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CELEBRATION OF THE DAY OF GERMAN UNITY



A report by „Spectator”

Executive members of the Lazarus Union, President Senator Prof. hc Wolfgang Steinhart, Vice President Christoph Ptak, Vice President Ludwig Brunner and Secretary General Oliver Gruber Lavin were invited by the German Embassy in Vienna to the ceremony at the magnificent Palais Liechtenstein on 3 October 2016.

As an official contribution to the ceremony, part of the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union played an open-air concert for the arriving guests.

Even our Grand Protector, Federal Minister of Defence Dr. Werner Faslabend (ret.) was able to join us.

The Music Corps opened the ceremony with fanfare music and later performed the Austrian national anthem, the German national anthem and the anthem of the European Union after German Ambassador Johannes Haindl and Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz gave speeches.

The first two anthems were impressively sung by our vocalist Michael Wagner.

Our Deputy Head of Music, conductor Colonel CSLI Franz Lentner, was responsible for directing and did this task exceptionally well.

We were extremely pleased to receive a very personal and public word of thanks by Ambassador Haindl!

At the following reception buffet, our four-man combo played for the enjoyment of the around 1,000 guests until 10pm.

The Lazarus Union was positively perceived at this event and we would like to warmly thank everyone who contributed their efforts. We would also like to extend our thanks to the German Embassy in Vienna for this wonderful opportunity to showcase the Lazarus Union in front of such an exclusive audience.



CELEBRATION OF THE DAY OF GERMAN UNITY



A report by Johanna Reiter

Viennese brass and wind bands fascinated an audience that filled the Mozart Hall in Vienna's Konzerthaus on 23 October, 2016. Presenter Theresia Haiger charmed and entertained throughout the evening, first announcing the Stammersdorf Music Association band.

The Stammersdorf band greeted the audience with the "*UNO March*", followed by "*Espana*" and the "*Maxglaner Gypsy March*", probably best known from their New Year's Concert.

They were followed by the BOKU Brass Band who played "*Celebration*" and, very convincingly, the mysterious "*Dance with the Devil*".

The Music Corps of the Lazarus Union spanned a musical arch from the "*Coriolan Overture*" by Beethoven to "*Music Was My First Love*", for which Michael Wagner appeared as vocalist.

After the break the Vienna Academy Philharmonic Wind Band (ABW) presented the third movement of "*Symphony No. 2*" by the contemporary composer David Maslanka. The ABW has made it its task to perform all of his works.

The evening concluded with the Vienna State Wind Orchestra playing the waltz "*Gold and Silver*" and Tchaikovsky's "*Coronation March*". For an encore State Director of Music, Herbert Klinger, couldn't deny the audience "*The Radetzky March*".

This brought the evening to a very satisfying conclusion.



HANDYCAPPED AIR DAY 2016



A report by "Spectator"

On August 27th, 2016, the air day for handicapped people was held at Stockerau airfield for the 12th time already. It has to be said that the event worked out extremely well, with gorgeous weather as well, also all our guests, participants, and supporters considered this to have been "... the best air day ever...". "Spectator" has been trying to find out why.

Firstly it has to be stated that the EU regulating frenzy also did not stop at events like this one! Alas! The full set of requirements for such an event cannot be handled anymore by ONE SINGLE ORGANISATION. So what to do?

Simply combine forces and bring together several organisations where each can contribute with the part it can do best.

For a start there is the most important partner, the Flying Club Stockerau (FSV2000), honorary Lazarus Union member, which has the complete infrastructure with the necessary "event location" and which provided for the event not only its infrastructure but also part of its fleet, air traffic control, food and drinks, all FOR FREE.

Next organisation is the LAZARUS UNION which has the necessary know how, having organised 11 air days already without any incident and such was providing organisation, air assistants, medical service, and security and so played a major role in making sure the 12th air day could be held without any problems and especially without any accidents. In this place a big Thank You to all comrades who made this possible.

Coordination of the registrations as well as providing and serving lunch for all guests and all volunteers was under the responsibility of the "Behindertenhilfe (handicapped aid) Korneuburg". And EVERYTHING worked out just fine!

Other contributors to the success of the event were the "Harley Davidson Club", the voluntary fire brigade Spillern, providing tours in a real fire engine, and CSLI LtCol Günter Eichinger (for organising terrific vintage cars and managing that these jewels of car construction could not only be admired but also short tours could be made – thanks also for this).

Last but not least the most important things: the airplanes without which we



could not have any guest lifted up and away. Four planes were provided by the FSV2000, one by the Fliegergruppe Wien, and one was privately provided by Dr. Christoph Auner for the 7th time already, also piloting it himself. The helicopter was provided by AERIAL Helicopter and piloted by the “father of all air days“ CSLI founding member, former special forces soldier, commercial helicopter pilot and flight instructor, CSLI LtCol Klaus Weber. Tirelessly he flew 14 round trips as many of our guests wanted to fly with the helicopter. Unfortunately we could not fulfil this wish for all of them but the flights in the planes were enjoyed just as much.

In total 57 plane flights and 14 helicopter flights were completed and so for more than 200 guests the dream of flying

came true. A truly remarkable success! Kudos to the crews!

When speaking about figures also more than 350 lunches, uncounted cakes for ALL (provided by Konditorei Balz in Korneuburg), 40 litres of coffee and about 600 litres of soft drinks (it was a hot day indeed) cannot be left unmentioned.

To avoid the printed bill obligation issued by financial authorities (which already killed several events organised by clubs and unions throughout the country) we “discovered“ a very simple method: absolutely EVERYTHING was free for everyone! So some random visitors to the airfield also got to enjoy (unexpected) flights and refreshments. Just according to the Lazarus motto: just provide joy to other humans.



150 YEARS REMEMBRANCE DAY OF THE SEABATTLE OF LISSA 1866



A report by Walter Martetschläger

To mark the 150th anniversary of the naval battle of Lissa, the Seamen's Choir "Admiral Tegetthoff", the Styria branch of the Archduke Ferdinand Max Marine Fellowship and members of Styrian Black Cross, a public organization that cares for military graves, held a memorial service at the Brothers of Mercy Garrison Church in Graz.

The dignified church service celebrated the memory of the comrades that fell in that monumental battle. Under the leadership of Councillor Dr. Helmut Westermayer, the Choirmaster of the Seamen's Choir, the worship included evocative songs of then and now.

Special guests attending were: the President of ÖKB Styria, Karl Petrovits, the President of the Lazarus Union, Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt, and his deputy, 1st Vice Presi-

dent Christoph Ptak. Many other guests and local citizens of Graz attended the event, giving it a truly festive character.

After a keynote speech about Admiral Tegetthoff, the members of the three Associations were invited to a celebratory meal in the premises of the Brothers of Mercy. We, the Styria branch of the Archduke Ferdinand Max Marine Fellowship, want to thank the two other Associations for their excellent cooperation and also thank all our guests for their presence at this commemoration.



INVESTITURE TURKEY 2016



A report by "Spectator"

On September 22, 2016, in Antalya, Turkey 12, an Investiture of the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union was held in the amphitheater of the Magic Life Resort "Waterworld". This was an exceptional location and setting for our Investiture ceremony. We chose this place carefully and for the following reasons.

First, we wanted to keep the Lazarus Union apolitical and non-denominational, and what is said there can rise and set standards which the Lazarus Union embraces. Holding this Investiture in Turkey was an important sign, among other things, that peace, reconciliation and charity are important to the Lazarus Union. This was reflected in the individuals who received Honorary Knighthoods, again helping to raise awareness of the Lazarus Union.

Originally it was planned that our Music Corps would support the Investiture ceremony, but unfortunately, for organizational reasons, this wasn't possible this year. As the alternative, we had individual pieces of music, for the most part played by our Music Corps, taken from a CD and used to high-

light "PowerPoint Presentations" of pictures from our work, our Investitures and our activities around the world. The technical execution of these presentations and music was carried out by the professional technicians from "Waterworld" who handled it all extremely well, with virtually no rehearsal the timings worked beautifully. Here again a big compliment and thank you!

The stage of the 1500 seat amphitheater was well prepared and the arrival of the Knights Aspirant and Postulants, with members of the Chapter was impressive.

As guest of honor we welcomed the Mayor of Belek and another three municipalities, Prof. Dr. Ramazan Calik to whom the "Gold Star of the Presidium of the Lazarus Union" was awarded.

After the playing of the Turkish National Anthem in honor of our host country, the Grand Master presented the new National Corps Standard of "CSLI Turkey" to Chief Prefect for Turkey, Chev. Ludwig Brunner.



This was followed by the Officer's Pledge recited by the Lord Chancellor Chev. Christoph Ptak and all CSLI Turkey Officers present. It should be mentioned that CSLI Turkey already has well over a hundred members and is constantly growing. Caring for the disabled (see past reports) is the main orientation of CSLI Turkey, of which Mayor Prof. Dr. Ramazan Calik is also very supportive.

It must be said also that at Magic Life Resort "Waterworld" requirements for the disabled are particularly well provided for and it offers those with physical disabilities a great holiday experience in beautiful surroundings. The hospitality in Turkey is also more than worth mentioning! Particularly poignant for us is the sadness of the current international circumstances, which could come to damage many years of good relationships and friendships. In our mission points we in the Lazarus Union examined again and again ways to prevent this happening and seize opportunities of which this Investiture in Turkey constitutes a visible sign.

The first high point of the ceremony was the recording of the addition of five Knights Aspirant in the Knighthood of Honour by the presentation of "basic mantles" and the insignia of "Knight / Dame Expectant". They were: **Bahar Ünlütaskan, Ferda Egermen, Safak Akan, Seyit Urhan, Yilmaz Kurt.**

This was followed by a second high point, the inclusion of: **Aylin Karslioglu, Ismail Karslioglu, Meltem Sak, Volkan Sak, Usar Murat** who were honoured as Knights in the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union by the taking of the Knight's promise and presentation of the insignia (sword, mantle and Knight's insignia) and the (symbolic) accolade by the Grand Master. Our Knight's Fanfare was played to honour each and every Knight and Dame.

Since Turkey is a Muslim country, the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union respects this philosophy and the crosses and crossed swords (the sign of the Knighthood of Honour) are instead represented by a crescent and crossed swords. This gesture unites, not divides, as we all were able to experience for ourselves.

Members of the Lazarus Union present from Austria included: Grandmaster Senator H. C. Wolfgang Steinharst with his wife, Chief Prefect Chev. Ludwig Brunner and his wife, Grand Chancellor Chev. Christoph Ptak, Treasurer Dame Monika Gries and CIC CSLI Navy Corps Captain I.R. Chev. Hans-Rudolf Gries.

The following Guiding Officers of the "Turkey Prefecture of Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union" were appointed by the award of Certificates: **General Manager Chev. Ismail Karslioglu** appointed Prefect, **General Manager Chev. Volkan Sak** appointed Chancellor, **General Manager Chev. Usar Murat** appointed Marshal.

The Investiture was terminated with handover of a friendship banner to General Manager Chev. Ismail Karslioglu and the departure of the flags that were on stage and then a small firework display.

It should be strongly emphasized that the Turkish members inducted into the Knighthood of Honour this time were in ratio of 50:50 "men to women". This is a very rare relationship in and of itself in often "male-dominated knightly associations". It is a feature of the Lazarus Union (through our laws) but nevertheless a matter of some pride!

We spent an exceptionally nice time with many new friends in Turkey and we were all sad when it came to say farewell. Happily, we are already preparing for the next Investiture in Turkey.



PICNIC OF CSLI POLAND



A report by Gregor Badziag

On 2 July 2016, the CSLI Poland hosted in Schwesternheim in roll / Poland a picnic. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Father Gregory Badziag (CIC CSLI Poland). At the end Father Gregory Badziag handed

over decrees for granting the “Medal of Humanity of the Lazarus Union”) to CARITAS volunteers and the director of the nursing home.



EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY IN CENTRAL ITALY



A report by Alexander Virgili

On 24th August a powerful earthquake unleashed in Central Italy hitting mainly three Italian Regions and has destroyed several historical towns, more than 250 persons have died and a lot of families have lost their home.

The Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro operative group of civil protection (N.O.P.C.) immediately has been activated to support the emergency in collaboration with local institutions.

The first commitment was to raise collective awareness of the event and to receive support from the civil society for a collection of

materials to send to the affected area. Our members are collecting, selecting, listing and sending to the earthquake area several primary goods materials (food, clothes, personal hygiene products, etc.).

Although still a period of vacation for many, the members returned from the holiday have done their utmost to collaborate with local authorities and with other associations in order to collect the necessary materials to the population of the earthquake area.

In these days the operative group will continue its work in order to support as possible the emergency.



CIVIL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES



A report by Alexander Virgili

In June and July the Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro operative group of civil protection (N.O.P.C.) has realized some support and monitoring services carried out in the streets. One has been during a public religious event and another one was a social and tourist initiative to enhance historic areas of the city. The activities have been promoted and coordinated by the local government and have also involved some other civil protection associations.

The activities included: cooperation with the local police for traffic requirements, carry out prevention activities and assistance to the citizens during the course of the initiatives, check routes and possible risk factors. Among our operators who participated at the service there were already trained operators and new members who are still in training.



IN AUTUMN START AGAIN TRAINING COURSES



A report by Alexander Virgili

According to the plans to qualify CSLI Italia Members and to increase our operative group of Civil Protection (Nucleo Operativo di Protezione Civile), a second group of CSLI Members has attended a First Aid certified course (BLSD-PBLSD-CPR) realized in collaboration with our new partner ANSMI.

The course, that took place on 24th September 2016, is the second operative cooperation we have developed in the civil protection field and we are sure that several further actions will follow. In the month of September also started further internal courses for civil protection operators, both for new Mem-

bers and for partially trained Members. Among other courses organized by the Italian Corp there are some specialized on international law, NGOs and the UN system, explaining the role of the Lazarus Union in the ECOSOC. Continuous training is a must for efficient and professional civil protection volunteers, CSLI Italia has planned and organized a number of courses to obtain well qualified operators.

Courses will continue, alternating themes, for the whole next nine months. Some courses are realized in partnership with CSI - Centro Studi Internazionali, an Academic Impact Member.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

13TH OCTOBER 2016



A report by Alexander Virgili

Held every 13th October, the International Day for Disaster Reduction celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

The 2016 edition marks the launch of the new "Sendai Seven" campaign, centred on the seven targets of the United Nations Sendai Framework. The 2016 slogan is "Live to Tell" as this year's target is reducing mortality. The CSLI Italia, wishing to contribute to the campaign and to the targets, has organized a public meeting, inviting professional associations, scientific institutes, associations and citizens.

They have given the moral support to the meeting the professional associations of: Geologists, Urban Planners, Engineers, Lawyers, Architects, Sociologists. Moreover research and civil organizations, among the others: ISPRA (Advanced Institute for Environmental Protection and Research), LIDU

(Italian League of Human Rights), INAF (Italian National Institute of Astrophysics-Capodimonte Astrophysical Observatory), CSI (International Studies Institute), MSOI (Student Movement for the International Organization), ESIC (European Society for Image and Communications), Former Parliamentarians Association.

We wish to thank all them for the moral support received. The presence of several speakers and many interventions have characterized the crowded meeting. International, national and local environmental and land risk and crises situations have been discussed in an interdisciplinary vision.

The meeting works have been recorded and broadcast by a national diffusion radio. We consider it the first of a series of meetings on the theme that we are going to realize in the next months and every year on 13th October, whose contents will be collected in monographs and/or multimedia products, because among priorities of CSLI Italia are risk information and prevention.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION: INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



A report by Alexander Virgili

Every 13th October, the International Day for Disaster Reduction, promoted by the United Nations, celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.

So, the Nucleo Operativo di Protezione Civile of the Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro, wishing to contribute to the campaign and to the targets, has organized, on 12th and 13th October, some meetings in High schools to diffuse the knowledge about disaster risks and to improve prevention among students. A group of CSLI Italia civil protection opera-

tors has met tens of young students and teachers informing them on civil protection organization and structure, on the main local environmental risks, and giving suggestions about how to act during and soon after the crisis events. Students mainly asked questions about what to do during emergency events and disasters and how to solve some practical problems that could happen in those circumstances.

CSLI Italia operative group of civil protection is going to increase its presence among students and general public to disseminate information and culture of prevention.



PUBLIC MEETINGS ON

LAND RISKS ASSESSMENT, SOCIAL VULNERABILITIES, NBC HAZARDS AND CIVIL PROTECTION.



A report by Alexander Virgili

On 19th and 26th October the civil protection group of CSLI Italy has organized, in collaboration with the Humaniter Foundation, two meetings of information and prevention, open to the public.

The first meeting, on 19th, was devoted to an analysis of the hazards and of critical environmental issues present in the geographical area (seismic, volcanic, hydrogeological, etc.), their trends, assessments and the knowledge of the fragile characteristics both of ecosystems and of social structures. Starting from a systemic and geographical analysis of an area it is possible to forecast possible events and to understand how to reduce risks.

The second meeting, on 26th, was devoted to the knowledge of how the Civil Protection System works, on the NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) and terrorist attack hazards, and to diffuse information on the best behaviors every citizen may have in dangerous and crisis events. The aim of the meetings has been to improve the individual preventive actions and the personal resilience.

The citizens attending the meeting were very interested in knowing not only general assessments but also some practical solutions provided for the seismic events that are affecting Italy in these weeks. Further meetings were required by people to be organized in the coming months.



PATROCINIUM OF THE RADETZKY ORDER



A Report by Hannes Hochmuth

It is a long tradition that a delegation of the Lazarus Union takes part in the events organised by the Radetzky Order. On December 8th the annual patronal feast of the Order was celebrated.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by the Dean of the Order Rector Prof. DDr. Reinhart Knittel and took place in the Prandtauer Church in St. Pölten.

Many amicable orders and organizations took part in the Holy Mass.

A brass ensemble of the Hoch- und Deutschmeister and also the church organist put everyone in a celebratory mood with their solemn musical performances.

In his sermon the Dean of the Order focussed on the values of a chivalric union and emphasised that the Radetzky Order is a synonym for lived comradeship and keeper of Austrian military traditions.

After the Holy Mass the secular ceremony took place. A new knight of the Radetzky Order was solemnly inaugurated.

At the end of the solemn ceremony the Order invited to a common lunch into the Summer Refectory of the Bishop's Palace.

Before lunch some merited persons were honored by awards. Our auditor Chev. Josef-Maria Gebel received the Knights Cross of the Radetzky Order. Congratulations!

A partnership between the St. Michael's Order and the Radetzky Order was established by signing certificates by Grand Prior Gerhard Ficker and GR ret. KR Dkfm. Harry Tomek.

The „Radetzky Order (RO)“ cares for the traditions of the personality of the Field Marshal, for the Austrian Military tradition, for sharing them to the youth, for the consolidation of the awareness of the spiritual defence of the country, for the honor and appreciation of Field Marshal's final resting place at the Heldenberg in Kleinwetzdorf and for the remembrance of all fallen and missed soldiers and of those who were injured in service.

The Knighthood of Honor of the Lazarus Union thanks for the invitation, for the good cooperation and the comradesly and amicable relationships.



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People enter our lives and accompany us for a while.

Some remain forever, for they leave their traces in our hearts.

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We thank you for your trust and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and are looking forward to see you 2017.

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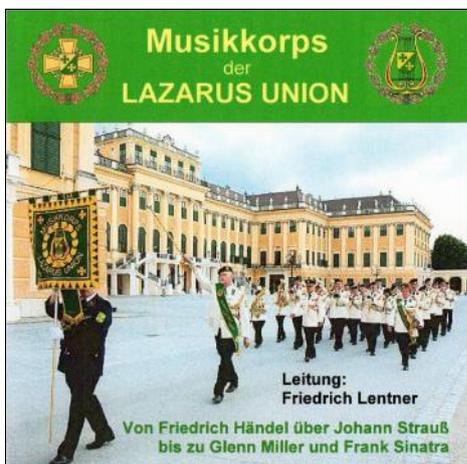
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