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GREETINGS

by Wolfgang Steinhardt

2012 went by quickly indeed, and once more it was a most eventful year!

I would like to take the forthcoming Christmas time and the turn of the year as an occasion to personally and most cordially thank all those who participated in making the year 2012 the most successful year of the Lazarus Union since it was founded.

Not only has the number of members and friends risen to more than 14,000 but finally we have received all the international acknowledgement and appreciation we have been working for so hard.

Sine the begin of 2012 we are a counterpart of the United Grand Priories, independent and autonomous, but nevertheless embedded in the world-spanning organisation of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and as such a (substantial) part of this organisation. According to the statutes the acting Supreme Grand Prior of the order is automatically the Grand Protector of the Lazarus Union and its "elite

force," the "Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour."

Although the Lazarus Union by its basic structure is an umbrella organisation overseeing more than 60 national organisations, prefectures, delegations, and member associations, we can look back to a series of own events in 2012.

I want to list only a few of those here (representative of more than 80 participations in various events):

- the 6th CSLI Handicapped Air Day
- the 1st CSLI Handicapped Sailing Cruise
- the 1st concert of the Big Band of the Lazarus Union
- the 3rd and 4th investiture of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour
- a visit to the 1st Lazarus Symposium in Malta with more than 800 participants
- delegations and members of the board visiting Canada, England, Malta, Germany, Italy, and Croatia.

Most notable is the fact that all these trips have only been funded privately by the participants themselves,

with absolutely no money coming from the Lazarus Union. Also there are no remunerations of board members or other members. With only a bare 2% of administrative costs (more than 98% go directly into our projects) we top all organisations with comparable size and number of members.

I do not want to left unmentioned our new web page which has been installed with great commitment as a communication platform. It is accepted very well as indicated by the more than 50,000 hits per month. For all those with no internet access we have founded the "Lazarus Magazine" as a periodical currently with two issues per year in German and English.

To all members, friends, and sponsors once more a cordial "Thank You" for making this possible. Everybody can do something. Let us create perspectives together!

All these permanent efforts and the visible success connected to it have silenced most of our critics (which we naturally do have and we very well have to live with that fact) and we can also consider this a joint success.

But we will not let our efforts wane and proffer our





hands to all who want to join us on our way for a distance in accordance with the intentions of St Lazarus. So for 2013 we have planned already the 7th CSLI Handicapped Air Day, one or two concerts of our Big Band of the Lazarus Union, two ceremonial investitures, and several visits (Brazil, Scotland, Spain, Malta, Italy, Germany etc.). We hope to continue with our successful way. For June 2014 we have already started planning our big "International Friendship Festival of the Lazarus Union" in Vienna.

With this in mind I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year 2013.

A NEW BEGINNING

by Sven Tratschitt

Each year we make our New Year's resolutions, but they don't last long; and 2012 will not be an exception. When the New Year is rung in, greeted with loud firecrackers, we often think: "**A NEW BEGINNING!**" and then wonder why somehow everything stays the same. We all want change: the sick want to be healthy, the unemployed want to find a job, the suffering and the mourning want to be happy.

Even those for whom everything went well last year

wish for change: you'd have no objection if the business at least goes a little bit better, with new customers gained so you can get another promotion. Perhaps you're planning a job change, or even taking the leap to independence. The only certain thing - as they say - is change.

As for the New Year's resolutions, they are usually forgotten very fast in any case. Even if you manage to stop smoking, change your diet, exercise more and lose weight to finally become healthier and take more time for the family, the bottom line turns out to be that things somehow always remain the same. Even if one is able to set different priorities so you're working for yourself, in reality, a genuine change rarely takes place.

But one does not actually have to stay the same. There is an answer to the question of whether money, wealth and career are everything. There is an answer to the questions of whence, why and whereafter. There is indeed a purpose to life: do not get caught up in superficialities. There is always the chance to make a serious change, even if outwardly everything seems to remain the same.

However, the New Year isn't the only time to make a new start: a birthday, a wedding, the birth of a child or a change of job are all oppor-

tunities for change. So here's to A NEW BEGINNING!

CSLI-BRAZIL

by Roberto Ortiz

The year 2012 was another successful and busy year for CSLI in Brazil, we have increased our numbers and our actions, and provided even more service to our society and our community.

We have held on March the investiture and awarding ceremony, where the medals and insignia of CSLI were awarded to the meritorious members in Brazil.

The Saint Lazarus Academy of Chivalric and Humanitarian Studies was created. We have already sent to our members and friends two studies about the history of the Order and its activities and we will be sending new researches and studies monthly. Our Coordinator, **Adílio Jorge Marques Capitain CSLI**, historian and university professor has developed a cycle that will help our members to better understand our role. Last August 29th he was invited to make a speech in the **Historical and Cultural Institute of the Air Force** and will start discussions for further joint actions.

Our first winter clothes collect campaign was a huge success. According to the numbers given to us by the persons responsible for the





collect points in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, our participation made their collect increases about 20% in São Paulo and about 60% in Rio de Janeiro. Certainly this is a project that will be improved and kept for the next years.

We have translated, adapted and developed our own training material and start training groups on First Aid and Emergency Response. We have so far trained 27 individuals in two different groups. Our goal is to have a new group and a new course happening in a monthly basis.

One of the most important steps of this period is the begging of a partnership with the association "**Amigos de Missão em Ação**" (**AMA**) in Rio de Janeiro. This association devotes itself to children and their family, by offering activities such as:

- Help with School tasks and reinforcement;
- Notions of hygiene, health and nutrition;
- Notions of Ethics, citizenship, charity and environment;
- Recreation, ballet, modern dance, soccer and martial arts;
- Music lessons and a marching band;

- Other charitable actions, depending on the specific needs of the children of the program and their families.

This action has now 70 children enrolled and 150 other have passed through the activities so far.

We are now working on our campaign for Christmas and also on our next ceremony that will happen on Rio de Janeiro on March 2nd 2013. In this occasion we will officially invest the Command in this State and we hope to have you, numerous, among us for this important day.



CSLI-ARGENTINA

by Gustavo A. Taricco Calvo

Union Corps San Lazarus Argentina, in 2011 created the earthly body "Beetles" composed by four people. The

earthly body Argentina (CTA) was created with the need for assistance in remote places where you can not get off-road vehicles. Our focus in 2012 was to increase the number of members and begin the task of training and management training in extreme conditions and locations. So this year we become 30 Beetles. CSLI Argentina has 35 members.

Our first task was to offer and work with the Ministry of Water Resources of the Province of Córdoba to conduct a survey of rivers and streams, with power flows and location of margins. This can help towards the prevention of floods and rising, especially in summer time can cause serious injury to unsuspecting tourists.

CSLI CSLI-GB & I

by Ian W. Tough

Loyal Greetings from CSLI in Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I)



Formed on 4th May 2011, CSLI GB&I

Group Command comprises the C-in-C, Adjutant, Group Liaison Officer, Group Publicity Officer, Group RSM, Admiral of the CSLI Navy, and Chaplain General. The national structure comprises Commands for North England, South England, Scotland, (all) Ireland, and Wales.

We are very keen to promote CSLI as a voluntary service organisation, focusing our activities where, although we are small in number, we feel we can make a difference.

Our members are encouraged to undertake training in





the use of Defibrillator AED equipment, and to undertaken Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). Both of these training activities are linked to our support for search dogs groups.

We have our own website: www.csli.org.uk with links to AED and MHFA training providers, and of course to the CSLI international website: www.csli.at

In our recruitment activities, we want to make CSLI in GB&I accessible for suitable candidates of all ages. In that regard, we are aiming to keep costs to an absolute minimum. We are not imposing any fees for membership, beyond the international requirement for members to acquire one of the levels of the CSLI Foundation Cross within 12 months of acceptance as a



member.

The wearing of uniform is only to be compulsory for members of the Colour Party we intend to form, and we have sourced a basic working uniform to fulfil that need. All other members of CSLI in GB&I are of course welcome to wear uniform of their wish.

We have settled into a twice yearly meeting structure, with additional *ad-hoc* events through the year, usually in conjunction with

other organisations.

INVESTITURE VIENNA

by Spectator

October 13. 2012, the by then biggest investiture ceremony of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour took place. This time the selected location was the parish church in Rudolfsheim in Vienna's 15. district.

This church which resembles more a medieval cathedral than a mere church is famous for being mistaken for St. Stephen's Cathedral by many tourists who look over the skyline of Vienna from Schönbrunn Palace.

At 2:30 the already almost traditional open-air concert of the Lazarus Union Music Corps tuned the guests in on the upcoming event.

At 3:00 sharp a tremendous and grand procession (about 150m long) started to move into the church. The combination of various formations (relief organizations, associations, acolytes, historical military groups, etc.) immediately attracted the interest of the





people on the square in front of the church. More than 250 guests had come to celebrate this event with us.

Of course this ceremonial event was accompanied by all officers of the CSLI honour guard commanded by CSLI Major Manfred Stadler as the commander CSLI Colonel Patrick Poppel was a knight initiate himself this time. But his deputy commander managed the task flawlessly.

The new banners of the Knights of Honour were carried by standard-bearers in historical costumes showing various formations of the armies of the crusades. So a bridge was closed to the beginnings of the order of St. Lazare which recruited itself out of knights of Outremer suffering from leprosy, thus forming the dreaded "army of the living dead."

Officiant of the Holy Mass was DDr. Reinhard Knittel (Official of the diocese court St Pölten and vice-chancellor of the Franciscan church Prandtauerkirche). He celebrated the service (following the old Latin rites) with utmost dignity and solemnity. In

his sermon he mentioned the knightly ideals, especially addressing "total dedication" as the ineradicable anchor of knighthood.

Support was provided by acolytes from Rudolfsheim parish, the Brotherhood of the

HolyArchangelMichael, and volunteers from St. Stefan.

The musical framework was taken care of by the CSLI Music Corps conducted by CSLI BgdrGen Friedrich Lentner. The enormous organ was played by Mrs. Mag. Lusine Poppel who is well acquainted with local music customs (and also a CSLI music officer).

Delegations from many friend organizations visited the investiture, e.g. the Order of St Lazare, the Radetzky Order, Michaels Order, ÖKB Mödling, Austria Humanitas Corps, K.Ö.St.V. Rudolfina Wien im ÖCV, Prima Nocte, Milites Sancti Imperii, Spielern Fire Brigade, Red Cross, Army Engineers Society, Marine Comradeship Archduke Ferdinand Max, Ordo Hungariae, Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Peacekeeper, Veteran's Society, delegations from the Austrian Army, Order of Joachim, Order of Cyprus, Order of the White Eagle und representatives of the diplomatic corps.

Alltogether 23 banners and flags were to

be counted which all received as a souvenir a wonderful embroidered flag banner as a sign of mutual friendship.

Besides the investiture of six knights and dames of honour several promotions and honours were awarded, also to persons who showed extraordinary merits with their charitable work and performance.

The standard-bearers in their medieval costumes drew special attention of all visitors and provided a worthy background for the ceremony.

Following the investiture the Lazarus Union provided free drinks and sandwiches to all guests. Additionally the society of the friends of the Rudolfsheim church donated red wine as a worthy welcome gift to the Lazarus Union.

It was a successful day which will be well remembered by all participants!





VIENNA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

by Lazarus Union

A delegation of the LAZARUS UNION visited the operations center of Vienna's Emergency Medical Services on October 18th, 2012.

The CSLI was invited by the head of Vienna's City Government Emergency Medical Services, Dr. Rainer Gottwald. It was a visit in mutual interest to get better known to each other and to learn more about each other's work. Interested participants were President Steinhardt and comrades Kadlec, Ptak, Gebel und Poppel, as well as comrade Hochmuth, and Anita and Prof. Hans König.

After a welcome Dr. Gottwald presented his organisation. The first emergency services were founded after the big fire at Vienna's Burgtheater (Imperial Court Theatre) in 1881. Vienna's Emergency Medical Services (MA 70, "Rettungs- und Krankenbeförderungsdienst der Stadt Wien") is an emergency organisation operating on a statutory basis given by Vienna's City Council. They operate the majority of all emergency vehicles in Vienna and provide a disposal and operations centre. They co-operate with several private ambulance services like the Red Cross Austria, the

Samaritan Emergency Services, and similar organisations like the Knights of Malta Ambulance, together forming the Vienna Emergency Cooperation. Part of the tasks is the emergency support platoon. It is designed for missions involving large numbers of accident victims, special accident patterns, increased demand in personnel and supplies, and also a much longer on-site mission duration compared to routine missions.

Vienna's Emergency Medical Services operate 12 bases



in Vienna, all of which are manned with paramedics and emergency doctors round the clock. About 800 paramedics and 80 doctors ensure 24/7 services. In 2011 a total of 256,886 missions were accomplished, 165,811 of those by MA 70. Vienna's Emergency Medical Services provide also high quality training for their own personnel as well as those from other organisations in an Emergency Service Academy.

The operation centre is one of the most recent state-of-the-art facilities in Europe. It is

reachable at the emergency number "144" 24 hours a day. The staff provides assistance to every caller and can support persons providing on-site first aid in all forms of medical emergencies. The average ambulance trip time to an emergency site is 12 minutes.

The vehicle fleet includes among others ambulances with and without emergency doctors. But their pride and joy is a mobile intensive care unit where even smaller surgical treatments are possible. This vehicle allows also professional transport of extremely heavy patients thus providing humane transportation for such persons.

We were most impressed by those explanations and background information and now understand the job of ambulance services much better.

Following this presentation president Steinhardt provided and overview on the Lazarus Union and presented a Lazarus Union standard-banner to Dr. Gottwald as a sign of friendship and comradeship. He presented our mission statement, our goals and tasks as well as our organisation structure and gave examples from our work. Obviously the video from the Handicapped Air Day was most impressive to the comrades from the Vienna's Emergency Medical Services.





APPLE JUICE DONATION

by Sven Dietel

Last Friday (26. Oct. 2012), the Founding Board Members of the Corps Saint Lazare International Command Germany, Sven Dietel, Hermann-Dietrich Streit and Katja Dietel, presented a donation of apple juice to the Nursery in Marktzeuln.

Over 600 kg of apples were collected in local orchards. These were then pressed and processed into high-quality, local juice.

The Nursery in Marktzeuln happily now has over 300 litres of juice for the children to drink over the coming months.

The commander of CSLI Germany, Sven Dietel, spoke about the good work of the Nursery in Marktzeuln saying how pleased he was that

their relief organization could extend a helping hand to the Nursery.

He also briefly introduced CSLI Germany as an independent, private aid organization based on the ideals and spirit of Saint Lazarus. The members share the objective of giving pleasure to others through disaster relief, serving people with disabilities and helping the homeless. All members are volunteers.

He noted that the CSLI, which was founded in Austria, is now well-established in Germany with a large number of supporters.

Concluding his speech, Dietel thanked his trusty companions Hermann-Dietrich Streit and his wife Christel who were always there when needed.

Remark:

This is a typical sample, how the Lazarus Union understand to do things without high costs!

COMMEMORATION

by Spectator

At 11.06.2012 the Navy Comradery Archduke Ferdinand Max (MK-EFM), based in CSLI Navy Corps of the Lazarus Union and part the Austrian Navy Association, a delegation participated at this commemoration.

After a brief ceremony at the monument for "friendship at sea" and the speech the President of the Austrian Navy Association of, retired Col. Prof. Dipl.Ing. Karl Skrivanek, the participants drove with a police boat on the Danube, where a wreath for the dead comrades passed the waters of the Danube.

Following this ceremony, there was time to chat with a cozy gathering in the inspection of the water police in comradely solidarity.





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