

# Invitation to the Anniversary Celebration for 140 Years of the Austrian Comradeship Federation of Baden/Lower Austria

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The City Parisch Curch of St. Stephan



Guest from Hungary





A delegation of the Lazarus Union consisting of: Helene Kneidlinger, Monika Gries, Rudolf Murth, Ewald Angetter, Christopher Ptak and Peter Jung, with new assistants Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt and Hans-R. Gries, attended this unique ceremony.



The celebration had begun at 08:15 with the arrival of the participants and issuing of the festival insignia in gold – an FM Archduke Albrecht commemorative medal.

At 09:00 the Solemn Mass began, with a musical accompaniment by The Lazarus Union Band. The Delegation's Standards were blessed at the end of the Mass and at the same time were presented with Jubilee Standard bannerettes.



The march out of the participants, with the Standards and the Band, to the war memorial in front of the church was most impressive. Here a wreath-laying ceremony was held followed by a salute from Infantry Regiment No. 49.





Then, with accompanying march music, all processed to City Hall for a ceremony in the historical meeting room. The chairman, Obstdint D a.D. Dr. Heinz Gerger, after some words of greeting to his special guests, made a speech and presented a Festival Anniversary certificate.

Then we marched to the Parish Square, again with accompanying march music, to the amazement of locals and some Asian visitors alike who took many photos.





When we arrived at the GH clubhouse it was bursting at the seams with nearly 150 participants so we went to a restaurant in the pedestrian zone and had an excellent celebratory meal.