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Order of Saint Joachim (1755)



Preamble

Lazarus Union is connected with the Order of St. Joachim in a longstanding friendship and alliance.

The order of St. Joachim is also a member of the Lazarus Union and many high officers and Knights of the Lazarus Union are also in this order, and vice versa many of the friars hold high command posts in the Lazarus Union.

Even the eminent British naval hero of the battle of Trafalgar, Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was a Grand Cross Knight and Commander of the Order.

The Order of Saint Joachim was founded in 1755 by the Elector of Saxony and King of Poland from the House of Wettin (=Windsor) and Battenberg (=Mountbatten). The members of the Order of St. Joachim by the year 1830 (reform of the House of Lords) had even seat and vote in that body. (This is historically proven).

As our president and Union commander since 2009, is Grand Cross Knight and Commander of the German-Austrian Commend "Leopold II" of the Order of St. Joachim, the participation in the investiture of the Order is not only a matter of course, but always a very nice experience for all participants.



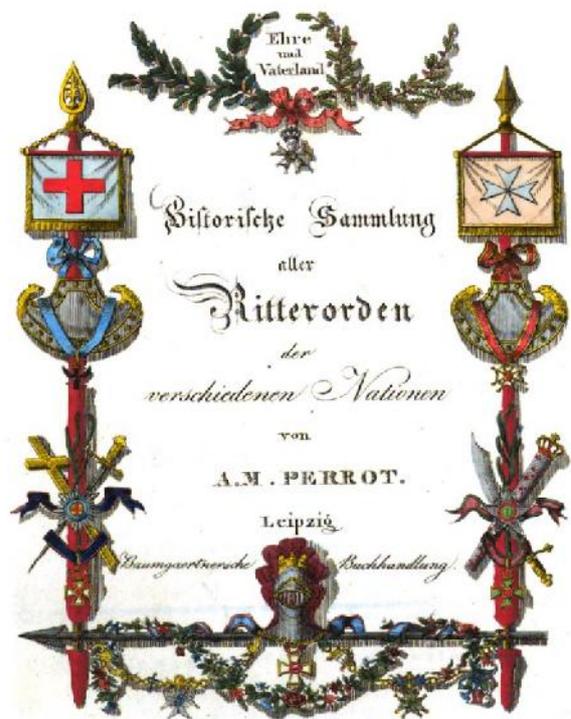


The Order of Saint Joachim¹

It was founded on the 20th of June, 1755 by fourteen German noblemen, headed by the Duke of Saxe - Coburg - Saalfeld. He was named as the first Grand Master. This charitable foundation has had as its purpose through its Commanderies easing the burden of its less fortunate members in their old age, and providing the means for its more well off members to continue to prosper. There are three classes of the Order: Grand Commanders, Commanders and Knights. It also accepts honourary members.

The head of this Order is the elected Grand Master; whose election takes place in Chapter. In order to be nominated, one must be able to prove his ancestry back four generations; only the French are not subject to this condition, however they must be members of the [French] Legion of Honour.

The Knights solemnly vow to worship the Supreme Being, show tolerance towards all religions, loyalty towards their princes, support the needs of their military, the poor, widows and orphans.



The motto of the Order is:

Deo, Principi, Legi

trans.

God, Prince and the Law



¹ Historische Sammlung aller noch bestehenden Ritterorden der verschiedenen Nationen; A.M. Perrot; Leipzig in der baumgärtnerischen Buchhandlung 1821; S. 122-123





History of the Order

The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim was established on the 20th of June, 1755 by fourteen nobles and distinguished military leaders of the Holy Roman Empire. Having seen the terrible consequences of ongoing religious wars in Europe, our founders dedicated themselves to "worship the Supreme Being, show tolerance towards all religions, loyalty towards their princes, support the needs of their military, the poor, widows and orphans." The Order was uniquely composed of both Protestant and Catholic nobles and leaders at a time when religion violently divided Europe and the German states within the Holy Roman Empire, and other knightly orders allied themselves exclusively with one faith or the other.

The Order was headed by His Serene Highness Prince Christian Franz von Sachsen-Coburg Saalfeld, son of reigning Duke Franz Josias. Prince Christian Franz was installed as our first Grand Master on June 20th, 1756, a position he held until 1773.

When the Order was founded in 1755, it was originally with the name The Knights of the Order of Jonathan, Defenders of the Honour of Divine Providence. In 1767 the Grand Master and a majority of the Grand Chapter decided to remove the reference to Jonathan from the name. Finally, in 1785 a further change was made, and the Order's constitution was revised by the General Chapter to rename it The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim, which it has remained to this day. The original Statutes and Rules of the Order published in 1756 and 1768 still exist.

Our first Grand Master was followed by Franz Xaver, Graf von Montfort and a noble of the Holy Roman Empire, who remained Grand Master until his death in 1780. The Grand Master's position next fell to successive generations of the Counts of Leiningen - Westerburg - Neuleiningen, who were related to both the Sachsen-Coburg Saalfelds and the British Royal Family.



The Order of Saint Joachim was recognized by many contemporary sovereigns and states. His Apostolic Majesty Leopold II, King of Hungary and Bohemia formally acknowledged and sanctioned the wearing of the insignia of the Order on May 23, 1790 with a document of Royal Concession. A few months later he was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, succeeding his brother Joseph II. One of his first acts was to appoint Comte Christian von Leiningen, a knight of The Order of Saint Joachim and relative of the Grand Master, to be Chamberlain of the Imperial Palace.

On the 27th of April, 1791 King Friedrich Wilhelm II of Prussia issued a similar Royal Grant recognizing the legitimacy of our Order and permitting the wearing of the insignia of The Order of Saint Joachim on Prussian officers' military uniforms.

The Order of Saint Joachim was also closely examined at the request of the British Crown before Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was allowed to accept the award of the Cross of a Knight Grand Commander. The Order of Saint Joachim passed the strict scrutiny and requirements for a knightly order set down by the English College of Arms, which was confirmed by the King's Warrant in 1802, and granted Nelson permission to accept and wear the honour. Some of Nelson's correspondence displays his affection and high sense of honour he felt at being admitted to The Order of Saint Joachim. Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was wearing the breast cross of a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim when he fell mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

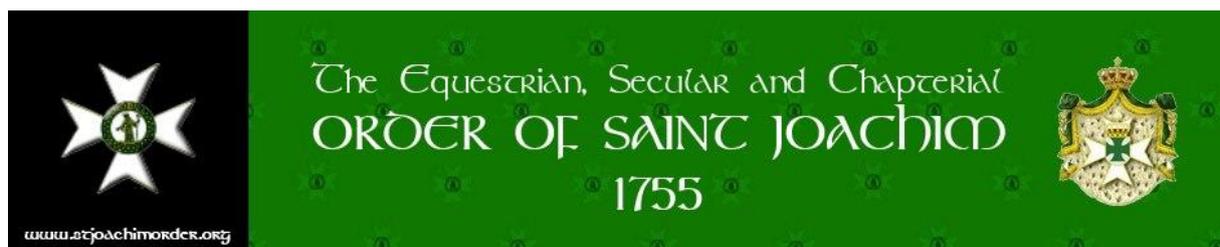
The Royal Warrant of King George III was also issued for three other English contemporaries of Admiral Nelson to accept and wear the insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim. These included Viscount Merton, General Sir Charles Imhoff, and Philippe D'Auvergne, Prince de Boullion, Rear Admiral of the Blue. Philippe d'Auvergne cut a dashing figure in the time of the French Revolution as a spymaster and organiser of Royalist resistance in France from his base in the Island of Jersey, where he was Governor. General Sir Charles Imhoff was granted the Royal Warrant to accept and wear the Grand Cross of The Order of Saint Joachim on May 18, 1807 on the recommendation of the English College of Arms.

The Order of Saint Joachim and the use of the post-nominal "K.J." by its knights is evidenced in several contemporary English references, including Debrett's and various guides to the British Parliament. In fact, Knights of Saint Joachim were recognized in England and were entitled to the use of the title "Sir" until the 1813, when legislation was passed to limit the recognition of foreign knighthoods generally. Nonetheless, The Order of Saint Joachim was again recognized as a genuine order of knighthood again by the English College of Arms' Windsor Herald, Francis Townsend, Esq., FSA, in 1828 in his "Calendar of Knights", listing all knighthoods and orders of knighthood recorded in the English College of Arms' records.



At the beginning of the 19th Century, Napoleon's wars in Germany resulted in the creation of the Confederacy of the Rhine as a French puppet state. As ruler of Leiningen our sitting Grand Master was imprisoned and Napoleon's own brother-in-law, Joachim Murat, was made the Grand Duke of the newly created "Duchy of Berg and Cleves". Joachim Murat, a Marshal of France, was appointed Grand Duke of Berg and Cleves on March 15, 1806 and held this title till August 1, 1808, when he left to become King of Naples. During this time he declared himself the Grand Master of The Order of Saint Joachim. He was painted by the famous court painter Gerard wearing the breast star of the Order, and revised the Order's statutes to extend membership in the Order to any member of the French Legion of Honour. He also made changes to the Order's insignia, including a rosette on the ribbon and a variation of the breast star, seen here. Murat's leadership of The Order of Saint Joachim was rejected by the existing members, and the legitimate Grand Master's line remained with the son of the previous Grand Master, the next Count of Leiningen. In fact, when Philippe D'Auvergne, Prince de Boullion, found that Murat had declared himself Grand Master of the Order, he resigned his membership, but changed his mind when he was assured that the legitimate leadership of the Order rested in the Count of Leiningen, who opposed Napoleon. Murat left to become King of Naples in 1808 and was eventually executed in 1815.

Something unique that distinguishes The Order of Saint Joachim from other orders of chivalry is that by the mid 1800s it did not owe its existence to a royal or noble house, although it counted such people among its members. It derived its authority from its ancient charter, much the same way many of the original knightly orders did during the Crusades. Being chapterial, the Order's Grand Master was elected by the Grand Chapter of its knights, and was not a hereditary position. Writing in 1843, G.L. De Rochement and J. Bischoff (*Ridderorden: Amsterdam, p. 27*) observed that The Order of Saint Joachim "does not owe its origins to any crowned head, even so it is recognized both on the European mainland and in Great Britain as an Order of knighthood." Nonetheless, various books, references and encyclopedia continued to erroneously describe The Order of Saint Joachim as belonging to the Ducal House of Sassen-Coburg until almost the end of the 1800s. (See: Goffredo di Crollalanza's "Enciclopedia Araldico-Cavalleresca", 1878).





Austrian - German Commandery Leopold J.F.

The Commander of the Austro-German Commandery of The Order of Saint Joachim is H.E. *The Chevalier* Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt GCJ.

Born in Vienna, H.E. *The Chevalier* Steinhardt KCJ has had a long career in sales and management of such companies as 3M, Afga and Kontron La-Roche. He was CEO of Elscint Medical Technology and founder of Westwind Air.

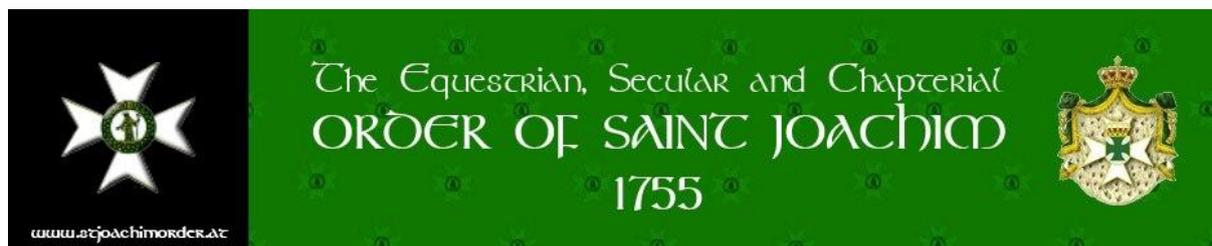
The Chevalier Steinhardt KCJ served as Commercial Counsellor to the Dominican Republic in Austria, and for five years lived in the Dominican Republic as head of the branch office, for which he was appointed “Senator h.c.”

As a youth, for four years Chevalier Steinhardt was a member of the chorus of the world-famous Vienna Boys Choir – the “Wiener Sängerknaben”.

H.E. *The Chevalier* Steinhardt GCJ is an accomplished commercial and private pilot, having logged many hours in both multiengine aircraft and helicopters.

He combined his passion for flying with his charitable work, and serves as the Federal Commander of the *Corps Saint Lazare International*. The CSLI is an independent service organization that undertakes numerous charitable activities in Austria and Germany, as well as internationally. It works with, but is not part of, The Order of St Lazarus. Its “air wing” is actively involved in search and rescue operations, emergency evacuations and giving the handicapped the opportunity to enjoy the freedom of recreational flying. A group of about 40 pilots forms an important part of the members of the CSLI.

H.E. *The Chevalier* Steinhardt GCJ is the recipient of numerous awards and honours for his charitable work, and can be reached at steinhardt@stjoachimorder.org.





Vienna 2010 - Inaugural Investiture of the Commandery "Leopold II"

With senior member of Grand Chapter as well as representatives of other Order in attendance, the Commandery of Austria-Germany, "Leopold II", under its Commander H.E. The Chevalier Wolfgang Steinhardt GCJ, held its first Ceremony of Investiture and Installation in Vienna, Austria on May 29, 2010. Held at the magnificent St. Salvator Chapel, built in 1301, members gather to watch as its first Commander was installed, and nine worthy individuals were either admitted to the Order or advanced to the rank of Knight. The well organized event had the assistance of members of both the Order and the CSLI, who met



arriving dignitaries and guests at the airport. The first event was a traditional Heurigenbesuch on Friday night at the famous Vienna Prater park. Some of the more adventurous tried out the park's many thrill rides before setting into a casual and friendly welcome dinner in the open air.

Some members took advantage of the helicopter rides provided by the air wing of the CSLI while others took the city tour which included special private tours of the Imperial Apartments of the Hofburg and Schonbrunn Palace.

Supported by the CSLI – the Corps Saint Lazare International – the Ceremony of Investiture and Installation welcome as guests Vienna's other Orders of Chivalry, military groups, officers and associations, many of which sent guards of honour to the church along with their banners. Banners were paraded and presented at the altar for blessing.



The Grand Master presented Commander H.E. The Chevalier Wolfgang Steinhardt GCJ with his Commandery's own Sword of State as a symbol of his authority, and with the assistance of H.E. The Grand Prior His Grace The Chevalier Douglas Lewins GCJ and Deputy Grand Prior The Rt. Rev.. The Chevalier Howard Westin-Smart KCJ, the following candidates were admitted into The Order as Knights Expectant:

- Rupert Prohaska von Maines
- Andreas Rademachers
- Dipl.Ing. Andreas Weigmann

From both Austria and around the world, the following members were advanced to the rank of Knight:

- The Rev. Victor James Allan Bullock KJ
- Christine Joan Ferguson DJ
- Josef Maria Gebel KJ
- Lt Col. Martin Bernard Grossmann KJ
- Dr.med. Gabriel Halat KJ
- Dr.med. Martina M. Mitter DJ

The Gala Dinner was held in the Barock Saal of the Altes Rathaus, the historic Vienna Old City Hall built in 1298. Austrian and other European guests were introduced to the English tradition of proposing toasts. Formal speeches were kept to a minimum and everyone quickly relaxed into the fraternal camaraderie that is so characteristic of our Order.



Joining us in Vienna for this important landmark event were representatives of the Order of St Lazarus and The Radetzky Order, as well as the Austrian Minister of Defence (ret.), who served as "Honourary Protector" of the event.

The Grand Master and Grand Chapter offer their congratulations to Commander H.E. The Chevalier Wolfgang Steinhardt GCJ and members of his Commandery for an exceptional and well-organized event.





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June 9, 2010

My Dear Wolfgang:

Let me express my sincere thanks and great admiration for the outstanding Investiture weekend in Vienna. It was a spectacular event that other Commanderies will try to live up to.

Every aspect of the ceremony and social activities was thoughtfully and professionally arranged, as your guests were exceedingly well looked after throughout their stay. I personally appreciated all the many kindnesses you showed me even when you were so busy with the many details. Having organized such events myself, I know how much work and attention to detail is required.

It was gratifying to see your Commandery attracting so many good people, and the warm support we received from the CSLI as our host and sponsor of the event. You have much to be proud of in your leadership of both the CSLI and the Order's Commandery.

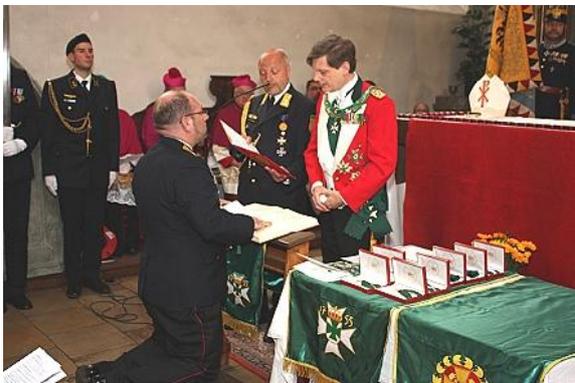
Please accept my personal thanks and warmest congratulations on an excellently run event.

With warmest fraternal regards,

H.E. The Chevalier Stephen Lautens GCJ
Grand Master



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The Noble Hearts Foundation



Welcome to The Noble Hearts Foundation, the charitable arm of The Order of Saint Joachim in Canada.

The Noble Hearts Foundation was established as a Non-Profit corporation in December, 2010 as a vehicle for the ongoing charitable goals and activities of members of The Order of Saint Joachim.

[The Order of Saint Joachim](#) was founded in 1755 with the following purpose: "The Knights solemnly vow to worship the Supreme Being, show tolerance towards all religions, loyalty towards their princes, support the needs of their military, the poor, widows and orphans." More than 250 years later, there continues to be a need for religious tolerance world wide, and civil war and international conflict continue to produce widows and orphans in need of assistance. The Noble Hearts Foundation has expanded on these original objects to also provide support and assistance to children and young people in need by raising funds through its members and supporters.

The name "Noble Hearts" comes from one of the earliest mottos of The Order of Saint Joachim - "Nobili Cordi" - which has appeared on the Order's insignia since the late 1700s. It was meant to serve as a constant reminder of our ongoing obligation to assist our fellow human beings in need whenever possible.

The Noble Hearts Foundation is incorporated in the Province of Ontario as a not for profit, non-share capital corporation and has been approved as a charity by the Ministry of Government Services of the Province of Ontario.

The Noble Hearts Foundation has Charitable Registration Number: 83471 3000 RR0001.





The Equestrian Secular & Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim

To all our Beloved Brothers and Sisters -

To ensure support and fraternity and to recognize others who share in our mission to bring peace, understanding and harmony to our fellow men.

by Command of the Grand Master, the

Corps Saint Lazare International

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is hereby extended this

Concordat of Friendship and Cooperation

Given under the Great Seal of the Order

Grand Master



This 15th day of February, 2009

In the 253rd year of the Order







Nobilis
Cordi

The Equestrian  Secular & Chapterial

Order of Saint Joachim

*To all our Beloved Brothers and Sisters -
Having seen the growth of our Order in
Austria and Germany, and to ensure continued
good governance of The Order,
by Command of the Grand Master,
let it be known that on this day*

**The Commandery
"Leopold II"**

*is hereby erected under the command
of its first Commander*

**Sr.E. The Chevalier Senator h.c.
Wolfgang Steinhardt GCS**

*Given under the Great
Seal of the Order*

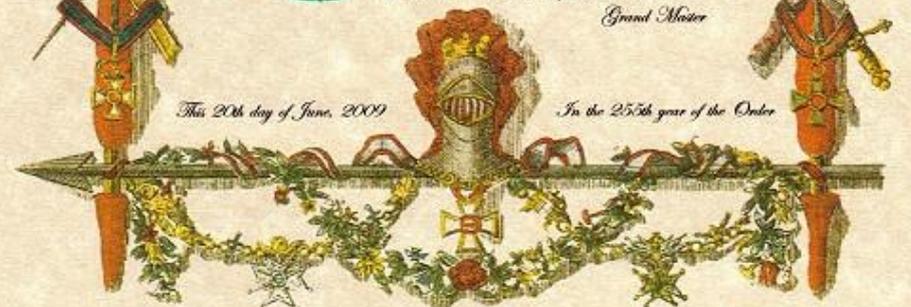


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*H.E. The Chevalier Stephen Lautens GCS
Grand Master*

This 20th day of June, 2009

In the 25th year of the Order





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*Herewith it is certified by the
Corps Saint Lazare International-CSLI*

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that

*The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial
Order of Saint Joachim*

*has the official status of a "Founding Member CSLI" and each
member of this order is automatically accepted as an affiliated
member of the CSLI.*

Vienna/Austria, 26th June 2009

The founder committee



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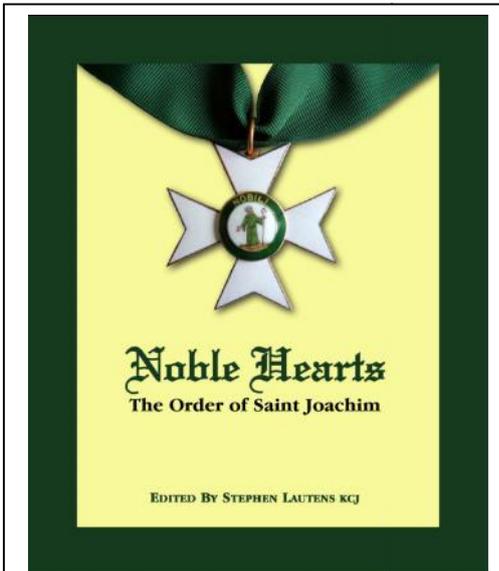


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