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Greetings

from Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt



Dear comrades! Dear Friends and Patrons of the Lazarus Union!

Our new website is practically completed and 50,000 visits a month are testimony to the wide acceptance of this medium of communication.

Although there are a large number of visits to the website, not everything there will be read. We are therefore trying, with this magazine, to make an 'overview piece'. This does not need 'link to link' connections but still shows our main developments and activities, highlighting information that can simply be read page by page.

Initially, it is planned to bring out this magazine every six months.

For anyone that wants to know more about the Lazarus Union, our official Homepage is still the alternative for further information.

In this spirit, I wish all readers much pleasure while browsing the St. Lazarus Magazine.

Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt
 Union President and Commander
 Lazarus Union – CSLI

Website of the LAZARUS UNION

by the Lazarus Union Webmaster Team

Our 'old' CSLI website had over 100 different menu items giving access to more than 10,000 images, more than 1,000 editorial articles and over 300 links, videos, and download files. It is not surprising that, as it reached the limits of its capacity, the site became a bit slow and ponderous. We therefore decided to tackle the task of making a new modern website.



Our dedicated Webmaster team, proven

over many years, is working hard on this new

Website and hopes to soon complete the project. Currently this website is still under construction and will gradually be filled with material. Even though it is not completely ready, we have nevertheless decided to put it 'live' on the internet. We have done this so that our friends, comrades and supporters can see our progress, even though everything may not yet be perfect.

The LAZARUS UNION CSLI Webmaster Team

An unexpected increase in membership

by the Board of the Lazarus Union

Some unauthorized websites, on which our Commands and the CSLI umbrella organization itself were heavily attacked in the most primitive manner, have, much to our astonishment, clearly resulted in wider interest in our organization.

Of course we are excited about our newly acquired Members, although we would have preferred that they came in more normal circumstances.

CSLI now listed as an NGO by the UN

by the Board of the Lazarus Union

Since 1 January 2012 the CSLI, as a worldwide aid organization, has been an independent sister and sub-organization of the United Grand Pories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, and consequently is now listed as one of the UN NGOs.



History of the CSLI

by the Board of the Lazarus Union



Founded in 2006 as a subsidiary organization, the Lazarus Relief Work National Group of Lower Austria-LHWO followed the Saint Lazarus Volunteers (LHW-Lazarus Relief) established in Austria in 1973.

When the Saint Lazarus Volunteers became independent they had changed their name to Lazarus Relief Austria-LHWO. Following a complaint that this name was similar to another organisation's name, it was changed to Saint Lazarus Corps Austria (CSLO).

In March 2008 came full VOLUNTARY subordination under the patronage of the PIA UNIO Order of the Knights of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of Austria, (the Lazarus Order for short). This led to the establishment of a Supervisory Board of the most senior Chapter members of the Order of Saint Lazarus and obtaining the status of the official Saint Lazarus Relief Organisation.

On 2 September 2008, after disagreements between the Bureau and the Supervisory Board, the Supervisory Board resolved to re-establish, on 16 September 2008, the Saint Lazarus Corps International, CSLI for short. The CSLI cooperates with all charities and global groupings of Saint Lazarus in the wish that cooperation without exclusions will make its 'know how' available to all.

On 27 June 2009 the first General Assembly was constituted. The CSLI then numbered more than 2,600 members. Following the election of the first Bureau for four years, the

Founder of the CSLI, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, was selected to become the first President of the CSLI.

To cater for the rapid worldwide growth of the CSLI and its various formations, on 27 September the Lazarus Union became a global umbrella or-

ganization for the now over 11,000 members. The CSLI has grown to over 50 national groups and has been officially recognized and registered under the ZVR number 023914681. On 8 December 2010 the inaugural General Assembly was held in which Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt was elected Union President and Union Commander, and Doctor of Medicine Mrs Martina Mitter elected Vice President for the next four years.

On 15 January 2011 the Saint Lazarus Corps Austria (CSLA) was formally established by the constituent General Assembly and registered as an Association recognized by the state under the ZVR number 451929423. At the same time all Austrian members were appointed to the CSLA, and all non-Austrian members appointed to the Lazarus Union, in their current functions and ranks. The (old) CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL was then dissolved by unanimous decision of the General Assembly.

Since 1 January 2012 the Lazarus Union and the Knighthood of Honour of The Lazarus Union, an independent charity, are under the protective umbrella of the United Grand Priorities of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and so are part of the Order of Saint Lazarus.



The Albanian Community in Vienna

by Patrick Poppel, Colonel CSLI

At the invitation of the Albanian Catholic Mission, on 29th April 2012 the CSLI took part in the Friendship Festival of the Albanian Community in Vienna. The occasion of this celebration was the start of the year of celebration: "100 Years of the Albanian Nation."



The Festival Mass was celebrated by Don Pren Kola (recipient of The CSLI Medal of Humanity). Because of the festive occasion, the 'messe breve' by Leo Delibes was performed by singers of the Diocesan Conservatory of the Archdiocese of Vienna.



The procession moved through the sunny Church Square in front of the Church.

During the sacred Acts of the Holy Mass, shrouded in incense, could be heard the mighty organ of Rudolfsheimer Church.

The organ solos were played by our Music Officer, Frau First Lieutenant CSLI Mag. Lusine Poppel.

Besides members of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union, members of the Brotherhood of the Holy Archangel Michael and the K. St V. Rhaetia also attended the celebrations. The Albanian flag bearer was accompanied by an Officer of the Deutschmeister Schützenkorps.



At the subsequent reception in the Rudolfsheim Parish Hall, Union Commander Senator hc Wolfgang Steinhardt pre-

sented Counsellor Anton Marku, M.E.S. for the Albanian community, with a friendship certificate.

Many new friends were made as, with Albanian specialities and Austrian beverages, this holiday slowly and pleasantly came to an end.

Investiture in Sopron / Hungary

by Christoph Ptak, Lieutenant General CSLI

In Sopron, Hungary, on 24 March 2012 in springtime weather, the common Investiture ceremony was held of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and the Knighthood of Honour of the Union Corps Saint Lazarus International (CSLI) – the Lazarus Union.



The idea to hold a joint celebration was one of the many events conceived last year in which both organizations could participate. Sopron as a venue was suggested



by Sir Dr. Janos Otto Hoffmann and it proved to be an ideal place for such a celebration.

Otto, as native of Sopron, was able to lead meetings and liaise with the personalities on site such as clergy, police and hotel management. This all helped guarantee that the success of the event was smoothly achieved.

On the Saturday we met in Sopron for meetings and rehearsals for the ceremony. We were all more or less nervous about everything going well, until the beginning of the Mass in the beautiful Baroque church. It gave the Dominicans the opportunity to welcome the delegations from friendly Orders which had travelled to the investiture - in alphabetical order: Austria Humanitas

Corps, the Brotherhood of St. Archangel Michael, the Radetzky Order, the Order of St. Michael, the Order of Weinritterschaft, the Ordo Hungariae and the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta.



Our newly formed Music Corps gave a short open-air concert in front of the Church. Inside the

Church their harmonic musical performances made a significant contribution to the success of the event. Thank you, and we look forward to the next musical treat!

A group of Sopron Girl and Boy Scouts carried the flags and standards of participating organizations, contributing to the colourful character of the event. Also many thanks to them and "Jó Munkát"!



The Investiture itself took place during a High Mass celebrated by HH Pater Máté

Barna O.P. according to the Latin Rite. Father Máté, through his prayers and speeches in

French, English, Hungarian and German, made this a vivid celebration of the Mass which will remain a lasting memory for some time. To him and his team, a warm God bless you!

Here also many thanks to the soloists, the choir and the Orchestra of the Dominican Church for their beautiful recital of The Mass in G Major by Franz Schubert. At the organ was our Music Officer, Frau First Lieutenant CSLI Mag. Lusine Poppel with her daughter Catherine. The entire congregation were thrilled by all the performances.

For the investiture, we welcomed not only postulants from Hungary and Austria but also brothers and sisters from Denmark and Scotland. Even the journey from Canada to Sopron wasn't too far! This was proof of the wonderful international spirit of unity of our organization.

The investiture of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, was carried out by the Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Grand Priory, Chevallier J Massimo Ellul, Grand

Priory of Malta, assisted by Erich Kadlec, Chancellor of Austria, and Bela Danielisz, Grand Prior of Hungary.

The solemn Investiture and Admission to the Knighthood of Honour of The Lazarus Union began traditionally with the renewal of the CSLI Officer Pledge, recited by CSLA President Wolfgang Leithner.



Then the actual Investiture was carried out by the Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt. The taking of official group photos concluded the joint investiture of the Hospitaller Order and the Knighthood of Honour.

At a final dinner there was ample opportunity to discuss matters great and small. I am

pretty sure that more results from such contacts than from large official events ...

But what would a celebration be without the appropriate record? The specialist behind the camera was our good friend press photographer Hannes Hochmuth, who shot over 1,000 photos! Some of them are already in this report, but we hope many others will soon be posted on the Internet.

Also there is video footage, shot and edited by Hannes Bartosch who also produces the films of our disability flight days.

Thanks to all, but especially to those I have forgotten to mention in this report. Without our great brother- and sister-hood this festival of comradeship would not have been possible!

Christopher Ptak, Lieutenant-General CSLI

Investiture in Malta

by the Lazarus Union Webmaster team



From the 18th to the 22nd of April a delegation of the Lazarus Union CSLI, led by the President and Union Commander Senator Wolfgang

Steinhardt and senior officers of the CSLI, attended the 1st International Lazarus Symposium in Malta.

During the first two days of the Symposium there were sessions for the international exchange of views on objectives and methods of various organizations dedicated to Lazarus. Guest speakers, from Europe and America, presented their organizations and goals, or dealt with specific technical issues such as the use of social networking sites.

On the Saturday an impressive investiture ceremony was held in the Sacra Infermeria, the 1st Hospital of the State Hospitaller Order of Malta. This hall is 160 meters long, 10.5 meters wide and 11 meters high.

After a procession outside the gates of the former hospital (currently the largest conference centre in Malta) and the arrival of the delegates and guests, the ceremony was chaired by the Grand Prior of the United Priories, HE Richard Comyns of Ludston. In addition to numerous admissions and promotions in rank, a highlight of the ceremony was the assumption of the role of Patron of the Honorary Knighthood of the Lazarus Union by the Supreme Grand Prior.

As a key part of this the Chancellor of the United Priories, Chev. Max J. Ellul, and H.E. Richard Comyns of Ludston, the Supreme Grand Prior of

the United Grand Priories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, both promised PUBLICLY to the nearly 1,000 participants from 17 countries attending the Investiture, that from now on: **"... any good deed done to the Lazarus Union is a good deed done to the United Grand Priories, and any affront done to the Lazarus Union will also be an affront to the United Grand Priories."**



The day ended with a joint gala dinner for all delegates and guests at the historic Hotel Phoenicia in Valletta.

The final and last highlight of the Symposium was the unveiling of a plaque and the planting of a tree by Richard Comyns of Ludston together with the Mayor of Tarxien to commemorate this event.

The Lazarus Union has thus proved its personnel and its content to be an indispensable pillar of the international Lazarus organization, confirming the value of the experience and many years of good work by all its members.

The original wording of acceptance by H.E. Richard Comyns of Ludston to our official request that he assume the Protectorate of the Lazarus Union and our Honorary Knighthood:

Hear ye, hear ye. As Supreme Grand Prior of the Order, I humbly accept to be the Protector of the Union Corps San Lazare International, as per the laws and statutes of incorporation in the country of Vienna. I do now, publicly, before God and this hallowed congregation, state that any good deed done to the Union Corps San Lazare International is a good deed done to the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus. Any affront done to this Union is an affront to all the United Grand Priories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem.'

LAZARUS Conference in Berlin

by Jörg-Peter Jung

On Friday 27th of April, at 04.00 a.m., my journey from Kaiserslautern to Berlin began. After a relaxing train ride, I was at Berlin Central Station by 12 o'clock. For the ride to my hotel, after an extensive study of the S-and U-Bahn, I finally used a taxi, which, after a 20-minute drive at 80 degrees Celsius because of a faulty car heater, deposited me at my hotel (Best Western Premier Hotel). After a warm welcome at the hotel it was a long shower then to the 'Order Check-in'.

At 17:00, following the welcome at Check-in, for meditative attunement, we took the bus to the Church of St. Peter and Paul on Nikolskoë north of the national parks of Glienicke, on the edge of the Stolper mountains. Once there, we were met by Claus Mark, the Pastor of the community, who warmly welcomed us to the beautiful church. Blessings, readings, and singing, accompanied by a harp, ended with a solemn procession out of the church. At 19:00 we went back at the hotel where the first day concluded with a celebratory dinner, which left no wish unfulfilled. After a couple of reflective conversations it was then to bed.

At 10:30 on the second day, after extensive conversations over breakfast, we went to attend the Order ceremony in the Gala Chamber, where the work of the Order was presented through illustrated documentary reports. From about 17:00 a tour of the French Cathedral was on the program, to which we travelled by bus. At 18:30 the Ecumenical Church Service of Investiture began. The Registrar, with the Grand Master and Patriarchs, entered solemnly accompanied by festive singing and the Cathedral organ.

After being welcomed by the future Chancellor of Berlin (Dr. Eckard Stegenwallner)

and by the Parish Priest (Pastor Dr. Kaiser), the ceremony began with singing accompanied by the choir. After this, the compelling words of the service were followed with fine organ music – the Toccata of the 5th Symphony. The investiture

ceremony united the Grand Master and the Grand Priory of the Bailiwick and appointed the Chancellor and Bailiff. This was followed by the singing of the LAZARUS hymn.

A prayer for peace and unity, appointments and the recording of Honours in the Order formed the closing ceremony. After the conclusion, the Bailiff of the Bailiwick of Germany invited the Order's community to a reception. Back at the hotel, a Gala Dinner

made an entertaining, friendly and happy end to the day.

On Sunday, the final day, I again had a good breakfast and checked out of the hotel. On my own, using the S-and U-Bahn, I toured the sights of the city of Berlin until, around 18:00, I began my journey home by train to the Saarland.



Institut des Großpriorats Brasilien

by Grandpiorary of Brasil



On this day (Saturday March 3, 2012) were invested in the ranks of our order of knighthood, receiving the Green Cross according to their grades and the Mantles, the following postulants:

Confrere Claudiomiro Bispo – Sub-ChLJ, Confrere Daniel Emiliano Guedes – OLJ, Confrere Walmir Dutra de Moraes – OLJ, Confrere Adílio Jorge Marques – OLJ, Confrere Marcos César Moraes da Silva – OLJ, Confrere Fabrício Souza Santos – OLJ, Confrere Neil Shaw – OLJ, Confrere Leandro Ribeiro – OLJ, Confrere Everton Silva de Almeida – OLJ

In recognition of their dedication and work to order, were promoted in the ranks of the order:

Consoeur Adaljiza Marta Machado Cuan – OLJ, Confrère Marcos Ferasso – OLJ

In addition, the Grand Priory of Brazil and the Supreme Grand Priory of the Order have recognized the merits of the worthy members and awarded them in the **Companionate of Merit**:

Consoeur Daniella Ortiz – OMLJ, Confrère Ivair Antonio Cantelli de Oliveira – OMLJ, Confrère André Luiz de Souza Dias – OMLJ, Confrère Marcio Pereira do Couto – OMLJ, Chevalier Roberto Ortiz – CMLJ

“Let me remind those of you who are about to become members of this Hospitaller Order that the Cross which you will receive is, to Christians, the sign of Man’s Redemption; its four arms symbolize the cardinal virtues: Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude; its points represent the eight beatitudes, which spring from the practice of those virtues, namely: Humility; Sorrow for Sin; Meekness; Thirst for Righteousness; Mercy; Purity; Peace; Suffering under Persecution; whilst its greenness will ever remind you of the humanitarian care required of Christ’s soldiers and servants” The CSLI (Corps Saint Lazare International) acknowledged the merits of **Confrère Luiz Henrique de Sousa – OLJ** (and **Captain CSLI**), award-

ing him with the **CSLI Cross of Honour in Bronze**.

The **Bearers of the Banners** and their Commander, **Confrère Demétrio Mateus Moreira – OLJ (First Lieutenant CSLI)** officially received, as a sign of gratitude, the **insignia of the CSLI**.

The partnerships with the following entities were officially announced and the **Instruments of Cooperation and Partnership** signed and exchanged:

- *Obras Assistenciais da Igreja de San Gennaro*
- *Academia Boituvense de Letras e Artes*
- *Academia de Ciências Letras e Artes de Minas Gerais*

As presented in the ceremony of the March 3, I present a brief summary about our works and actions in Brazil:

UN Registration

The **Association of Saint Lazarus Brazil** (the incorporated Brazilian entity responsible for the Grand Priory of Brazil) received the official registration in the UN (**United Nations Organization**) as humanitarian association, with the code **620028**.



This registration is a great achievement and proves our seriousness and commitment, it can be verified on the UN site below, performing the search by part of the name in Portuguese ("Lazaro" for example) or in English ("lazarus"). In the case of search in English, other grand priories which obtained recognition will also appear.

World Food Program and OCHA

The official registration by the UN allowed us to also get the registration with the **World Food Program** through the action We Feed Back, and gives us the legitimacy to work on actions for collecting and distributing food.



In addition, we have postulated within the *Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) of the United Nations* for the possibility to act as official representatives of that body in Brazil, since the country does not count with it. They agreed with our intentions, organization and objectives and during the years 2012 and 2013 we will be in trial and under observation, so that this can be effective in 2014.

Official Register of the Insignias

With the support and coordination of our member Confrère **André Luiz de Souza Dias - OLJ**, the insignia and decorations of the Order and of the CSLI began to be registered in the Brazilian Armed Forces Official Database. This will make it easy for us to award them and for the military personnel to wear them.

Due to the large number of insignia and awards, this is a slow and gradual process; however, we have already had three registrations:

- **Officer of the Order of St. Lazarus code R37**
- **CSLI Foundation Cross - Silver code R33**
- **CSLI Merit Cross - Bronze code R42**



Groups and Commands of CSLI

In order to encourage the increase in local actions and projects, we want to implement and create new Groups of **Corps Saint Lazarus International (CSLI)**, as well as District and Regional Commands.

CSLI, headquartered in Vienna (Austria), is one of the main international partners of the Order, and in Brazil it is part of the same unified chain of command. CSLI members represent our "arms", and its structure and organization allow us to have a large number of individuals, enlarging our actions and partnerships.

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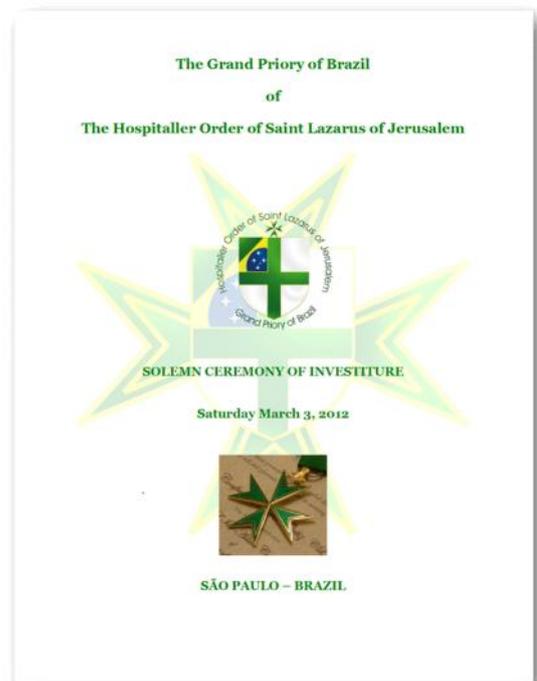
All members of the order are also officers of the CSLI, and have among its functions the recruitment of new members to the CSLI as well as encouraging the creation of Groups and the signature partnerships in their regions.



<http://www.stlazarusbrasil.org>

Editor's note:

The report of the Grand Priory of the Hospitaller Order of Brazil Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem has been reproduced here shortened for space reasons.



The full report can be under <http://www.lazarus-union.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/HOSLJ-GrandPrioryBrazil-2012.pdf> read. We ask for your understanding!



Current CSLI projects

from the Lazarus Union

Under this heading we want to point you to our forthcoming projects and events.

Charityconcert of Big Band on 08/09/2012



To round off the 6th Disabled Air Show, a charity concert by the Big Band of the Lazarus

Union will be held on 08/09/2012 from 16:00 in the large hangar at Stockerau Airfield.

6th Disabled Air Day on 08/09/2012



After our 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Air Days, on 08/09/2012 from 10:00-16:00 we are holding a Flight Day for disabled people for the sixth time in succession with the great support of the Aviation Association Stockerau (FSV 2000),

which makes its entire infrastructure available to us.

1st Disabled Sailing Cruise from 09/22/2012



From 09/22/2012 to 9/28/2012 the Lazarus Union is organising, for the first time, a sailing trip for disabled people on the route Split - Hvar - Palmiziana - Lissa - Solta - Split using two comfortable two-masted sailing ships under the command of Captain Ing CSLI Michael Bauer.

For **more information** on current projects and events, please visit our Website at: <http://www.lazarusunion.org/projects>

Friendship certificates of the CSLI

from the Lazarus Union

The CSLI makes every effort to exchange 'Certificates of Friendship' with many organizations. By exchanging such certificates not only is friendship and mutual understanding supported, but also mutual respect and tolerance. The CSLI is continuously expanding its friendly relations with other organizations and this is documented through the exchange of these Certificates of Friendship.



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