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Union. As the LAZARUS UNION requires from active members neither registration fees nor membership fees it relies on the results of this project.

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„CSLI Foundation Cross“

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„... a vision becomes true ...“



Vienna, May 2020

Dear reader of this folder!

Exactly one year ago, after more than twelve years, I took the leadership of the Lazarus Union into the (younger) hands of Prof.DDr. Lothar Gellert. In retrospect, this was an excellent choice, because Lothar has managed to take the leadership of the Lazarus Union firmly into his hands, to set new impulses, to adapt the organization to current needs and to acquire the respect and loyalty of all comrades.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Presidium, the Supervisory Board, regional commanders and command officers for the fact that the handover of command was so smooth and practically without "frictional losses". If I'm honest, I didn't expect it any other way. I have known most of my comrades for many years and I know their commitment to live "the spirit and ideas of the Lazarus Union".

I am not and I will not be a "shadow president" in the future. I founded, built and led the Lazarus Union for more than twelve years. Now younger people are in demand to continue this work and to set new impulses. Lothar is a lucky hit and leads the Lazarus Union with heart, mind and consistency. In fact, I think that the Lazarus Union is doing even better today than it was when I handed it over to Lothar. That's wonderful and I hoped it.

The fact that I am always in the heart of the Lazarus Union and that this will remain in the future is an honorable matter for me. It is also an honorable matter for me to work further on for the Lazarus Union as far as I can. But NOT as "shadow president"!

I wish you all much joy and fulfillment in your activities for the Lazarus Union, for others and also for yourself. Never stop and never stop to start and always think of our four main principles: tolerance, humility, humanity, and mercy.

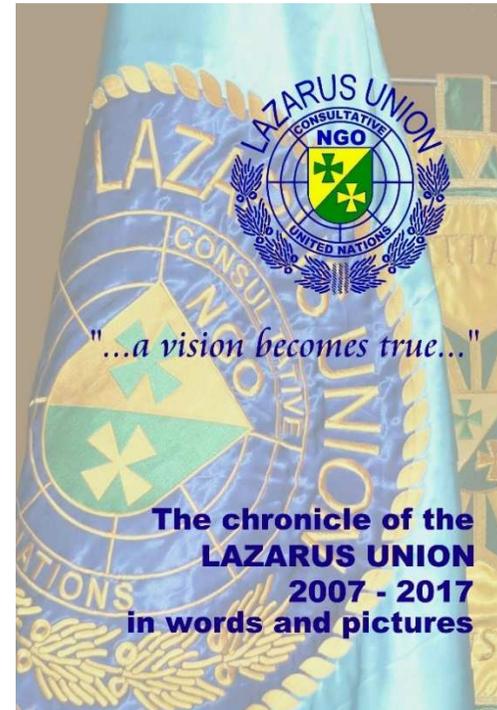
I wish all readers of this small booklet a good time!
VIRIBUS UNITIS

Senator Prof.h.c. Wolfgang Steinhart
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.

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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 future ...



Lengerich, May 2020

Dear readers of this brochure!

On April 13, 2019, the former long-time founder and General Plenipotentiary of the LAZARUS UNION, Senator Professor h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt officially and solemnly handed over the administration to me at the 15th Investiture Ceremony of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union at the Kreuzenstein Castle, and so I would like to introduce myself here.



My name is Dr. Lothar Gellert and I live in Germany. By profession I'm a university teacher at the "Federal University of Administrative Sciences" in Münster.

The first steps of my chivalrous career I made 5 years ago in the German Saint Michael Knightly Order and my involvement in this and other chivalrous organizations has brought me together over the years with many valuable and interesting people, including the previous General Plenipotentiary of the Lazarus Union Wolfgang Steinhardt. Through him I got to know the LAZARUS UNION and appreciated the idea behind this organization.

After joining the LAZARUS UNION, I have performed various tasks within the organization, such as being the Deputy Dean of the International Leadership Academy and the Commander of the CSLI Germany for the region of East-Germany. An important and honourable step for me was the acceptance into the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union.

When I am now at the head of the LAZARUS UNION, this is only possible because my family - my wonderful wife and our able son - are also active in this organization and support me in my doing.

Together with all my friends and comrades, I would like to continue the life-work of our previous General Plenipotentiary in his spirit. And I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks in the name of all comrades for the creation of this life-work and the realization of his vision.

I would like to thank already now all the commanders of the various countries and groups, the Board and the Supervisory Board as well as all friends of the LAZARUS UNION for their support in order to accomplish many common charitable works together, in accordance with our motto: "VIRIBUS UNITIS" (by joined forces).



The wording of the public oath I gave:

"... before the chapter assembled here, the Grand Officers, the honorable ladies and honorary knights, postulants, knight candidates and this community I promise in my honour to protect and promote the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour as Grand Master. I will not allow the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour to be harmed. Neither from the inside nor from the outside! So I accept faithful and in humility from you the insignia of my dignity: the coat, the collar and the breast star and the sword of honour. May I be worthy of trust ..."

are not only spoken words for me but also a personal commitment!

Professor Dr. Dr. hc (UA) Lothar Gellert
General Plenipotentiary
Grandmaster of the Knighthood of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION

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 und 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)

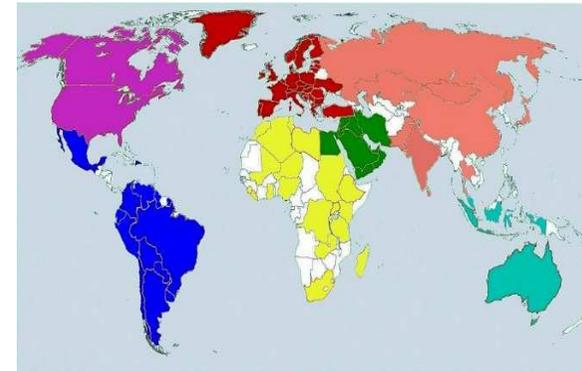
Distinctions that can be applied for and which original insignia usually are awarded for an insignia fee:

- 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:

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

As of January 1st, 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 Ostarriichi – LHWO". Caused by a lawsuit forged by the "Saint Lazarus Volunteers" based on "similarities of name" change of name to "Corps Saint Lazare Ostarriichi (St. Lazarus Corps Ostarriichi) – 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 2nd, 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 27th, 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 7th, 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 8th, 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.

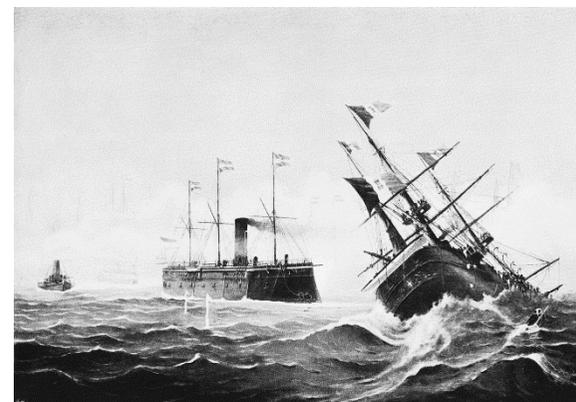
On **January 15th, 2011**, the CORPS SAINT LAZARUS AUSTRIA (Sankt Lazarus Korps Österreich) CSLA was officially founded in its constituent assembly and registered under the Austrian ZVR number 451929423 and officially recognised as an association by the state. At the same time all Austrian members of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



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 1st, 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 Priorities 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 21st, 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 Priorities” in a “cooperative friendship” effective with **January 15th, 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 Cavalleirescos e Humanitários*) of CSLI Brazil.

January 2016: More than 20.000 members world-wide.

January 2017: Nominated for the “*Nobel Peace Prize 2017*”.

June 2019: Named as NGO with “General Consultant Status” by the UN.



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

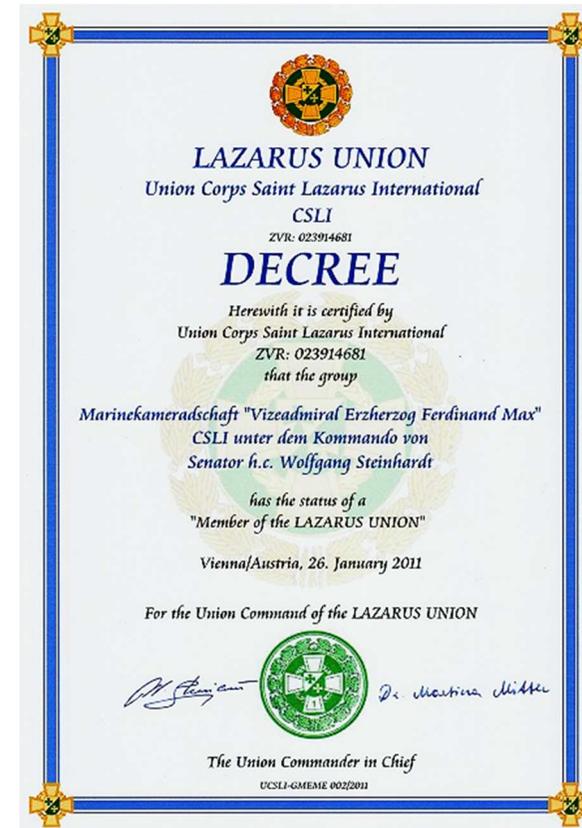
Vice Admiral Archduke Ferdinand Max

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..."

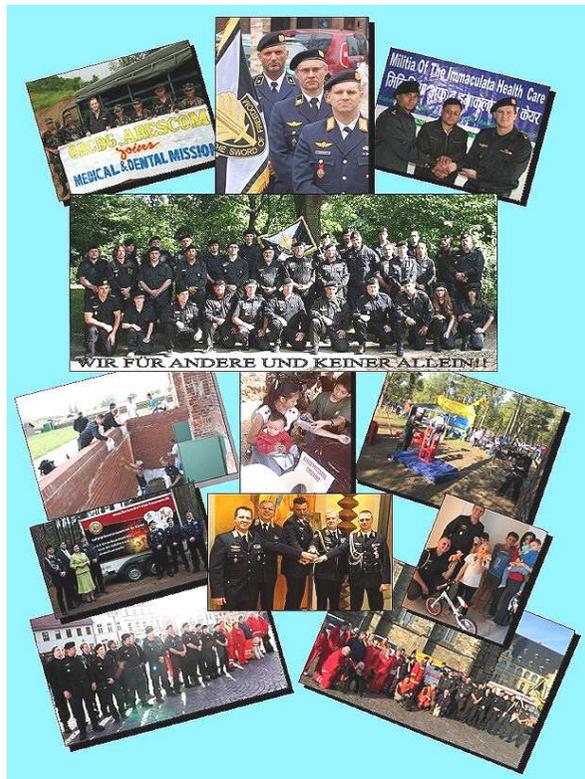
This is the text of our statutes. Austria today has no access to the sea and so also no navy. But we do have a big naval tradition which needs to be cultivated and preserved.





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.

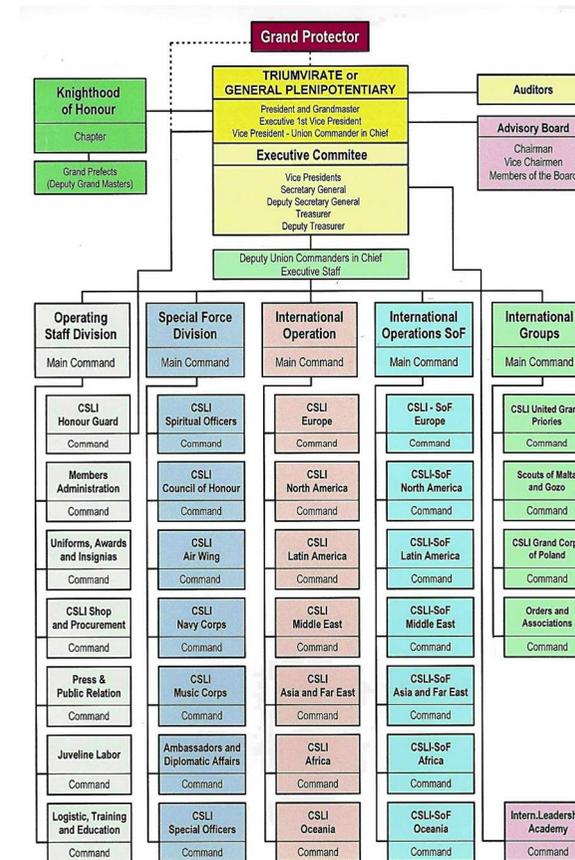


LAZARUS UNION command structure

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.

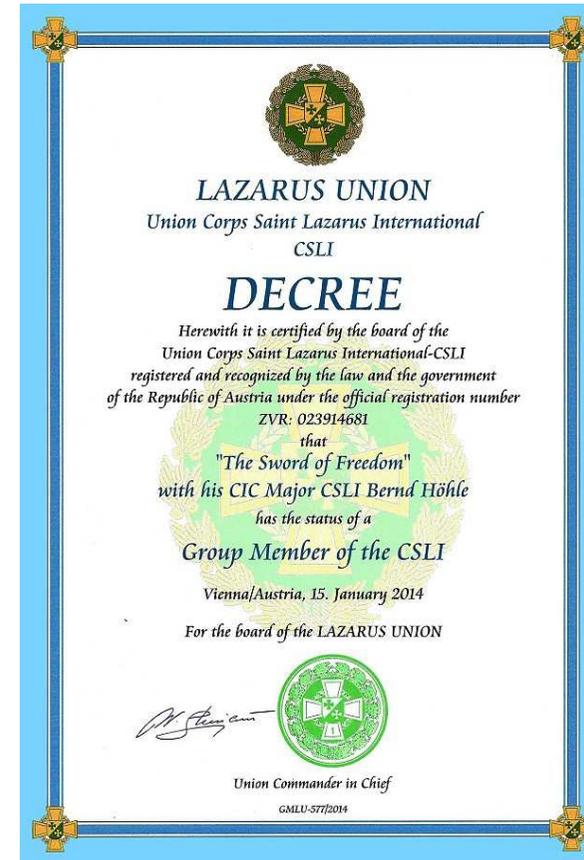
"...the Lazarus Union stands for international understanding and world peace. It advocates human and children's rights as well as justice and equal rights and feels obligated to the values of the United Nations..."

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“

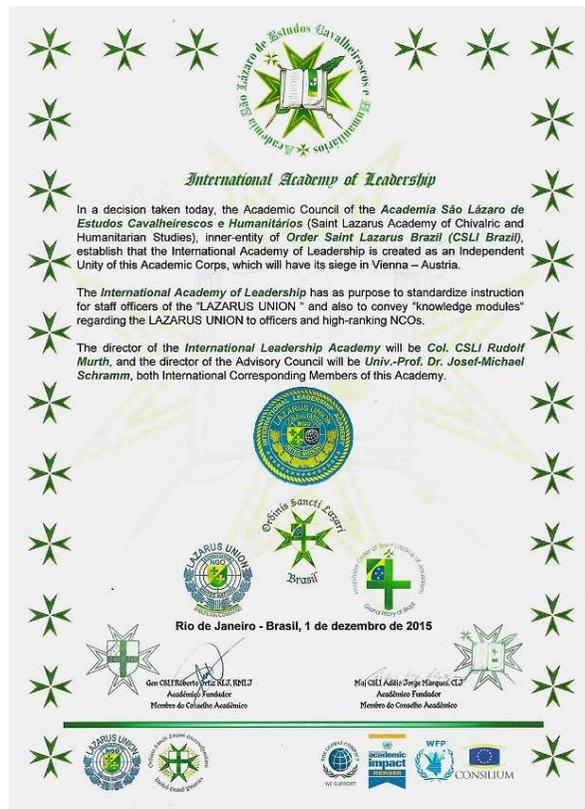
The uniform-carrying SOF units are worldwide special forces of the LAZARUS UNION and act in more than 120 countries.



"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.



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 21st, 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 1st 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



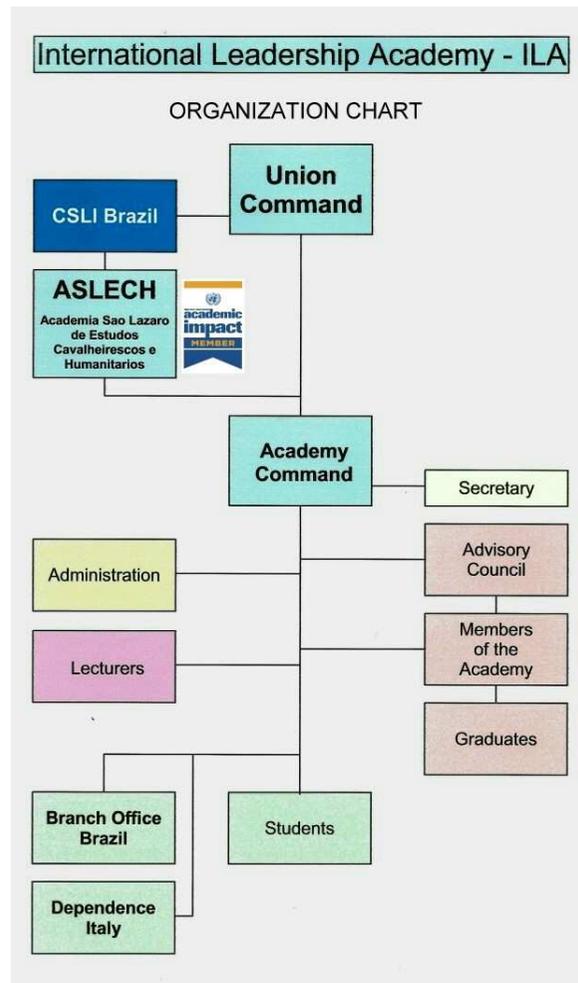
Science, research, and arts are very important achievements of mankind. Without those three fields we all would be doomed respectively lose important perspectives. By donating the “Union’s Lazarus Cross for science, research and arts” the LAZARUS UNION wants to set a mark. For this reason the LAZARUS 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

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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!

1st 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.

2nd 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.)

3rd 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.

4th 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.

5th 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.

6th 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.

7th 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) 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 "EHRENRIITERSCHAFT 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.



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).

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 35th 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.

