “Knighthood”



True orders of knighthood (i.e. those recognised by the Roman Catholic Church as such) are the Order of Malta, the Teutonic Order and the Order of the Holy Grave. Beside those, nowadays there are a number of other organizations calling themselves “orders of knighthood”. Those organization are “knightly associations” at best, whose members try more or less to accomplish the traditional knightly virtues and (try to) live in accordance with the organization's constitution, statutes, codex of honour, or whatever the name of the relevant document may be.

The LAZARUS UNION is far from commenting on or evaluating of those “modern knighthoods”, as it does not behave her at all. Everyone, who acts in a knightly way – under whatever conditions and circumstances – deserves the full respect of the LAZARUS UNION. From the part of the LAZARUS UNION there are no reservations or even enmities!

On the contrary! The traditional virtues of the old knighthood have not lost their importance today. All attempts to accomplish those virtues and all the effort to move also others to accomplish them are nowadays even more important and necessary than any time before.

The LAZARUS UNION as a voluntary, humanitarian, charitable and world-wide organisation, would like to promote those virtues (faith, hope, love, mercy, wisdom, justice, courage, and temperance) whenever and wherever possible, and therefore (although not being a proper order of knighthood) it was decided to introduce the symbolic “Knighthood of Honour”.



To standardise the internal instruction for staff officers the “**LAZARUS UNION Leadership Academy**” was founded with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Task of this academy is to convey standardised “knowledge modules” regarding the LAZARUS UNION to officers and high-ranking NCOs. It is not an academic study and does not have academic grades!

Our biggest group member, the CSLI Brazil, with its “**Academia São Lázaro de Estudos Cavaleirescos e Humanitários (ASLECH)**” is an accredited full member of UNAI (United Nation Academic Impact) and we have therefore agreed that our leadership academy within the LAZARUS UNION acts here in Austria as a branch. While the Leadership Academy is an independent unit, it is under the umbrella of the CSLI Brazil respective of its ASLECH. So we can avoid for ourselves a long-standing certification process and it can be guaranteed that the necessary training for the LAZARUS UNION can be provided



The Leadership Academy is an independent unit but under the patronage of the CSLI Brazil resp. the ASLECH.

These staff training courses are offered on our homepage internationally in German and English and must also be completed worldwide in the form of a “self-study” with a “final examination” on the basis of a “question-answer test” positive. The successful conclusion is confirmed by a decree.

## Academy Awards



Science, research, and arts are very important achievements of mankind. Without those three fields we all would be doomed respectively lose important perspectives. By donating the “Union's Lazarus Cross for science, research and arts” the LAZARUS UNION wants to set a mark. For this reason the LAZARUS UNION gives this special award to persons who earn merits in the fields of science, research, and arts to acknowledge their achiev.



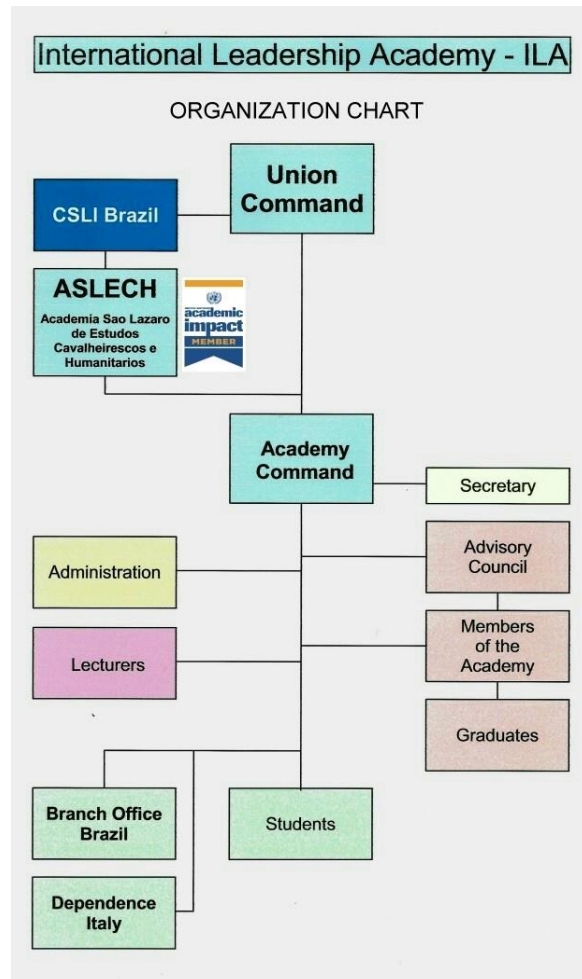
# International Leadership Academy

## International Leadership Academy ILA



Under the protectorate of the

„Academia Sao Lázaro de Estudos Cavaleirescos e Humanitários – ASLECH“ in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.



## The Seven Steps of Awarding

### It is a long way to become Knight / Dame of Honour!

**1<sup>st</sup> step:** Knightly behaviour and a shining example for others in daily life in one's personal background, social engagement, and readiness for peace. Neither age nor background, race or religion plays any role. Men and women are treated alike. There is no redress in law for being awarded the knighthood of honour but it is considered to be a privilege to belong to this society.

**2<sup>nd</sup> step:** Personal application (Applicant is required to hold the rank of a staff officer in the CSLI) in which the reasons are laid out why the applicant asks being awarded the Knighthood of Honour. Alternatively an application can be filed from a third party which is supported by three CSLI staff officers. (When an application is filed from a third party the candidate shall be asked if he or she is willing to accept the honour in case it is granted.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sstep:** Discussion and vote by the chapter. Three voting rounds are possible and a decision must be unanimously. Two voting rounds are secret and the third one must be open. Also the third round must be unanimously in case acceptance is granted. Any member of the chapter who votes against membership of an applicant must give reason for this repudiation. Whatever the result is, any third voting result is final and binding.

**4<sup>th</sup> step:** Handing out the brevet (advance notice) which informs the candidate that he or she will be awarded the Knighthood of Honour and how to proceed further. The Grand Master decides on the rank being awarded.

**5<sup>th</sup> step:** Formal acceptance by the candidate in written form within 60 days. Then the preparation period for the candidate commences which has no fixed duration and usually ends with the next upcoming investiture. Investitures will be held as decided by the Grand Master.

**6<sup>th</sup> step:** Formal final "observation period" of the candidate by the chapter. Formally this time is called "postulant period." This is the time when the Grand Master decides the possible date for the investiture. In this period the final eligibility of the candidate is decided. Also a date for an investiture which has been fixed is subject to delay, suspension or even cancellation.

**7<sup>th</sup> step:** The official investiture in a solemn environment according to the defined ceremony. If for geographical or financial reasons it is not possible for the candidate to personally attend an investiture the investiture is considered fulfilled if an appropriate certificate has been written out and the candidate's name has been read out officially but in his absence during an investiture ceremony. Only then the postulant is considered a Knight of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION. There is no provision for autonomous withdrawal from the Knighthood of Honour by the Knight of Honour.

## The investiture



It seems important to us and worth mentioning explicitly that this investiture ceremony for the CSLI Knighthood of Honour is held in order to continue the tradition of knighthood. The “attitude” that is BEHIND this accolade is MORE important than the ceremony itself.

It does neither therefore claim any authenticity nor intend to “copy” similar ceremonies of other associations and organizations. There will always be similarities, which lies in the very nature of things, but different distinct features of our understanding of such ceremonies do exist.

**We consider it, for example, not correct that the candidates kneel in front of “Grand Masters” and other “dignitaries” if they do not belong to the clergy of a religious community. One kneels (in our opinion) only in front of God, and the dignitaries of the church and NOT in front of a human (like you and me)!**

This point of view also directs the following procedure for investiture in the CSLI Knighthood of Honour. This investiture ceremony will be simple and short, but will correspond to the dignity of this award and, above all, will not interfere with or violate the personal and religious beliefs of the future CSLI Knight of Honour.



## Big Band of the LAZARUS UNION

The LAZARUS UNION Big Band is drawn from our Director of Music Friedrich Lentner's existing Vienna Skyline Big Band. With this band we are able to pay our tribute to the great musicians of the big band era.



The band has a broad performance portfolio, from birthday serenades to big band mornings and concerts to great balls and company events. Also the instrumentation can vary from 9 musicians up to the full big band with 20 musicians as required.



## Booking

All formations can be booked directly with band master and music representative Friedrich Lentner ([f.lentner@aon.at](mailto:f.lentner@aon.at)) 50% of all net profits of such performances go into LAZARUS UNION charitable projects. The performance can be held in white full dress.





## Ensembles

For investitures, celebrations, or representation purposes on a smaller scale we offer ensembles of various sizes.



## Personal coat of arms

The Knighthood of Honour renews an old tradition by granting all Knights and Dames of Honour to bear their own personal coat of arms on certain occasions (investitures, meetings of the chapter or convents, visits at friendly organisations or similar public or religious ceremonies). Every CSLI Knight of Honour has the right to use a personal coat of arms in accordance of his rank, together with his own personal family coat of arms, or he can create his own personal coat of arms using this schema during his CSLI Knighthood of Honour. Into a provided scheme either an existing family coat of arms will be inserted or a new personal and individual coat of arms will be created. This coat of arms shall symbolise the ancestry, the occupation, a personal symbol or a motto on one side and on the other side it shows the sign of our Knighthood of Honour with the lettering "EHRENITTERSCHAFT LAZARUS UNION", being the same for everyone.



## Important epilogue

It shall again be mentioned here that the LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour is independent of any fees or purchase of insignia and knight's coat. Only "Knight Expectants" have to provide a deposit (as they are not Knights of Honour yet and are free to stand back any time) as a collateralisation for the insignia provided. If they stand back, this deposit will be returned. These visible signs of the honour are awarded symbolically during the ceremony. But the Knight / Dame of Honour is entitled to purchase these things so they become personal possessions.





## LAZARUS UNION Guard of Honour

“The Guard of Honour should be the figurehead of the LAZARUS UNION, representing its discipline and order! It should therefore be regarded by everyone as a privilege to be a member of the Guard of Honour.”

*(From the mission statement of Guard of Honour and LAZARUS UNION Knight of Honour)*



The Guard of Honour was founded by the presidium of the LAZARUS UNION. The main task of the honor guard is the proper representation of the insignia of the LAZARUS UNION. Special flags, banners and decorations such as bugle are added. As of 2019, each country organization and group member will be entitled to receive a maximum of 5% of their membership in the "local" Guard of Honour. In order to fulfill this task properly, the members are specially trained in the field of formal exercise. A full uniform may not be missing here. As an outer mark of the Guard of Honour, the shoulder cord is worn in gold on the right shoulder. Candidates wear a silver shoulder cord.

The main task can be seen as work for one's own events and honor guards act as assistants for general tasks. In the two pictures the comrades of the Guard of Honour are to be seen during an investiture. But also uses of the Guard of Honour at events of other clubs count their tasks. The Guard of Honour are subordinate to local commanders and the union command.



In 2016 the symphonic orchestra of the Lazarus Union Music Corps had a wonderful performance in the "Golden Hall" of the Viennese Music Society (home of the Viennese Philharmonic Orchestra) and the Viennese Concert Hall.







## Conduct of the Guard of Honour

The name Guard of Honour consists of the foundations of our group. The term "honour" describes a certain inner feeling which results in a certain outer behaviour towards other persons and groups.



*Guard of Honour formation badge*

Especially acting on the LAZARUS UNION insignias this feeling of honour shall prevail and impose a certain elitist behaviour onto the members. The term "guard" also explains itself. It stands for honourable presentation of our insignia and the written purpose of the community of the LAZARUS UNION, namely practised humanity.





## Appearances of the Honour Guard



*Investiture 2016 (Vienna Boys Chor)*



*Funeral of LU-Vice President Colonel Reinhard Wassertheurer (2013)*



*Investiture 2018 (Theresian Military Academy)*

The marching formation is our attractive signpost. In 2016 the formation was engaged in the German Music Parade and performed with much applause at tattoos with up to 6.000 spectators in Kempten, Würzburg and Stuttgart.



Open-air concerts and guest appearances with friendly organisations are also part of the shows. Another climax was the 35<sup>th</sup> Viennese Brass Festival in Vienna.



## The LAZARUS UNION Music Corps



The LAZARUS UNION Music Corps was brought into being by Friedrich Lentner in 2012. The music formation can very individually be adapted to fit various performances. Formations are possible starting from a brass quartet or quintet up to a full scale brass orchestra with 50 players. All

music styles can be played although there is a preference for Viennese music and traditional marches. During deployments the sounding body will be supplemented by our own sutlers and a standard bearer. Since March 2013 full member of the Viennese Brass Band Organisation.



### Marching Formation



## CSLI Air Wing air days



During the founding days of the Lazarus Union (by then called LHW-Lower Austria) the LAZARUS UNION mainly consisted of pilots who made it their task to convey the feeling and the joy of flying to handicapped people. The first CSLI air day was held in 2007 and since then takes place every year at Stockerau airfield. We want to prove that quad-riplegics can also jump with a parachute from 12.000 feet and can steer a plane all on their own, also that blind persons can control a plane.







Requirements and regulations placed upon us by EU regulating frenzies which also impede us when setting charitable events unfortunately make it impossible to organize such events all by ourselves and under our responsibility.



Costs would be so high that the event would not be possible be taken place, also the total risk could not be borne by the LAZARUS UNION board.

Fortunately our honour member, the **Stockerau Flying Club (FSV 2000)** took up the idea of an air day for handicapped persons and acts as organizer for the event since 2015.

Together with the Stockerau Flying Club (FSV200) the LAZARUS UNION holds these events. The LAZARUS UNION is responsible for flight logistics and the ground crews and also has taken over a couple of other tasks there.



For our handicapped guests and their company all flights and catering are free on these events and several other attractions are offered together which friendly organizations and unions.

