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# Saint Lazarus Magazine

Newspaper of the Union Corps Saint Lazarus International (CSLI)



*Lazarus Union*



## Be Part of a Worldwide Team

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 elderly people with respect. We accept them as they are. We are open to all sorts of people regardless of which nationality, 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 they are. Our doing and thinking is guarded by humanly love, trust, attentiveness, joy, responsibility, strength, and the preparedness to do reconciliation.

The main principles of the CSLI are tolerance, humility, mercy and charity.

**Everybody can do something.**

**Let us TOGETHER provide**

**new perspectives.**





## Bring Joy to Others

### CARE FOR DISABLED

In close cooperation with other organisations we care for handicapped and elderly persons by organising trips and supervised events. Also several social and humanitarian projects are supported. All our members work pro bono in their spare time.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Especially in our times many projects are "overstuffed" and "overmanaged." The reason for this often is trivial: The higher the medial interest for and the prestige of a social project the easier it is to access the "donation fountain."

**We, as the CSLI, do it the other way round:**

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

**We go back, or at least try to go back to the roots of mutual assistance in the "small" range, in direct and neighbourly interaction.**

We see as our task to support the aid awareness and the commitment of individuals and small groups of CSLI members who experience by themselves projects (e.g. duty in hostels for the homeless) where much can be done with little money (at least four our dimension). We try to offer things not available to everybody nowadays, much less to handicapped persons (e.g. Air days, attended trips, etc.)





## Share Your Talents

### 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 30 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.

### LAZARUS UNION BIG BAND

The Lazarus Union Big Band arose from the already existing Vienna-Skyline-Bigband of our music officer Friedrich Lentner. With this band we do have the possibility to pay tribute to the great musicians of the big band era.

Music by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Benny

Goodman, Woody Herman, Glenn Miller, the voice of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, to name but a few as well as the many instrumental soloists enchant us just the same way as they did enchant humans in their days.

The big band was founded by Friedrich Lentner already in 2002. Many of the musicians he assembled are professional musicians and played in various other big bands in and around Vienna for several years already.

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.





## Journey to Knighthood

A "Grand Investiture" consists of the following major parts and takes between 70 to 90 minutes (depending on the number of candidates) and is recorded in a special "investiture guide." The Grand Marshal is responsible for the correct execution and will be accountable to the chapter.

1. **Open-air concert by the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union**
2. **Procession and ceremonial entrance**
3. **Handing over of the pennants**
4. **Renewal of the officer's pledge**
5. **Ceremonial investiture of the knights of honour**
6. **Promotions and new ranks**
7. **Awards and distinctions**
8. **Commemoration of the dead**
9. **Ceremonial move-out**

The sole complexity and duration of a "Grand Investiture" makes any additional inclusion of other elements an unreasonable demand to all present. So for this reason the inclusion of special rites of religious groups is deliberately waived.

**The Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour by its nature is NO "knightly order," no matter how this term will be interpreted and the Lazarus Union has no intention to imitate or copy any religious or secular order if such orders do still exist rightly at all!**

This would be beneath the Lazarus Union considering its size and importance, also the Lazarus Union does not regard this fitting. The ceremonial "Grand Investiture" shall simply ensure that the "knightly virtues" will not be forgotten in our days as such "knightly virtues" and "modern knights" today are more important than ever!





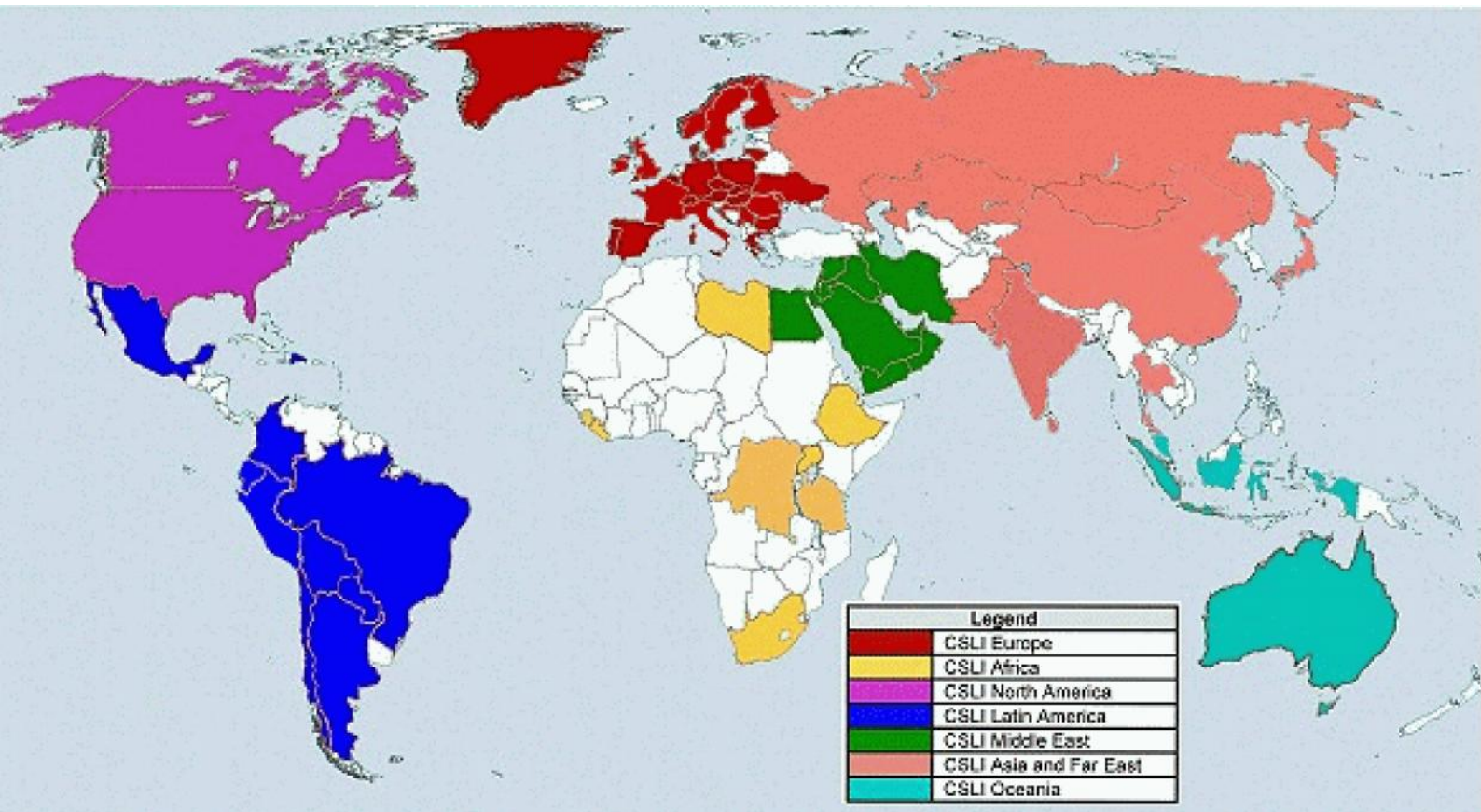
Honour Guard of the Union Corps Saint Lazarus International

## GUARD OF HONOUR

To represent the CSLI during its own events and missions and also to be present accordingly during festivities of friendly organisations, orders, and associations, the "LAZARUS UNION Guard of Honour" was founded in 2009.

This unit also is the keeper of insignia like flag and signal horn and consists of committed young members also acting as marshals during our events like CSLI Air Day for the handicapped, investitures, and similar events. Each member of the Guard of Honour is requested to be a fully trained air marshal.





### The CSI around the world

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the CSI has more than 15,000 members and is represented on all continents in more than 60 countries by national organisations, local groups, delegations or just by representatives.

- CSI Europe
- CSI Africa
- CSI North America
- CSI Latin America
- CSI Middle East
- CSI Asia and Far East
- CSI Oceania

The CSI has several "special units" and so offers many ways to participate. You can join the following units:

- CSI Navy Corps
- CSI Air Wing
- CSI Music Corps

- CSI Honour Guard

If you want to support us, become a supporting member with the CSI. Details on supporting membership can be found on our web site. Thank You!



[www.lazarus-union.org](http://www.lazarus-union.org)





## Self-portrayal of the LAZARUS UNION

The **LAZARUS UNION** has roots dating back to 1973 and developed (with a few detours) into today's form in 2010. With currently more than 15,000 members in 62 countries on all continents the **LAZARUS UNION** is at the moment the largest of all "Lazarus-Formations" worldwide.

The **LAZARUS UNION** is also listed with the United Nations as an NGO (Non Governmental Organisation).

According to its possibilities the **LAZARUS UNION** is a world-wide operating charity organisation supporting all who are in need of help, friendship, comfort, or care.

The **LAZARUS UNION** is open for all people who are able to identify themselves with the mission statement of the **LAZARUS UNION** and does NEVER ask for the denomination of its members.

The **LAZARUS UNION** considers and respects this right of freedom of religion as the sole and personal moral issue of every single member. After all, most religions of the world are represented in the **LAZARUS UNION**.

The **LAZARUS UNION** vigorously resists any and all "assimilation" attempts from certain religions and their representatives and stresses the full neutrality of the **LAZARUS UNION** against all religious communities.

The **LAZARUS UNION** never puts any form of pressure on its members and leaves participation in religious activities solely in the conscience of the single member.

The **LAZARUS UNION** is therefore NEITHER a religious NOR a secular order and as such neither indebted to ANY particular religious group nor does it allow itself to be taken in by any religious group.

This self-portrayal is valid for the complete **LAZARUS UNION** as well as for the **LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour** as a knightly association!

The Executive Board of Management

Vienna, February 2013

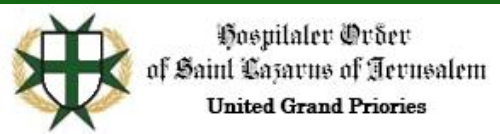






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