

11<sup>th</sup> Edition



## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dear Readers!  
Dear friends and  
supporters of the  
LAZARUS UNION!  
Dear comrades and  
comrades!

To mark the anniversary edition of Lazarus magazine, it is appropriate to look back a little and draw a little balance.

In 2006, when the LAZARUS UNION was founded under the name "Lazarus Hilfswerk Niederösterreich", later „Lazarus Hilfswerk Ostarrichi“, not even in my dreams did I think that this organisation, now named LAZARUS UNION, would have more than 18,000 registered members and again that number as "affiliated members" world-wide in 2015.

Not even in my dreams I would have thought that the LAZARUS UNION would be represented on all continents in more than 80 countries, with the organisation „Swords of Freedom“ even in more than 120 countries.

Not even in my dreams I would have thought that the LAZARUS UNION would one day become an organisation accredited with the United Nations.

Nor would I have even dared to consider that the LAZARUS UNION would play an active role in UN conferences.

For a year now all these dreams have become reality and the LAZARUS UNION indeed managed all that.

Effective from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the LAZARUS UNION has been awarded "SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS" with the United Nations ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council).

I want to once more explain what the meaning of this "special consultative status" means for the Lazarus Union. I

keep doing this just because it gives me so much pleasure.

It means, among other things, seven delegates accredited by name to the United Nations! Seven delegates each in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

These delegates not only are allowed to follow all UN ECOSOC meetings but do have the right to pipe up, file own proposals in the name of the Lazarus Union and look for allies with other UN delegations. The delegates have their own seats with name tags in meetings and conferences and may also use offices and conference rooms to prepare for meetings and conferences in the three cities named.

All Lazarus Union delegates with the United Nations possess a "UN ground pass" which gives them permission for unlimited entry to the UN buildings. In 2015 we do plan to make use of this especially in New York, the UN seat of ECOSOC. In Vienna we use this option almost on a monthly basis.

Not even the biggest optimists (including myself) had thought that the Lazarus Union got awarded this international status by the United Nations so fast and without major problems.

I want to thank all here who participated in this success. First and foremost I thank the late secretary general Chev. Erich Josef Kadlec, who died suddenly last year and who was the inspirational driver for our UN application, also doing all the necessary research and who is now among us, symbolised by this picture. Thank you, Erich, in my name and in the name of the LAZARUS UNION!

The Lazarus Union as such can be compared to a "group holding organisation" as the Lazarus Union members are the various local Lazarus Union organisations and the various groups and unions affiliated with the union. Every one of these groups



and local organisations possesses ONE vote at the general assembly. To this the members of the chair and the board of management, all nominated by name, are added so that the fate of the Lazarus Union is directed and guided by approximately 120 members entitled to vote.

As the Lazarus Union asks neither for admission fees nor for membership fees from its members, the administration of the local members is in the responsibility of the local commanders or groups and unions affiliated with the Lazarus Union. Membership numbers are reported (rather) informally to the Lazarus Union HQ and are not verified.

Only when a member wants to be in uniform and to carry rank and insignia of the Lazarus Union it is necessary to send an extra personal application to the Lazarus Union for the chair to decide upon acceptance as an extraordinary member. The union commander then confirms the "rank" suggested by the local commander or changes it as he sees fit.

In other words, the "invisible" membership number is definitely to be considered higher than the official figures suggest and, according to my conservative estimate, definitely thought to be more than 40,000. All members from organisations affiliated with the Lazarus Union as "group member" are accepted and counted as "affiliated members", even when not (yet) known by name. They also will be granted the right to be in uniform, if applied for. As of now more than 6,000 members officially are in uniform and registered by name.

Also for the Lazarus Union it is not that important how many members there are as the Lazarus Union wants to communicate an attitude based on tolerance, piety, charity, and altruism and not on "collecting membership fees."

Important is the pursuit of our mission, not the money!

Because of this absolute voluntariness is emphasised. NOBODY must be forced into doing something. Only personal honour may compel someone to carry on with a duty taken over until either a successor is found or the member is released from the duty again.

Nobody is compelled to go in uniform! Nobody is compelled to buy devotional objects! Nobody needs to buy wearable distinctions! There merely is the RIGHT to do so if one WANTS to do it and the preconditions are met! This seriously distinguishes the Lazarus Union from (many) other organisations, something that also has to be stated with clarity. And the profit coming from all those items sold goes 100% into our various projects. Expenses are waived from all members, as is stated in our statutes.

We spend no money for representative offices, cars, furniture, or "trips by officials." All members pay for their personal expenses themselves. Even telephone bills for duty calls from private mobile phones.

ALL officials, unions, and groups being members or associated with the Lazarus Union must follow this principle or leave the Lazarus Union. On this issue there is absolutely no tolerance from my side!

The Lazarus Union is proud that as a result of these strict guidelines less than 2% of the official budget are labeled "administrative cost." Most of those are for paper and ink for printing of various documents. More than 5,400 membership certificates, rank certificates, legitimations, and award certificates have been printed by the secretary general's office in 2014 and almost 50% of all awards have been awarded WITHOUT insignia fees.

It shall also be noted that all expenses are checked by "10 independent eyes" and a monthly statistical analysis is performed as well as a financial statement covering all receipts and expenditures. Receipts and expenditures are also done as well as



booked by different persons! Full transparency is a very important and essential concern to me!

Finally, I would like to thank especially the chief editor of LAZARUS MAGAZINE LtCol CSLI Sven Tratschitt, the commanders and comrades in all countries where the Lazarus Union is active for their dedication. I thank our board of management for their valued contributions. But especially I thank my chair and the extended support-

ing circle who together with me have done the main work for the Lazarus Union in the past year. I count on this and I trust you!

Everyone can do something! Let us create new perspectives together!

*Wolfgang Steinhardt*  
President





## ACADEMIC TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST

A report by Ramiro Anzit-Guerrero



Between 15th and 29th November 2014, our Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board, Prof. Dr. Ramiro Anzit-Guerrero and Grand Prior of OSMTH, made an official academic and cultural journey with a delegation of Argentina

to Turkey, Jordan and Israel. Among those with whom I have interviewed are: With the Islamic leader of Turkey, Istanbul Grand Mufti, Sheikh Rahmi Yaran, the same a week later met with His Holiness Pope Francis; with authorities of Koc University; with the Turkish Trade Agency; with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople; with the Director of the Royal Institute for Inter-religious Studies of Jordan; with the Rector of the University of Jordan; with officials of the Israeli Foreign Ministry; with members of the Knesset, with professors from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University, Nativity Church (Palestine) and Christian sacred places.

On this trip with they could appreciate the difficulties that arise at regional and international level, to the threat of fundamentalist terror groups like ISIS, which has caused a shift of 2,000,000 refugees into Jordanian territory, country that shows technical capacity and tolerance to the needs of their neighbors, especially Syria and Iraq. This reality also strategically affect Turkey, one of the major powers in the Middle East, and before the new wave of terrorist attacks has crippled the Palestinian dialogue – Israel, in this case particularly pronounced when the terrorist group Hamas authority that governs the Gaza Strip.

Attached you will find (with thanks to Ramiro) the pictures of the meetings that they have had in the three countries.

For all the attendants this journey has been a unique experience.



## UN - HARMONY WEEK

A report by Spectator

**In 2010 the UN general assembly has declared the first week in February “World Interfaith Harmony Week”. Since then thousands of events held by inter-religious unions and other groups worldwide show that the commonalities of the various religions prevail and the differences are meaningless with regard to a peaceful existence with one another.**

This year's conference was held under the motto “The meaning of interdenominational cooperation for securing the peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”.

With their development programme the UN support nations in fighting poverty and preventing crises as most conflicts root in the big social and economic differences in developing nations. Other focal points are the protection of human rights and equal rights of women.

A special kind of peace project is the Jerusalem Way, leading from Santiago de Compostella through 15 countries to Jerusalem. Details at [www.jerusalemway.org](http://www.jerusalemway.org)

There are 4200 religions worldwide, following different rules which are sometimes not religiously motivated but picture

only outdated stereotypes. Perhaps also the subordinate role of women goes back to the fact that most “gods” are male.

The example of Korea illustrates that a coexistence of Shamanism, Buddhism, Confucianism and since the 18th century also Christianity works fine, especially as 70% of the basics are similar.

In China a rational Confucianism confronted an irrational Taoism. During the Cultural Revolution any religious practice was forbidden, the situation eased somewhat off later. Still the position of the Chinese Government towards religion is somewhat ambivalent today.

Other summaries covered the situation in Bosnia and in Greece.

All speakers were confident that by this intensive dialogue between the religious groups the understanding, respect, and cooperation of humans of various faiths will provide a significant contribution towards peace in the world.

Our president Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt and vice president Chev. Christoph Ptak were officially accredited LAZARUS UNION representatives at this conference.





## UN - WORKSHOP

A report by Oliver Gruber-Lavin

**A delegation of the Lazarus Union attend the UN-Workshop: *"Investing in girl's Education: Best road to development – Education in the 21. Century: Towards Global Citizenship"*. The delegation was led by the President of the Lazarus Union Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt. Other members were the Vice President Christoph Ptak, the Secretary General Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin and UN Delegate Ludwig Brunner.**

Starting the conference the chairwoman gave a special warm welcome to the delegation. *"This four gentlemen in uniform are representing the today outnumbered men in a special way"*.

This conference aimed to analyse various aspects of the problems facing the education of girls in order to propose solutions that seek to increase their opportunities to contribute more fully to human progress. This was done by a number of distinguished speakers from different nations and cultures like the Ambassador to the UN of Afghanistan H.E. Ayoob M. Eerfani, H.E. the Ambassador to the UN of Costa Rica Ms. Pilar Saborío de Rocafort and Ms. Elisabeth Stanners Secondary Principal, IB Vienna International School. Their insights are based on real life examples as well as personal political engagement. They also addressed the barriers which confront girls who are marginalised further due to varying factors.



## UN – CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

A report by Oliver Gruber-Lavin



**Lazarus Union delegates with the United Nations in Vienna, President Wolfgang Steinhardt, Vice-President Christoph Ptak and the Secretary General Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin took**

**part in a UN seminar to the situation in Gaza.**

This 2-day UN seminar in Vienna tried to co-ordinate remedial actions, development and the reconstruction for the Gaza Strip on the part of governments, organisations like UN and donors.

“In the Gaza Strip in 2014 on account of the hostility more than 1,500 civilians were killed, more than 11,000 people suffered injuries and about 100,000 Palestinians lost their flats”, one says in the annual report of the UN office for the coordination of the humanitarian assistance (OCHA). The majority of the population in the Gaza Strip has no access to clean water, 31,000 lodgings have been destroyed,

nearly 30,000 workplaces have got lost in the course of the conflict, said Mr. Frode of the UN-developing program UNDP.

An actual problem is the electricity supply and with it linked all other problems. The water supply and the sewage disposal, the hospitals and the small companies operations are concerned.

The 1.8 million residents of the Gaza Strip receive their water mainly from ground water occurrence on the coast. However, it is faster used up than it can be processed. In this manner sea water trickles in the occurrence. The salinity increases, the water becomes inedible.

The situation in Gaza remains “critically” and “unsolved”, according to Fode Seck, chairperson of the UN committee for the exercise of the rights of the Palestinian. “The two-state solution is more relevant than ever.” Without solution for the conflict the Middle East will not live in security and peace, according to Mohammed Shtayyeh, president of the Palestinian economic council PECJAR.





## THE UN AT 70

A report by Wolfgang Steinhardt



**On the day, since all accredited delegates were prevented for various reasons from attending this conference except me, I took part in this alone and have not regretted it.**

**It was certainly not a waste of time because the expert's contributions to this conference were truly "visionary".**

In a short report the whole conference cannot be "retold", but the results in summary I would say were:

It used to be held to be true that the union of East and West Germany was politically "impossible", but it happened. The politicians of that time seized the opportunity.

In North and South Korea, it is not "impossible" that (perhaps in the near future and certainly with the help of the People's Republic of China) something similar could happen.

The words "impossible" or "unthinkable" have at the present time lost their meaning. "Unthinkable" or "impossible" is no

more. There just has to be a political solution, or a compromise, for all problems otherwise our world is basically lost.

We therefore hope for far-sighted and forward-looking politicians with true vision who will be willing and able to overcome the present barriers. There have been these politicians in the past, and it is sure that such politicians will exist in the future.

To bridge chasms, neutral NGOs are now more than ever encouraged to set new initiatives here, "distributing to both sides a working paper that examines how, by their exemplary effect, "little works" can bring about "big changes".

The "Little Angles of Korea" give a perfect example of the "Angel of Peace". When you hear them singing and dancing one longs for a peaceful and harmonious world.

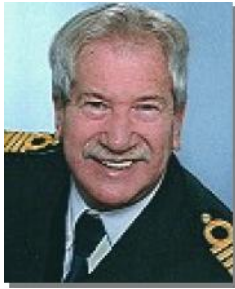
We must have a vision, because without this it doesn't work!

We must create new perspectives beginning immediately! Every day that nothing is done, is a day wasted.



# OFFICER'S BALL 2015

A report by Hans-Rudolph Gries



**The Officers' Ball these days is a glamorous social occasion, which exerts an unbroken fascination not only on our own civilian and military guests, but also on international visitors. This year the Ball celebrated our Federal Army's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Alfons Haider opened proceedings with a humorous introduction, then the Minister of Defence and Sport, Mag. Gerald Klug, spoke. Also present were, of course, Austria's highest ranking military led by Chief of Staff Othmar Commenda.

## Opening

As is traditional, the opening committee provided the first highlight of the evening with a display by the Hanselmayer School of Dance. As is also traditional, this was then opened up to international Officer Cadets.

## Theme and Highlights

The theme for the Officers' Ball in 2015 was 'Sounds of Jubilee' in celebration of the 60th anniversary. Therefore, the ball committee had decided to take this anniversary as an opportunity to combine the past with the present musically. The midnight show was especially dedicated to this anniversary so we experienced a musical journey through time, performed by various guest stars.

One of the highlights of the evening included a presentation to the winner of the ninth Dancing Stars Season, Army Athlete Vadim Garbuzov, who attended with his dance partner, and also Army Athlete, Kathrin Menzinger. As with all the other

professional dancers, he was available as a dance partner for all.

At midnight many of the guests danced 'die Fledermausquadrille' (the bat quadrille) under the direction of Rudolf Peschke, Director of the Hanselmayer School of Dance. At 02:30 followed the 'Late Night Show'.

A total of 35 nations celebrated at the Ball, with 23 salons of the Vienna Hofburg echoing to the sound of dance music and waltzes. Germany was very well represented with about 300 officers, as was the United States with 200 officers in particularly striking uniforms. All around there were some beautiful dress uniforms to see.

Our delegation of The Lazarus Union was represented by our President, Senator hc Wolfgang Steinhardt and his wife Vera, Commander Ludwig Brunner and his wife Brigitte, Colonel and Grand Chancellor Helmut Neidhardt, General Auditor Josef Maria Gebel, as well as yours truly and my wife Monika. Two tables were reserved for us in the In Metternich Hall.

You had to pity our smokers, they got lost several times in the vast corridors of the Hofburg. A security officer rescued them from the Ambassador Stairs on the 5th floor and returned them to the 1st floor. After three attempts, they finally found the entrance to the smoking salon in the old Royal Kitchen.

The photographs of groups and couples taken on the magnificent staircase were a personal highlight for me. No matter what the event, beautiful photos must be taken!

As a conclusion to the Officers' Ball, visitors are offered a typical treat each year – the Last Post. Sounded at 04:00, this famous trumpet melody signalled the end of





proceedings with every visitor then presented with a gift on leaving.

‘swing my leg’ on the dance floor, I did have lots of time to chat with our international guests.

It was a beautiful evening and a successful Ball. Though I didn’t get much chance to





## VIENNA POLICE BALL

A report by Hans-Rudolph Gries



**The grand opening of this year's Vienna Police Ball took place at 9 o'clock with members of The Young Men's and Women's Committee and the Spanish guests, lead by dancers from the**

**Hanselmayer-Vestenbrugg Dance School, dancing a Polonaise to music by the Vienna Police Big Band and String Orchestra.**

Host and Mayor, Michael Häupl, briefly welcomed the numerous celebrities from politics, sports and business, and various representatives of the media. He left the speech-making to, among others, Interior Minister Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Chief of Police Dr. Gerhard Pürstl, his deputy, General Mahrer, and the Spanish Ambassador to Vienna, His Excellency Yago Pico de Coana y de Valicourt.

The ball had been sold out by Christmas and clearly the almost 3000 guests agreed with Dr Pürstl's description: a "festival of superlatives". Through the many salons of City Hall, including the Banqueting Hall, the Senate Chamber and the Arms Hall, the lilting sounds of 'evergreens', 'disco' and waltzes echoed until the early morning.

The midnight show with The Austrian Guys Rat Pack was followed by the grand raffle with nine prizes, including a flat-

screen TV and an e-bike. The dancing that followed, to the Quadrille, the Gallop and the Danube Waltz, was a highlight of the evening.

Everywhere there were cocktails, drinks and snacks. There was even a smoking area in the north buffet but it was made use of by only the really hard-core smokers. Wolfgang and I quickly escaped, but Monika had the best conversations about our Lazarus Union there. The hours passed in a flash until, in the early morning, we made our back home.

CSLI representatives at the Ball were: Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt, Conductor Fritz Lentner, who unfortunately had to work, with his wife Edith, Francis and Ernestine Lentner and friends from Germany: Director of the Board Franz Graf, Commander Monika Gries and, of course, myself.

Finally, it's important to bear in mind that:

### Notice:

**The Board and Officials of the LAZARUS UNION attend such events not (only) as an "end in itself"! We used every opportunity to talk about the LAZARUS UNION and its work, and to promote our ideals, with as many people as possible. The fact that our (approved) attractive uniforms make a major contribution to making different people easier to talk to, is a welcome side effect.**





## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

A report by Spectator



### **The Lazarus Union annual general assembly took place on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**

After playing the Lazarus Union march and the welcome address by Union commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt a commemoration of those comrades who had died last year took place, focused especially on one who had left us way too early, Chev. Erich Kadlec, Lazarus Union Secretary General and Commander of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour. The Union Commander using very personal words in the name of all present remembered the merits and personal characteristics of this merited comrade. Then the members present commemorated all comrades who were called to the "Great Army" last year.

After this the delegates concentrated on working through the topics of the agenda.

One relevant item of discussion was the self-imposed neutrality of the union, newly regulated in §18 of the union's statutes. This is relevant especially regarding the union's outside relations to associated organisations. Consequently interpreting this paragraph, relations to the United Grand Priorities were put on a new basis – the former membership in the "Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem" was changed into a "cooperative friendship". Another consequence was the withdrawal of the naval comradeship Vizeadmiral Erzherzog Ferdinand Max (as unanimously voted by its general assembly) from the Austrian Naval Union. Both decisions were unanimously affirmed by the general assembly.

Core items of the Union Commander's report were the Lazarus Union status with

the United Nations, the number of members and the growth rates (4,000 officers world-wide), the principle of voluntariness, and the newly created rank of "Knight Expectant" as a pre-stage towards the Knighthood of Honour.

This was followed by the reports of the treasurer and the auditors. It was especially mentioned that in 2014 again only 1.84% of the budget was used for administrative purposes (mainly paper and ink for printing certificates). The excellent financial situation of the Lazarus Union was confirmed by the auditors and the reports as well as the formal discharge of the cashier and the board of management for the year 2014 were both accepted by the general assembly unanimously.

The next agenda item covered necessary personal decisions for the future. Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin was elected new secretary general and Ludwig Brunner deputy treasurer, also the auditors were confirmed in their office. The hitherto temporary secretary general, Col. retd. Rudolf MURTH, was upon request confirmed as member of the board of management. Also Peter Scherer was appointed as ambulance representative with the rank of CSLI Major.

Upcoming activities of the Union (investiture of "Knight Expectants" April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – all "expectants" were confirmed unanimously by the general assembly), participation in the airfield festival of the FSV and the performances of the music corps concluded the report on upcoming activities.

Finally the general assembly decided by acclamation to award the Special level of the Grand Cross of the Cross of Merit to Josef-Maria Gebel in recognition of his long fealty, his loyalty, his comradeship, his



helpfulness, his fulfilment of duties despite relevant personal handicaps, and his status as one of the first founding members.

The awarding of the distinction was also the dignified conclusion of the general assembly.





## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE VIENNA BRASS ASSOCIATION

A report by Friedrich Lentner



On March 26<sup>th</sup> the general assembly of the Vienna Brass Music Association took place. Next to the acting management many representatives of member unions were present.

After a welcome address by the president Mag. Wolfgang Findl and some agenda business two functions in the management were newly staffed. First, Michael Foltinowsky, Chair of the Austrian Mail Music was unanimously elected WBV vice president. Second, Friedrich Lentner, band master of the Lazarus Union Music Corps was elected county press officer after volunteering for this office. His election was unanimously as well..

This was followed by the agenda item "awards".

President Mag. Wolfgang Findl gave his thanks to the band master of the brass

band of the Vienna Grid Company for his long lasting excellent work as financial officer of the WBV by awarding him the WBV merit cross in silver.

The second award was presented by the Lazarus Union president. Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt awarded county band master Herbert Klinger with the Commander's Cross Level of the Union's Lazarus Cross for Science, Research and Arts as a reward for his long artistic work and for the excellent cooperation during the foundation and establishment of the Lazarus Union Music Corps.

Both persons awarded were surprised and thankful for their awards. After working off the agenda item "any other business", a get-together followed with some snacks and friendly networking talks.



## DEMONSTRATION FOR THE MILITARY MUSIC

A report by Spectator

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**The LAZARUS UNION which had earlier signed a friendship treaty with the Music Corps of the Austrian Army Guard and is duty-bound to the whole Austrian Army Music Corps as a unique Austrian cultural asset. Almost 1000 musicians (some also from the LAZARUS UNION Music Corps), accompanied by a LAZARUS UNION delegation, were protesting against a staff reduction for cost reasons. A petition with more than 45,000 signatures was handed over to the Austrian parliament.**

A couple of tourists might have been wondering what was literally played in front of the Austrian government building on Ballhausplatz 19. May 2015. They don't get to see 1000 ragtag musicians playing together all too often in such a Location.

Those astonished tourists who inquired learned that this was a sympathetic concert in favour of military music, an acoustic demonstration against cost cutting plans of a minister who wants to drastically reduce the Austrian Army Music to one large ensemble in Vienna only. All the other Army music bands in the remaining eight Austrian counties were to be reduced from 47 to 20 musicians. This would but mean that several pieces of music cannot be played any more. This would be like the minister (he is also responsible for sports affairs) mandating that in order

to save money football teams were to play with seven players only from now on!

With this "cost cut argument" one could suggest that the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra who also cost lots of money (actually good investments for cultural purposes) could be reduced to half their numbers and then "lend" each other musicians if necessary. It must not be explained that this would be bollocks indeed!

At a second sympathetic concert in front of the Austrian parliament the petition mentioned further above was handed over to the second president of the Austrian National Assembly who amidst the applause of the people promised to bring these 45,000 signature petition to the National Assembly. Needless to say politics cannot simply ignore this group of the population who represents about 150,000 voters as well.

The high-class calm demonstration in front of the Austrian Parliament ended with the traditional march "O du mein Österreich". We definitely do hope that politics will listen to reason and a compromise can be found before it is too late and the structures of Austrian military music are destroyed.





## A SYMPATHY CONCERT OF MILITARY MUSIC

A report by Christoph Ptak



**More than 800 musicians from all over Austria came together in Vienna on 19 May 2015 for a concert to demonstrate against the planned reduction of military music in the provinces from the current 47 Bands to 20 Bands. Participants in this event, along with supporting fan groups, had not only used their holiday time to be there but had also traveled at their own expense.**

After a brief discussion, the rally began at precisely 11 clock with the '47er Regimentsmarsch' by J F Wagner. In the speeches, Federal Minister Andr  RuppRechter, Ombudsman Fichtenbauer and representatives of the Austrian Brass Music Association and the Association of Military Music Lovers, among others, spoke. It was unanimously held that the military band in Austria represents a cultural asset of the first order and contributes significantly to the maintenance of tradition.

The point was made that the musicians who voluntarily take on extended military service later become teachers, band leaders and conductors in their native brass bands and local music schools as they have acquired the music skills and knowledge available in the Military, thereby guaranteeing the high standards that Austrian brass band music has. The Federal Government, and especially B M Klug the Federal Minister of Defence and Sport, were

earnestly requested to reconsider the planned reductions.

The following were performed in turn, between the speeches:

*Schneidig vor* by J Fucik, *Deutschmeister-Regimentsmarsch* by W A Jurek, *S nfeld-Marsch* by C M Ziehrer, *Mir san die Kaiserjager* by M hlberger and *O, du mein  sterreich* by Ferdinand Preis (after a song by Franz von Suppe)

All were brilliantly presented and rewarded with corresponding applause from the numerous spectators and listeners.

After taking a break in the Volksgarten, the entire Orchestra then marched the short way over to the Parliament to present the concert program there also. In the speeches made at this time President Kopf of the NR averred that he would work to ensure that, in the direct talks between the proponents of maintaining and those for reducing manning levels due to the general cost-cutting measures in the Armed Forces, a mutually acceptable solution can be found.

A petition of 46,161 signatures for the upkeep of all military music in the provinces with corresponding manpower was presented to President Kopf. On behalf of the Band of the Lazarus Union Chairman Wolfgang Steinhardt, Secretary Christoph Ptak and Sutler Edith Lentner were present as listeners. Our players were Conductor Fritz Lentner (tenor horn), Stoeckl (flugelhorn) and Christian Appinger (tuba).



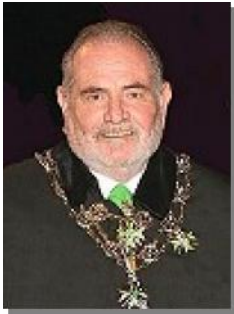






## 36. AUSTRIAN BRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

A report by Hans König



**This does have a long history. For 36 years already the City of Vienna invites various brass bands from all over Austria and South Tyrol to parade together along the Ringstraße in Vienna and then play some jaunty marches for the citizens in front of the Vienna City Hall.**

For all the participants it is also very important to see and hear also other bands and to compare the various performances to also improve one's own play by adopting from others.

So, after some earlier experiments, the bands parade over the Ringstraße since 1979 already. This festival was brought into being by the unforgettable vice mayor Gertrude Fröhlich Sandner, together with a couple of representatives from the Austrian Brass Music Association.

Even after 36 years the author of these lines is proud to have guided the first brass bands through Vienna by then and to have invited them after their applauded performances for dinner in the name of the City of Vienna.

The brass music festival consists of four parts. Already two evenings earlier the "City Music Vienna" – a combination of four different Viennese brass bands – play a mixture of marches, operetta music and specific pieces in the arcaded court of the city hall.

The next evening one band from an Austrian province is invited to present itself and its repertoire. This year the oldest city brass band – the Wilten Town Band – founded at the begin of the 17<sup>th</sup> century – presented the perfected art of pipes and drums.

Besides the overly large audience the high level of the presented pieces thrilled the arcaded court until even the grotesque figures bowed their heads in reverence. Of course also prominent Lazarus Union representatives participated in this feast for the ears.

The next day an early rise was required as the Lazarus Union Music Corps' marching formation played in Vienna's Floridsdorf district in front of the regional express train Station.

Much applauded and richly deserved our music representative and band master Friedrich directed his formation. All dressed up poshly, including a bunch of lovely sutlers, with a top-class program consisting of various marches including the Lazarus Union march to the inevitable "Radetzky March" for the finish.

This is how traditional Austrian brass music must be! Nothing else.

The final summit: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, afternoon – 15.00 hours. 34 degrees in the shade. Calm wind. 1,800 musicians marching along the Ringstraße. All in full dress, heavy cloth, thick hats or uniform caps. One can only give kudos. The Lazarus Union group, president Wolfgang Steinhardt, vice president Christoph Ptak, secretary general Oliver Gruber Lavin, treasurer



Monika Gries, chapter members Hans-Rudolf Gries and the writer of these lines prepare for sauna in uniform.

But the sensational show makes all this quickly forgotten. The marching block from the Austrian counties unfortunately mix up the various bands, each of which would have its own special character, its own charm, its own sound ....especially our Lazarus Band experts. Their specific Lentner swing does not sound out.

So all together form a mush of melodies. Of course the show from the town band Radstadt and the band of the Army Guard Vienna fascinate the guests.

It reminds one strongly of “trooping the colour”. After the parade there is a concert in front of the town hall by all bands playing together. The band master, Col. ret'd.

Prof. Mag. Hans Schadenbauer has a hard job directing 1,200 musicians but he succeeds. The Radetzky March unites all musicians and thousands of visitors all clapping along the beats to a community.

Viva la Banda! Soaked with sweat, yet incredibly happy. This is my personal summary. What more could one want. Over the year a real brass music aficionado does have only a few such moments of happiness. Until the next time which could mean in several years. Just imagine: in Austria there are more that 100,000 brass musicians playing in approximately 3,000 bands. Yet only between 20 and 25 get invited to this event – a great honour indeed.

Kudos to our musicians and their band master for their performance and their commitment!





## PRAYER BREAKFAST

A report by Oliver Gruber-Lavin

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Representatives of the Lazarus Union were invited by the "*Family Federation for World Peace and Unification*" for a breakfast. After a short presentation of the Lazarus Union by President Wolfgang Steinhart, an active discussion with members of different world religions and other religious denomination took place.

The members of the Lazarus Union underlined, that the Union, especially as registered UN-NGO organization with special consultative Status with ECOSOC acts always "*non-political and nondenominational*" and accepts every human being with all his strengths and weaknesses independent of his faith.

Main topic were among other the [freedom of faith](#).



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## CEREMONY AND INVESTITURE

A report by Spectator

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On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, an exceptional ceremony was held in front of a large attendance. More than 30 flag delegations, more than 200 guests, Lazarus Union members, dames and knights of honour, and ten candidates for dame/knight expectant rank assembled in the beautiful and impressive hall of glory in the Army History Museum (HGM) in Vienna.

The two-hour long ceremony was meticulously planned and directed by our protocol officer, Lazarus Union delegate LtCol. retd. Rudolf Murth, supported by his vital assistant CSLI Mjr. Helene Kneidinger. A tribute and thank you to both of them before anything else!

The ceremony commenced with an open-air concert by the marching formation of our music corps in similar number of musicians to the future music bands of the Austrian Army Music Corps in front of the museum. The quality of the performance was rated "excellent" by all guests. Also here a big thank you to all musicians and the bandmaster, CSLI Bgdr.Gen. Fritz Lentner. The LAZARUS UNION can indeed be proud to have such excellent public ambassadors.

Seating arrangements were planned in great detail this time so the ceremony (after an early "final group photograph") could commence with the marching in of the colours, orders, postulants, dames and knights of honour, and the chapter into the great hall of glory exactly on time.

Our special thanks once again go to the "knights" from "Prima Nocte" and "Armani Domini". They acted once more as our standard bearers, with their historical clothing building a bridge to the beginning of the former Lazarus Order.

Following was the welcome address to our guests of honour (we were able to welcome the military attaché of the Republic of Germany ObStlt.i.GenStb. Heinz-Joachim Timmer and his charming wife) and many visiting delegations of the Austrian comradeship organisation, led by vice president Mag. Wolfgang Heuer. Also we were able to welcome representatives of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, the Order of St. Michael, the Saint Joachim Order, the Black Cross, the Radetzky Hussars, the Austrian Life Saving Organisation, the French Black Cross, the National Comradeship Feldmarschall Radetzky, the Austria Humanitas Korps, the Naval Comradeship Vizeadmiral Erzherzog Ferdinand Max, UN NGO representatives, the Austrian Homecomer Union, and many friends and relatives of our postulants.

Following was the commemoration of the dead.

With a drum roll a burning candle, a picture, and the knight's coat of our former secretary general Chevalier Erich Josef Kadlec who suddenly passed away last year were carried into the hall by three dames of honour. Opera singer Wolfgang Schmalenberg affectingly sang "Closer





my God to thee“ and in remembrance of all ceased comrades “Once I had a comrade“ was played.

To be sure there was nobody among the guests of honour who had not to fight their tears.

Next on the agenda was the presenting of awards to earned members and other persons who served the Lazarus Union well. It was a great joy that many of those were really surprised to receive an Award.

Congratulations to all from the LAZARUS UNION!

The next ceremonial climax was the presentation of the new Lazarus Union Corps Banner by the “banner mother“ Brigitte Brunner to the LAZARUS UNION president. He took it with the words **“...for the LAZARUS UNION I take this banner. I hold on to it and take care that nobody deserts it...”**

After playing the “Lazarus Union March“ a banner of honour was given to Ambassador Chevalier Ludwig Brunner. “Banner officer“ was his seven year old grandson who managed this task excellently and in a cool manner. Finally all banners present received a LAZARUS UNION friendship banner pendant.

In between the various agenda items our music corps played. The whole ceremony took about two hours half of which were filled with Music.

In an empathic speech covering the meaning of the Knighthood of Honour and its candidature the Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour of the

LAZARUS UNION, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, now directly addressed the ten postulants who were about to be raised to the rank of Dame and Knight Expectant.

The protocol officer requested every one of them to step up with the words: **“Dear.....! Your mentor has proposed to accept you into our Knighthood of Honour in the rank of a “Knight Expectant“ (Dame Expectant) and the chapter has accepted this proposal! Step up!”**

Then the postulants were separately led by their mentor in front of the Dames and Knights of Honour present.

With the plain question from the Grand Master: **“I ask you in front of the assembled Dames and Knights of Honour: is it your free will to aspire the LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour?”** and the postulant’s answer: **“By my honour, so is it!”** the following postulants were accepted by the Grand Master with the words: **“So receive the formal signs of your new position: The plain coat and the cross. May you prove yourself worthy during your candidature to be then finally accepted into our Knighthood of Honour. Be welcome!”**.

Every single new Dame and Knight Expectant was honoured with the “knight’s fanfare“ and the applause from the audience.

After the renewal of the officer’s promise by all LAZARUS UNION officers present the ceremony was finished gracefully by playing the Austrian national Anthem.



The guests were finally honoured by a marching out parade of the colours, the various veterans organisations, the Knighthood of Honour, and the chapter, accompanied by the Radetzky march, the Prinz Eugen march and the Lazarus Union march.

Finally the evening was finished off with smalltalk, long desired cold drinks and good food in the ARSENALSTUBEN, ending shortly before midnight.





## 24<sup>TH</sup> INVESTITURE KMFAP

A report by Christoph Ptak



**Following a cherished tradition, we were happy this time to again accept an invitation to the Investiture of Postulants of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem / Knights of Malta and the Sovereign Order of Cyprus / Knights of Sword and Silence and participated with a small delegation.**

Early in the morning the representatives of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union, Grandmaster Wolfgang Steinhart, Grand Chancellor Christoph Ptak and Commander Hannes Hochmuth, made our way to Chateau Bela, Slovakia. Following a quick and easy drive there was still plenty of time to take a late breakfast and to greet our many friends and close acquaintances from previous joint events.

On the day before, the framework program of this year's investiture had begun with a meeting of the Chapter and the personal presentation of the Postulants.

The second day of the celebrations began with Holy Mass in the Chapel.

The Investiture opened with the arrival of the Banners, the Sword-bearers and the honourable and invited guests from

friendly organizations in 25 countries on three continents (St. George & St. Martin, Order of the Roman Eagle, Pro Corcordatia Populorum, Hospitaler Order of St. Lazarus, FEMERAID, St. Lazarus Special Rescue Group and Ordo Hungariae).

In his address, Prince Jose instructed the postulants on the importance of the tasks they have to accept as members of the Knighthood. Particularly impressive were the questions he raised, which will have to be answered in the future by all of us.

I especially liked a remark: *"... Let us ensure that our children and grandchildren grow up in an environment worth living in, but we have to simultaneously ensure that the environment survives for our children and grandchildren ..."*

The ceremony was framed by performances from a flute / guitar duo who showed their skills presenting a program from Baroque classic to Eric Satie, while a singer of the Prague Opera with a magnificent and expressive voice delighted the audience with operatic arias and recitals. These musical treats made us almost forget that the investiture lasted more than three hours.

**Conclusion:** A successful event, we will certainly be happy to be at the 25th Investiture.



# SPRING CONVENT 2015 OF THE SAINT MICHAEL ORDER

A report by Spectator

The Grand Master and Governing Council of the Order invited all Order members, their families and friendly organisations to the annual Spring Convention.

**The Lazarus Union, as a long-standing friendly organisation, accepted the invitation again this year. The members of The Order of Knights of Saint Michael have also been esteemed longtime guests at our investitures.**

Punctually we all met on Michaeler Square in our Order robes or uniforms, in good time for many friendly discussions. We were then able to admire the original Hoch und Deutschmeister Band at a march past.

After the solemn entry into the church, Father Peter, the Pastor of St. Michael's Church, celebrated a wonderful Holy Mass.

The Grand Master of the Order, Prof. Mag. Guido Mancusi, took the opportunity to accompa-

ny the Mass musically on the beautifully restored 300 year-old organ.

After Holy Mass we passed in solemn procession across the Coal Market to the courtyard of the summer refectory of the Salvatorian College of St. Michael, where a lovingly prepared mouthwatering spread was waiting for all invited guests.

With a further exchange of views this beautiful day came much too quickly to an end in the early afternoon. But the next Convention of The Order of Knights of Saint Michael is planned and we are already looking forward to it.





## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FFWPU EUROPE

(Family Federation for World Peace and Unification)

A report by Wolfgang Steinhardt



**Having received a personal invitation which I accepted with pleasure, I have to say this was an incredible and very impressive experience which I had not expected.**

On 10. May 2015, the Unification Church of *Sun Myung Moon* and his wife *Hak Ja Han Moon*, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the “Unification Movement in Europe”. With obvious gratitude to the founders, the “True Parents” as they are lovingly and respectfully called by the members of their community, and in the presence of Mrs. Moon, this impressive festival was inaugurated exactly as described in the biography of *Sun Myung Moon* “My Life for World Peace”, reading which can be recommended to anyone.

The opening address was made by the Vice President of FFWPU Europe, Mr. *Jack Corley*.

Very impressive it was, and after this the nearly 3,000 attendees sang the anthem of the Unification Church. The deep spirituality was physically noticeable, though in no way disturbing.

There followed a prayer spoken by the National Director of Germany, Mr. *Dieter Schmidt*.

The words of welcome from Continental Europe FFWPU Director, *Rev. Young-shik An* to all those present were made particularly warmly.

The official congratulations were delivered by:

*Prof. Ursula King* (Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Bristol) on behalf of the women,

and by

*Dr. Werner Fasslabend* (former Defence Minister of the Republic of Austria and also a Collar Knight, the highest rank of honour, in the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union.)

The wonderful young woman singer, *Kaeko Onoda*, then sang the “birthday song”.

This was followed by two extremely interesting and informative video presentations about the work, the objectives and the career of the Unification Church, which people should see before writing their “opinions”. Any prejudices are not appropriate here!

The President of FFWPU International, Ms. *Sun-jin Moon*, then announced the arrival of Mrs. Hak Han Moon, who entered the Great Hall of the Austria Centre Vienna to a “standing ovation”.

In her welcome message, this one of the “True Parents” spoke out impressively on tolerance, mutual respect, love for each other and the ubiquitous presence of God.

To mark the 50th anniversary, the *Rev. Tim Miller* and his wife *Carolyn Handshin* (a Vice-President of FFWPU Europe) presented Mrs *Hak Ja Han Moon* with a book



on the history of the “Unification Movement in Europe”, a magnificent example.

This was followed by guest gifts from Germany, Britain, France, Holland and Austria.

Awards were then made to many deserving officials by Mrs. *Hak Ja Han Moon*.

Afterwards the “Birthday Cake” was brought into the hall and was cut by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon. The “Victory Toast” was proposed by *Dr. No-Hi Pak*, to all those present before the gala lunch was served. During the “Gala Lunch” excellent performances by the “Singing Angel” from Korea were admired and enjoyed.

With the Soloists of Cjores yodelling perfectly, the atmosphere reached its climax.

Before the official end, the group photo of all the 3000 people present remained. An almost impossible task for the photographers, but a challenge they mastered.

This was a moving and unforgettable celebration the like of which I have experienced only a few times in my life. I was able to speak with many people, and new friends, imbued with the sense of a better future and, above all, a more peaceful world.

The Unification Church and the Lazarus Union have, as I discovered, many common points of contact and the Lazarus Union congratulates the Church on this anniversary, and wishes all people of good will happiness and satisfaction and a full life in their community.





## FLAG ANNIVERSARY ÖKB STV. LANGENLOIS

A report by Helene Kneidinger



**It was a Sunday out of a picture book with temperatures nobody could have expected. In the gorgeous ambience of Haindorf Castle 44 Standards, 9 Banners, 250 comrades, 3 priests, 20 musicians, 30 Honorary Knights of The Radetzky Order, the Order of St. Michael and the CSLA – CSLI, and delegations of military historical groups: the "Hessergarde Senftenberg", the "Tradition Squadron, the KuK Navy", the "Pioneer Federation Krems-Mautern" and an excellent Commanding Officer, were the ingredients for a successful celebration. Fifty-six beautiful Banner ribbons were awarded and after the festival there were many congratulations, in person and by mail. Our guests were all impressed by the atmosphere and by the staging of our anniversary.**

Already by 10:30 the first guests had arrived - astonishingly these were comrades who had the longest journey: from West-Styria, Bad Gams and Stainz and from Burgenland.

Manuela Murth-Menhardt and Brigitte Holzer had tables nicely prepared, and from 11:30 to 13:30 the Big Band played for brunch while our "Gastro-Crew" took care of the guests with food and drink.

At 13:30 the Standard and Banner bearers collected and the entry took place on schedule in 3 blocks: beginning with the Jubilee Banner of the STV Langenlois followed by the Standards of the

Schützenverein Langenlois, the FF-Langenlois and the Corps Standard of the Lazarus Union.

Festival Commander Chief Insp. Franz Graf brought each group forward individually according to their place.

Block 1 with HB Krems, Waldviertel, HB St. Pölten, HB Tulln and our friends from the provinces: from Burgenland, Styria and Vienna.

Block 2 with HB Baden, Bruck/L, HB Mödling, HB Wr. Neustadt, HB Neunkirchen, HB Hollabrunn, HB Korneuburg and HB Mistelbach

Block 3 - the military historical groups under the command of Alfred Wurmayer: Hessergarde Senftenberg, the Tradition Squadron of the KuK Navy, and the Pioneer Federation Krems-Mautern.

Upon completion of the entry of the Knights of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour with their Banners, carried to the music of The Lazarus Union March, Commander Graf first led the AHC, the Order of St. Michael and the Radetzky Order into place and then brought on the Lazarus Union from SLA – CSLI, the last chapter led by GM Steinhardt.

Following an announcement by Chairman Rudolf Murth, Commander Franz Graf came to the centre for the entry of the Clergy. The guests were asked to rise from their seats and with the command: "Standards and Banners Salute" and to the strains of "Good God ...." impressively sung by Reinhard Kittenberger the Head of the Kittenberger/Schiltern Adventure Gar-



dens, the Clergy: Pastor Jacek Zelek, Deacons Prof. Herbert Trautsamwieser and Major Ludwig Winkler, entered.

Thus, the assembly was completed and Chairman Rudolf Murth asked the two men, Schützen-Major OA Dr. Heinrich Renner and the Commander of the FF-Langenlois, Karl Huber, at the sound of the "Anthem of Lower Austria" to hoist the Great Banner of the City of Langenlois.

This was the prelude to the actual ceremony.

Leader of the Regional Council and President of the Northeast Military Historical Society, Peter Juster, took us into the past in his speech with much interesting detail. At the end he directed our thoughts to the Commemoration of the Dead.

Commemoration of the Dead: For this remembrance we had prepared a special ceremony. To a gentle drumbeat Helene Kneidinger, Commander Franz Graf and Rose Murth brought a large lighted candle (in a jar) and the Banner mourning-band to the centre.

The candle was placed on the altar, with the mourning-band going to our Banner. Commander Graf pinned the mourning-band, symbolic of our 2014 deceased, to the Mother Banner. Then Commander Graf stepped into the middle and, at his order, the hymn "Good Comrade" rang out.

After "Good Comrade" the mourning-band was symbolically removed to celebrate the anniversary, but the candle remained to commemorate all deceased comrades until the end. All three Clergy signed the ending of the Commemoration of the Dead. This served to confirm many times that it was a very solemn ceremony.

During a short pause, the music for the ensuing Sung Mass was assembled.

This Mass, celebrated by parish Priest Jacek Zelek and his two concelebrants, was also something special. Seven Knights of Honour read the intercessions and Reinhard Kittenberger sang the selected songs: "Brothers Crying in Joy", "The Earth is Beautiful", "Listen if Jesus ...", "Sing Me a Hallelujah", "Our Father ..." and "Yes, if the Man ...". In the course of the Mass Banner ribbons, Banners and comrades were blessed.

At the end of Mass Chairman Murth thanked the Musicians, Reinhard Kittenberger and the clergy and introduced the 3rd act.

Schützen-Major Dr. Renner, in the 1st row, picked up his Standard and, at the head of his Rifle Company, confidently marched the formation to the middle. The altar was sufficiently far back to ensure the necessary distance of the Company from the audience. Schützen-Major Dr. Renner filed a report on the maximum attendance of the ÖKB Bd.-SF Ernst Stummvoll, and then gave the command to salute, which was carried out excellently. The Rifle Company then marched off again.

A special piece of music then announced the official speech on ÖKB Bd.-SF Ernst Stummvoll.

Following this, the CSLI Fanfare announced the address by the President of the Lazarus Union, GM Wolfgang Steinhart, who conferred numerous honours during his speech. For example, honouring the comrades of the FF-Langenlois who provided volunteer services on their lift platform during the Disabled Flight Day in Stockerau, and Andreas Menhardt who





volunteers his technology at investitures and, finally, at our request, three gentlemen: Schützen-Major OA Dr. Heinrich Renner, Ensign Alfred Zöchmeister and Chief Insp. Franz Graf.

Furthermore, members of the Religions present were honoured, and among others Grandmaster Dkfm. Harry Tomek was presented with a Collar, the highest possible award.

Our festival was coming to an end and so the Standard and Banner ribbons were presented. To save time these were brought directly to the Bearers. Accompanied by the "Prinz Eugen March", Chairman Rudolf Murth and his wife Rose presented from the left, and Commander Franz Graf and Helene Kneidinger presented from the right.

On the command "Banners in Salute", the "European Anthem" was played, and after "Banners from the Salute" the orderly passing out began to the "Radetzky March".

The Banner of the participating City Association drew up the middle to pass the other Standards and Banners. Commander Franz Graf came to fetch each block and led all to salute our Banner as they passed.

This was followed by the Knights of Honour, the Standards of Langenlois, Shutzen, FF and CSLI, and then, finally, the Clergy. Thus the official part was over, but those who still had time remained for a while and enjoyed the warm summer evening in this wonderful setting.



## SO F OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A report by Bernd Höhle



### Paraguay:

An RTW / Ambulance and a dental practice facility, including transport from Germany to Paraguay, is being co-financed by us and will be delivered to Paraguay at the end of the year. I will travel in person for the hand-over (at their own expense).

### Philippines:

45 families have become homeless due to a major fire in the slums of Manila.

People who were already poor have now lost family members and all their belongings including their house. We are financing material for the rebuilding and coordination with local helpers. We are also receiving manpower and logistical support from the CMO Battalion of The Philippine Army, who we have supported on several occasions. The on-site coordination is handled by our Swiss comrade, Andy, who is living in Manila.

I have already reported on this project to you, now funding is largely in place and it needs to be implemented, so this week we will proceed with the operation.

### Nepal:

We will donate to the earthquake victims.

After the severe earthquake our representative locally, Dr. Shiva, who has opened up a hospital with us in the past, established Medical camps and will distribute food, hygiene products etc. to the needy. Some of his own circle of friends have also been killed. I have known Dr. Shiva for more than 10 years, first in Thailand and then on my visit to Nepal, he is a good-hearted and selfless man.

### Germany:

"Inclusion Requires Action" & Mobi-day (<http://www.mobi-tag.sh/>)

We will actively participate in this initiative. We were asked whether we could undertake the entire programme around self-defence and martial arts for wheelchair users and the elderly. I now have some qualified colleagues we can apply to these projects.

### Ghana:

We will use School building no. 2 in the service of another school building in the Volta Region of Ghana and co-finance this. The King of the region is known to me personally, he has already completed 3 of the 6 school rooms and has proven to be very reliable. I personally inspected two of the finished rooms in 2014. Financing is on a pro rata basis according to completion and documentation of each individual room / construction phase.





## 1.400 EURO DONATION

A report by Bernd Hühle



**Schaafheim (Hessen):** For the fourth time since 2009 the Schaafheim based Healthcare Days took place from the 28<sup>th</sup> February to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015. On two

days the fair was all about one topic: Prevention and treatment. Particular attention was paid to the operation of a holistic approach - alongside conventional medicine this offers a wide choice and was represented again this year by alternative treatment methods and service offerings.

Dr. Thomas Draxler (Group Leader SOF and Captain CSLI) and Markus K. Sell (Squad Leader SOF and 1st Lieutenant CSLI) of the local Department of Health organized this popular fair together for the second time. From the outset it was clear that, in addition to the numerous health facilities, the subject of volunteering should also occupy a place in this event.

The funds generated from the cafeteria are donated to charity so all proceeds from the sales of food and beverages, amounting of 1400 Euros, were passed this year in equal shares to the social projects of the

Protestant and Catholic Churches in Schaafheim. Both churches operate a Relief Fund, quickly and efficiently helping innocent citizens in distress with financial support. Thanks to numerous donations of cakes, and using volunteer helpers, it was possible to make all receipts available as donations.

Another highlight of the event was the exhibition of paintings by local artist Martin Arnholdt. Under the slogan "Part of Me", Arnholdt presented images that are created in collaboration with his children. He sets children's drawings with their own elements reinterpreted and painted in acrylic on canvas. His works always incorporate the volunteering ideal with 20% of the sales price per image donated to children's charities. In an interview with the organizers Arnholdt stressed: "Children have inspired me with their ideas for the paintings. That is why a portion of the proceeds is returned for the good of children."

Squad Leader Sell also supervised a voluntary work booth at the Healthcare Days, in which he talked about the numerous aid projects of the Department of Health and described the cooperation between the SOF and CSLI, and the Ecumenical Secular Knights Association, ORSS.



## EASTER BUNNIES FOR THE TABLE CHILDREN

A Sweet Delight Donated by the Saint Lazarus Corps International

A report by Sven Dietel



"It is always a great pleasure to welcome you to the Burgkunstadter Table charity offices," said Board Chair Silke Mohler, welcoming Sven Dietel and his companions to Burgkunstadter City

Hall for the last food distribution before Easter. As always, the Commander of CSLI Germany had not come empty-handed. Together with his wife Katja and daughter Alexa, he handed over 100 Chocolate Easter Bunny selections for the Table children who were delighted with this sweet surprise.

"We have some new colleagues in our ranks who missed our Advent campaign in November, so we have prepared this special treat for the children at Easter," said bearer of the gifts Sven, who then briefly described CSLI Germany and its objectives: the CSLI is an independent, private organization which is dedicated to humanitarian tasks, according to the ideals and spirit of Saint Lazarus.

Members have the common aim to serve other people through disaster relief, looking after people with disabilities and helping the homeless. All members of CSLI are volunteers and the organization, founded in Austria, now also has a large number of supporters in Germany.



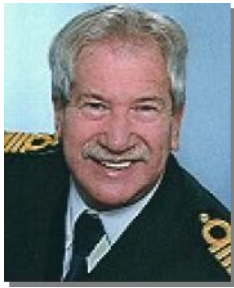
Tafelvorsitzende Silke Mohler (Mitte) und ihre Stellvertreterin Ulrike Kuhn bedankten sich im Namen der Kinder für diese Osterüberraschung des Lazarus Corps, die Katja und Sven Dietel mit Tochter Alexa übergaben.





## 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR LAZARUS UNION TURKEY

A report by Hans-Rudolph Gries



**Our CSLI Ambassador for Turkey, Chev. Ludwig Brunner, has succeeded in founding around Antalya a considerable CSLI organization in Turkey within one year. To officially and solemnly commemorate the**

**first anniversary of the founding, our Treasurer, Dame Monika Gries, and Member of the Supervisory Board, Chev. Hans-Rudolf Gries, travelled to Antalya (at their own expense, it should be noted) to represent the President.**

A NATO conference was being held in the town of Belek at the same time so we have never been so carefully guarded, though this was done very discreetly and unobtrusively.

In the evening of Friday, May 15, the major event of the Lazarus Union was held in the amphitheatre of the Magic Life Club

Waterworld. We were all slightly nervous as we were to present the awards and honours at the end. This was supposed to be a surprise, so we had not rehearsed it with the men and women beforehand.

About 1200 sympathetic international spectators provided a lot of enthusiastic applause.

The following awards and honours were presented by Ludwig Brunner, assisted by Monika and Hans-Rudolf Gries, on behalf of the Lazarus Union: the Lazarus Medal in Gold, the Lazarus Medal in Silver.

At the end of the event celebrations continued for a long time and we ran our pictures again to reminisce.

Our thanks go to each and every one who supports our Lazarus Union and engages in charitable work in the region.



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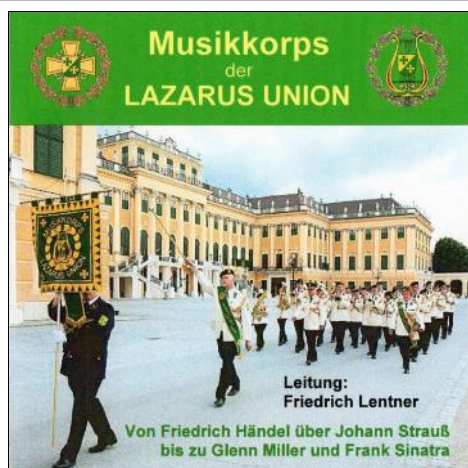
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