



LAZARUS UNION
UNION CORPS SAINT LAZARUS INTERNATIONAL
CSLI

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§ 01 Name, Headquarters and Fields of Activity

- a) The name of the association is “**LAZARUS UNION**” (or English: “UNION CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONAL”).
- b) Abbreviated form of the name: “CSLI“
- c) It is headquartered in 2100 Leobendorf near Korneuburg NÖ, Castle Kreuzenstein (titular seat courtesy of the lord of the castle) and extends its activities to Austria and other countries of the world.
- d) Mail delivery address is A-1220 Wien, Spargelfeldstraße 162/Haus 196.
- e) The association is a legal personality in accordance with the law regulating registered associations 2002 and is an independent, humanitarian, voluntary non-profit relief organisation following the ideals of Saint Lazarus. It can offer voluntary and at any time revokable relief services to other governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGO) but by doing so gives neither up its independence nor its right of self-ruling.
- f) Setting up branch associations is possible.
- g) Spiritual protectorate as Grand Protector over the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour (§05) can be awarded to honourable single persons by decision of the General Assembly, which can also deny it again. The Grand Protector has the power of veto in all association matters. Such veto can only be voided by the General Assembly. If a Grand Protector is appointed, he is the highest member of the LAZARUS UNION in terms of protocol.

§ 02 Goal and Purpose of the Association

The association which is strictly non-profit oriented purposes the support and service of needy, sick, handicapped, or old persons in easing their everyday life by performing errands, transport services, support services and supportive sick care. The association is above party lines and supra-denominational. Clerical recognition of any kind is not sought for. Especially financial and material disaster relief support at home and abroad shall be provided. The association also engages itself supporting the homeless. It shall also serve as an umbrella organization for other groups also working as support services which orient themselves at the ideals of St. Lazarus and become members of this association. It shall in the future act as a parent organization for additional (CSLI) associations. It advocates human and children's rights as well as justice and equal rights and feels obligated to the values of the United Nations. The actual United Nations Secretary General will be automatically and generally recognised and accepted as General Protector of the Lazarus Union.

§ 03 Means to Reach the Purpose of the Association

The purpose of the association shall be reached by the following ideal and material means.

Fees from individual (regular and irregular) members will not be collected, except from explicitly declared sponsoring members and group members.

Ideal means shall be especially:

- a) Talks and meetings
- b) Various internal training lectures
- c) Discussion meetings
- d) Issue of an information leaflet
- e) Operating a webpage as a communication platform with journalistic contributions, reports, and comments

Material means shall be especially:

- f) The assets of the association and its returns, and the web shop revenues
- g) Earnings provided by members and friend for foundation and donation medals, membership and friendship medals, and other devotional objects
- h) Donations, collections, legacies, subsidies, other voluntary allowances, and earnings of all types of events
- i) Membership fees from group members and sponsoring members

- j) Creation of common facilities
- k) Member lecturing
- l) Founding and awarding officially wearable distinctions to members and non-members home and abroad

§ 04 Members

- a) Regular members are in general only regional and institutions with a legal personality.
- b) Irregular members are all persons having been accepted by decree als (irregular) members. Irregular members pay NO membership fees.
- c) Inactive (irregular) members and group members
- d) Group members, where each group member has one or more votes in the general assembly. (See also §10i). The vote(s) must be verified by an appropriate authorization of the corresponding group and the designed representative must be present in person to vote. Otherwise the vote(s) are considered to be delegated to the current LAZARUS UNION president.
- e) Supporting members
- f) Junior members
- g) Honorary members and Knights of Honour of all ranks

- a1) Regular (active) members in general are only regional groups (regional commands) and group members (companies, associations, organizations, and institutions with a legal personality). Only these members do possess the right to vote.
- b1) Extraordinary members are generally all members who are admitted to the association as a person and participate to a certain extent in the association's work. As a rule, these are members of sub-organizations around the world who submit an application for admission and who, if they have been given a positive clearance, have a uniform wearing permit. Members of the Knighthood of Honour are automatically irregular members. Irregular members possess only the right to stand for election.
- c1) Inactive members are members having been degraded from any other status by the board. They are still considered members (without the right of vote or eligibility for any functions) and have no permission to wear uniform.
- d1) Group members can be companies, associations, organizations, and institutions with a legal personality. They are considered as regular members. The chairman (president or leader) must be a member of the Lazarus Union. The chairman (president or leader) must be a member of the Lazarus Union.
- e1) Sponsoring members are members who have agreed to pay a certain sponsoring fee. They have no right of vote or eligibility for any functions.
- f1) Junior members are persons aged at least 10 years. They must support written permission from a parent or legal guardian. On reaching the age of 18 a new membership application must be filed.
- g1) Honorary members and Honour Knights are persons or legal personalities named by the board of management for having done much for the cause of the CSLI and continue to support the CSLI in an extraordinary way also in the future. Honorary members possess neither the right to vote nor the right to stand for election. Knights of Honour possess the right to stand for election.

§ 05 Knighthood of Honour

- a) True knighthood orders (i.e. those recognised by the Roman-Catholic Church) are the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Teutonic Knights, and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Still today there is a great number of associations calling themselves "knighthood orders." These at best are "knightly associations" whose members have more or less anchored the old knightly virtues in their statutes, constitutions, codices of

honour, or whatever they call it and (try to) act along those. The CSLI neither intends nor is it entitled to judge or comment on such “modern knighthood organizations.” Everybody who acts in a knightly way, regardless why, earns the respect and the regard of the CSLI. Even in our days the old knightly virtues have not lost their meaning. Striving to act according to those virtues can be seen more than necessary in today’s times. The CSLI as a pro bono humanitarian charitable world-spanning organization wants to leverage these knightly virtues (faith, hope, love, compassion, justice, bravery, and modesty) whenever possible and as such has (although it is no knighthood order in the strict sense) introduced the symbolic knighthood in the form of the “Knighthood of Honour.”

- b) The Knighthood of Honour is represented by a Grand Master according to a “Knighthood of Honour Order“ (published on the home page).
- c) The Grand Master decrees the “Knighthood of Honour Order“ which is valid inside the union and which has no outside impact. The Knighthood of Honour hence is an internal union matter only.
- d) The Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour is elected by the general assembly AND all Knights of Honour present and holds the status and rank of (3rd) vice president if he does not hold a higher vice president rank already. He is the only Knight of Honor wearing a red mantle.
- e) Admission into and discharge from the Knighthood of Honour is decided upon by the chapter which is nominated by the Grand Master. The Grand Master decides on the rank alone and under personal responsibility.
- f) All awards and award ranks which are reserved to be awarded by the Grand Master are awarded under the sole responsibility of the Grand Master.
- g) The protectorate is held by the person nominated by decision of the board and who has accepted this nomination.

§ 06 Membership

- a) Regular members can only be regional groups and companies, associations, organizations, and institutions with a legal personality. Only these members possess the right to vote.
- b) All natural persons of at least 18 years of age can become irregular members, also all legal personalities and partnerships capable of holding rights.
- a) All natural persons of at least 18 years of age can become group members, sponsoring members, and youth members, as well as all legal personalities and partnerships capable of holding rights.
- b) Membership and also possible degradation are approved by the board of management (there is no appeal within the association possible). Refusal of an application can be done without stating any reason.

§ 07 Expiration and Suspension of Membership

- a) Membership expires upon death of a natural person, because of voluntary termination, or upon dissolution of legal persons and groups of persons.
- b) Termination of membership is only possible at the end of the year (December 31st) and must be indicated to the board of management in written form at September 30th latest. If the written notification reaches the board at a later date, termination of membership is only possible at the next possible date.
- c) A member can be expelled by decision of the board of management or by the General Plenipotentiary if the member has not paid its membership fees for the current year by March 31st latest despite a written reminder. Such action does not exempt the person expelled from its liabilities regarding the membership fee and any remainder fees. Legal venue for all litigations is the circuit court which is in charge of the CSLI.
- d) A member can also be expelled by decision of the board of management or by the General Plenipotentiary if the member is guilty of a gross violation of member duties or dishonourable behaviour. In case of dishonourable behaviour expelling will be in action immediately.

- e) In case of expelling or voluntary membership termination all items indicating membership (e.g. association documents, insignia, ID cards, etc.) regardless of the way of their acquisition have to be returned to the association without compensation within three weeks of the membership termination. Naturally, this also applies to group members who lose the right to use the symbols, logos, etc. of the Lazarus Union in the event of exclusion or suspension (suspension of group membership).
- f) Also the board of management can decide about the denial of an honorary membership. In this case as well as in the case of §6 c/d/e the member has the right to appeal to the arbitration board (in the sense of §577 ff of the Austrian civil litigation rules) within 14 days after learning about the decision. The arbitration board then decides about the expelling and informs the next general assembly about the decision. The general assembly then decides finally about the case. Until this final decision the membership in question is dormant.
- g) In case a member does not honour assigned tasks (whatever they are) the board of management or by the General Plenipotentiary can declare the membership of such a member suspended or degrade the membership to inactive status. While suspended or in inactive status the member is not entitled to vote or stand for election nor does he or she have any other rights of a member except calling for an arbitration board. The body responsible for the suspension or degrading to inactive status is also entitled to revoke the suspension or degrading to inactive status as soon as the member has fulfilled the tasks towards the association.
- h) Exclusion from and denial of all ranks and functions of the Knighthood of Honour is decided upon by the Chapter of the Knighthood of Honour (§ 05c). In all matters regarding the Knighthood of Honour there is no possibility of recourse to legal action. Membership rights are not affected by this.
- i) In case of the deprivation of the Knighthood of Honour or expulsion from the Knighthood of Honour all insignia and memorabilia indicating LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour have to be returned free of charge and without reimbursement within two weeks of efficacy, regardless of acquirement.

§ 08 Member's Rights and Duties

- a) Members are entitled to participate in all events of the association and to use all its facilities.
- b) The right to vote and the right to stand for election is only granted to regular members (§4a) in the general assembly. Each group member has ONE to FOUR votes depending on its size (§10i).
- c) The right to vote is executed by the nominated commander of the regional organization or, if unavailable, his deputy commander, in each case in person. Otherwise the vote(s) automatically are delegated to the president respectively the particular chair of the General Assembly.
- d) All members are obliged to support the goals and interests of the association with the best of their ability and to refrain from everything which would damage the image and goals of the association.
- e) All members (regardless of their type of membership) taking any official functions or duties are obliged to execute these to their best abilities until relieved again of those functions or duties or these have been limited in time and are expired.

§ 09 Organs of the Association

- a) Organs of the association are the general assembly (§§9 & 10), the board of management (§12), the triumvirate and the chief representative (§13), the auditing committee (§15), the court of arbitration (§16), and the advisory board (§18).
- b) All functionaries exercise their activities pro bono.

§ 10 General Assembly

- a) The regular general assembly (GA) will be held once per year.
- b) An irregular GA will be held upon decision of the president, the board of management, the regular GA, on written request of at least one tenth of the members, on demand of the auditors, or by decision of a judicial appointed curator within four weeks.
- c) For a regular or irregular GA all members are invited to nominate the delegates in written form at least two weeks in advance, by letter, fax, or email to the last notified address, fax number, email address or via the known official web site (this is also valid for affiliated associations). The invitation has to contain an agenda. The board of management or - in case of its refusal or hindrance for a not foreseeable future - the auditors can summon a GA.
- d) Requests to the GA have to be filed in written form via mail, fax, or email at the board of management at least eight days before the date of the GA.
- e) All regular members are entitled to participate in the GA and to vote. Because of the large number of members it is in general not possible for irregular members to participate in the GA. They are represented at the GA by the group member's delegates. Depending on the space available irregular members can attend the GA if possible.
- f) Regarding the right to vote refer to §8b and c.
- g) Every regular member has one to four votes (On group voting see §4/a and d).
- h) For clarification: Also the various world-wide local organizations and commands of the LAZARUS UNION are considered group members.
- i) Extended votes: group members with less than 100 individual members have ONE vote in the general assembly, group members with up to 500 individual members have TWO votes, with up to 1000 individual members THREE votes and more than 1000 individual members FOUR votes in the general assembly. Basis for the number of votes is the respective actual current member list
- j) Valid decisions can only be taken with regard to the agenda. Exceptions are decisions regarding a summoning of an irregular GA.
- k) The GA has a quorum regardless of the number of members attending.
- l) Elections and decisions are generally done with simple majority of valid ballots. In case of an equality of votes the chairperson's vote decides.
- m) The chair is taken by the president, in case of the president's hindrance by the vice president(s) and in case of the hindrance of all by the secretary general.
- n) The General Assembly has to take place in Austria.

§ 11 Area of Responsibility of the General Assembly

- a) Acceptance and approval of the statement of the accounts and the closing of the accounts.
- b) Resolution over the estimates of cost.
- c) Suspending and appointing (electing) the members of the board of management (§12), the triumvirate (§13), and election of the auditors (§15).
- d) Approval of business between the association and the auditors.
- e) Deciding the amount of the entrance fee, the yearly membership fee and any other fees.
- f) Acknowledging and co-opting members of the board of management and auditors.
- g) Consultation and passing of the written introduced requests.
- h) Covering of any other agenda items.
- i) Acknowledging changes of the statutes.
- j) Dissolving the association.

§ 12 The Board of Management

- a) The board of management at most consists of the following members:
 1. President
 2. 1st vice president
 3. 2nd vice president

4. Secretary general
 5. Max. two Vice secretary generals (1st and 2nd Vice Secretary General)
 6. Treasurer (cashier)
 7. Max. two Vice treasurers (1st and 2nd Vice Treasurer)
 8. The board can co-opt up to 10 more (3rd) vice presidents if necessary.
 9. Advisors who can be co-opted into the board by the president on demand have only counselling function and are not entitled to participate in board decisions.
- b) and at least of
 1. President, who in this case also acts as treasurer
 2. Vice president, who in this case also acts as secretary general
 - c) The board of management is responsible for the management of the association. It is the responsible body in the sense of the law regulating registered associations 2002. It is responsible for all tasks not assigned to another body in the statutes.
 - d) The term of office for the board of management shall be four years.
 - e) The board of management is summoned by the president in written or oral form as required. If the president is hindered, the elected 1st vice president acts for the president, in case of hindrance the 2nd vice president. In case all before-mentioned are hindered, the (3rd) vice president with the longest service time present, preferring first the Union Commander and then the Knighthood of Honour Grand Master. If all these are hindered, the secretary general or his deputy act for the president.
 - f) The 1st vice president is the “executive vice president and authorized recipient“ if the permanent residence of the president is not Austria respectively Vienna.
 - g) In case of the withdrawal of a member of the board of management the other members of the board co-opt a successor who has to be acknowledged by the next GA.
 - h) If the board of management is inoperable for a longer period of time (more than two months) every auditor has the duty to assemble an irregular GA to re-elect a new board of management. If the auditors are inoperable also, every regular member after learning about the situation has to immediately apply to the responsible court of law for the appointment of a curator to assemble an irregular GA.
 - i) The board of management decides with simple majority of board members present. In case of equal votes the chair decides. The voting rights of absent board members are transferred to the president or to the board member who takes the chair.
 - j) The president takes the chair. If the president is hindered the vice president takes the chair, in case both are hindered the vice president with the longest service time present, if all these are hindered, the secretary general takes the chair.
 - k) The board of management has a quorum when all members have been invited. The right to vote must be exercised in person or it will automatically be delegated to the president or his substitute if the president is prevented for any reason.
 - l) The board of management will be assembled by the president in written or oral form on demand, according to possibility two times a year. If the president is hindered the vice president acts for the president, in case both are hindered the secretary general acts for the president.
 - m) The position of a member of the board of management expires upon death, expiration of the term of office, resigning, or dismissal.
 - n) Announcement of the resignation of a member of the board has to be made to the board of management, in case of resignation of the complete board of management to the GA. Resignation has to be turned in in written form and becomes valid only after co-opting or electing a successor.

§ 13 The Triumvirate and the Chief Representative

- a) The triumvirate consists of the president (who in general also is Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour but this function needs to be confirmed by the

- General Assembly), the Union Commander, and an “acting vice president“. This “acting vice president“ can also be the Secretary General.
- b) It is the highest governing body of the union and decides unanimously.
 - c) If any decisions pertain to financial affairs the treasurer must also be called in. This extended triumvirate decides with ordinary resolution. In case of a tie the president’s vote decides.
 - d) If the functions of president, Union Commander, and Grand Master are aggregated into one single person, this person is called the “LAZARUS UNION Chief Representative“.
 - e) This official is then solely responsible for all internal and external affairs of the LAZARUS UNION. Only a president elected by the GA can become chief representative. He is also solely responsible for awarding all LAZARUS UNION awards.
 - f) Awards and award grades which are reserved to be awarded by the president are awarded under the sole responsibility of the president.
 - g) Awards and award grades which are reserved to be awarded by the Union Commander are awarded under the sole responsibility of the Union Commander.
 - h) Awards and award grades which are reserved to be awarded by the Grand Master are awarded under the sole responsibility of the Grand Master.
 - i) If a Chief Representative has been elected, the general assembly may also elect a “Vice Chief Representative“. He or she acts for the Chief Representative in case of hindrance because of illness, death, or accident and in such cases acts with the same authority as the General Representative. All actions set during such a period of substitution must be authorized by the General Representative or the general assembly ex post.

§14 Obligations of the Board of Management

- a) The president is the highest functionary of the association and transacts any current business of the association and receives assistance from the vice presidents and the other members of the board of management. The president respectively the chief representative is the highest union official and conducts all active business of the union. The vice presidents and the other members of the board of management assist him in this task.
- b) The president respectively the chief representative represent the society officially. All written documents must be signed by the president and the secretary general to become valid; financial matters must be signed by the president and the treasurer. In case of hindrances the substitution rules apply.
- c) If there is an acting chief representative he is entitled to sign solely.
- d) If there is an “acting vice president“ who can also be the Secretary General he holds the same powers (in coordination with the president) towards the authorities and in matters regarding the association.
- e) Legal transactions between the union and members of the board of management must be approved by the GA subsequently.
- f) Legal authorization to represent the association officially in certain matters and to sign on behalf of the association must be arranged for as stated in the previous sub-paragraph.
- g) The president chairs the meeting of the board of management and the GA. If the president is hindered the vice president acts for the president, in case both are hindered the vice president with the longest service time present, if all these are hindered, the secretary general acts for the president. If all members of the board have been informed that a board meeting will take place the board is capable of making decisions, regardless of how many members are present at this meeting.
- h) The secretary general takes the minutes during the GA and during the board of management’s meetings.
- i) The treasurer is responsible for duly conducting all affairs financial.

- j) With regard to sub-paragraphs f) and g) the secretary general and the treasurer are substituted by their respective vice colleagues.
- k) In case of danger ahead and non-fulfilment of functional duties the president or, if hindered two vice presidents or in case these are hindered the secretary general and one vice president, is entitled to decide on own authority on matters belonging to other board member's areas of accountability (with the exception of auditors and arbitration board chairs). Such actions must be subsequently approved by the responsible board member.
- l) Drafting the yearly estimation of costs, the statement of the accounts and the closing of the accounts.
- m) Preparation of the GA.
- n) Assembling the regular and irregular GA.
- o) Administration of the association's assets.
- p) It is incumbent upon the board of management to appoint the Union commander and deputies, the members of the advisory council (directorate) and functionaries as far as not being regulated in other sub-paragraphs or being in the domain of the GA.
- q) Acceptance and dismissal of regular and irregular members, group members, youth members, degrading of members, appointment of honorary members.
- r) Assigning honorary commissions (in the operational command area of the Lazarus Union up to "CSLI General") is the duty of the union commander or the president.
- s) If an elected functionary (according to Austrian association laws) retires after a full period of four years he has the right to use the label "em" (emeritus) following his rank indication.
- t) Hiring and dismissal of employees of the association.
- u) Purchases of any type up to a yearly upper limit of € 25.000,-. Purchases exceeding this limit must be approved by the GA.
- v) All types of businesses exceeding a yearly limit of € 25.000,- must be approved by the GA in advance.
- w) The board of management has to execute financial care adequate to a duly acting businessman. All members of the board of management exercise their activities pro bono. The association's assets must be used purposive.

§ 15 Auditing Committee

The yearly GA elects at least two auditors who are not allowed to bear any other function. They are responsible for financial controlling and auditing and have to report to the GA and request exoneration of the board of management there. A maximum of five auditors can be elected.

§ 16 Court of Arbitration

- a) To settle any differences resulting from the affairs of the association an internal court of arbitration is appointed. It is considered to be an institution of arbitration in the sense of the law regulating registered associations 2002 and not a court of arbitration according to the Austrian civil litigation rules (§577).
- b) The court of arbitration consists of three regular CSLI members. It is formed in such a way that one of the conflicting parties names in writing one member of the association to the board of management as adjudicator. On request of the board within 7 days the other conflicting party has to name another CSLI member for the court of arbitration on their part within 14 days. After the board has informed the nominated members within 7 days these have to nominate a third regular CSLI member as chair of the court of arbitration within another 14 days. On equality of votes decision will be by lot. The members of the court of arbitration must not belong to any body of the CSLI - with the exception of the GA - which is the subject of the differences.
- c) The court of arbitration decides after hearing both parties in the presence of all its members with simple majority. It decides to the best of its knowledge and conscience. CSLI internally its decisions are final.

§ 17 The Union Commander/Deputy

- a) The Union Commander is elected by the GA AND all CSLI offers from the rank of CSLI Brigadier upwards and present. He has the status and rank of (3rd) vice president. His task is the operative and administrative lead of all CSLI command lines.
- b) The Union Commander has the authority to issue or withdraw any promotion within his command or to delegate this authority.
- c) The Union Commander appoints Vice Union Commanders. The term of office of Vice Union Commanders is bound to that of the Union Commander.
- d) If the Union Commander leaves before the official end of his term of office the board of management has to co-opt a new Union Commander who can then either acknowledge the existing Vice Union Commanders or designate new ones. The co-opting has to be acknowledged by the next GA.
- e) The Union Commander is only accountable to the board of management and further on to the GA.
- f) Up to five Deputy Union Commanders can be appointed.
- g) Decrees for documents and appointments are valid only if holding the signatures of the Union Commander and a member of the board of management. Such signatures can also be in electronic or facsimile form. If the Union Commander is also the president, his signature is valid on its own.
- h) Awards and award grades which are reserved to be awarded by the president are awarded under the sole responsibility of the president.
- i) Awards and award grades which are reserved to be awarded by the Union Commander are awarded under the sole responsibility of the Union Commander.
- j) Inside the CSLI the Vice Union Commander is ranked behind the members of the board of management. This is also represented by the designed and valid rank and function badges of the CSLI.

§ 18 Advisory Board

- a) Members of the advisory board have an honorary function and are appointed by the board of management by simple majority vote. The board is entitled to revoke this decision any time. The number of advisory board members is not limited; they can be assigned selected tasks. The advisory board consists of a chair, one to fifteen vice chairs and the advisors (directory members). An acting vice chair can be selected from the chairs.
- b) The advisory board's term of service in general is identical to that of the board of management. In case a new board of management is elected the General Assembly has to confirm the previously appointed advisory board either one by one or as a whole group.
- c) The advisory board is an assisting and counselling organ to the board of management, it has no vote there.
- d) Tasks of the advisory board:
 - d/1) Pre-acceptance of the closing of the accounts and the estimation of cost to forward them to the auditors and acceptance of the statement of accounts to forward it to the GA.
 - d/2) Representing the association officially by the social positions of the members of the advisory board (directory).
- e) Members of the advisory board must not necessarily be also members of the CSLI.
- f) The chair of the advisory board is the highest ranking member of the association with regard to the protocol behind the chief representative, even before the president if he is not also chief representative.
- g) Retired and merited members of the advisory board can be awarded their function title as a honorary title (honoris causa h.c.) by the General Assembly.

§ 19 Basic Declaration

- a) The CSLI is open for all humans regardless of race, ethnic origin, religion, social standing, sex, age, and regardless of their affiliation to any associations, societies, and orders whatsoever as long as they follow the ecumenic humanitarian principles given by the principle of St. Lazarus. Everybody who feels obliged to these principles and is willing to work for these principles is heartily welcome in the CSLI. The CSLI is committed to strict neutrality against all groups of the Order of St Lazarus and will refrain from taking any sides. The CSLI considers itself to be an international relief organization especially for ALL "Lazarus Groups" and "Lazarus Orders" and will cooperate on an international basis with all of them if they wish to do so. The CSLI is committed to balance, to tolerance, and to brotherly love.
- b) The Association is non-political and nondenominational.
- c) Despite the fact that the CSLI is an organization in uniform its basic principles are pacifistic, oriented on peace, understanding, reconciliation and disapproval of all and any forms of violence. So the CSLI is not to be seen as any form of "defence policy" organization (of any kind) and does not have any ambitions in this direction.
- d) This basic declaration can only be altered by decision of the GA with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of valid cast votes.

§ 20 Mission Statement

- a) The CSLI has voluntarily declared a special mission statement which is obligatory for all members. A modification of this mission statement can only be altered by decision of a regularly assembled GA with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of valid cast votes.
- b) Violation or infringement of this mission statement can be punished by dismissal of the member from the association. The decision is up to the board of management (see §13/n).
- c) The mission statement:
 - c/1) The CSLI is an independent private relief organization after the ideals and in the spirit of St. Lazarus. Its members are united by the mission to delight other people, provide disaster relief, care for handicapped fellow persons, and support the homeless. We act pro bono, come from all groups of age, professions, and society.
 - c/2) We pay respect to all people. We accept them as they are, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, social standing, and background.
 - c/3) We place out emphasis on the quality of the relations. We provide room for the development of self-esteem and livelihood responsibility.
 - c/4) We face the challenge of ever-changing tasks. We are bound by team spirit. There are continually manifold chances for spiritual and personal development.
 - c/5) Our friends and supporters we give transparency and security in return for their support. The resources donated we use appropriately, competently, economically, and responsibly.
 - c/6) Oriented at our moral values we accept every person in their own uniqueness. Our doing and thinking is guided by our love of people, trust, carefulness, joy, self-responsibility, courage, and a willingness to conciliation.
 - c/7) The main principles of the CSLI are tolerance, humbleness, mercy, and brotherly love.

§ 21 Miscellaneous

- a) All members are bound to discretion against third parties about all internal information they learn during their membership.
- b) Members are subject to the official regulations and the dress and uniform code of the association as issued by the board of management with regard to their activities for and in the name of the association.

- c) It is stated here expressively and clearly that the LAZARUS UNION is neither a spiritual nor a secular order and neither claims nor seeks such a status. Maintaining knightly traditions and virtues is claimed and sought for as these are essential parts of the mission and the foundation of the LAZARUS UNION and as such are embedded in the statutes and in the Knighthood of Honour. The LAZARUS UNION is an independent group neither wanting to be taken for any other "Lazarus formation" nor wanting to imitate on of them.
- d) All resolutions and orders must not be contrary to the valid laws (chapter 20 of the law regulating registered associations).
- e) Retired elected functionaries (Board of Management, auditors, and advisory board) are entitled to wear all badges of rank and insignias from their functions on their uniform as long as they are members of the LAZARUS UNION. This privilege is lost upon resignation from the LAZARUS UNION.
- f) If a General Representative has been elected, he or she besides any special powers also holds all rights and duties of the President. In case of substitution this also applies to the Vice Chief Representative.

§ 22 Election Regulations

- a) Candidates nominated for election must not be present at the election but must declare in advance (but latest two weeks after) that they will accept their election if elected.
- b) If the president is present he will chair the election, otherwise the substitution rules apply. (§10e).
- c) All current functionaries (except the election chair) who apply for another term of office formally announce their resignation to the GA.
- d) The election chair names two members present as his assistants.
- e) Only timely placed nominations (§10d) can be voted for.
- f) The election chair performs the election process according to the statutes and the Austrian Associations Law. Votes can be in secret or by open ballot, after which the results have to be declared and the elected functionaries have to be asked if they accept their election.
- g) If the term of office of the election chair is also open for vote, this voting has to be done in secret. If the election chair is not reelected into his office he has to resign formally and immediately as a matter of honour and to transfer the chair office to his successor if the successor accepts the election.
- h) In case §22b cannot be executed all members present and entitled to vote vote for an election chair with simple majority.
- i) Election by acclamation is acceptable but must be explicitly noted in the minutes.

§ 23 Dissolving the association

- a) The association can only be dissolved voluntarily by a three-quarter majority of the attending members of a regularly called for general assembly.
- b) The general assembly appoints two liquidators with simple majority.
- c) After covering the liabilities any remaining assets of the association will become available to the UNESCO or a similar international organization to be used for its charitable work. If that is not possible the remaining assets shall go to the Austrian Caritas with the obligation to be used for charity purposes only.

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