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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

A report by Erich Kadlec



First there was our own general assembly to be held, with a comprehensive agenda. This was followed by the GA of the Naval Comradeship Vice Admiral Archduke Ferdinand Max - CSLI, then followed by the convent of the Commandry Leopold II of the Order of St Joachim and finally the GA of the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria - CSLA.

After the address of welcome from the president Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt the usual protocol procedures were put into action.

An important item was a statute change which put a stronger emphasis on the international aspects of the CSLI. Representatives of our international affiliated organisations are now represented in the advisory board as well as in the board of management.

The report of the president gave a full account on the activities of 2013 in the form of a most informative power point slide set. After all the CSLI was present at over 100 events and with the 7th Handicapped Air Day had its own big event which had been extensively noted in Austria.

The Lazarus Union is also proud to announce that the United Nation's ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) Committee for NGOs has recommended to ECOSOC in the 4th and 5th meeting of the 1st NGO consultation meeting 2014 in New York to award to the Lazarus Union "Special Consultative Status" as a registered NGO.

The official decision will take place at the next ECOSOC meeting. This gives the CSLI the right to participate in the meetings, to submit applications, and the opportunity to make representations.

A glimpse on future activities: our investiture at Castle Kreuzenstein and participa-

tion at various events from friendly organisations, a charity concert for the Großweikersdorf fire brigade, and several performances by our music corps.

Also planned is a participation in the airport festival of the FSV Stockerau 2000 with handicapped persons.

In 2015 an international friendship festival is in the planning: a symposium, a ball (Parkhotel Schönbrunn), an investiture (Castle Kreuzenstein) and a social programme, together with the Hospitaller Order and the Order of St Joachim. First preparatory work has already been commenced, for details see our website.

As always, the report of the auditors was very positive, especially mentioning the extremely low administration costs and the "allowance policy" of the Lazarus Union (no expenses are paid to any volunteers whatsoever). The Lazarus Union is very proud of the fact that no organisation of comparable size is known (at least to us) with such low administration costs (below 2% of the total budget!).

By motion of the auditors the work of the board and the treasurer was formally approved.

To comply with the new statutes the board stepped back and new elections were held, organised by our chair Col. retd. Neidhart. All candidates were elected unanimously by secret ballot.

Sadly our treasurer Comrade Leithner retired from his office and now is one of the board vice presidents. A heartily welcome to the new members of the chair and the board.

We are proud to have now several representatives from different countries with the chair as well as with the board. This underlines the international aspects of the CSLI.

At the closing of the GA the president presented several awards to merited comrades.



Then the marathon continued with the GA of the Naval Comradeship: the usual procedure with various reports. The board was prematurely elected anew also here. All decisions were unanimously here as well.

The convent of the Commandry Leopold II of the Order of St Joachim was record-breaking. The agenda was dealt with within a few minutes, thus making good the delay accumulated so far.

Reports on past and future activities correspond to those of the Lazarus Union, there is no financial report as there are no separate receipts and expenditures. The new board is also elected quickly.

The final event was the GA of the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria – CSLA: report of the president, financial report etc.

The chair steps back here as well and gets elected anew. President Leithner resigns, the new president is comrade Dr. Hochstätger. The board is also elected unanimously. Then the president of the Lazarus Union, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, is awarded honorary membership in the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria-CSLA.

Several activities are planned which will be published on the website. The new president plans to position the CSLA better as a national organisation of the Union. Optimism is seen and felt.

The never-ending series of meetings was sufferable due to the comfortable atmosphere in the castle's tavern together with excellent food and beer.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A report by Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt



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The LAZARUS UNION and the UNITED NATIONS



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So please help also to make this promotion a success!

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This award is available in four levels:

1. Remembrance Cross on triangle-ribbon
2. Officer's Cross as breast decoration
3. Grand Officer's Cross as breast decoration with silver star
4. Grand Cross as breast decoration with gold star

Who will be awarded:

Remembrance Cross (incl. decree)

This insignia will be awarded to ALL persons and members of the LAZARUS UNION, who support this project with a donation of EUR 30.- (Ribbon EUR 4.-)

Officer's Cross (incl. decree)

This insignia will only be awarded to members of the LAZARUS UNION from the rank of Staff Officer CSLI onwards, who support this project with a donation of EUR 40.- (Ribbon plus in EUR 5.-)

Grand Officer's Cross (incl. decree)

This insignia will only be awarded to members of the LAZARUS UNION from the rank of General Officer CSLI onwards and functionaries, who support this project with a donation of EUR 50.- (Ribbon plus pin)

Grand Cross (incl. decree)

This insignia will be awarded to ALL persons and member of the LAZARUS UNION up to the rank of General Officer CSLI, board and executive members, who support this project with a donation of EUR 60.- (Ribbon plus pin EUR 8.-)

Shipping costs inside the EU: EUR 15.-, worldwide EUR 25.-

You are able to support this project further with:

Fabric badge (7,5cm)



This insignia will be awarded to ALL persons, who support this project with a donation of EUR 10.-

Pin button (12mm)



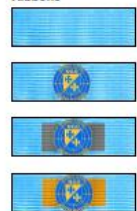
This insignia will be awarded to ALL persons, who support this project with a donation of EUR 8.-

Metal badge (4,5cm)



This insignia will be awarded to ALL persons, who support this project with a donation of EUR 15.- (You can wear it on the uniform and the berrett too.)

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LECTURE BY EX-SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN KOFI ANNAN

A report by Erich Kadlec



A delegation of the LAZARUS UNION attended a lecture by ex-Secretary General of the UN Kofi Annan, who was the Secretary General from 1997-2006.

The President of the National Council, Barbara Prammer M.A., and the Austrian Society for Foreign Policy and the United Nations had been invited to the former House of Representatives Chamber of the Parliament building for the lecture. Also present was the Federal President, Dr. Heinz Fischer, and high-ranking representatives from politics and diplomacy.

It was an impressive experience to be in the historic session hall of the former Imperial Council: Whose seat was that? What had gone on here? Where had former deputies thrown inkwells at their political opponents?

Kofi Annan gave a haunting plea for democracy, free elections and human rights – stressing that democracy is an ongoing process. In addition to peace and security, he said, a society must be built on the rule of law and human rights because everywhere democracy is a ‘work in progress’.

In addition, he called for a reform of the UN Security Council: that, for example, not a single African country or India is permanently represented on the Security Council can have no justification.

He went on to address the current situation in the Ukraine: a situation which he said could become “much more serious”. His statement was unfortunately confirmed only a few hours later.

The Auditorium responded to his speech with appreciative applause. Then, with obvious pleasure, he answered many questions from the audience.

LAZARUS UNION participants were comrades Steinhardt, Ptak and Kadlec.



50 YEARS NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER SOCIETY VIENNA

CELEBRATION HELD MARCH 6TH, 2014, IN AUSTRIAN HISTORY ARMY MUSEUM

A report bei Hannes Hochmuth



The UOGW was founded in May 1964 and served as a place caring for service problems for the NCOs during a time when there was no employee representation available. Today the Non-Commissioned Officer's Society Vienna is the representing body and the mouthpiece for all employees but especially for the approx. 4.000 Viennese Non-Commissioned Officers in active service, in the reserve and in retirement. I want to remind everybody on the importance of a strong community able to meet common targets. "Only in numbers lies our strength," the president of the UOGW society, Vzlt Bernhard Struger, stated during his commemorative talk.

Vienna's military commander Bgdr Mag. Kurt Wagner among many others congratulated the UOGW in his speech for their anniversary and thanked for the valuable service provided in the Army, wishing for similar successful work in the future.

Significant birthdays earn the right to be noted.

The high generals were present at this celebration, as well as many staff officers, providing wishes from the officer corps: „...the non-commissioned officer simply stands for the Austrian Army, in training, in management, in the home country as well as all over the world, and is essential for the fulfilment of the mission of the Austrian Army...“

The recurrent theme of all commemorative speeches was a warning and an appeal to politics to provide also the necessary financial means to enable the armed forces to fulfil their tasks.

A LAZARUS UNION delegation of five comrades was invited by the UOGW and wants to express their thanks for having been able to participate in this worthy celebration and congratulates the UOGW for their anniversary, wishing all the best for the future.



BENEDICTION AND NEW CONSECRATION OF THE CHAPEL OF ST. VITUS

A report by Erich Kadlec



For some months now we tried to find a fitting occasion to thank and to honour Militärsuperior Alexander Wessely for his long lasting generous support of the LAZARUS UNION and also for his many actions as a military chaplain for the soldiers of the Burgenland and periodically also of Lower Austria, not to forget his support of many events where his turned out to be a brilliant comedian as well. His acts as the Good Soldier Švejk are legendary already.

The consecration of the Chapel of St. Vitus which was renovated last year (see also the introduction) finally seemed to be the perfect occasion.

About 160 guests, among them the Parson from Parndorf, politicians of the surrounding villages and numerous flag detachments from tradition unions, met for the ceremony and were greeted by the commander of the military training ground Bruck-Neudorf.

In the course of a Holy Mass with music from a tamburica band and a brass ensemble from the Military Command Burgenland the Chapel of St. Vitus was ceremonially con-

secrated by military chaplain Dr. Wessely. During his sermon Wessely compared the renovation of the chapel which was totally derelict to Jesus Christ and Francis of Assisi, who both built new upon old.

The end of the service was now the perfect opportunity to present the well-earned honour to Dr. Wessely. President and Union Commander Wolfgang Steinhardt introduced the LAZARUS UNION with a few words and pointed to the parallel that also the LAZARUS UNION was founded in 2009 by only two campaigners (A quote by Pop John XXII: "Sisters and brothers, you should never cease to begin and never begin to cease!"), dared a restart, and today has about 16,000 members worldwide.

The special level of the Grand Cross of the Cross of Honour is the highest award the LAZARUS UNION can give away and with Dr. Wessely it is only for the second time that this honour is awarded to a person. In an emotional laudation Steinhardt pointed out the grand merits of Dr. Wessely and his long relation to the LAZARUS UNION.

In the end all were invited to an agape where numerous new contacts were met, many talks held, and the photographers had lots of opportunities to shoot some pictures.



FF-SPILLERN – CAR BLESSING

A report by Erich Kadlec



A Lazarus Union delegation participated in a ceremony of the Spillern Voluntary Fire brigade on 27. April 2014.

The occasion was the blessing of the newly purchased personnel carrier. Also the youth fire brigade celebrated its 30. anniversary. A service was held, celebrated by parson KR Msgr. Franz Forsthuber, at the same time a celebration of St. Florian.

Sponsors for the blessing of the vehicle were Mrs. Bettina and Mr. Georg Waldstein-Wartenberg. Fire Brigade Chief Adolf Huber welcomed the guests. He reported that it was necessary that a new personnel carrier had to be acquired as the old one did not get any further operating approval. This purchase was also supported by the county fire brigade union of Lower Austria.

The youth fire brigade of the voluntary fire brigade Spillern was founded in 1984. As of today it has 18 members, aged 10 to 16. As most of the new members of the regular voluntary fire brigade are recruited from these youngsters, youth work is considered extremely important. 21 members of the active fire brigade team are former youth fire brigade team members.

Among the various salutation speeches was also one of the mayor and fire brigade chief of Kanice, a partner voluntary fire brigade from the Czech Republic, near Brno, founded in 1892.

Ing. Vlado Kalivoda reported that in his community a youth fire brigade team “officially” exists since 14 years. But some 80 years old men tell that there already was a “youth fire brigade” when they were young guys. The youth fire brigade in the Czech Republic is organised a little bit differently, more like the former “pioneers”. They engage in many more different activities like wood camps or even rifle shooting.

He also presented several symbolic gifts to the Spillern Fire Brigade.

CSLI president Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt presented the LAZARUS UNION and mentioned the friendly cooperation between our two organisations.

To help your neighbour is very much in the sense of our “knightly ideals.”

Some comrades from the Spillern Fire Brigade publicly received LAZARUS UNION awards for their support during our last Air Day.

The fire brigade also promoted some of its members to higher ranks, namely Ing. Mag Antony Andres and Josef Kühner.

A morning pint accompanied by thy fire brigade music corps from Enzersfeld finally completed the event.



NEW YEARS RECEPTION OF MK-EFM CSLI

A report by Prof. Hans König



For the first time this New Year, the Navy Corps of the future CSLIC (Cuerpo San Lázaro Islas Canarias) met in the ancient hall of the Hotel Marquesa in Puerto de la Cruz. This, the oldest house on the square, was formerly the seat of the English merchant family the Cologans (the present-day Marqueses de Candia). Alexander von Humboldt was a guest here during his stay in Tenerife in 1799.

At the Reception there were many new topics to cover. First of all our six-piece Orodine Band, in their new shoulder badges, blazer crests and naval caps, presented itself for the first time as a Navy Corps Band.

They greeted us with the ceremonial Fanfare and March of the CSLI.

After opening the session, and a short report on the listing of the CSLI as an NGO of the United Nations, I was able to present Mr. Dipl. Ing. Dieter Wessels as a new comrade. He was partnered by his pretty daughter who was on holiday on Tenerife. Sadly, he couldn't appear in uniform, even though it had been ordered from Germany months ago. According to the company, it had been sent to Puerto in Estonia (postal code EE). I subsequently found that there is no Puerto in Estonia, so the poor uniform wanders helplessly in the cold while we are left hoping it will soon find its way to its owner.

Dieter, a long-time mining engineer in Preussag, described his interesting life and we were particularly impressed when he said: "Fate has given me so many gifts in Germany, that I wanted to return even a little to those who particularly need it". He at first tutored for free and then joined the German Disaster and Life Saving Society, the world's largest water rescue organization, in a managerial capacity and also as instructor and examiner. While in Magdeburg he helped in many of the

Elbe floods and we were very moved by his sentiments on the recovery of bodies from the waters.

I then had the pleasure of presenting Dieter with the special class of the CSLI Humanity Medal, which he had been awarded. He was then received as a First Boatswain in the CSLI.

Next I reported on a planned visit to the German sailing training ship, Gorch Fock, in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

A discussion on the MK EFM Association Newspaper followed. Some members who only speak Spanish do not understand it while some German-speaking members never receive it. Like many other problems, these remain to be resolved.

I reported on our new name, CUERPO SAN LÁZARO ISLAS CANARIAS (CSLIC), and that we expect to get approval in March along with the 'sin fines de lucro' ('not for profit') certificate. We plan to raise some funds, but with our 'not for profit' certificate we do save on music protection and expensive insurance for the Band (20% of the contract price for public appearances, according to a new 2014 Royal Bulletin).

All members were called on to engage with the objectives of our Navy Corps in 2014. A proposal from Kpt. z. S. Dipl. Ing. Hartmut Rust seemed to meet these values particularly well: our new band, accompanied by some of our members, could play concerts in nursing homes to bring happiness to those who are having a particularly difficult time.

A report on the CSLI Knighthood of Honour and a future Seat in the Canary Islands preceded the launch of our new march: 'Eviva el Cuerpo Naval CSLIC' performed by the Navy Corps Band under Bandleader Alejandro Lemus.

The official part of our New Year's Reception ended with the sounds of 'Bajo del Doble Aguila' (Under the Double Eagle), and of course the 'Radetzky March'.



CSLI NAVY CORPS VISITED THE “GORCH FOCK”

A report by Prof. Hans König



For many years the Canaries have served as winter quarters for the famous German Sail Training Ship ‘Gorch Fock’. After completing their training voyage in Gran Canaria, the cadets are flown home and the ship transfers to Tenerife. Here, in the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a new crew of trainees takes possession.

Being such a regular visitor to our island’s capital was grounds enough for us to show our respect by visiting and presenting an embroidered pennant.

We were logged to arrive at 4.30pm, but fate wasn’t smiling kindly on us. With a time cushion of half an hour, we arrived in the vicinity of the pier and thought we were at our destination. But we had reckoned without the city marathon. Stern Motorcycle Policeman directed us away to the edge of the city, and all our attempts to reach the port in our cars failed. Thus began what felt like our own city marathon, though it was only five or six kilometres. It fulfilled the bold prophecy of our President, Wolfgang Steinhardt, that I “would soon be taking part in a marathon again” after my half-failed, half-successful hip surgery.

Finally, after climbing up the gangway of the ‘Gorch Fock’, we saluted the quarterdeck and the German Flag.

We were very kindly welcomed by the Officer of the Watch, Lieutenant Sonneborn, who apologized for the absence of Captain Riesch who was taking his last shore leave, no matter – we would only have kept him waiting – so we presented our colourful pennant with the coat of arms of the Canary Islands. In return we received a souvenir crest of the ‘Gorch Fock’, but only after making a 20 € donation. Yes, even the German Navy must make economies.

A tour of the upper deck of the barque completed our Sunday outing. Since, in the early 1980s, I had made some voyages on the big

Norwegian barque ‘State Lehmkuhl’ (home port of Bergen), which was at that time in the port of Santa Cruz, and also on the three-masted full-rigged ship ‘Soerlandet’, I could contribute something from my memory on the amazing spider web of running and standing rigging above us.

Just for clarification: a barque is a three-masted sailing ship with only two square-rigged masts, the third, the mizzen mast, has a sail in line with the ship. A full-rigged ship has three or more square-rigged masts.

We looked up into the moulded steel mast spars: the mainmast, the topmast, and, we guessed, far above us at the very top, the topgallant mast. The mainsail and topsail shone white in the bright light with the lower shrouds leading to the mainmast top, and above them the topmast shrouds. Up these shrouds, with your feet clutching the crossropes, or ratlines, you have to go to reach the spars, which carry the sails. When working sails men were not harnessed, only standing on the footropes attached under the spars. It is perhaps not surprising that, since 1958, a number of sail trainees have been lost working the sails. Nevertheless, if one hesitates for a moment before beginning the climb, your shipmates will begin chiding you and the Officers will call, then roar, their orders. One just has to go out along the footrope bracing your body against the spar. We could clearly see the mainsail yard, the lower topsail and upper topgallant sail yards and, at the very top, the delicate royal yard which was always out of bounds to me with my weight.

From the right top centre of the topmast, behind the shrouds, backstays support the mast laterally, while from the front a stay prevents the mast falling. Our Corps Band horn player, Lt. CSLI Peggy Weise, had specially prepared for the visit on the Internet and, standing by the port side shrouds, it was a pleasure for me to compare with her the difference between details like the mainsail leech and the topsail leech. She had also learned by heart the story of the writer Gorch Fock, who fell at the Battle of Jutland in 1916 on the light cruiser SMS Wiesbaden, and after whom the Training Ship is named. His most popular work was a novel



in which he described the life of the deep-sea fisherman. Its title 'Seefahrt ist Not!' (Seafaring is Necessary!) is often misinterpreted in Vienna as Seafaring is Distress!

Then we got to the quarterdeck, where I could relive my memories of the martyrdom of the capstan.

These days there are motor winches to lift the anchor from the sea, but in my day capstan bars – long, rough, thick poles – were put into the capstan and we pushed them round in time to Sea Shanties with our minds empty, gasping for breath, until at last the command sounded "Up and down". That meant that the anchor was dangling from its hawse and the ship swung free. The anchor then had to be lashed in place, taking care not to soil the ship's plates, while the ship slowly got under way to begin its voyage.

Evening was coming on as the sun went down so we shot some photos of the figurehead of

the Gorch Fock, a moulded carbon fibre albatross. In German the figurehead is known as a 'Galionsfigur', the term deriving from 'galion' the Spanish for balcony. The galion was a porch in front of the prow, which supported the bowsprit. At first figures were placed in the galion of Spanish and Portuguese ships, later they were attached to the outside. Although these later ship types had no real galion any more, the name Galionsfigur remained. Sailors' superstition has it that the figurehead watches over the course of the ship to save it from disaster. The albatross of the Gorch Fock is its sixth attempt at a permanent figurehead, some being lost in storms, some severely damaged.

At the end of our visit, the bay of Santa Cruz glowed in the sunset and my old memories, the memories of an "Ancient Mariner", faded slowly with the fading daylight.



PARTNERSHIP MEETING IN VENICE

A report by Dr. Oswin Hochstöger



From 04.09.2014 to 13.04.2014, members of the Naval Fellowship Archduke Ferdinand Max (Chairman Wolfgang Steinhardt and Comrade Dr. Oswin Hochstöger) took part in partnership meetings between the

OMV and the Italian naval association AMNI.

The occasion was the signing of a twinning agreement between the Austrian Naval Association and the Italian Naval Association, which took place in a suitably impressive ceremony at the Naval Church of San Biagio in Castello, Venice. Among other reasons, the church was selected because the heart of an Austrian Archduke of the Habsburg Dynasty, Friedrich von Habsburg, is interred here.

A palm was consecrated in front of the Church and then Mass was celebrated before the signing of the twinning agreement documents. Five members of the House of HabsburgLorraine, and the Austrian Military Attachée from Rome, attended the ceremony. Hereta and Sandor von Habsburg presented the Italian comrades with a symbol of peace and understanding (flame of peace).

The Italian Navy Association really spoiled their Austrian Navy comrades with a great supporting program. This included a reception in the State Parliament of Venice followed by a buffet, a lagoon tour of the fortifications of San Andrea and a wreath-laying ceremony at sea.

This was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery island of San Michele, at which members of all the uniformed comradeship associations of Italy were present (Alpini, Bersaglieri, Carabinieri, etc.).

The cultural and culinary highlight of the social program was a gala reception at the Palazzo Foscari preceded by a concert of medieval court and banquet music played by Venetian music professors on old instruments.

The whole event was very well organised by the President of the OMV, Colonel (Retd.) Karl Skrivanek and the President of the Venetian AMNI, Sub-Lieutenant Pinto. Special memories that will remain are the warm atmosphere that characterized the entire program, an improvised group vocal performance in the bar of the local Venice Marine Association and the excursion to the old Arsenal.

This visit by the Austrian Naval Association will be followed in the autumn with a return visit to Vienna by the Venetian Naval Association. We hope that we can then offer our Italian comrades an equally great event and supporting program.



INVESTITURE MALTA 2014

WERE STILL ARE TRUE KNIGHTS

A report by Hans-Rudolf Gries



Organised and directed by President and CSLI Union Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt this wonderful trip and ceremony was attended the 7th time already.

The rest of the team was: Martha Fichtl, Michaela Matzka, (we had to faithfully promise her parents to look after her, so she was considered our baby), Johann Hochmuth, Ludwig-Lui Brunner, Monika and Hans-Rudolf Gries.

Chaos check-in at the Air Malta counter as some passengers with problems blocked the check-in for almost 40 minutes. After some complaints we were allowed to use the business class counter.

The flight was smooth, after 2 hours we landed in Malta-Valletta. Mark and Garry already expected us and took us to the Hotel Imperial Superior in Sliema with their private cars. Ludwig and I inquire about the night life and they tell us, just 5 minutes up the road. Somehow it all looks quite deserted and so we postpone our plans.

Day of the Investiture

Breakfast at 7:30, it is raining cats and dogs. Somehow my inner self welcomes this rain, Malta always does have a water shortage, and it helps keep the temperature down. At 9:00 sharp a bright red bus picks us up and takes us to the church, Saint Josephin Rabat. After a little small talk everybody gets lined up for the marching in. International participants from South Africa, Sicily, Germany, Scotland, the Ukraine, Hungary, and the large Austrian team. We managed to get noted immediately in our naval uniforms, not only our German neighbours noted us. Obviously, these Austrians...

After the marching in the Holy Mass was celebrated. At the investiture awards, promotions, dames and knights were appointed.

One should also mention the great pleasure and joy among the members of the Hospitaller Order to give and donate, 16,500.- Euros were collected and distributed among children's homes, churches, and welfare services. Thank you very much. Then the church event ended, albeit all of a sudden.

Only a few steps away a gala dinner awaits us at the restaurant. Aperitif Prosecco and cactus liqueur, various appetisers, main course steak or fish, sweet cookies. This was followed by various speeches, Max presented the special program for 2014 and 2015, all events especially for children. We were able to present our Sept. 2015 International Hospitaller Symposium event and gave away copies of the flyer.

Steve provided for the shortest thank you speech as the raffle had yet to take place to provide for fresh money. Our baby won two main prizes – champagne, what else? Ludwig won a picture from a local artist. An art auction was to follow which provided for a slow start but thanks to Ludwig finally was a success. He now owned two pictures which would not fit into his suitcase, so I jumped in.

After many good-byes and promises to meet again soon we returned to the Hotel Imperial to refresh ourselves. At 17:00 we met again in the hall to go to Valetta where international fireworks with a choreography and public voting took place, a three day celebration in Malta. After a short discussion we decided against a taxi and for the bus, very cheap at 1.50. We participate at the celebrations and do some souvenir shopping, stopping off at our favourite Italian restaurant.

St. Publius Church is festively lit and so provides a fulminant background for the fireworks. But this is not with rockets as usual but instead shows works of art made from fiery wheels, cubes, flowers moving in sync with the music. What a show! Being flabbergasted we miss the last bus and have to take a taxi back to the hotel. Tired to death we long for our beds.

Day 3



Despite the rain and black clouds we start at 9:00 to reach the ferry boat to Gozo. The rain stops but it is very windy and there is a heavy swell. Noted some Japanese jumping up and heading for the deck. The CSLI naval group consists of only old salts and they take it in stride...

In Mgarr, Gozo harbour, we hire two taxis for the full day, 1st station Viktoria Citadel. As it is Sunday and the Holy Mess ongoing the lift is closed. Fortunately our Senator Wolfgang is acquainted with the church's padre who bends the rules for us and unlocks the secret staircase after we promise to be quiet and so we reach the upper floors. The obligate picture of the CSLI troopers, Hannes the photographer works hard to position everyone in perspective for a perfect photograph. We thank the padre with a generous donation and continue to the Azure Windows. But this time the sea is very rough and a boat trip way too dangerous. So we stroll to a tiny Cafe, owned by a Swiss lady. Really good espresso, small talk, it's funny.

Onward we move to the basilica and the bastion. The old pillory is already waiting for Wolfgang, Ludwig, and Hannes the photographer. Fantastic view over the whole island, stroll down into the old city, storming a delicatessen shop and buying local delicacies including jam. A whole year's supplies were bought.

Finally we head for my favourite fish restaurant in Marsalforn.

Neptune's chef is very pleased as we order a large platter with various fish, scampi, shellfish, fried vegetables, and potatoes. This can be recommended to everybody who is visiting Gozo. At this occasion Col. Hannes Hochmuth awards the Platinum Maltese Cross to our Senator Wolfgang for his excellent leadership, Ludwig and myself receive a Maltese Cross pin for excellent comradeship. Would have liked to stay longer but ferry boat won't wait. Still heavy swell, so what? Our driver already expects us and we race back to our hotel, reviewing the day at the bar before sinking into our beds. No night life.

Day 4

Good weather, sunshine. First we visit Mosta Rotunda church. In April 1942 four bombs were dropped onto the ground during an air raid, one breaking straight through the cupola, but neither of them exploded. No one of the people striving for shelter in the church was hurt, rumour says 5000 souls were present. This event was considered divine intervention. We are good boys and girls and hold in, donating a large candle everyone.

Medinais entered via a beautiful large main gate, Mdina Gate. The gate was erected in 1724. Next to the entry the Mdina Dungeons are located. In a former dungeon cruel torture scenarios are modelled. Not for the faint of heart. Bad air, very uncomfortable, I urgently need some coffee. To the amusement of the group Ludwig puts on some parts from a suit of armour, then all are ready to see Palazzo Felson. Thereafter we take a walk on the bastion, find some more souvenirs and taste some liquor which is also purchased.

PopeyeVillage, also known as Sweethaven Village, is a film set for the production of the 1980 live-action musical feature film Popeye. Today it is open to the public as an open-air museum and family entertainment complex. The film had mixed reviews despite Robin Williams played in it. The set is very nice, some animators tried to persuade us to play a part in a short movie but all of us refused. Inspected all the huts and houses, some folks disappeared in the sailor's tavern. Big photo session with Hannes.

Next highlife event in the late afternoon: The Hard Rock Cafe. Tried several drinks, enjoyed the happy hour: pay for the first drink, get the second one for free. Not really hungry, yet we had a snack. Then Wolfgang suggests to walk back to our hotel, it is only a 10 min walk. I don't trust him, check back with Google Maps. Lo and behold! Car 10 min, walk 35 min. Wolfgang gets voted down, taxi. We happen to get a race driver and are the first to arrive at the hotel although we take the last taxi. 130 km/h in the city, the others arrive 10 minutes later. We let the day fade away at the outdoor bar.

Day 5, the final day, sunshine

9 o'clock, we walk down to the harbour in Sliema, beautiful colourful old houses with



wooden balconies and oriels, tiny lovely shops, everything very charming.

Harbour tour, we take the same boat as last year, past the yacht harbour, the docks and shipyards, Malta does have the second-largest shipyards in Europe, where even oil rigs get serviced and repaired. Most impressive sailing boats and motor yachts, in which I would set sails immediately. Among others the "Black Pearl," also a movie requisite. We pass large forts and defence installations before returning to our starting point. The tour took approx. 1 ½ hours.

Our bright red fun bus in the meantime picked up our luggage from the hotel and took us back to Valletta Old Town.

Now we visit Malta 5D, an adventure movie theatre. We get headphones and glasses and see a most fascinating 25 minute presentation.

The movie is in 5D, which is 3D video with moving seats, water spray fog and odours, so real you want to jump into it. The fascinating history of Malta gives an impression to the visitor from ancient times until our days.

Most impressed we leave the movie theatre and stroll to the Upper Barrakka Garden, enjoying the harbour view. Final pictures are taken, then the bus brings us back to the airport. Check in, all in good time which allows us to have plenty of time for coffee and cakes before boarding and landing in Vienna on schedule. Return the baby to her parents, all fine, she was a good girl. Large good-bye as we will meet again in Langenlois on May 18th.

My thanks to all participants for their comradeship, especially to Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt for planning, organising, and leading the trip, which is no easy job. Five stars this time.



MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

A report by Peter-Michael Neuen



The Grand Priory of Germany, under the leadership of its medical adviser, Dr. Ranko Pavlovic MLJ, in cooperation with the Task Force "Palatinate" of the Lazarus Union Germany, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel CSLI Peter-Michael Neuen KLJ, has delivered medical supplies to hospitals in Dobož and Šamac.

Both facilities were severely damaged by flooding and cut off from the outside world.

Much-needed medical supplies (large numbers of painkillers, infusions, bandages, medical equipment, etc., etc.) were delivered to the above hospitals.

Editor's note:

Dozens of people have fallen victim to the floods in the Balkans. Landmines from the civil war in the 1990s, disturbed by the flooding, pose a new risk. Several have exploded already.

The areas around the cities of Dobož and Olovo, which are now particularly affected by the flooding, are still considered to be heavily mined.

In Dobož, the water is up to four feet deep in places. Among other things, the Sava is extremely swollen after days of rainfall. It was more than two days before rescuers could get into the city of Šamac.



Photo Source: AP/Bosnia Army



RHINELAND TASK FORCE CARRIES OUT ITS FIRST ACTION

A report by Patrick Pohl



The newly established CSLI Rhineland Task Force, under the command of Captain CSLI Patrick Pohl, carried out its first action on behalf of CSLI Germany on 30 January

2014.

The FairKauf-Haus charity shop in Ubach-Palenberg in the Heinberg district, jointly run by the Workers' Welfare Association (AWO) and the Heinberg Caritas Association, was pleased to receive a large donation of winter clothing.

The Rhineland Task Force was able to present a total of four laundry baskets of perfect winter clothing to the shop, greatly pleasing the staff there.

The FairKauf-Haus in Ubach-Palenberg is part of the Caritas-sponsored Schierwaldenrath Workshop. This social service of Catholic men and women funds anti-violence training programs for men and offender-victim mediation.

Commander Pohl expressed his satisfaction: "While our group is still very young, this is a great way to provide direct active assistance in the region!"

After New Year's Eve we had the idea to donate valuable clothes rather than give them away. A total of four comrades rallied together for the donation and sorted useful pieces of clothing from the many used clothes that had been brought in.

We will be repeating the action in May!

Editor's note:

FairKauf-Haus charity shops are the "First choice for second hand". Customers of moderate means can shop there cheaply and get many a bargain.

The FairKauf-Haus in Ubach-Palenberg is at 47, Carolus-Magnus Street. It is divided into two shops. Textiles and clothes are on sale in the right-hand shop and small pieces of furniture, household goods, books and games in the left-hand shop.



Photo Source: Caritas Heinsberg



BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN 2014

A report by Patrick Pohl



On Thursday the 6th of March 2014, three group members and a guest met in Aachen to tour the imperial city and join an expertly guided tour of the Palace Chapel, the first German UNESCO World Heritage site. Besides enjoying the city they had also met to discuss projects that the Rhineland Group might undertake.

After the tour, which was led by Commander Pohl, it was decided to hold a meeting once a month to strengthen fellowship and cohesion.

At Holzgraben, on the way back to the Elisenbrunnen Station, the group passed a mobile blood donation unit of the German Red Cross (DRK). Following Comrade Sevenich's proposal, they all decided to make a contribu-

tion to the Western Blood Donor Service for this good cause.

After the mandatory tests, Comrade Breuer, Commander Pohl and guest Sascha H. were cleared to take part in the blood donation. After a brief examination and a discussion with the doctor on site, the donation began.

For Commander Pohl this was the eighth donation, for Comrade Breuer the third and for our friend Sascha the first donation ever!

After 50 minutes it was all over but we stayed chatting for a few minutes with the DRC volunteers.

The unanimous decision was then adopted that voluntary non-remunerated blood donation is to be a part of the Task Force's actions from now on.

The next date will probably be in May!



Photo Source: DRK-Blutspendedienste



EASTER ACTIONS IN 2014

A report by Patrick Pohl



Although it was started at the beginning of April, and still only meets once a month, the Task Force "Rheinland" has pitched in and accomplished a lot in terms of CSLI:

Easter donation to Silesia Help

On the 19th of April I was able to hand over to Mr Luscic from Poland Aid more consignments for the communities in Rückers and Kudowa in Lower Silesia! We are now working together more and more closely!

Clothes and goods for the Caritas Association, Aachen

Donated to the United Association of Caritas in the Aachen region: three large garment bags filled with perfect everyday clothing and two boxes of toys and everyday objects!

This was made possible by a generous donation from the Schneider and Putzke-Sevenich families, in cooperation with myself and comrades Sevenich and Breuer!

Fodder donation to the Aachen shelter

Following a family charity event, we were able to donate a total of 12 kg of feed to the animal shelter at Aachen.

At Easter we launched the campaign "Easter Taler"

In Aachen "Scherviertaler", named after Franziska Schervier, are available for purchase from local bakers and pastry chefs for a small fee of €0.50.

These Taler entitle the holder to receive a breakfast in the Franciscan monastery in Aachen!

Every morning, about 90 people take advantage of this offer.

Relieving their hunger goes to prevent violence among the homeless. So Comrade Sevenich and I have put up a total of 33 Taler to distribute to the needy!

As a small number of the Taler are still left, we will distribute the rest on the 1st of May.

Editor's note:

Franziska was born in 1819, the daughter of a needle factory owner in Aachen. Quickly realizing the problems of socially excluded groups in the emerging industrial society, she helped take care of housing for working families, provided regular education for the factory workers' children, established soup kitchens and treated cholera and smallpox patients.



To further this work, Franziska, together with her companions, founded the Order of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis in 1845.

On December 14th, 1876, Franziska the "mother of the poor" died in her hometown of Aachen. She was beatified in 1974 by Pope Paul VI and in April 2009 the process of canonization was begun.

The Franziska Schervier Rooms in the centre of Aachen provide what is termed 'low-threshold' services for people in need. Among the guests are the homeless, the unemployed, addicts and other isolated people.

NEWS FROM CSLI-ARGENTINA

A Report by Gustavo A. Taricco Calvo



The CSLI Argentina born in 2009 has focused its activities on humanitarian assistance encompasses not only actions but also immediate assistance disaster prevention and reconstruction.

Humanitarian aid we offer is a short-term instrument that has the following objectives:

- Provide training in rescue of human lives in emergencies;
- Provide assistance and relief to people affected by protracted crises;
- Run between activities immediately after the emergency rehabilitation and reconstruction in the short term, especially on infrastructure and equipment;
- Ensure preparedness for risks involved and use an early warning system and appropriate intervention.

Humanitarian aid we provide, is a form of solidarity, usually aimed at the poor or those who have suffered a crisis. This form of aid reflects the basic or urgent needs: food, health, reconstruction of infrastructure after a disaster, education, child protection and disadvantaged populations, construction of sanitation or water networks, construction of communication networks etc. Normally humanitarian emergency aid for development cooperation in the context and the needs of our region is distinguished.

As mentioned above, apart from the traditional Marine Corps and Air, the CSLI Argentina

created the "Beetles " Terrestrial body with the mission to respond to the reconstruction of infrastructure and emergency transfer to inhospitable areas unreachable with traditional vehicles .

The CSLI Argentina has more than 30 members, including officers and civilians (volunteers) who have been working since 2009:

- Donation and harvesting of timber for reconstruction after the disaster / earthquake in Chile in February 2010.
- Donation to the Children's Hospital of the City of Córdoba in 2011.
- Training in management of motorcycles on land and saw mountains in 2011.
- First Aid Training and transport of injured or damaged by 2012 people.
- Water Survey for the Government of the Province of Córdoba 2012-2013.
- Donation of clothes and mattresses to flood victims in La Plata, Buenos Aires in 2013.
- Donating Coats and useful for rural school in the mountains of Córdoba, Calamuchita Valley in 2013.
- Training in management of 4x4 vehicles for fire management in the mountains of Córdoba from 2013 to 2014.
- Collection for donating clothes for Rural School students with problems in school building infrastructure (in process) .



NEWS FROM CSLI-ITALIA

A Report by Prof. Antonio Virgilio



GIRL UP is a project of the United Nations Foundation

Girl Up envisions a world where all girls, no matter where they live, have the opportunity to become educated, healthy, safe, counted and positioned to be the next generation of leaders.

There are more than 600 million adolescent girls living in developing countries today.

These girls are bright, talented and full of dreams, but are often unable to reach their full potential.

Many of them struggle for the opportunity to go to school, see a doctor or be included in their communities.

This has serious consequences including: low levels of enrollment in school, high levels of child marriage and way too many girls facing health risks from pregnancy and early child birth.

Girl Up believes that all girls are a part of the solution. We know that girls give, girls talk and girls get involved. This generation of girls cares about global issues and is concerned about the challenges facing other girls around the world.

CSLI Italia has activated a Club and hopes to have further Clubs in the area in a next future. CSLI Italia gives its logistic and organizational support to the Club.

Launched in 2008, the United Nations Secretary-General's **UNiTE to End Violence against Women** campaign aims to raise public awareness and increase political will and resources for preventing and ending all

forms of violence against women and girls in all parts of the world.

The global vision of the UNiTE campaign is a world free from violence against all women and girls. The United Nations Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign calls on all governments, civil society, women's organizations, men, young people, the private sector, the media and the entire UN system to join forces in addressing this global pandemic.

The CSLI Italia is a partner of the campaign and is organizing, together with some other associations, activities, exhibitions, seminars, etc. to contribute to the overall aim.

Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is the global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research.

Every March, BAW unites the efforts of partner organizations worldwide in a celebration of the brain for people of all ages.

Activities include open days at neuroscience labs; exhibitions about the brain; lectures on brain-related topics; social media campaigns; displays at libraries and community centers; classroom workshops; and more.

CSLI Italia has become a Partner for realizing some meetings and conferences. Thanks to the collaboration with Reflexologystudio and dibiomed centers there will be the following events:

- 10 marzo, Napoli, at State Higher Education Institute "Pagano"
- 13 marzo, Napoli, at integrated medicine center dibiomed
- 11 marzo, Roma, at LIDU headquarters

CSLI Italia and **LIDU** are working together to improve the Mediterranean dialogue among



people of every nation, culture and religion. Moreover we are collaborating to some further local projects and to defend human rights.

In full partnership with the **Lions Club Dharan** East, CSLI Italia is going to collaborate to realize a street children care house to give hospitality to poor, abandoned or who have suffered violence children of that area.

CSLI Italian Commander Prof. Virgili has been appointed as one of the Members of the International Advisory Board of the Project.

With the Italian Observatory of Victimology CSLI Italia is planning and organizing some seminars on Post Traumatic Stress Disorders.



NEWS FROM CSLI-GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

A Report by Ian W. Tough



Since its formation on May 2011, CSLI in Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I) has made steady progress, both in structure and membership. Total membership now stands at 23.

A pattern of formal bi-annual meetings has been established. These are held at the Union Jack Club in London, a club for serving and former members of the British military services.

The focus of CSLI activity in GB&I is threefold:

1. Search And Rescue (SAR)

In the North of England, our activity centres around Mountain Search And Rescue, whereas in the South, our links are with Lowland SAR. One key difference is that people who go missing in mountain regions usually intend to be there, and have suffered an accident of some sort or have encountered severe weather conditions. People requiring SAR in lowland areas however, are often missing for other reasons and may, for example, be experiencing issues of wellbeing, depression, dementia, or other mental health problems.

2. Automated External Defibrillation (AED)

Many more sets of AED equipment are becoming available in public buildings as well as pri-

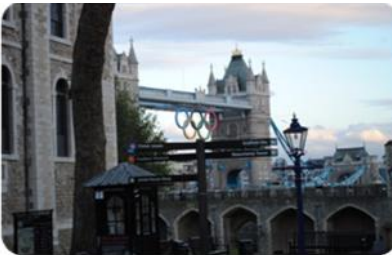
vate premises. These do come with instructions for use, but many people are reluctant to use them because of a lack of confidence, or a misplaced fear of causing further harm. A number of CSLI members have undertaken certified training in the use of AED equipment. This training and certification is renewable on an annual basis.

3. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Associated with Lowland Search And Rescue, MHFA is a very useful supplementary skill that CSLI is focussing on. It helps to enable our members to identify whether those requiring SAR are experiencing any mental health issues in the wider sense, and how to act when those missing are subsequently found.

A recent proposal is the possible development of a MHFA programme for CSLI. One of our members, who has significant experience in the field, is reviewing best practice among existing MHFA training providers. The programme may be incorporated in what would be entitled, the CSLI Wellbeing and Recovery Project. If successful, this initiative could make a significant difference in putting CSLI on the map in GB&I.

Largely due to the efforts of our Adjutant, members in GB&I have also enjoyed a number of social and fundraising events over our years of formation.



CONCERT BY THE MARCHING FORMATION OF THE MUSIC CORPS

A report by Spectator

On June 13th, 2014, a LAZARUS UNION Music Corps concert was performed in the honour courtyard of Schönbrunn Palace. Directed by CSLI BgdrGen Fritz Lentner a virtuous performance was given with pieces of music having a high grade of complexity. The concert was recorded on video and will be available shortly for all our music fans.

The second band playing alternately was the terrific Musikverein Rudolfsheim. What a joy to listen to (and to see) the enthusiasm and the ambition of the musicians. It is really true when they say that "... music connects the world," as many tourists were eager to take pictures showing them together with the musicians.

We are eagerly looking forward to the next performances! Keep going on!



CHARITY CONCERT IN HAGENBRUNN

A report by Spectator

The Lazarus Union Music Corps' second concert was held at 5 pm on the 22. June, 2014, in bright pleasantly warm summer weather. It was a community charity concert at the invitation of the Hagenbrunn Band with whom our Union Bandmaster, Bgdr Gen CSLI Fritz Lentner, has worked for many years.

Among the many great concerts that our Music Corps has played, it could be said that this concert was probably the best of all. The bands came very close to being a large symphonic wind orchestra and the selection and difficulty of the music, and its wonderful interpretation, inspired the audience of nearly 250 visitors.

The first part of this community concert, played brilliantly by our host band under their Bandmaster, Wolfgang Liebhart, helped establish a mood that became better and better. The variety of their musical programme spanned marches, operettas, classical pieces, modern compositions and a polka ("March of the Medici", "A Night in Venice", "Hungarian Dance No.6", "Wings Of Freedom", "The Cream Of Clapton" and "Alois Polka"). At the end of this section, the long-time Chairman and Mayor, Michael Oberschil, was appointed Honorary Chairman of the Hagenbrunn Band. Michael has belonged to the Band for well over 40 years, with over 30 years as its Chairman, and is still an active musician with his clarinet. He accepted this honour with obvious emotion and joy.

As a highlight before the break, the wind class of the Hagenbrunn School of Music played with enthusiasm, and to much audience applause, three pieces of music ("Doodle All Day", "Mein Dreydl" and "Skip To My Lou"). Of course, the great applause demanded an encore! It cannot be stressed enough how important nurturing this young musical talent is for our bands and also for the preservation of our great musical traditions. With commenda-

ble foresight, the municipality of Hagenbrunnfunds and encourages its own music school. Little wonder, as the Vice Mayor is also an avid musician in this Band!

At this point in the concert our Music Corps, directed by Fritz Lentner and his deputy, Franz Lentner, introduced itself by sounding the "Pappenheim Fanfare". Our President, Wolfgang Steinhardt, acted as presenter and explained that the "Pappenheim March" which was to follow this fanfare was the 'Corps March' of the Lazarus Union and is played at each event.

And now came the first surprise: after conducting a few bars Franz was interrupted by Fritz and the Pappenheim March was 'abandoned'. The reason? It was to surprise the President of the Lazarus Union. A new Lazarus Union March had been composed by Johann Hausl and secretly rehearsed by the Music Corps to be premiered at this concert. The march was dedicated to President Senator hc Wolfgang Steinhardt and, after this world premiere, the Music Corps presented him with the score. Visibly moved, he could hardly continue his presentation. The surprise had certainly succeeded!

The march itself can be described as really 'snappy' and beautifully musical to listen to. It contains the 'main musical elements of the Lazarus Union', the "Pappenheim March" and the "Kreuzritter Fanfare" as key themes in skillfully composed variations. This march is therefore now the OFFICIAL "Traditional March of the Lazarus Union".

The ambitious program continued with: "Tirol 1809, 2. Satz-Kampf am Berg Isel" by Sepp Tanzer, the "Nechledil-Marsch" from the operetta "Wiener Frauen", and the famous song by Robert Stolz, "Ob blond, ob braun, ich liebe alle Frau'n" sung by our excellent tenor, Michael Wagner.



“What A Wonderful World“ (soloist Jan Kolaja) introduced the second surprise of the concert.

For the guests’ information, our President described the Lazarus Union’s goals and activities. He then presented Mayor Michael Oberschil with the Officer’s insignia of The Lazarus Cross for Science, Research and Arts as a visible commendation for his activities. The presentation of this VERY rarely awarded honour was followed by a prolonged ovation.

Maria Stoeckl was then awarded the President of the Lazarus Union Officer’s Cross of Honour (certificate No. 001) as a personal thank you from the President for all her activities ‘behind the scenes’ for the Music Corps.

“Grüß Mir Mein Wien“ from the operetta “Gräfin Mariza“ by Emmerich Kalman sung by Michael Wagner again introduced a special feature.

A truly virtuoso music piece for trombone and tenor horn, “Für Meine Freunde“ with orchestral accompaniment by Ernst Hutter, was a third amazing surprise for the audience. Played by Barbara Zisser (tenor horn) and Conductor Fritz Lentner (trombone), Fritz showed that he is not only a great conductor but also an extraordinary musician.

The melancholic “Unter die Haut Gehend“, written by Michael Wagner, and the “Volga Lied“ from the operetta “Der Zarewitsch“ by Franz Lehar were sung, and then the very

well-known melody “Exodus“ from the Paul Newman film lead on to “A Symphonic Portrait“. This medley combines almost all the most famous compositions from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s productions (Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, Joseph, etc.). In 1992 Andrew Lloyd Webber was knighted (with the title Sir) by Queen Elizabeth II and in 1997 made a Baron and Life Peer, thus becoming a member of the British House of Lords.

As a final song Johan Rabl sang “I Am From Austria“ by Reinhard Fendrich (the ‘unofficial national anthem of Austria’) as a symbolic indication that the Lazarus Union is an Austrian organization that has also gained International recognition.

As the applause was long and hard, both Bands played together for two encores: the polka “Rosamunde“ and the traditional march “O Du Mein Österreich“. Thus ended this comradely get-together and friendly afternoon of music. Big thanks go to The Hagenbrunn Volunteer Fire Department who hosted us with their facilities and infrastructure, and thanks also to the volunteers who served the excellent food and drink.

The net profits of this event will be divided equally to promote the music of the Hagenbrunn Junior Music School and the work of the Lazarus Union. So this is also a big thank you to all donors!



FOUNDATION OF THE LITHUANIAN LAZARUS KORPS

A report by S.E. Chev. Aligis Klimaitis



Saturday, 31. May 2014, the foundation ceremony of the Lithuanian Lazarus Corps took place in the Lithuanian town Juodkrantė (literally: Black Shore) in the Curonian Spit. It is worth noting that the authorities allowed the founders to use the emphasising title “Lithuanian Lazarus Corps”, a naming form only allowed when certain requirements are satisfied regarding charitable national significance.

A CSLI delegation led by CSLI president Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt reached the Lithuanian capital Vilnius already on May 25th. The other delegation members were Monika and Hans-Rudolf Gries and Dr. Oswin Hochstöger. Together with LLK members a short city tour was taken. Parts of the medieval old town were visited, the cathedral with the burial chapel of St. Kasimir next to the lower castle, the campus of the old university, a Russian Orthodox monastery church and the chapel of the Gate of Dawn with the icon of the Lady of the Gate of the Dawn.

Late in the afternoon we took a tiny bus to Trakai to the island castle of the Lithuanian Grand Dukes. After a snack we were taken to the port town Klaipėda, some 400 km away. There our delegation settled in a small but excellent family hotel.

On the next day we took a Klaipėda city tour, topped off by a visit to two Lithuanian Navy ships.

On the evening of 30. May a dinner took place in a restaurant on top of a multi-story hotel, offering a terrific view over the pier and the Baltic Sea. Participants were the CSLI delegation and several LLK

staff officers led by the LLK president Giedrius Petruzis.

On 31. May 2014, the actual founding ceremony took place in the old fishermen's town Juodkrantė, which developed into a respectable health resort during the past decades.

Later that morning the celebrations commenced with an open-air concert by the Lithuanian Navy Band, led by Pranas Memenas in front of the only church of the place, the Protestant church of St. Francis which is jointly used by the Catholics.

The ceremony was embedded into a Holy Mass, led by Navy and LLK Chaplain Romualdas Ramasauskas together with the Protestant pastor of St. Francis, Jonas Liorancas.

First the honorary LLK president, CSLI Brigadier Algis Klimaitis presented the history and the goals of the LLK to some 250 guests before asking the first group of LLK officer candidates to give the officer's promise. Then Chaplain Romualdas Ramasauskas blessed the LLK flags.

After the service, which was accompanied by the youth choir “Jaunyste” from Kaunas, CSLI president Wolfgang Steinhardt awarded the Grand Cross Special Level of the Union's Lazarus Cross to the commander-in-chief of the Lithuanian Navy, Admiral of the Fleet Kestutis Macijauskas, to the highest-ranking officer of the Lithuanian Border Troops, General Vainius Butinas, and to the Mayor of the municipalities of the Curonian Spit “Neringa”, Mr. Darius Jasaitis.

The ceremony came to an end with the Lithuanian anthem. The the guests marched behind the playing band some 200m to a pier where the ship Venus was boarded to spend a few sociable hours on the lagoon. On three decks there was plen-



ty to eat and drink. The youth choir "Jaunyste" led by Danguole Beinoryte sang lots of melodies and there was a very good mood aboard.



HIGH AWARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

A report by the Lazarus Union

The president of the Republic of Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer, awarded the “Decoration of Honour in Silver for Services to the Republic of Austria” to the president of the LAZARUS UNION Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

On 10. June 2014, the first president of the Viennese country government, Prof. Harry Kopietz, presented this high award to Wolfgang Steinhardt who was accompanied by his wife and some LAZARUS UNION comrades.

In his laudation Prof. Kopietz appreciated the laying of the groundwork and world wide recognition of the LAZARUS UNION in being awarded counselling status at the United Nations ECOSOC by the honoured. He especially mentioned that the world wide LAZARUS UNION has its headquarters in Austria and as such provides a valuable addition to the international reputation of Austria.

Over a glass of sparkling wine (Prof. Kopietz insisted on filling the glasses himself) Prof. Kopietz was informed on the Air Days and further LAZARUS UNION projects as well as the “3. International Hospitaller Symposium 2015 in Vienna”. An official welcome of the guests by the City of Vienna was contemplated.

The wife of our president got flowers and finally Prof. Kopietz showed his personal “electro scooter” in his office. The hallways of the town hall of Vienna stretch for miles and this scooter comes in really handy. Everybody was excited over this device.

With this human touch (something Prof. Kopietz is known for) this moving and solemn yet especially friendly ceremony took an end. After the usual picture taking the president, his wife, comrades Monika Gries and Hans Rudolf Gries, joyfully left the place and had a little drink among friends.



CHARITY APPEAL!



The municipality of the Curonian Spit has left an estate with a decayed building to the LLK and its supporting children's aid fund. This building the LLK wants to revive with the help of donations to provide a dignified and healthy abode to the children and youths of the children's aid fund. Currently the building's condition is deplorable but this shall be changed in the future. You too, dear reader of the CSLI web page can support this project with a donation, as small as it may be. The Lazarus Union accepts donations for the LLK marked with the keyword „Lithuanian Children's Aid Fund“.

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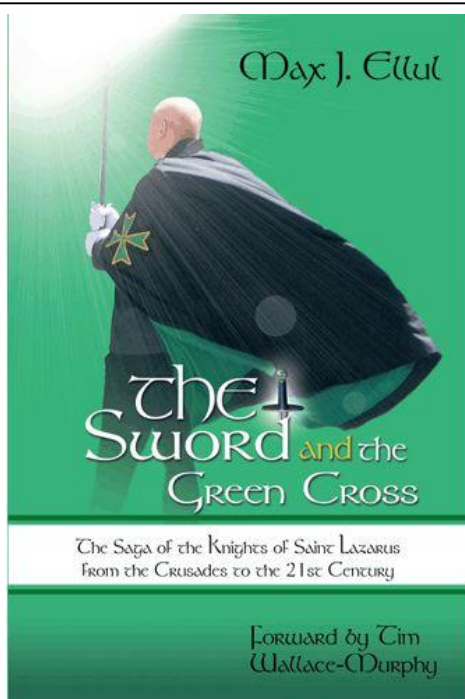
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