



“... a vision becomes true ...”

**The chronicle of the
LAZARUS UNION
2007 – 2017
in words and pictures**

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Wednesday, the 7th of March 2007

Military Bishop Christian Werner lends the "Military Order of St. George"



Military Bishop Werner hands over this very seldom lent "Georgsorden" to the federal deputy commander Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart and our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt. MilOKur Dr. Harald Tripp held the eulogy. Following this worthy celebration, a reception took place in the military parish of Vienna, which was framed by a brass ensemble of the guard music Vienna musically perfectly.

Saturday, the 7th of July 2007

CSLO Flight day for handicapped people in Stockerau

On the 7th of July, the flight day for handicapped people of the CSLO air service took place at the Airfield Stockerau as a common event of the "Corps Saint Lazare Ostarrichi" and the „Saint Lazarus Volunteers, regional branch Vienna“.



Our guests came from Vienna, Lower Austria, Styria, Burgenland and Salzburg, and we could welcome a total of 87 handicapped people of every age as guests. For the care during the flight day, we could count on 32 volunteers (pilots, ground teams, assistants and responsible persons) who made available themselves in their spare time for our service to handicapped persons.

By own contribution of pilots, sponsors and the support of the Aviation Association Stockerau (FSV 2000) and the enterprise "Aerial Helicopter" the financial side of this successful and professionally event was made possible. No public money was used. In spite of the unusual load, all airline passengers took pleasure (many of you flew for the first time in her life) in this not everyday experience, and no incident happened.



The media interest was big. ORF (the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) sent a camera team around for the broadcasting of a report. In addition, we could welcome many representatives of the press who also reported about this event.

All together 43 flights with 105 guests were finished. A Cessna 182 and a Cessna 172 were used by the CSLO Air Wing service as well as a Jet Ranger B-20. The flights from the pilots of the 2nd and 3rd helicopter squadron and the 1st surface squadron (which has its

seat in Stockerau) of the CSLO service were carried out.

To provide for the welfare of our guests, 120 lunches (sponsored by the FSV 2000), and from our companion "Schorschi" were prepared (and also totally finished). Furthermore 280 tins energy drinks of the company "Power Foods", a lot of soft drinks of the company "Inführ" (Stockerau), as well as coffee and cake were donated.



At the end the event, we were invited in the residence "Special Homes" Stockerau, with snacks and BBQ, our pilots could still tell something about the aviation of our guests. When the time came to the departure, everybody still wanted to remain. Only with our promise: "... to repeat such a wonderful day!" everybody was ready for the departure.

The joy in the eyes of our handicapped friends was for us more than plentiful wage for all our work and thus we could make this promise dearly. A lot of new friendship could be attached, old ones were refreshed and plans for the future will be made. After our motto: „LET US CREATE NEW PERSPECTIVES TOGETHER”.

A report of Diether Hofmann

It was the last time that we left from our usual departure place at Felberstrasse near Vienna Westbahnhof to an excursion. Two policemen explained that this will not be possible any more in future because of the transformation of the railway station. After all our guest had arrived, we drove through Vienna and the Danube highway quickly to the Airfield Stockerau where we were already expected. We might get out directly before the hangar and then Edi had to park the coach far out on the airfield. Then each of us received a voucher for a round flight, either by a helicopter or an airplane. Two helicopters (Jet Ranger B 206 and Hughes 300) and two airplanes (Cessna 172 and 182) were available for the round flights. A small 3-seater helicopter,

with a piston motor and a bigger, 5-seater jet ranger, which is driven by a turbine. Because I have never flown in my life with a helicopter, I took care of a place in a helicopter, which I got. I did not have to wait long and was called very quick together with Stefan for the flight. We squeezed ourselves together with the slender pilot into the cabin and after warming up of the engine the helicopter rose nicely and slowly from the ground and we turned into the sky. It is a raising feeling to be able to climb up like a bird in the winds and to look down at the earth with her coloured meadows and fields, the small and bigger houses, the ways and streets, the railway and the Danube. Also, the look at cloister "Klosterneuburg" with the "Chorherrenstift" and on "Korneuburg" with the nice town square and in the distance on the "Bisamberg", "Leopoldsberg" and "Kahlenberg" and on the skyscrapers of Vienna is wonderful. Near the castle "Kreuzenstein" we were able even to look in the inner courtyard. And already it was a time again to head back for the Airfield Stockerau .“

„After a gentle landing, I dedicated myself to the culinary pleasures which were offered to us. There was "Schnitzel", grilled sausages, grill chops, salads, cream cheese and "Apfelstrudel" as well as drinks by choice. Except our group (Saint Lazarus Branch Vienna) another 2 other groups had been invited: a group of wheel chair drivers came from the rehabilitation centre of "Tobelbad", the other of the social-therapeutic workshops and dwellings "Special Homes" from Stockerau. To their facilities we were invited after the flight day. In a nice garden on big terraces we were spoiled with drinks and cakes. Later there were still grilled sausages and chicken wings and also quite a lot of talks with the people looked there or their parents came about. But also, this time came to an end very fast, and Edi brought us back to the Vienna Westbahnhof. This excursion was especially nice for me, because the long-standing wish to be able to fly once by a helicopter had come true. I would want, in the name of all participants, thank all pilots and assistants, particularly the Federal Commander of the charitable organisation Ostarrichi, flight captain Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and the commander of the Saint Lazarus Branch Vienna, Wolfgang Schuberth, rather warmly thank for the wonderful hours. “

Saturday, the 28th of July 2007

Command handing over CSLO Baden-Württemberg / Germany



Meeting of the Federal Commander with the ecclesiastical protector of the Hospital and Military Order of the Saint Lazarus von Jerusalem.



On the occasion of the international Investiture of the Order in Germany, our Federal Commander met with the ecclesiastical protector of Lazarus Order, his bliss Gregorius III. Lahm.

Friday, the 17th of August 2007

Graduation at the Theresia Military Academy



Saturday, the 18th of August 2007

Visit to the "Schnapsmuseum" (Museum of spirits)

Together with the disabled person's group the Saint Lazarus Volunteers, Branch Vienna, supported by the assistants of our "Corps Saint Lazare Ostarrichi" we visited the "Schnapsmuseum" in Vienna. In the office of the "Friedrich Fischer Ltd." which has not been changed since 1900, numerous films were presented, showing the production company till this days, nevertheless, tiny amounts of different liqueurs and spirits, using the traditional recipes of the 19th century, are still produced in the highest quality. It is therefore not surprising, that before all interest, specially the tasting, at the end, was appreciated.



Thursday, the 20th of September 2007

Gala Charity Concert with Wolfgang Ambros in castle Grafenegg

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Our events (Gala charity concert, charity dinner and a big music firework in the castle park) on the 20th of September in Grafenegg were an overpowering success. We have delivered an excellent calling card in public, which shall be excelled (unfortunately) only very hard.



Our handicapped friends from the neighbouring senior citizen's homes.

The gala concert in the riding school was overcrowded and we had to increase several times the seats, up to the end practically no more place was and many more visitors found only a standing place. In the first row, hardly two metres away from Wolfgang Ambros, the numerous guests of honour were afraid, he could almost step on the head. The „old riding school“ was filled up to the last place. By our sponsors we could distribute more than 200 complimentary tickets to old people's homes and disabled person's homes in the surroundings (which reacted, by the way, highly enthusiastically) and their wheel chair drivers, shifted the aisles (almost illegally), so that we could pass their seats to the numerous visitors. Above all, the detailed reporting in Lower Austria issues of "Kurier", NÖN and "Österreich" and of course on the radio, have brought during the last 2 days still a right push, so that we even had to reject, unfortunately, some guests. In addition, according to our estimates another extra 200 to 250 guests have appeared in uniform to the gala concert.

This concert was, by the way, the prelude to the new tour of Wolfgang Ambros, so that a camera team with Do&Ro had filmed before, during and after everything for a big Ambros documentation for the television. We have not experienced, in any case, such a thing yet! With the Viennese songs, many have already joined in the singing and the excellent orchestra has torn the

people several times from the seats, but when Wolfgang Ambros, as the first addition, had sung "Schifoarn", the hall almost exploded. The guests jumped up and have everybody – and really everyone - even the host, S.D. Prince Franz Albrecht Metternich-Sandor, Herzog of Ratibor - joined in the singing from the fullest throat the complete text, so that partial Wolfgang Ambros himself was not to be heard any more.



Our Federal Commander CSLO with the speech at the honorary table.

Then, the people simply did not want to let him go and an addition followed of the others and more than 800 people has clapped as long as and has shouted, until Christian Kolonovits from the cloakroom has got even other marks for not planned additions! All together the concert was covered around a little bit more than one hour. What this has meant for the following organisation of the champagne reception and the gala dinner, one can fancy.

The gala dinner was perfect, nevertheless, and could be started (almost) on time. By the way, the champagne wine producers of Henkell & Söhnlein should be particularly mentioned, because the company made available to us, for the concert a champagne bar with free champagne & orange and with noble glasses another champagne bar for the champagne reception before the gala dinner in the library of the castle Grafenegg. We have, in spite of doubt that the remaining space would be reduced then very much, on the day before, put in tables in addition, nevertheless, at last it was a good decision, 117 guests came, finally, also to the gala dinner. A prank quartet of the "Ambassade Orchester Wien" played the table music.

As a crowning end there were unbelievable fireworks, or how one should better say, a composed creation from fireworks and music of nearly twenty minutes. Everybody was deeply impressed. 12 men of the defusing service of the BMI, during nearly twelve hours have built up these fireworks voluntarily. All fireworks

were made available to us as by a sponsor's contribution. With the concert and the gala dinner, we could welcome the following guests of honour: HRH Prince Charles-Philippe von Orleans, Herzog of Anjou, Prince Franz Albrecht Metternich-Sandor, Duke of Ratibor, Bailli Jörg C. Steiner, representative of the OSLJ, Mr. Alexander Rosenfeld, chancellor of OSLJ, Brgd Robert Brieger (in representation of GenMjr Christian Segur-Cabanac), Mjr Peter Gruber (in representation of the military commander of Lower Austria GenMjr Culik), LtCol Franz Warisch of the defusing service of the BMI, Dr. Slamanig (in representation of the Security director of Lower Austria Dr. Franz Prucher), Mayor Anton Pfeifer, Mr. Jochen Bottermann (in representation of BAWAG Director General Dr. Ewald Novotny), Hans Kantor, Commander OSLJ, Dir. Hermann Kreiger (Special Homes Stockerau), CSLO Branch commander Lower Austria Arch. Prof. Dr. Franz Friedreich and CSLO deputy commander. Col ret. Adolf Neidhart.

To the gala dinner, was served to excellent by award-winning chef Toni Mörwald, and it was a coloured, rushing party. However, the toasts about the objectives of the CSLO and about "modern knighthood" (by our Federal Commander CSLO), were informative briefly and our guests have given a respect for this with big applause.

The official end of the gala dinner by the music fireworks was simply huge. Even the landlord, Prince Metternich, who can experience permanently fireworks in Grafenegg has meant, he can't remember no longer and bigger fireworks of this kind.

Tuesday, the 25th of September 2007

Special-educational centre Sieghartskirchen-Ollern visits the CSLO air service at the Airfield Stockerau



On the 25th of September, handicapped children of the special-educational centre Sieghartskirchen-

Ollern visited us at the Airfield Stockerau. Eleven children in the company of Dir. Karl Weissmann and his two employees, Mrs. Leontine Lehner and Mrs. Gerlinde Weißkircher, took advantage of the opportunity to experience helicopter round flights with our CSLO pilots.

This event became possible by the generosity of Mr. Leopold Reidinger, the owner of the company Aerial Helicopter Ltd. and helicopter flight school, who, like already so often, made available the helicopter for this purpose to the CSLO Air Service free of charge. It has to be noted that Mr. Reidinger himself is an experienced helicopter pilot and flying instructor and also active CSLO member.



The initial "mistrust" compared with the helicopter was quickly overcome by the children when they "checked" the helicopter together with the pilots and pushed together from the hangar. Our Federal Commander insisted on carrying out the round flights independently. A real experience was for our small passengers and the youngsters, together with the escorts to see the Danube power plant Greifenstein, the cloister "Klosterneuburg", the "Kahlen- und Leopoldsberg", and "Bisamberg" and the castle Greifenstein from the bird's-eye view. Today all children flew for the first time by a helicopter and the joy was gigantic and none of the passengers was afraid of the aviation. Unfortunately, after an inspection of the airfield and the hangars the nice excursion was again to an end. But for the next planned CSLO flight day in summer 2008 we have further increased our "fan club" absolutely.

Monday, the 1st of October 2007

Traditional day of the Army Logistic School, VPW barracks



Friday, the 12th of October 2007

Picture handing over to Federal Commander CSLO

On the 12th of October, a specially made picture was handed to the Federal Commander CSLO by the pop Art artist Peter-Andreas Lienhart as a present.



Thursday, the 25th of October 2007

BAWAG general manager Prof. Dr. Ewald Novotny receives the "Commander's Cross of the Cross of Merit CSLO"

On the 25th of October Director General Dr. Novotny received in a small celebration in the BAWAG headquarters from the hands of the Federal Commander

CSLO Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt in the presence of the Federal Secretary CSLO Jörg C. Steiner, as first person outside the CSLO and the „Military and Hospitaller order of St. Lazarus von Jerusalem“, the “Commander’s Cross of the Cross of Merit CSLO”.

In the eulogy, the Federal Commander CSLO appreciated the unselfish and social commitment of Dr. Novotny and the generous help attached in no conditions to the activities and the aims of the CSLO, at a time, when Dr. Novotny has had with certainty other worries, then to listen patiently to the CSLO and to help spontaneously. By this human greatness he has become to all officers, non-commissioned officers and teams of the CSLO a model, and we are proud that Dr. Novotny has accepted this honour. In his thanks address he insured to the CSLO, to have a sympathetic ear for the concerns and the objectives of the CSLO, also furthermore and to help if it is possible to him.



General manager Prof. Dr. Ewald Novotny with our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

Friday, the 26th of October 2007

National holiday in 2007 in Hofburg Vienna



Thursday, 6th to Sunday the 9th of December 2007

Advent market castle Grafenegg / NÖ



Tuesday, the 11th of December 2007

CSLO deputy Federal Commander’s Martin H. Wiegand received “Silver Medal of Honour of the Republic of Austria”

On a reception of the Governor of Lower Austria, Dr. Erwin Pröll, the deputy Federal Commander and commander of the CSLO Germany, Martin H. Wiegand of Mannheim, received the “Silver Medal of Honour of the Republic of Austria” in the state parliament of Lower Austria.



Governor Dr. Erwin Pröll handing over the honour.

The ceremony took place at noon in the Landtag Hall of the state parliament of Lower Austria. Wiegand became honoured for his work in the humanitarian area and the carrying on comradeship and on tradition for more than 23 years.

Our dep. Federal Commander was escorted to the ceremony by the representative of the management FK HuDM for Austria RR 1st Lt ret. Franz Satzinger from Hollabrunn and the VBA for Lower Austria ADir. Richard Langhammer, the still being in office president of the “Deutschmeisterbund” of Vienna, Brig ret. Josef

Herzog, which designated successor MjrGen ret. Heinrich Schmidinger, the president of the union of the „European Military-Historical Groups“ MjrGen i. TR. Helmut Eberl and our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt. Also, the president of the Red Cross Lower Austria Ök. Willibald Sauer congratulated warmly on this high honouring. Obviously

touched, Wiegand thanked the head of the province government for the high honour and stressed, that he accepts this honour also on behalf for many volunteers of the FK HuDM as well as the Austrian associations in particular of the CSLO, without which the work, he now is honoured for, would have been not possible.

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Monday, 28th January 2008

New Year's reception of the "Deutschmeisterbund" in the Museum of Military History, Vienna

On the occasion of the New Year's reception, the CSLO-Branch commander of Baden-Wurttemberg Folker Theis and our Federal Commander CSLO Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, were decorated by the "Deutschmeisterbund", for their long-standing cooperation and engagement as members of the "Deutschmeisterbund" Mannheim/Baden. The high honouring was personally presented by t H.H. Grand Master of the German order abbot Dr. Bruno Platter.



Saturday, the 23rd of February 2008

1st CSLO Flight assistant's seminar in 2008

In the rooms of Lazarus Centre Vienna, the 1st CSLO flight assistant's seminar took place. Originally, we have planned this seminar for ten maxima twelve participants, but already shortly after the announcement it was not only completely "booked-up", but almost around the three times as much "overbooked". The day for the practical education at the Airfield Stockerau

with the helicopter flights for all course participants is announced still separately.



1st CSLO flight assistant's course begins.

As already from the introduction evidently, this first part of the training course for flight assistant (theoretical course) was a success (however, beyond all our expectations). A success above all also, because this course was visited not only by members of the CSLO, but also by the members of other relief organisations and service organisations. Thus, we could welcome with joy companions of the Red Cross of Lower Austria from Schwechat, Mödling and Brunn am Gebirge, and from the voluntary fire brigade. Our Federal Commander, as a flying instructor for professional helicopter pilots and high-class representatives with Aerial Helicopter, insisted it on holding even this course.



Our Federal Commander by his implementation.

However, quite special joy was the participation of the youngsters from the children's village Pötsching from Burgenland, who joined us with our youth representative, area commander Mag. Steinmetz. The joy and the motivation with which these youngsters were with the thing, and the excellent test results in the end,

point once again quite clearly: If one gives perspectives and duties to our youth, is ready to let carry them also for responsibility and is ready to look at them as the future of our country, and despite her youth as equivalent and above all as equal partners, one will not be disappointing. It is fair to say that.

These youngsters have represented their generation solemnly. The teaching contents provided in this education seminar from aviation law, airfield regulations, security and operating an outside landing field, refueling and loading of a helicopter, passenger's care, behaviour with emergencies, in the emergency help and a lot more, were checked at the end of the course with a list of test questions.

The test questionnaire had really it tricky parts! There are no concessions here. The result was not only astonishing, but virtually sensational. The average of the positively answered questions exceeded more than 93%! Hence, everybody has passed the theoretical check (as a condition for the practise by the helicopter at the Airfield Stockerau) with bravado and is already glad about the practise and the helicopter flights. The „Silver CSLO Airman's Wings“ and the right to carry them, is therefore for everybody within reach.



Nevertheless, finally, it was done. And how....! 93% of average!!!

An evening meal in the company with a part of the "seminarists" (our youngsters had to go for time reasons again back in the Burgenland) this evening found a nice and friendly conclusion. Reservations were diminished, new acquaintances and friendship were made (and hopefully in the future even further detailed) and the common aims, help to our fellow people who need help, again highlighted.



Sunday, the 9th of March 2008

Practise day 1st flight assistant's seminar in 2008

On Sunday 9th of March, a wonderful, at least in the beginning almost very well airman-suitable calm spring day, participants of the 1st CSLO flight assistant's course met each other, particularly most ardently expected from the youngsters from the children's village Pötsching, for the practical part of the training at the Airfield Stockerau.

During the nevertheless long journey the nervousness rose - above all linked with the question whether then certainly every single one also can fly - constantly; however, laid down fast again, when everybody was greeted very warmly at the Airfield Stockerau by the leader of the training and Federal Commander CSLO, Flight Captain Wolfgang Steinhardt.



After the arrival of all participants and a short theoretical briefing by the acting Commander of the CSLO air service ground team and pilot HKdt. Roman Fliegenfuss, the squadron commander of 2nd helicopter squadron, CSLO, Flight Captain Gerhard Höfinger, with explanations of the airfield arrangement, linked

with a short repetition of the theory part of the training already to qualified contents, we went in medias res.



Starting with the security of a landing field (which size must have this? What is to be followed particularly? etc.) about refuelling a helicopter in the reality (do not forget ground cables?), filling of promotional contracts („No flight without ticket! “), the passenger's briefing before the flight (how do I approach to the helicopter?) everything was already repeated in the theory course qualified in practice in playful, for it, however, to the easier to remember manner. All participants were demanded, coclosed actively, and in spite of the size of the group it gave pleasure, to observe how to see everybody to mutually supported ones and the great mood in the group to itself. Over and over again questions eager to learn from the participant circle were also answered by our instructors patiently and in detail.



Finally, the climax of this afternoon, already expected with absolute tension, approached. All participants might take part, even in several groups, in a helicopter round flight, while the "ground team" took over the passenger's briefing and the guidance of the landing approach of the helicopter. The real perception of the rotor wind, the flight over the city area of Stockerau, the "step curve" - certainly of all impressions which will not fall into oblivion with all participants so fast. The pilot

was our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

Also, will also not fall into oblivion the friendly atmosphere between all participants: young and nearly even young, Red Cross and youth group Children's village Pötttsching: without reservations one tried to reach, himself mutually supporting, an aim: a nice feeling, as nice as the aviation.

The lending by theory and practise achievement of all course participants to acquired flight assistant's badges and the matching documents by the instructor and CSLO Federal Commander, Flight Captain Wolfgang Steinhardt, showed the last highlight of this very eventful day.



Many of us will carry these badges also full pride, for everybody, however, they will show the recollection of two common nice days. For us all, unfortunately, this day approached too fast his end: it was exciting, eventful, challenging, friendly: it was simply nice.

Saturday, the 19th of April 2008

Colonel Adolf Helmut Neidhart is celebrating his 70th birthday



The birthday boy Col ret. Neidhart with his charming wife Ruth.

On the 19th of April our foundation member, board member, treasurer, deputy Federal Commander and commander of the disaster help and logistics, Colonel ret. Adolf H. Neidhart celebrated his 70th birthday.

The birthday party to which the colonel had invited approx. 40 guests took place in Stammersdorf in the well-known "Heurigen Christ" and ended far after midnight. For his achievements in the CSLO and in acknowledgment of his merits, our Federal Commander had the honour and the joy to hand the "Officer's Cross of the CSLO Merit Decoration" to Col Neidhart.

The whole CSLO congratulated warmly on this great day and wished Col Neidhart still many nice years of the health and the luck on the side of his wife Ruth and hopes that he can still make his strength and experience available to the CSLO for a long time.

Saturday, the 17th of May 2008

Visit of the Maria Theresia Military Academy at Wiener Neustadt

On the 17th of May members of the Austrian Veterans Association and the SCLO visited the Theresia Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt.

This visit was organised by main commander CSLO Andreas Lebrecht who is also a representative of the branch of Mödling of the Austrian Veterans Association of Lower Austria.



The showcases attracted big general interest

Our host was a Colonel ret. Helmut Horn, officer's class of 1959, who introduced us perfectly to the "secrets" of this venerable house. Very impressively were the miraculous glass windows of the cathedral of St. Georg, the bishop's see of the Austrian army bishop

and the simple grave of emperor Maximilian I, the "Last Knight" who has found his last rest exactly under the high altar. Emperor Maximilian I was very religious and has intended in his testament to be buried as a penitent. That means: with shaven head, white and easy penitential robe, limed face and smashed teeth.

After the discharge in „Maria Theresia-Hall“ of the military academy, where annually the young second lieutenants receive their officer's decrees from the hand of our Federal President, this nice day found the end in the NCO-mess with a comfortable come-together.

Friday, the 6th of June 2008

Commemoration ceremony on the occasion of the 150th death anniversary of Field Marshal Count Radetzky von Radetz at the "Heldenberg/Kleinwetzdorf"

On the 6th of June, a commemoration ceremony took place at the "Heldenberg" in memory of the 150th death anniversary "father of the soldier's " k.u.k. Field Marshal Wenzel Count Radetzky von Radetz. The head of the state government of Lower Austria, Dr. Erwin Pröll, had taken over the honorary protection and he was represented at this celebration by the 3rd president of the state parliament, Ing. Hans Penz.



FedCmdr. Wolfgang Steinhardt, Ambassador Turnauer, Dr. Otto Habsburg, MjrGen i.Tr. Eberl

As supreme military representative, the military commander of Lower Austria Prof. Johann Culik could be welcomed. His Excellency ambassador Max Turnauer, honoured as a landlord of "Heldenberg", also this ceremony. The Grand Master of the Radetzky-Order Dkfm. Harry Tomek and the president of the union of the "European Military-Historical Groups" (UEWHG) MjrGen i. T. Helmut A.J. Eberl could wel-

come as a quite special guest of honour Dr. Otto Habsburg, who insisted despite his old age on taking part in this traditional celebration.



Otto Habsburg and FedCmdr. Wolfgang Steinhardt welcome Brigadier ret Teszar of the ÖKB

Our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt had the great honour, to be introduced to the protector of the Lazarus Order, and with it also the CSLO, and could present with this opportunity also the CSLO. It was a very impressive meeting and the personality, beside the goodness felt, will remain unforgettable. After the announcement signal, the federal hymn was played and pacing the front, the flag parade occurred. After a ceremonious choral, played by the Army Music Corps Burgenland, the commemorative speeches and the heroic memory by the high clergy military bishop DDr. Karl Reinhart Trauner and DDR. Reinhard Knittel took place.

The Radetzky-March and the festival speech "FM Radetzky" by the Grand Master of the Radetzky Order, Dkfm. Harry Tomek followed. To the sounds "The good Comrade" then the wreath was put down in the heroic crypt by the 3rd president of the State Parliament, Ing. Penz, MjrGen Culik and MjrGen i.T. Eberl. For the end, the anthems of Lower Austria sounded and the request of other orders followed. After the decampment of the troops and traditional associations, the organizers invited to a reception in the orangery of the castle.

As an end, worth mentioning, the visit of the worth visiting museum of vintage cars, which was opened for all participants of the commemoration ceremony for free, should be still mentioned. This opportunity was also used by our Federal Commander, who found a representative official CSLO vehicle.



The choice is big and the decision is difficult - but now our Federal Commander has found the right car for the CSLO, as it seems, nevertheless suitably in the colour fitting to his uniform.

Friday, the 20th of June 2008

Traditional day of the "Hoch- und Deutschmeister"

On the 20th of June the "Hoch- und Deutschmeister", under the protectorate of the German-Order invited to the traditional anniversary of the "Battle of Kolín" in 1757, in the Viennese Maria's Theresia barracks (MTK).

The military command Vienna made available the rooms in the garrison casino and was by the parting military commander of Vienna, Brigadier Franz Reiszner, as supreme army representative. The president of the German "Hoch- und Deutschmeister", MjrGen ret. Heinrich Schmidinger and the honorary president Brig ret. Josef Herzog could also welcome the former general troop inspector of the Austrian Federal Army, Gen Karl Majcen, as a guest of honour.



MjrGen Schmidinger, Bgdr Reiszner, Gen Majcen, FedCmdr. Steinhardt

The participant traditional formations formed a special coloured picture in their historical uniforms. The tradition of the „K.u.K Infantry Regiment No. 4 "Hoch- und Deutschmeister" is continued in the Austrian Federal

Army in the today's time, however, by the „Miliz-Jägerbataillon No. 1“ under the command of Mjr Michael Blaha. The CSLO was represented by commander CSLO 1stLt Andreas Tarbuk, who also held the command about the guards of honour, and our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

After the official part (announcement, memory, speeches, honouring's and parade) the guests were asked to a refreshment bar in the garrison casino where this nice evening with a friendly company found a harmonious end.

Saturday, the 5th of July 2008

2nd CSLO flight day for handicapped people in Stockerau

On the 5th of July at the Airfield Stockerau the 2nd handicapped flight day of the CSLO Air Service of the Corps Saint Lazare Ostarrichi took place. Our guests came from Vienna, Lower Austria, Styria and the Burgenland and we could welcome a total of 173 handicapped people of every age as guests. In addition, another about 100 other visitors had come to us. For the care during the flight day we could count on 67 voluntary employees (pilot, ground team, assistant and responsible persons) who made available themselves in their spare time for our service to handicapped person.



Without these both officers CSLO (HKdt V. Tunner, AKdt G. Hubmann) nothing at all went, because they were responsible for the ticket allocation.

After the day, before already the coarse works were finished (clearing the hangar, cooling the drinks, putting up tables and benches etc.) the day began for the CSLO team already at 7.30 o'clock, so that at 9.30

o'clock everything was ready and we could welcome our first guests.

The main point to note is to emphasise that it has been a wonderful and accident-free flight day, for which to all involved assistants, pilot and before all our dear guests for the willingness to co-operate and the discipline quite a big compliment is to be made.

However, our friends of the FSV 2000 (Aviation Association Stockerau) in the "Tower" of the airfield have performed also wonderfully. From there all aircraft movements (Start, landing, getting and alighting) were co-ordinated and supervised and by short, quiet and exact instructions in constant movement held. To the illustration: Within six hours, more than 150 aircraft movements (start and landings) had to be mastered all together. This means, that at less than three minutes an airplane either started or has landed. This would be the frequency of a regional airport like Hamburg or Bremen at "rush hour". Everybody which has to act only a little with the flying, knows how important the „team in the Tower“ is for the security and the free from problems expiry of a flight day.

Our ground team had hard times to keep it up. But it succeeded thanks to good organisation without problems, although we had to take on our handicapped friends according to consideration. Vigorously we were also supported by the youngsters from the autonomous youth centre of the children's village in Pötsching/Burgenland, who are all fully qualified CSLO flight assistants. For their efforts, the group was awarded the first "CSLO Mission Cross" (register number CSLO ECB 001/2008). Christian Omoletz and Georg Stickler received on behalf of all the other youngsters this honouring.



.l.t.r.: Adi Popp (relay commander 3rd surface squadron), Prof. Dr. Franz Friedreich (Dept. FedCmdr. and commander CSLO Air Service), Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart (dep. FedCmdr and treasurer).

By own contribution of pilots, sponsors (here is above all, the BAWAG-PSK and their DirGen David Roberts,

as well as the Erste Bank, a big thank-you to be said), the support of the Aviation Association Stockerau (FSV 2000), the airman's group Vienna, the aviation association Dobersberg/Waldviertel and its representative Adi Popp and the company Aerial Helicopter, we were able to do the financial side of this successful and professionally event. No public money at all was spent. Despite the unusual load, all airline passengers took pleasure (many of you flew for the first time in her life) in this not everyday experience, felt fine and not even one incident was also to be deplored. Our medical team, with Dr. Peter Fuhrich was (fortunately) "jobless", and could also enjoy this flight day.

We had as guests handicapped children of the children's outpatient clinic Neunkirchen, blind people and visually impaired, wheel chair driver, cross section-paralyzed, spiritually handicapped people and for the first time also homeless from the "Vinzi-Rast-Corti-House" in the 12th Viennese municipal district (also Mrs. Cecily Corti, the soul of the Vinzi-House was our guest). As "local matadors" we could welcome our friends from „Special Homes Residenz Stockerau“ with the head, Dir. Hermann Kreiger, who always visits our events with pleasure.



Group photo of our friends of the children's outpatient clinic Neunkirchen.



Our guests of the children's outpatient clinic Neunkirchen while getting in AN-2.

The youngest participant in the round flights was eight years and the oldest participant already far on the other side of eighty. However, the joy and the fun in the aviation knows, as one has seen, no age difference. About 60 guests made of the offered possibility use to explore the Airfield Stockerau under the expert guidance of Jakob Hobiger.

The event provoked major media interest, and we could welcome many representatives of the press who also report about this day. Also, ORF with the television program "Summertime", "Niederösterreich Heute (Lower Austria today)" and other private TV Stations were present again and reported about that day



The team of the "Sommerzeit" with our courageous Heike Koller.

As another climax, our guests were able to do a "spin" by a vintage car (Ford Mustang GTA convertible, construction year 1967) from the old-timer museum Heldenberg (Kleinwetzdorf). Forty tickets provided for the time being were taken within minutes and many other journeys had to be set in. Some guests waited up to one hour patiently in the row. Our frank thanks are due to Mr. Günter Eichinger who has carried out the journeys professionally.

For our handicapped friends, no impediment was too large, to miss the joy of aviation. All together 57 flights with 186 guests were handled. For it, one 300 HU-30, two Cessna 182, three Cessna 172, a Jet Ranger B-206, and the Antonov AN-2 (the biggest single-engine double-decker in the world) were used by the CSLO Air Service. The flights were carried out from the pilots of the 2nd and 3rd helicopter squadron and 1st, 2nd and 3rd airplane squadron of the CSLO Air Service.

To provide for the bodily welfare of our guests, more than 250 lunches (sponsored by the FSV 2000), and from our companion "Schorsch" were prepared (and also totally finished). Furthermore 480 tins Energy

drinks of the company Power Foods, 800 soft drinks, as well as coffee and 300 pieces of cakes, sponsored by the pastry shop "Balz" (Korneuburg) were served free for our guests.

For the end, some handicapped guests ventured with our tandem master Joe Lechner (who has finished already more than 8,000 parachute jumps) as climax of the day parachute jumps from a helicopter above the Airfield Stockerau from 3,500-m height. This was more than a clear sign for the fact, that people with impediments are able of achievements which can turn a lot of so-called "healthy people" green with envy. The tandem parachute jump has "inspired" our Heike so obviously that she has become Austrian National Champion in the wheel chair basketball on the next day (7/6/2008) with her team. The CSLO congratulates the new-baked Austrian National Champion very warmly and the board of directors of the CSLO has spontaneously decided to distinguish Mrs. Heike rage, on account of her role model effect and her positive attitude to life, with the "Knight's Cross of the CSLO Cross of Merit.

It is Dr. Herbert Schaller, a hardly sight-impaired member of the auxiliary community of the blind and visually impaired people, who dared the second jump. For him it was also quite a special and nice highlight: A tandem parachute jump with tandem master Joe Lechner. This jump was determined by the lot because there have still been many courageous applicants for it. But a suddenly arising thunderstorm storm brought too much risk for other jumps with itself, so that both other planned parachute jumps could not be carried out, unfortunately. When the time came to say good bye, everybody still wanted to remain. Only by our promise „... thus, however, to repeat a nice day ...“, everybody was ready for the departure. We also hope the next year to be able to count again on our loyal sponsors and additional supporting members.

The joy in the eyes of our handicapped friends was all more than plentiful wage for our work for us and thus we could make this promise dearly. A lot of new friendship would be attached, old ones would be refreshed and plans for the future would be made. Nevertheless, finally should be mentioned once again, that the CSLO and the CSLO air service not only organises flight days, but also is taken up in the disasters resource data bank of the Lower Austria as an emergency help organisation.

Saturday, the 26th of July 2008

CSLO Federal Commander turned 60

On the 26th of July 1948, exactly 60 years ago, Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt was born in Vienna. According to the occasion approx. 100 guests were invited on the 26th of July 2008 in the castle Hausleiten in Lower Austria to celebrate this jubilee properly together. Also, the Grand Prior of Lazarus Order, Grandpriory of Austria, H.E. de Spernbour and wife and the Great Chancellor H.E. Mag. Dietl honoured this party by their presence.



The birthday boy with his dear wife Vera.

It was a nice and rushing party which only found an end after midnight. As a special highlight, the „Original Swingtime Bigband“ conducted by Manfred Stoppacher played their successful programme. Thus, pieces of the contemporaries Glenn Millers were to be heard in the first part the second part was completely dedicated to the big band leader Glenn Miller himself.

Only after some additions the eager audience was satisfied. Special and unusual, just with this concert, was the fact that the music was completely played without amplifier, so that the original sound of the „Golden Swingtime“ was to be heard and pleased the ears of the listeners. A sound experience which one can experience, in the age of the electronics, only very seldom today. The gala refreshment bar of award winning chef Werner Gruber was distinguished and so extensive that it could not be finished with the best will in the world. The toast on the birthday boy and the birthday address was held by GenMaj Mag. Karl Wendy.



1st Row f.l.t.r.: Brigadier Angetter, Senator FedCmdr Steinhardt, MjrGen i. T. Eberl.
 2nd row f.l.t.r.: Col Neidhart, GenMjr Schmidinger.
 3rd row f.l.t.r.: MjrGen Wendy, HKdt Tunner, Brigadier Brieger, dep FedCmdr Prof. Dr. Friedreich.

Sunday, the 3rd of August 2008

Our youngest CSLO member

From the 3rd to the 10th of August the designated CSLO Country Commander Hamburg-Schleswig Holstein, StffCmdr Roland Schwantes visited with his family Vienna and the CSLO Federal Command.



Christoph in front of a Cessna 172 at the Airfield Stockerau.

Some working appointments with the federal command were settled, the running projects (Ghana help and charity concert) and the planning's were discussed for the next time and were approved. But of course, the usual visit in the Liebnitzmühle, the head

office of the CSLO, could not be absent at these different meetings. Our Federal Commander insisted to fly Stb. Kdt. Schwantes, his dear wife Andrea and his 12-year-old son Christoph personally with a jet ranger B-206 to the Liebnitzmühle where our CSLO Air Service commander, Prof. Dr. Franz Friedreich already waited.

First the airplanes at the Airfield Stockerau were taken of course by Christoph Schwantes exactly in inspection and exactly everything was explained to him. After still some time existed up to the take-off, the practise could be immediately finished for flight assistants in a "crash course" and be tested practically. Then it went to the helicopter. The surprise was big for Christoph when he might take on the seat of the place Co-pilot and to him of the Federal Commander the tax facilities of the helicopter were explained. However, the surprise was even greater than Christoph keep this place also during the whole flight and also even the helicopter under the expert instructions of our Federal Commander who is also a flying instructor, might steer.

Christoph did this job very well and turned out real flight talent. Then to the "reward" Christoph was lent by our commander CSLO Dr. Friedreich the rank "Flughelferanwärter (FhA)" and the badge was handed over for „Junior of the CSLO Air Service“. Therefore, Christoph is our latest member CSLO. Christoph will copy the theory course for flight assistants and the necessary check to climb up then from the "flight assistant's candidate" to the real "flight assistant". The fact that he would also like to become a helicopter pilot after this experience, is not probably to be stressed specially.



f.l.t.r.: FedCmdr Steinhardt, FhA Christoph, Stb. Kdt Roland Schwantes, deptFedCmdr Dr. Friedreich.

After a compressed exchange of views and an inspection walk Stb. Kdt. Schwantes was donated the CSLO Cross of Merit by the Federal Commander CSLO for

the performed work of the new Country-Command of Hamburg-Schleswig Holstein.

Then, unfortunately, it was to be thought again in the time of the return flight. It was clear that Christoph again took the position of the "Co-pilot" and flew back to again to Stockerau. A common visit in the Viennese Prater was the conclusion of this nice and very eventful day.

Saturday, the 6th of September 2008

"Day of the Lieutenants" in the Theresia Military Academy in Wr. Neustadt

To show the deep attachment of the CSLO with the Austrian Federal Army, our Federal Commander CSLO, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt visited at invitation the withdrawal celebration of the young second lieutenants in the Theresia Military Academy. These traditional ceremonies offer the best opportunity over and over again to refresh old acquaintances and to close new friendship.



Revitalisation of old acquaintances.

An unexpected meeting of our Federal Commander with our federal President, Dr. Heinz Fischer, usually and freely from every protocol, became for our Federal Commander the remaining experience.



Friday, the 31st of October 2008

BAWAG-PSK General Manager David Roberts distinguished

By its meeting of the 20th July 2008, the board of directors of the CSLO at that time has decided to lend the "Commander's Cross of the CSLO Cross of Merit" to the BAWAG-PSK in the person of the General Manager David Roberts in gratitude and acknowledgment of the support of the 2nd handicapped flight day CSLO.

With the big reception of the BAWAG-PSK, on the occasion of the World Savings Day 2008 on the 31st of October in the event centre of the BAWAG headquarters in Vienna, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart were able to hand this high honour to David Roberts in a worthy frame.



Senator h.c. Steinhardt, general manager David Roberts, Col ret. Neidhart.

In the eulogy, the social engagement of the BAWAG-PSK was particularly emphasised, also in the past difficult times, and was pointed out to the fact that both only present bearers of the commander's cross of the CSLO Cross of Merit Prof. Dr. Ewald Nowotny, as a predecessor of the General Manager David Roberts, and now David Roberts himself.

General Manger David Roberts assured both foundation members of the CSLI, Senator h.c. Steinhardt and Col ret. Neidhart, also the other support and the engagement on the part of the BAWAG-PSK to, the CSLI further with his social plans.

Tuesday, the 16th of December 2008

CSLI Logo registered as a word and picture brand

After the brand registration dated 17th of September 2008, the CSLI received the registration confirmation of its brand on the 14th of January, legal with the 16th of December 2008.

This important step now allows the CSLI (if it should turn out necessary) to be able to take legal actions against those organisations which use the name „Corps Saint Lazare International“, or essential parts of it „Corps Saint Lazare ...“ or the sign of the CSLI, illegally and wake thus the impression to be a part organisation of the „Corps Saint Lazare International“. Brand-juridically this is valid for Austria, in copyright matters for the European Union and those parts of the remaining world which recognise the corresponding agreements and have joined to the corresponding agreements. Only if „Corps Saint Lazare International“ stands on it, the „Corps Saint Lazare International“ also is inside! However, currently an agreement exists with no organisation which of this organisation allows (e.g., to use our name or essential parts as a daughter or sister association etc.) of it.



Document of Registration



CSLI Word and picture brand

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Thursday, 15th January 2009

Mrs. Cecily Corti awarded the CSLI Cross of Honour in Gold

Because her admirable and self-sacrificing engagement for homeless, dipsomaniacs and people addicted to drugs, as a representative of the "Vinzenzgemeinschaft Sankt Stefan", Mrs. Cecily Corti receives the, till now never awarded "CSLI Cross of Honour in Gold".

On the occasion of the New Year reception for all employees of the Vinzenzgemeinschaft Saint Stephan, without them the operation and maintenance of the homeless emergency shelter „Vinzi-Rast“-Corti House“ in Vienna 12, Wilhelmstr. 10, would not be possible, our Federal Commander Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt was able to hand this high honouring in person.



In his eulogy, our Federal Commander appreciated above all the exemplary personal dedication of Mrs. Corti with the serving of the not always easy nightshifts and the wonderful view of not to expect more from anyone than you yourself are ready and able to perform. This wonderful prime example is a stimulus and a sign for all employees and needs no other comment. In her thanks address Mrs. Corti said, under general applause, to accept this honouring only on behalf for all voluntary assistants of the Vinz-Rast, because without their help no difference could be made. On the occasion of this ceremony our Federal Commander invited the guests and volunteers of the „Vinzi-Rast“ already today again as our guests for the next flight day CSLI on the 18th of July 2009 warmly.

Friday, the 6th & Saturday, the 7th of March 2009

1st CSLI flight assistant's seminar in 2009

On the 6th and 7th of March, the first CSLI flight assistant's seminar took place in 2009. A total of 19

members of the CSLI - up to an exception all members of the disasters of auxiliary service of the Fire Brigade Command Vienna - visited this seminar, consisting of a theoretical and a practical part. The exception was Mr. Miko Potbara, guest in the „Vinzi-Rast“-Corti Haus“.



Done! At least the theoretical part is passed

The theory course took place on the 6th of March in the youth centre of the City of Vienna in the 21st district, where the theoretical knowledge was given for the practise following the next day. Instructors were the commander of the CSLI Air Wing and helicopter pilot and flying instructor's candidate Klaus Weber.

Then the practical education occurred on the 7th of March at the airfield in Stockerau and before, a written test was to be finished which was not so easy at all. Mr. Potbara who had delivered not only as first the test, but with 92% of correct answered questions turned out the best "theorist" also the best with the written test (n.: The passing of the test is the condition to be able to take part in the practical exercises). Unfortunately, on account of the frightfully bad weather (rain with snowy activity, deep-hanging closed cloud cover and bad view) the planned helicopter flights could not be carried out, and the participants could appropriate the practical abilities only by means of "dry run" and the helicopter flights about which already everybody has been glad, are made up during the next weeks.

However, the participants did not let themselves rob the good mood and the motivation by the weather-conditioned improvisation, but practiced even more and even more intensely the activities, with the provided helicopters and airplanes in the hangar. The wheel chair was not even absenting to receive very realistic practise surroundings and the seminar participants, who had to take over the role in the wheel chair as handicapped airline passengers, did not make it easily to her companions to fulfil their job. Especially the

needs during handicapped flight days were taken in consideration with the training.

In the final discussion, the "briefing" (=Information of the airline passengers before the flight with rules of conduct if necessary) was practiced in the form of role plays, what obviously gave pleasure to the partners and allowed to end this nevertheless exerting day in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Last should be mentioned, that all participants have finished this flight assistant's seminar with results lying well over the average successfully and are also entitled by the handed documents from now on to carry the „Silver Wing of the CSLI“ on their uniforms.



These they are, the wage for the efforts, the popular " CSLI Silver Airman's Wing ".

Friday, 27th and Saturday, the 28th of March 2009

2nd CSLI Flight assistant's seminar in 2009

Because of the weather conditions at (both days up to now were probably the worst in the year) the practical exercises and the flights by the helicopter had to be shifted. Because we had planned, however, on the 27th and 28th of March anyway our second seminar, we have just moved the practise of the participants of the first seminar to the afternoon of the 27th of March, and following that, the theory course of the second seminar.



Followed by the "installation dry run"

This time it worked out excellently, because the weather was very fine, even if was a little bit windy and

so, finally, from all participants already so ardently expected helicopter flights could take place. Two our pilots, Flight Captain Dirk Nentwig and helicopter pilot Klaus Weber (needlessly to mention that of course both pilots are also members of the CSLI and with it also of the CSLI Air Wing) supported our flight assistants friendly and on looking.

Now boarding could be practiced for the first time under real requirements (not only in the airplane hangar as "a dry training"). Nevertheless, under not so easy conditions (noise of the turbine, strong downward air by the rotor and the nevertheless big narrowness in small helicopters) surprised some participants. Also, the transport with the wheel chair, the contact with people with impediments (some of our companions almost stand out when it was a matter an impediment of explaining very near to reality and of demanding with it her colleagues accordingly) was not so easy as it have thought the most to themselves before.

But everybody was present with enthusiasm and the single tasks were practiced by everybody several times individually. Then in the evening the participants of the theory course came for the 2nd seminar and from six o'clock in the evening nearly 23 o'clock the theoretical knowledge was given.

The next check, to answer the not at all so easy examination questions (the positive written theory check is the condition for the practical education the next day by the helicopter) was mastered by all excellently and the result average reached more than 90%. This was the best group result up to now. Tired, however, everybody was already glad about the next day - The day of the aviation. The next day (28.3). we had again best flight weather and after the preparations for the landing field, the "passenger's instruction" and practicing the installation signs, it went after a short briefing with the pilot (It was again Klaus Weber) to the "air service".

As "a reward" and as "a coronation" of the training seminar, all participants could also enjoy a nearly 30-minute helicopter round flight as passengers, looked after by the practicing colleagues waiting in the meantime on the ground. A not quite everyday experience that has given all big pleasure. By the way, all participants have paid the course themselves and our member CSLI and pilot Klaus Weber has paid 50% of the flight costs from own pocket. Hence, these became neither public money (the CSLI gets anyway nothing) nor donations for it used. Only and only the idealism of the participants was the base of these successful flight assistant's seminars CSLI.



Done!

Then for the end one more "checking up" occurred around suggestions and to compile improvement suggestions for the next trainings. With the distribution of the documents and the „Silver Wings“, some honouring and promotions an accident-free day came to an end. The Command of the CSLI thanks all comrades, who with (invisible) work (the helicopter, the course rooms, copying of the course documents, collecting of the fees, division and telephone calls etc.) again have served to fulfil our tasks and to get closer to our aims.



The instructor, FedCmdr. Wolfgang Steinhardt, the document hands to Wolfgang Leithner.

All together 27 flight assistants were trained with these two CSLI flight assistant's seminars, and they will perform voluntary and not paid-up service again the next CSLI flight day 18th July 2008, together with many other members CSLI.

Saturday, the 4th of April 2009

3rd Practise day of the flight assistant's seminar in 2009

On the 4th of April, the third practise day for CSLI flight assistants took place at the Airfield Stockerau (call sign ICAO LOAU, frequency 122.85). The participants had finished already the theoretical part and also had passed the written final test of the theory course.



The participants.

Now it was a matter of coming fit along with the practical exercises for the next CSLI flight day for our handicapped people in the 18th July 2009, also at the Airfield Stockerau.



These are no "physical exercises", here the landing signs are practiced.

As already during the preceded practise days everybody was with great enthusiasm with the thing and all necessary exercises could be finished without a single accident. After the helicopter landing field was marked and secured, the helicopter was refuelled and controlled and also the instruction of the passengers was practiced enough. Thus, all participants had earned the "reward" in the form of a nearly 30-minute round flight in the surroundings of Stockerau fairly. These flights again were carried out by our proven pilot Klaus Weber who, like already the practise days before, has

paid and has taken over half of the flight costs from own pocket.

At the end, again the course confirmations as well as the "CSLI Silver Wings" were handed over to the successful course participants by the instructor and Federal Commander CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.



Moving the helicopter back to the hangar, with combined forces.

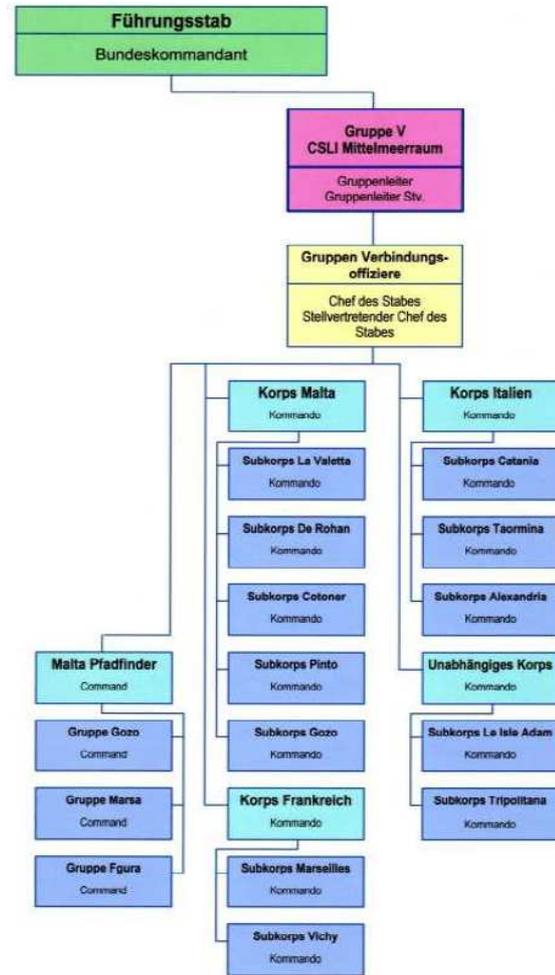
As a special climax and as a worthy end the „father of the flight days CSLI“ Mjr CSLI and helicopter pilot Klaus Weber was honoured for his present special and exemplary merits. The Federal Commander could hand the „Knight's Cross CSLI Cross of Merit“ and the „CSLI Mission Cross“ to him for his excellent achievements with the very best congratulations in the name of the CSLI.

Tuesday, 24th & Wednesday, the 25th of April 2009

Investiture of Order of Lazarus in Malta

Admission of the "The Grand Priory of the Mediterranean" of the Order of Lazarus under the command of H.E. LtGen CSLI Dr. Massimo J. Ellul, and groups of the Maltese boy scouts as "a group CSLI V" into the CSLI.

After the negotiations about the admission of the "the Grand Priory of the Mediterranean" of the "United Grand Priories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem" as a whole organisation in the CSLI were finished successfully, the ceremonious Investiture of the order in April 2009 was the ideal and worthy frame to celebrate this event also publicly accordingly.



Organisational chart of the group CSLI V "Mediterranean area".

It was up to now the biggest member's increase the CSLI, and big thanks and recognition are given to the great chancellor of the United Grand Priories of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem for his engagement that this big organisation, also identified itself with the ideals of the CSLI and is determined in this sense to work in the CSLI.

The "The Grand Priory of the Mediterranean" is also a protector of three big boy scout's groups (Marsa, Fgura and Gozo) on Malta and it is quite a special joy to be able to welcome also these three boy scout's groups as a part organisation under the command of order officers in the CSLI.



Our Federal Commander behind the corps flag, carried by a boy scout of the boy scout's group "Marsa"

Also in the celebration, the boy scout's group "Marsa" itself took part with their music group and formed colour guard for the ceremonious move of the flag deputations, the guests of honour and the order members into the church Saint Dominikus which was filled up to the last place and where after the holy mass the ceremonies of the investiture of the order and the admission in the CSLI took place in the splendid chapter hall of the order.



Our Federal Commander receives the "Commanders Cross of Merit" of the Order of St. Lazarus.

Unexpectedly and unexpectedly our Federal Commander was taken up first also as a „Commander of

Merit“ with all rights and duties in the “Grand Priory of the Mediterranean”.

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Following that, the great chancellor Dr. Massimo Joseph Ellul was distinguished for his extraordinary merits in the realisation of this historical event by the Federal Commander of the CSLI, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, with the CSLI “Commander Cross of Merit”. In the eulogy, the mainstays of the common characteristics were shown again and the appointment decrees were handed over to a total of 23 leadership officers of the "group CSLI V".

After the bringing in of the command flag, the colour guard of the knights and guests of honour and the flag inauguration, this miraculous and impressive ceremony found its climax and worthy end with the handing over of the flag and documents to the new commander H.E. LtGen Dr. CSLI Massimo J. Ellul.



Handing over of the corps flag and the command about the group CSLI V "Mediterranean area" to H.E. LtGen Dr. CSLI M of Ellul for the end of the ceremony.

Finally, it can be said that also the island Malta is worth, with its unbelievable nearly 7500-year-old history and tradition, with its unusual cultural treasures and art treasures, the castles and fortresses and his hospitable population, any time a trip.

Wednesday, the 2nd of May 2009

Investiture of Lazarus Order in Bratislava

At invitation of the Great Prior of Slovakia of the „Military and Hospital Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem“, General-Consul Dr. Wolfgang Breitenthaler, a delegation of the CSLI took part on the 2nd of May in this ceremonious event in the Franciscan's Church of Bratislava.



Under the guidance of our Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt presented the team CSLI (Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart, genetic Gen KR Ernst Kugler, Mjr CSLI and representative of the Austrian Veterans Association Horn Wolfgang Leithner, 1st Lt CSLI and pilot Jakob Hobiger, Bgdr CSLI Rupert Prohaska) for the first time also the new elegant uniforms, together with the also new corps flag CSLI, in the public.

At 5pm the big festive procession began in the Franciscan's church with numerous associations from Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Austria. Also, many other guests from Slovakia and abroad had come. As a guest of honour HIH Christian von Habsburg-Lothringen could be welcomed, who had arrived specially from Geneva to this investiture. The Grand Priory of Order of St. Lazarus is also a member of the CSLI and so our CSLI flag was carried besides, also the order cross and the flag of the Grand Priory Slovakia by members CSLI.



All guests were invited to the end of this nice and impressive day before the festive dinner in the refectory of the Franciscan's cloister to a Champaign reception, bread and cake in the Franciscan's cloister. Unfortunately, after the addresses and the final prayer it was too quick again starting the journey back to Austria in the time. Many new acquaintances were closed and with this opportunity also old friendship revitalised.

Saturday, the 16th of June 2009

Fire prevention seminar in the „„Vinzi-Rast-Corti House“

On the 16th of June, on suggestion of the manager of the „Vinzi-Rast“, Mr. Christian Spiegelfeld, a fire prevention seminar for the employees and well-chosen inhabitants of the house took place.

The department of "emergency help" of the CSLI under the proven management of Ing. Thomas Hebelka has taken over the organisation of this event. Performer of this event was a CSLI member, firefighter and member of the disaster auxiliary service Vienna, Mr. Dominik Zeidler.

Mr. Zeidler knew excellently how to impart the nevertheless very complicated matter understandably by thrilling video scenes. None of the seminar participants knew or thought, that one has at the very most from 4 to 5-second time, e.g., in case of a Christmas tree fire to extinguish successfully this fire. Then the disaster is already perfect.



The correct use and the correct application of fire extinguishers is explained by Dominik Zeidler. The seminar participants follow tensely the interesting talk.

These and many other examples have shown that first of all, the fire brigade must be informed, before one himself plays (usually unsuccessfully) „firefighter“. Better than every fire extinguisher which is already empty after few seconds, "fire-blankets", which should be absent in no more household, have proved themselves. As a final highlight, the brought fire-fighting vehicle, with all its useful facilities could be visited by the seminar participants.

Tuesday, the 20th of June 2009

Investiture and inauguration of the Order of St. Joachim in Toronto / Canada

A report of the introduction of the new Grand Master S.E Stephen Lautens GCJ to his office by H.E. Archbishop Douglas Titus Lewins from London.

From the 18th to the 21st of June, the meetings of the great chapter and the official introduction of the Grand Master elective in 2008 of the Order of St. Joachim, H.E. Stephen Lautens GCJ, took place in Toronto/Canada by H.E. Archbishop Douglas Titus Lewins from London.

Federal Commander CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt travelled to Toronto to join the meetings of the Great Chapter of the order on the 19th of June in the University Club Toronto, also to talk about further steps of the cooperation, which were discussed and agreed.

The most important points of these arrangements concern the cooperation and the support of the CSLI for international auxiliary projects of the Order of St. Joachim.

On the 20th of June, the Investiture, under the ecclesiastical management of H.E. Archbishop Douglas Titus Lewins, who carried out the introduction of the new Grand Master to his office, took place in the chapel of the „Trinity of Colleges“ of the University of Toronto in ceremonious form. As one of his first official acts the Grand Master, H.E. Stephen GCJ, carried out the swearing-in ceremony of the members of the Great Chapter.

Further the "German/Austrian Commandery Leopold II" was proclaimed by decree of the Grand Master from the 20th of June, and our Federal Commander CSLI was ordered to their commander in the order rank of "Knight Grand Commanders OSJ". On arrangement of the Grand Master, it was announced the new "Commandery Leopold II" in Austria under the name "The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim - Commandery Leopold II" officially and in the 23rd July 2009 with the register number ZVR-912906090 also officially accredited.

The work of the Order of St. Joachim can start with it in Austria. The CSLI recognises all members of the Order of St. Joachim as "Affiliated Members" of the CSLI. Should this not be wished, however, by single members of the Order of St. Joachim individually for their person, is of course accepted on the part of the CSLI, because there are no "compulsive memberships" in the CSLI. Proven officers CSLI are taken up at the request of preferential in the Order of St. Joachim. However, such applications must be submitted about the federal command CSLI who adds then a suitable backing.

During the gala dinner in the „National Club Toronto", our Federal Commander was able - under big applause of all persons present - to honour and distinguish the Grand Master with the „CSLI Commander's Cross of Merit".

These unforgettable days found on the 21st of June, with the General Chapter in "Hart House" of the University of Toronto, a worthy end. On the 22nd of June, still a miraculous excursion to the Niagara Falls was organised by the „Canadian Commandery of the Order of St. Joachim" which took place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and was obviously enjoyed by all participants.

At this point, still thanks and respect to all order members working in the "background" of the Order of St. Joachim who have organised and have allowed these exciting and amicable days for all partners.

Wednesday, the 3rd of July 2009

Thoughts of a homeless

As our Federal Commander served again a night shift in the homeless shelter „Vinzi-Rast - Corti House“, an envelope was pressed to him by a guest. The contents of this envelope were some lines which have touched everybody to us very much and which we would not like to keep.

(Original in German)

03.07.09 | Gedanken eines Obdachlosen
Réflexions d'un sans-abri

Ziellos war ich als ich in's Vinzi Rast-Corti Haus kam. Keine Perspektive mehr, alles egal. Alle Betreuer versuchen mit viel Engagement zu Helfen, aber es fruchtet nicht viel. Viele vergessen die Psyche eines Obdachlosen von der Psyche eines „Normalsterblichen“ zu unterscheiden. Ein Obdachloser ist wie ein kleines Kind; sag ihm „trink nicht so viel“ und er wird noch mehr trinken. Einfach nur Trotzig!!

Mir ging es auch lange so. Dann kam Hr. Steinhart. Seit ich ihn Kenne hat er kein einziges mal zu mir gesagt „Mitch saß nicht so viel“ oder „Mitch hör auf zu trinken“.

Er hat mich einfach so genommen wie ich bin. Er sagte nur eines Tages: „Hättest du Lust eine Flughelfrausbildung zu machen?“

Ich hatte Lust, ich hab sie gemacht und bestanden!!

Inzwischen bin ich Flughelfer des CSLI, im Rang eines Wachtmeisters (~~Staff Sergeant~~) (Staff Sergeant) und Gründungsmitglied des CSLI.

Ehrenhalber durfte ich sogar schon als Fahnenträger fungieren.

Lange Zeit dachte ich „der Steinhart macht aber viel für mich“, dom ist aber nicht so. Er hat mir nur auf seine unvergleichlich Menschliche Art den Weg gezeigt; gegangen bin ich ihn selbst.

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Ich lebe zwar noch immer in der Notschlafstelle, aber ich bin motiviert vom Stratter zum Menschen. CSLI gibt mir das Gefühl „du gehörst dazuv“!!

Danke

CSLI

Besonderer Dank meinem Mentor

Federal Commander in Chief

Senator h.C

Mr. Wolfgang Steinhart

Danke

Vinzi Rast - Corti Haus

POTPARA (MITCH)
MICO

We believe no other comment is necessary here!

Saturday, the 18th July 2009

3rd CSLI Flight day for handicapped people on the 18th of July in Stockerau with Alfons Haider

More than 250 people with special needs experienced an exciting and nice day. When Alfons Haider was confronted with the request, to take the honorary protection for this 3rd CSLI handicapped flight day at the Airfield Stockerau, his spontaneous answer was: „... it is a self-evident fact for me, to help persons with special needs or to give a pleasure in this case ...“.

Flight day "cancel" or "perform"? This was here the question! The CSLI has decided of course "to perform", because, otherwise, five-months of preparation and hundreds of voluntary working hours would have been vain. Not to speak at all, about the disappointment of all those guests who have been glad already thus about it.



The CSLI has probably "chosen" for this event the worst and most unfavourable date for a flight day! Worse weather than just on this day, one cannot simply have any more. After the construction works and pre-processing works the day before, on Saturday 18th of July 2009 the 3rd disabled person's flight day of the CORPUS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONALLY – CSLI, despite all weather-conditions (half Austria suffered on this day lightning, storm and floods) took place at the Airfield Stockerau.

The guests came from Vienna, Lower Austria, Styria and the Burgenland. All together the CSLI could welcome more than 250 dear guests (handicapped people and accompanying persons as well as homeless people), which despite the predictable bad weather and the risk to experience no flight linked with it, to Stockerau. A lot of them already joined the 1st and 2nd CSLI handicapped flight day.



More than seventy volunteers - pilots, ground teams, assistants and attendants - donated their spare time in the service to persons with special needs. This event of the Corps Saint Lazare International was not carried out to collect donations, but before collected money of more than 2,500 CSLI members was used to allow an unusual day for handicapped people and homeless. Only with the vigorous support of pilots and CSLI members, the Aviation Association Stockerau FSV 2000, the "Fliegergruppe Wien", Aerial Helicopter, Heliteam Austria and Power Food, it was possible to realize the event.

No public money was used. Almost all pilots have flown not only for free, but in addition, have taken over even the flight costs. We thank quite personally these CSLI members.



Quite special and extra thanks are valid to Alfons Haider, the director of the festival of Stockerau, for his ideal support and his arrival. He did not become tired, to fulfil so many photo and autograph wishes of our guests and has contributed by his exceptionally long presence very substantially to the fact, that many guests could easier forget their "missed" flight.

To a small handicapped boy, his name is Oliver, who cried bitterly, because just his flight had to be cancelled, although he already sat in the airplane, Mr.

Haider spontaneously promised to invite him quite personally to a round-flight with an airplane and also to fly with him. Our proven pilot Peter Janda has taken over the organisation spontaneously and we will also report about that. Mr. Haider has lent with his presence of the event a special shine and himself a place, by his natural and unaffected warmth, in the hearts of the persons present. Thanks Mr. Haider for this human gesture, you cannot anticipate at all how much pleasure you have thereby given to us to all and above all a small boy.



A part (the other had to work) of the team CSLI with Mr. Haider.

The guests were among others, 15 handicapped children and accompanying person by the "Children's Outpatient Clinic Neunkirchen", 59 blind and visually impaired people, from the auxiliary community of the visually impaired and visual-weak of Austria, 39 handicapped sportspersons from Lower Austria, a group of "Special Homes" from Stockerau, wheel chair drivers, cross section-paralyzed, spiritually handicapped people and now already for the second time also more than 30 homeless and accompanying person from the "Vinzi-Rast - Corti House" in the 12th Viennese municipal district, accompanied by the manager of the emergency shelter, Mr. Christian Spiegelfeld.

The latest participant in the round flights was seven years and the oldest participant beyond 85, however, the fun in the aviation knows as one has seen, no age difference. The professional excursions met special approval by pilots at the Airfield Stockerau.

Many firefighters are also CSLI members and qualified flight assistants of the CSLI, hence, it was natural for them to take part also during the flight day. Despite the unusual load, all airline passengers took pleasure. Many of them flew for the first time in her life. In this not everyday experience, not a single incident was to be reported. The medical team, headed by Dr. Gabriel Halat was (although very well prepared, a whole "bed station" with all emergency utensils was built up), fortunately, "jobless".

Unfortunately, not all announced airplanes and helicopters could come at all, because they could not start from their home airfields due to the catastrophic bad weather. Because of deep clouds, thunderstorm and rain it was not possible for them without big risk and danger. So, we lost a big number of the intended seat capacities and it was tried to compensate this by other airplanes of the aviation association Stockerau. At short notice, thus the CSLI Air Wing of the Aviation Association Stockerau (FSV 2000) still succeeded in agreeing airplanes and the lack of more than 30% of the originally available capacities could be thereby compensated. At this point, also again thanks to the FSV 2000, Mag. Richard Rettenbacher and his 1st CSLI Air Wing airplane relay, for this additional quick help.

Thereby, in the short available time window, however, 43 flights (the intended 73) with a total of 127 guests could be carried out, so that nearly 2/3 of all guests could also fly. A jet ranger B-206, two Hughes 300 HU-30, two Cessna 182 and three Cessna 172 were used all together by the CSLI Air Wing. Thus, the weather-conditioned failures of the other airplanes could be compensated somewhat. However, the security of all partners always is first and the last decision on the flight realisation lays (as usual) with the pilots. The flights were carried out from the pilots of the 2nd and 3rd helicopter relay and pilots of the Austrian helicopter-national team (Heliteam Austria) and the 1st and 2nd airplane relay of the CSLI Air Wing. However, with a whole flight experience of several ten thousand hours, all passengers were in the best hands. What is not possible, cannot be just forced.

The pilots flew up to the limit of their possibilities (without crossing it, however) but later had to surrender to the weather becoming worse and worse. Our thanks and our respect are valid for this service and the responsibility of breaking off if the security of the flight realisation is not given any more. For it, also all guests, who thereby did not come any more to the aviation, had understanding and the mood was despite (or just by) these difficulties fantastically as never before on a CSLI flight day. And what was not possible just today in the air, it was simply moved in the hangar. There the airplanes and the helicopters could be visited and "test-sated". Also, the airfield excursions met big approval again.

Here also a big compliment and a hearty thank-you to our miraculous guests, how they have accepted the situation and have made the best from it. After the saying: „Reach for the sun, but be pleased also if you hold the moon in your hands! “. With a snow-white Mercedes 170 SD, 1955, a 40 HP diesel engine, 1767 cm³,

4-speed steering wheel circuit, unloaded weight 1280 kg, from the vintage-car museum Heldenberg/Kleinwetzdorf, our guests could make a "spin". The fifty intended lifts were "sold out" within minutes and many other journeys were inserted. Some guests waited up to one hour patiently in the row. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Günter Eichinger who has carried out the journeys professionally (also with pouring rain). This time, thank God, no "convertible" but a "limousine" was used. To provide for the bodily welfare of our guests, more than 300 lunches (sponsored by the FSV 2000), and like the years before, from our companion "Schorschi" prepared (and also totally finished).

Furthermore 700 tins Energy drinks from the company Power Foods, up to 800 soft drinks as well as coffee (with the cold weather it became the most popular drink) and 300 pieces of cakes, sponsored by the pastry shop "Konditorei Balz" (Korneuburg), spent to our guests. Thanks to also to the Austrian Federal Army, the pioneer's barracks Klosterneuburg (under the command of SSgt Reinhard Glaser) who had supplied our guests with 300 servings of goulash soup which found big recognition on all sides, because most guests did not know at all, how well the Austrian Federal Army goulash is cooked! Many thanks to the military command of Lower Austria.

Friday, the 20th July 2009

Memory of the Battle of Lissa 1866

On the 20th of July, the 143rd anniversary of the Battle of Lissa (sometimes called Battle of Vis) between Italy and Austria was commemorated. In this battle, armoured ships were used for the first time in bigger extent and the results were disastrous and the victory of Austria under admiral Wilhelm von Tegetthoff had to be paid with hundreds of dead or wounded seamen on both sides. In this today's anniversary, it was commemorated in worthy form to all victims and was proved to them honour and memory.

The Austrian naval association under its long-standing president, Baurat h.c. Col ret. Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Karl Skrivanek, in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Army and different naval comradeships invited many guests in the "Schiffahrtszentrum Wien" (Passenger terminal), near the "Reichsbrücke" to commit this anniversary solemnly.



Marching in of the Guard Music

The guard music of the Austrian Federal Army, a guard of honour of the pioneer's battalion Melk gave the worthy military frame to this celebration. The salute occurred to the supreme officer MjrGen Karl Wendy. Many personalities from the politics and high officers of the Federal Army, the legislative and executive power and many other guests of honour had come. HH Ulrike Habsburg-Lothringen, who is involved very much in the youth work of the Austrian naval association and its traditional care, was welcomed quite especially.



*MjrGen Schmidinger and Federal Commander CSLI Steinhardt
(in captain's uniform of the CSLI Navy Corps).*



MilOKur Mag. Susanne Baus with CSLI Chief Petty Officer Mico Potpara.

Also, the CSLI Navy Corps was represented by Federal Commander CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, Mjr CSLI Josef Maria Gebel and Petty Officer CSLI Mico Potpara. According to the occasion the Federal Commander wore the uniform of a captain of the CSLI Navy Corps.



Our Federal Commander talking to the President of the Austrian Naval Association Prof. Dipl.Ing. Karl Skrivanek.

After several speeches the president of the "Hoch- und Deutschmeisterbund", MjrGen ret. Heinrich Schmidinger commemorated the work of president Ing. Skrivanek and honoured his long-standing, big merits by the lending of the decoration of the "Hoch- und Deutschmeisterbund".



"Lower Austria" departs for the solemn wreath-laying ceremony in the floods in the middle of the Danube.

After the prayers of MilOKur Dr. Tripp and MilOKur Mag. Baus, the gunboat "Lower Austria" went to the ceremonious climax in the middle of the Danube where under the sounds of the song „The good Comrade“ and gun salutes of the traditional unity „Cavalry Artillery Division Nr.2“ a wreath in memory of the fallen of this sea battle was handed over to the waves. At this moment, there was probably nobody who did not fight with the tears and thought with himself: „... the worst peace is still better than the most glorious war ...“.

Then the official ceremony was to an end and with a cosy get-together with friends, refreshed by an excellent goulash of the Austrian Federal Army, this day came to an end in friendly atmosphere.

Wednesday the 25th July 2009

Alfons Haider keeps his promise!

„... to a small handicapped boy, his name is Oliver, who cried bitterly, because just his flight had to be cancelled, although he already sat in the airplane, Mr. Haider spontaneously promised to invite him quite personally to a round flight by the airplane and also to fly with him ...“.

Mr. Haider has redeemed this promise in miraculous way. What no one has held for possible so fast, became reality. Without formalities Mr. Alfons Haider

agreed directly with pilot Peter Janda the appointment for the private flight with Oliver spontaneously for 25th of July at 17 o'clock.



Mrs. Reitter, Mr. Reitter, Oliver, Senator Steinhardt, Mr. Haider and Pilot Janda.

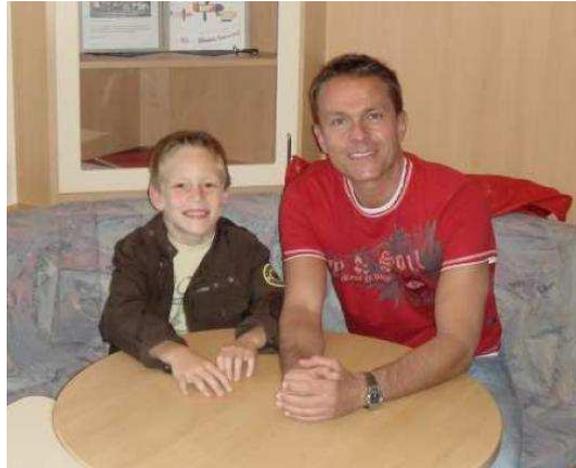
Oliver with his parents as well as Mr. Haider arrived on time at the airfield of Stockerau and the pilot Peter Janda already waited by the "checked through" air-plane, for his guests.



Let's get started ... doors closed and off we go!

After Mr. Haider had handed over a small plush elephant which he had brought as a present to Oliver, nothing more was in way ("armed" with such good luck charm) to the flight. In contrast to 3rd CSLI handicapped flight day on the 18th of July today was miraculous flight weather, great views and so Oliver, his father and Mr. Haider could really enjoy the flight. Oliver behaved in such a way, as if aviation was his „daily bread“, and showed generally no fear and felt obviously fine at the side of Mr. Haider. After the landing, the flight was explained competently to the mother on the ground in the airfield canteen by Oliver, and so a

(hopefully) nice day came to an end for Oliver. Not yet!!



In the airfield canteen, the flight is discussed once again thoroughly and comfortably.

Since Mr. Haider had invited Oliver and his parents still to his today's production („La Cage aux Folles“) within the festival of Stockerau as his guests of honour and had explained to Oliver in his incomparable, human kind appropriate for child the contents of the stage play. At the place of the festival performance, Oliver might see the sound check on the stage and was also welcomed by the mayor of the city of Stockerau. In addition, Oliver was mentioned by Mr. Haider during the performance twice and Mr. Haider has dedicated in the end this performance to Oliver. It was for Oliver and his parents an unforgettable day.

Tuesday, the 14th August 2009

Acting commander of the guard distinguished

On the occasion of the swearing-in ceremony of the new recruits of the guard battalion of the Austrian Federal Army, enlistment July 2009, the „Commander's Cross of the CSLI Cross of Merit“ was lent by the presidium of the CSLI to the acting commander of the guard battalion Mjr Thomas Güttersberger, as the worldwide third bearer of this high honour and the first bearer in Austria, in acknowledgment of his long-standing merits, in a humanitarian and soldierly sense in the Viennese Maria's Theresia barracks 14th of August 2009.

According to the lending statutes, this step of the honouring may be lent only to maximum twelve living people. The CSLI, represent by the President and Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and the

acting treasurer Wolfgang Leithner, were invited as guests of honour to this swearing-in ceremony.



Within the reception in the officer's mess, in a ceremonious atmosphere, Mjr Thomas Güttersberger was able to celebrate in the presence of MilOKur Dr. Harald Trip, Dipl.Ing. Heinrich Gerstbach, the acting military commander Col Skalvy and many representatives of the different traditional associations, cited by GenMjr i. T. Helmut Eberl and the officers of the guard. In his Laudation, the president of the CSLI appreciated the merits of the distinguished, which were confirmed by persistent applause of the present guests.



f.l.t.r.: Head of the district DI Heinz Gerstbach, Mjr Güttersberger (wearing his high honouring with visible joy), Col Skalvy, Senator h.c. Steinhardt.

After the felicitations, the guests of honour could devote themselves by a (as usual) excellent refreshment bar in the officer's mess to friendly talks, and thus, this nice day allow to end with relaxed mood.

Tuesday, the 21st August 2009

Traditional day of the former K. and K. Infantry Regiment No. 76

On Friday to the 21st of August with bright but very hot weather, this year's traditional day of the former k.u.k. Infantry Regiment No. 76 was carried

out at "Bruck" a military training area of the Austrian Federal Army.

After pacing the front, the federal anthem and the flag parade, the "landlord", Col Neuhold and the military commander of the Burgenland, Bgdr Mag. Luif (as supreme officer) welcomed numerous guests from politics, economy and companions of the Austrian Veterans Association.

The CSLI, which feels strongly linked to the tradition and the Austrian Federal Army, was also invited to this celebration and was represented by the president Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.



The deputation CSLI.



The flag deputation of the IR 76 steps in before to the inauguration and handing over of the flag tape.

The musical frame was procured by the military band of the Military Command Styria in usual manner and quality. As a climax, a flag ribbon was consecrated and solemnly handed over by Col Neuhold, as commander of the partner association, to the traditional regiment.

After the commemorative speeches, the honorary salute of the deputation of the IR 76 and the „Brucker Lager Marsch“, a triple cannon salute occurred through the traditional unit „Cavalry Artillery Division No. 2“ under the command of Col i.T. Peter Fritz as an

official end of the ceremony. All guests were asked afterwards in the dining room of the training area and could convince themselves of the excellent quality of the kitchen of the training area. Old friendship was renewed and new friends were made. It was a very successful day of keeping old Austrian traditions alive.

Saturday, the 29th August 2009

CSLI Excursion with homeless people

Eight CSLI members met at 9 o'clock in front of the "Vinzi-Rast" - to make an excursion with twelve guests. Within the "Vinzi-Rast", organised by 2nd Lt CSLI Mico Potpara, everybody was ready on time and was glad about the intended programme.

More than 100 years of documented history of the car were already very impressive. With six private PKW's we went to the vintage car museum Kleinwetzdorf (Lower Austria) where we were already awaited by CSLI member Günter Eichinger. Of course, he couldn't resist to guide us personally through this remarkable museum and explain to us the car history and the more than 150 exhibits. A ready-to-drive, very well cultivated Mercedes Benz 300SL, construction year 1955, was of course one to many, many highlights of this imposing collection. And more than 300,000 Swarovski crystals, processed in a car, one also can't see every day.



A group photo for the visitors' book in front of the vintage car museum in Kleinwetzdorf.

Then we visited the heroes' memorial of Field Marshal Radetzky on "Heldenberg" and proved to him respect and honour with a minute's silence in his crypt below the obelisk. A short visit in the „Stone Age Open-Air Museum“ complemented our cultural programme wonderfully and then we went hungry to Stockerau, where the already prepared lunch waited for us in the restaurant Lukas „Zur Stadt Wien“. Afterwards, honorary Mjr

CSLI Günther Eichinger was distinguished for his activities on the flight days CSLI with the "CSLI Merit Decoration in Bronze".



Our group is initiated by a competent leader in the historical backgrounds of this heroic monument

As "a preparation" for the final visit of the "Viennese Prater" "point maps" were distributed to vote for the "man of the day". As the first, 18 questions about the CSLI had to be answered. This small quiz about the CSLI initiated this "competition" and formed the point base for the „fight in the Prater“. The credit points achieved by the participants, besides formed the base for the other "competition" in the Viennese Prater. In a reinspection, the "most horrible" fairground rides in the Prater were selected by Mico Potpara and the Federal Commander CSLI. With point evaluations passed away the tickets were provided. Every participant could decide on seven attractions and 5 of the "most horrible". That one was (however, those with the highest points) evaluated.

The "responsible persons", as a host, also took part of course and determined "their" points by canned shooting, gun shooting and archery. After two guests from the Vinzi-Rast and a responsible person formed a team, with the final snack not only the „man of the day“, but also (out of competition) the „team of the day“ was identified.

It was to be observed just fantastically, how fast team spirit and togetherness developed. To observe how fast the "differences" disappeared and how quick we simply became just people who had fun together in a nice excursion with a lot of culture, good food, a lot of "action" and (what is the most important) with a lot of comradeship and humanity on this day.

Mr. Michael Kummer turned out „man of the day“, finally, and the „team of the day“ sat down together from Mr. Mag. Gerhard Steinmetz MCs of the CSLI, Mr. Michael Kummer and Mr. Wolfgang Mislinec from the "Vinzi-Rast". The prize-winners received suitable documents and to all participants shopping vouchers were distributed.

After Mr. Mico Potpara, as a speaker of the guests of the „Vinzi-Rast“, had thanked in the name of the guests in incredibly nice words, one meant at 18.30 o'clock to say goodbye, finally, again, but everybody broke up with the intention: „Such a day must be repeated!“ What has particularly pleased us, however was the fact that three guests from the “Vinzi-Rast” have put to rest applications for admission for the CSLI and the presidium will grant to these applications absolutely. Mico Potpara receives thus support for his work in the “Vinzi-Rast”.

Wednesday, the 2nd September 2009

Autumn party of the guard

The guard allowed itself to invite to the autumn party on the 2nd of October in the garrison casino of the Maria Theresia barracks. An extensive musical and culinary offer was presented to the guests. The Guards Music-Corps accompanied the evening.



Monday, 1st October 2009

Traditional day NBC-Defence-School in the Dab-sch Barracks

In the sign of the tradition: the military ceremony in the afternoon stood completely in the sign of the tradition and the NBC-Defence Company/Staff-Unit (soldiers who have committed themselves to be sent abroad for a certain period ad hoc).



Numerous guests as well as famous representatives from politics and the military followed the invitation to celebrate with the Staff of the NBC-Defence-School. Then after the official end the commander still invited to the sociable come together.

Monday, 1st October 2009

Traditional day of the Army Logistic School Vienna



Sunday, the 11th October 2009

FSV 2000 receives the honorary CSLI membership

So, exactly today, is the 60th birthday of the FSV Stockerau. Quite a great jubilee. The CSLI was represented at this celebration by: President and Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhart, Vice President CSLI Dr. Med. Martina Mitter,

to the members of the presidium Col ret. Adolf Neidhart and Wolfgang Leithner, as well as the leading officers Dr. Med. Gabriel Halat, Rupert Prohaska of Maine, WOI Andreas Lebrecht, Horst Schöffmann and Richard Rettenbacher, the CSLI pilots Klaus Gober and Jakob Hobiger and of course also again, besides, Herbert Böck and Mico Potpara as an adjutant of the Federal Commander.



Presentation of the honorary CSLI membership document and the FSV 2000 to president Dr. Fritz Janach by the Federal Commander CSLI.

It was already celebrated, on Sunday 11th of October, in absolutely worthy frame. About 150 members, neighbours, ASKÖ and Aeroclub-representatives, mayors, local directors, even the County Head gave the honour to the FSV 2000 and appeared to this party. Not to forget a big number of founding members were present and some from the hangar construction time in 70s.

Finally, President Dr. Fritz Janach spoke the eulogy on the "birthday boy". An absolutely successful improvisation of Dr. Janach was also natural that some of the honorary presidents could get a chance to speak, without they had known before this. The first president Giffing, just as the presidents Fondling and Dr. Pflanzner addressed some (wonderfully improvised) words to the persons present.

It was already a touching moment, when someone, who has cofounded the association 60 years ago, gets up and speaks from the past, from the privations and difficulties, just today when everything has developed so far, where beside many airplanes, the hangars, the flight school and actually all properties on the airfield belong to the association. To that association which was founded 60 years ago under big difficulties.



FSV 2000 and CSLI unites by the honorary membership.

CSLI President and Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, also long-standing „senior member of the FSV 2000“, appreciated the extraordinary merits of the FSV 2000 in the context of the CSLI handicapped flight days in his eulogy and also used the opportunity immediately to report also a little about the CSLI. Then with the best congratulation the honorary member's document was handed to the president of the FSV 2000 Dr. Fritz Janach and other members of the FSV 2000 were honoured with „thanks and appreciation“, each one especially and personally.

Our Vice President Mrs. Martina Mitter MD used the opportunity to make a small "pleasure-flight" with a training airplane piloted by the 1stLt CSLI Klaus Gober. CSLI Head of division Gabriel Halat MD also insisted on venturing a flight with the adjutant to the Federal Commander 1stLt CSLI Jakob Hobiger as a pilot. The nice celebration found finally its end with "Kessselwurst", free drinks and music by Franz Rotter.

Monday, the 26th of October 2009

Austrian "Staatsfeiertag am Heldenplatz"



The deputations of the traditional associations (Lt CSLI Mico Potpara is 5. from the right).

The traditional associations with the swearing-in ceremony of the recruits under command of Col i.T. Peter Pritz of the RAD 2.

October 2009

Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in Malta

Admission of Mjr CSLI and Chief Commissioner em. of the boy scouts of Malta (=Chef of the land boy scouts, aerial boy scouts and sea boy scouts) Godwin D'Anastasi as a Postulant in Order of St. Lazarus by the great chancellor of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in Malta and LtGen CSLI, H.E. Dr. Massimo Ellul.



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Saturday, 7th & Sunday, the 8th of November 2009

Investiture of the Order of St. Joachim in Portsmouth/England

On the week-end an Investiture of the "Commandery Edward the Confessor" of the Order of St. Joachim took place in Portsmouth in England.

The CSLI as a friendly organisation was invited to it and became represented by the Federal Commander CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, who is at the same time also the commander of the "Commandery Leopold II." of the Order of St. Joachim.

The very worthy and impressive ceremony took place in the 255th year of the foundation of the order in nearly 800-year-old Garrison Church in Portsmouth. This venerable church, consisting of a very well-preserved early nave (without roof) and a perfectly restored apse, was really the perfect frame for the admission of dames and knights in the order.

On behalf for the CSLI the CSLI officers - Vice President Dr. Martina Mitter, RADM CSLI Gerhard Steinmetz MSc, Col CSLI Charlotte Rettenbacher-Ludwig, Col CSLI Dr. Gabriel Halat and Mjr Josef CSLI Maria Gebel - the Federal Commander could accept the admission decrees and insignia as "a lady Expectants" and "Knight Expectants" to the Order of St. Joachim. The ceremonious investiture of these new order members is planned for 29th of May 2010 in the church of Saint Salvator in Vienna. The Grand Master has already promised in addition his arrival.

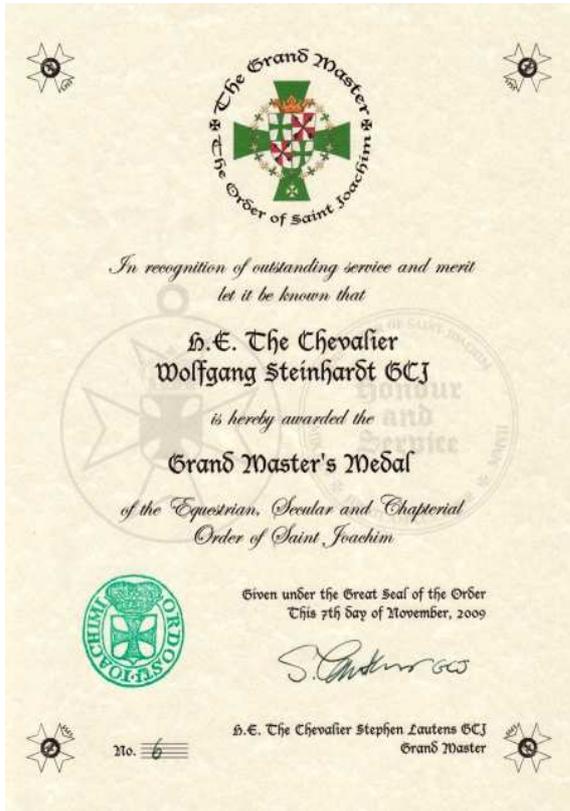
By the next formal reception in the royal Naval club, the Federal Commander became for his merits and the proved loyalty, by Grand Master of the Order of St. Joachim, H.E. Stephen Lautens LL. B., with the „Grand Masters Medal“ excellent. This, till today only six times awarded honouring is donated by the Grand Master of the St. Joachim's Order personally and is lent exclusively by him.



f.l.t.r.: Vice Great Chancellor H.E. Colin Lee, Vice Great Prior Monsignor Howard Weston Smart, Great Prior H.E. Archbishop Douglas Lewins, Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

With a short city tour and a reception for order members and guests in the evening in the Royal Navy Club and the presentation of new "Commandery Flag" this day found a nice end.

Afterwards an invitation for the lunch followed in the officer's mess of the HMS "Victory" (flagship of Admiral Lord Nelson, to the winner and heroes of the sea battle of Trafalgar in 1805) onshore called "Wardroom Mess" and we could take the lunch at the same table at which already lord Nelson has sat. An unbelievable feeling and a unique, lasting experience.



Members of the Order of St. Joachim.

Facsimile picture of the lending document.

However, with this, the day still was not long to an end. A visit of the HMS "Victory" in the Royal Naval base Portsmouth followed. The HMS "Victory", flagship of admiral lord Nelson, was decisively involved in the victory of the English fleet over the French at Trafalgar and today it's the oldest warship of the world which still stands officially as "Commissioned Royal Navy Ship" in the service. Therefore, is the HMS "Victory" still, although museum ship, an active ship of the English fleet.

On the 8th of November, the day began with a ceremonious devotion on the occasion of "Remembrance Day" (commemorative day for all soldiers fallen for England) in the cathedral "St. Canterbury" (The bishop's church of the archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket who was murdered during a service by hired murderers by order Heinrichs VIII).



Archbishop Lewin and Commander Steinhardt (in the uniform of a captain of the CSLI Navy Corps).



H.E. Commander the DDr. Bryan Olive GCJ presents the new coming flag.

However, the highlight was not reached yet. We might enter the ship via the „admiral's gangway“ and entered the imposing ship not by the normal visitor's entrance. There we were received by the officer on duty with all ceremonial of the British navy and were brought im-

mediately to the admiral's cabin of Admiral Lord Nelson. We might violate there all roadblocks and move freely in the big cabin.



The rear of the HMS „Victory

We could admire very closely the uniform of Admiral Lord Nelson and, as one of the few by Admiral Lord Nelson worn honouring's, with big pride also the commander's cross of the Order of St. Joachim. Lord Nelson was "Knight Grand Commander" of Order of St. Joachim!). So, we finished the visit in the admiral's cabin.



The admiral's entrance of the HMS "Victory".



Admiral lord Nelson, small in the body, however, great in the actions.

The next guided tour around the ship was more than only impressively and quite a special experience. One cannot fancy the size of this ship at all. 102 cannons (30 of it weigh more than 2,500 kg), 5,440 m² sail surface, 850 men crew, draught 8m and 3.225 tonnes are only some figures of this ship.



Group photo with the uniform of Admiral Lord Nelson.

W How everybody knows absolutely, Admiral Lord Nelson was wounded during the battle by Trafalgar fatally and it was already quite a special moment to be allowed to stay on that place where Admiral Lord Nelson, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of St. Joachim, suffered his heavy wound shot. He died, briefly after the victory of his fleet was certain, with his last words as "God and my country".



Admiral lord Nelson before the sea battle of Trafalgar.

Admiral lord Nelson was to be time of his life always proudly being a Knight and Commander of the Order

of St. Joachim. (As it arises from many of his fonts and letters) and for the knights of the Order of St. Joachim this legacy and this heroism has always been a big model and is it also even today!



Order of Saint Joachim

The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim was established on the 20th of June, 1755 in Leitmeritz, Bohemia by fourteen nobles and distinguished military leaders of the Holy Roman Empire. Having seen the terrible consequences of ongoing religious wars in Europe, our founders dedicated themselves to "worship the Supreme Being, show tolerance towards all religions, loyalty towards their princes, support the needs of their military, the poor, widows and orphans." The Order was uniquely composed of both Protestant and Catholic nobles and leaders at a time when religion violently divided Europe and the German states within the Holy Roman Empire, and other knightly orders allied themselves exclusively as defenders of one faith or the other.

The Order was headed by His Serene Highness Prince Christian Franz von Sachsen-Coburg Saalfeld, son of reigning Duke Franz Josias. Prince Christian Franz was installed as our first Grand Master on June 20th, 1756, a position he held until 1773

When the Order was founded in 1755, it was originally with the name The Knights of the Order of Jonathan, Defenders of the Honour of Divine Providence. In 1767 the Grand Master and a majority of the Grand Chapter decided to remove the reference to Jonathan from the name. Finally, in 1785 a final change was made, and the Order's constitution was revised by the Chapter General to rename it The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim, which it has remained to this day. The original Statutes and Rules of the Order published in 1756 and 1768 can still be read today. The Order regularly created a report to the members of the state of the Order, called an Etat Present. The 1792-1793 version can be read here.

Our first Grand Master was followed by Franz Xaver, Graf von Montfort and a noble of the Holy Roman Empire, who remained Grand Master until his death in 1780. The Grand Master's position next fell to successive generations of the Counts of Leiningen - Westerburg - Neuleiningen, who were related to both the Sachsen-Coburg Saalfelds and the British Royal Family, before it continued in the 1800s back under successive Dukes of Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha.

The Order of Saint Joachim was formally recognized by many contemporary sovereigns and states. His Apostolic Majesty Leopold II, King of Hungary and Bohemia formally acknowledged and sanctioned the wearing of the insignia of the Order on May 23, 1790 with a document of Royal Concession. A few months later he was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, succeeding his brother Joseph II. One of his first acts was to appoint Comte Christian von Leiningen, a knight of The Order of Saint Joachim and relative of the Grand Master, to be his Chamberlain of the Imperial Palace.

On the 27th of April, 1791 King Friedrich Wilhelm II of Prussia issued a similar Royal Grant recognizing the legitimacy of our Order and permitting the wearing of the insignia of The Order of Saint Joachim on Prussian officers' military uniforms. In 1814 French King Louis XVIII granted a warrant to General Claude Antoine Hippolyte de Prével to wear the insignia of the Order of Saint Joachim.

The Order of Saint Joachim was also closely examined at the request of the British Crown before Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was allowed to accept the award of the Cross of a Knight Grand Commander. The Order of Saint Joachim passed the strict scrutiny and requirements for a knightly order set down by the English College of Arms, which was confirmed by the King's Warrant in 1802, and granted Nelson permission to accept and wear the honour. Some of Nelson's correspondence displays his affection and high sense of honour he felt at being admitted to The Order of Saint Joachim. Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was wearing the breast cross of a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim when he fell mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The "Trafalgar Coat" bearing Nelson's Order of Saint Joachim cross is on display at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, UK.

The Royal Warrant of King George III was also issued for at least three other English contemporaries of Admiral Nelson to accept and wear the

insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim. These included Viscount Merton, General Sir Charles Imhoff, and Philippe D'Auvergne, Prince de Boullion, Rear Admiral of the Blue. Philippe d'Auvergne cut a dashing figure in the time of the French Revolution as a spy-master and organiser of Royalist resistance in France from his base in the Island of Jersey, where he was Governor. General Sir Charles Imhoff was granted the Royal Warrant to accept and wear the Grand Cross of The Order of Saint Joachim on May 18, 1807 on the recommendation of the English College of Arms, and the right to be recognized as "Sir" in England by virtue of the award.

The Order of Saint Joachim and the continued use of the post-nominal "KJ" by its knights is evidenced in several contemporary English references, including Debrett's and various guides to the British Parliament. In 1813 legislation was passed in England to limit the recognition of any new awards of foreign knighthoods generally, although those who had acquired one prior to that date continued to be able to be recognized as such. Nonetheless, The Order of Saint Joachim was again recognized as a genuine order of knighthood again by the English College of Arms' Windsor Herald, Francis Townsend, Esq., FSA, in 1828 in his „Calendar of Knights", listing all knighthoods and orders of knighthood recorded in the English College of Arms' records.

At the beginning of the 19th Century, Napoleon's wars in Germany resulted in the creation of the Confederacy of the Rhine as a French puppet state. As ruler of Leinigen our sitting Grand Master was imprisoned and Napoleon's own brother-in-law, Joachim Murat, was made the Grand Duke of the newly created "Duchy of Berg and Cleves". Joachim Murat, a Marshal of France, was appointed Grand Duke of Berg and Cleves on March 15, 1806 and held this title till August 1, 1808, when he left to become King of Naples. During this time, he declared himself the Grand Master of The Order of Saint Joachim. He was painted by the famous court painter Gerard wearing the breast star of the Order, and revised the Order's statutes to extend membership in the Order to any member of the French Legion of Honour. He also made changes to the Order's insignia, including a rosette on the ribbon and a variation of the breast star, seen here. Murat's leadership of The Order of Saint Joachim was rejected by the existing members, and the legitimate

Grand Master's line remained with the son of the previous Grand Master, the next Count of Leiningen, who served as his Coadjutor. In fact, when Philippe D'Auvergne, Prince de Boullion, found that Murat had declared himself Grand Master of the Order, he resigned his membership, but changed his mind when he was assured that the legitimate leadership of the Order rested in the Count of Leiningen, who opposed Napoleon. Murat left to become King of Naples in 1808 and was eventually executed in 1815. There are a few contemporary accounts that erroneously referred to our Order as "The Order of Saint Joachim of Naples."

The Order of Saint Joachim continued after the Treaty of Vienna under Duke Ernst I von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha, who awarded it as the Order's Grand Master. After his death in 1844, his son Ernst II (21 June 1818 – 22 August 1893) continued The Order of Saint Joachim. Something unique that distinguishes The Order of Saint Joachim from other orders of chivalry is that even though it was frequently led by a sovereign Duke or Count as Grand Master, it derived its authority from its ancient charter, much the same way many of the original knightly orders did during the Crusades. Being Chapterial, the Order's Grand Master was elected by the Grand Chapter of its knights, and was not a hereditary position. Writing in 1843, G.L. De Rochement and J. Bischoff (Ridderorden: Amsterdam, p. 27) observed that The Order of Saint Joachim "does not owe its origins to any crowned head, even so it is recognized both on the European mainland and in Great Britain as an Order of knighthood." Nonetheless, various books, references and encyclopaedia continued to erroneously describe The Order of Saint Joachim as being a "House Order" of the Ducal House of Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha well in the 19th Century. (See: Goffredo di Crollanza's "Enciclopedia Araldico-Cavalleresca", 1878). It was also depicted in the late 1800s as "the highest Order of the Kingdom of Bulgaria" under Tsar Ferdinand I of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, which is probably not entirely accurate, but nonetheless shows the enduring connection to the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Early references to the Order can also be found in The History of European Knightly Orders by Levett Hanson (1803), and A Historical Collection of Still Existing Knight Orders of Different Nations by A.M. Perrot (1821).

Many of the Order's documents, including copies of its earliest records, went missing at the end of World War II. They were likely taken from the public offices or private archives of Carl Eduard, Duke of Albany and Duke of Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha (1884-1954), who served during the war as President of the German Red Cross. They were looted and removed from Germany by the Soviet Red Army and placed in the archives of the NKVD (later KGB), where they only reappeared in the last decade. With the fall of the Soviet Union, the archives were "privatised" as a for-profit business venture and placed in the hands of the Russian Institute of Economic Security, a company with close ties to the Russian security establishment which provides corporations and individuals with "economic and business intelligence". Attempts so far to retrieve or even copy The Order's documents have proven unsuccessful.

An interesting document turned up in the library of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, England. Among a number of documents in its collection is a handwritten volume from 1892, which is a translation of a French Grand Orient Masonic rite called "Rite of Adoption Ritual of the 35th Degree - Chevaliers of St Joachim". The ceremony recorded is almost identical to the one recorded in 1802 by Hanson with a few Masonic additions. It appears that a French Masonic "Knights of Saint Joachim" degree grew out of Joachim Murat's brief usurping of the Grandmastership and his active participation as a leader of French masonry. Aside from this interesting discovery, The Order of Saint Joachim today has no Masonic connection.

The Order of Saint Joachim was reorganized in 1929. The ducal house of Sachsen-Coburg had fallen on hard times following the First World War, with Duke Carl Eduard stripped of his lands, title and fortune by the Treaty of Versailles. Disillusioned, he dabbled and then became committed to right wing politics. The Order of Saint Joachim was reorganized in 1929 as "politically neutral" and specifically rejecting any connection to Freemasonry or the earlier requirement and division of the Order into noble and non-noble classes. According to the official history of the Order published in 1948, The Order of Saint Joachim was forced to "go quiet" during the Nazi period in Germany, but its members maintained informal connections to one another. Following the war, the Order reorganized again in 1948, reconnecting

with its members in Germany, Italy, France and North and South America. The core membership in Italy likely included prominent members of the anti-Fascist resistance. The Order continued to attract and admit new members in the second half of the 20th Century, first under the authority of the "Reorganized Council" and later under Grand Master Helmut Braundel-Falkensee. On the death of Grand Master Helmut Braundel-Falkensee, HE The Chevalier Stephen Lautens GCJ was elected Grand Master in 2007 and formally installed in 2009.

Tuesday, the 20th of November 2009

Swearing-in ceremony of recruits of the Austrian Federal Army

On the 20th of November, the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of the soldiers from Lower Austria and the Burgenland (enlistment October 2009) took place at "Heldenberg/Kleinwetzdorf" in Lower Austria. The CSLI, as a member of the Union of the European Historical Military Groups (EU-WHG) was invited with a flag deputation to take part in this celebration.



*The Radetzky orders and behind it (f.l.)
1stLt CSLI Mico Potpara and SSgt CSLI Herbert Böck.*

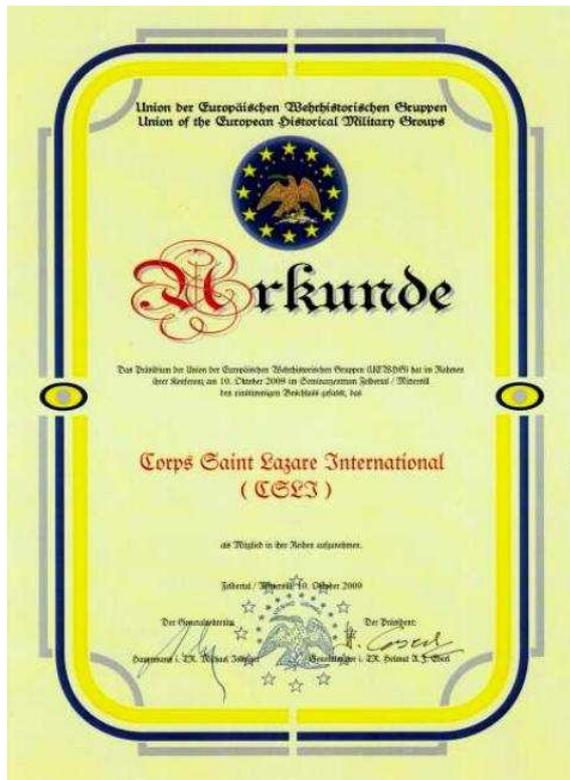
Beside the banner-bearers 1stLt CSLI Mico Potpara (flag of the CSLI) and SSgt CSLI Herbert Böck (banner of the Order of St. Joachim) the presidium members Steinhardt, Neidhart, Leithner and Kadlec took part in this stately celebration which offered not only the swearing-in ceremony, an information-show of the Federal Army and a promenade concert by the Army Music Corps of Lower Austria but as a ceremonious end and climax a military tattoo ("Zapfenstreich").

Saturday, the 8th of December 2009

The CORPS SAINT LAZARE INTERNATIONALLY, CSLI were admitted in the Union of the European Historical Military Groups

The presidium of the Union of the European Historical Military Groups (EUWHG) has made in her conference on the 10th of October 2009 unanimously the decision to affiliate the CSLI as a member in their rows.

On the occasion of the orders feast and general chapter of the Radetzky Order on the 8th of December in the "Schloss Wetzdorf" ("Heldenberg" and Field Marshal Radetzky tomb and memorial) and the presence of the whole the Government of the Order of the Radetzky Order, the document was solemnly handed to the president and Federal Commanders of the CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt by the president EUWHG, MjrGen i.T. Helmut Eberl.



Facsimile picture of the admission document.

The CSLI is proud in this to have been taken up currently more than 40,000 members counting, European-wide organisation as a member.

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Friday, 15th January 2010

Officer's Ball

The CSLI visited (like in the years before) of course also this year the „ Officer's Ball“ in the Viennese Hofburg.

The Officer's Ball in the Viennese Hofburg also was this year again a big international event and attended by comrades and many honorary members from the Federal Army, guests from the world of politics and business, also a platform, to present the LAZARUS UNION. Thus, the participation of the representatives of the UNION LAZARUS was particularly welcomed.



Our treasurer Col ret. Neidhart meets the known entertainer Peter Rapp, his former tank driver who has also taken over the presentation for the Officer's Ball

Thursday, 28th January 2010

„Once a Deutschmeister – always a Deutschmeister!“

This was the motto (stamped by the honorary President of the “Deutschmeisterbund” Brgd ret. Josef Herzog) for the traditional annual New Year's reception in the officer's mess of the Maria's Theresia barracks in Vienna on invitation by the “Deutschmeisterbund”

And everybody came! Even visitors from Greece didn't hesitate to join this meeting, to be present partly in traditional uniforms. Also, the CSLI was invited again and

represented by the Federal Commander CSLI accompanied by his wife and the Chief of Staff CSLI, reserve officer Capt Andreas Tarbuk.

After the solemn entry of the flags the commander of the “Milizbataillons W1”, the present bearer of the tradition of the „Hoch- und Deutschmeister Regiment No. 4” in the Austrian Federal Army, Mjr Blaha addressed the words of welcome and the acting President MjrGen ret. Heinrich Schmidinger gave an overview about the activities of the expired year.



Abbot Dr. Bruno Platter, GenMaj ret. Heinrich Schmidinger and President CSLI Wolfgang Steinhardt.

Also, the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order (the protector of the “Deutschmeisterbund”) H.G. Abbot Dr. Bruno Platter honoured this event with his presence. In his address, the abbot pointed to already 200 years of bond of the more than 800-year-old order with Austria, because the order had moved his head office to Austria 200 years ago. The board representative and member of the „Freundeskreis Hoch- und Deutschmeister -FKHuDM, Mannheim“, CSLI President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, delivered in the name of the President FKHUDM, Col i.Tr. Martin Wiegand, the best congratulations and greetings of the companions from Mannheim.

After the different honours, an excellent dinner was served and in very comfortable and friendly mood a nice evening and a nice party came to an end again.

Saturday, 30th January 2010

CSLI General assembly 2010

On 30th January from 10am to 1pm, the well-arranged and well visited CSLI General Assembly 2010 took place in the training centre of the Aviation Association Stockerau FSV in 2000 and the Aerial Lazarus Air Corps (ALAC) at the airfield of Stockerau. In pleasing manner, more than 70% of

the participants came in flawless CSLI uniform and if only a few more members had come, we would have had real space problems. The meeting was opened on time by the President of the CSLI and the (nevertheless, very extensive) programme was "processed" quickly.

The report of the President and Federal Commander enclosed a complete annual overview about the activities of 2009 with a very informative power point presentation. At least, the CSLI was present in 2009 in more than sixty events and has even with 3rd CSLI Handicapped Flight Day at the airfield of Stockerau carried out a very much notable big event in Austria. Above all the unbelievable and rapid development of the worldwide CSLI groups last year (currently the CSLI is represented in 34 countries and on all five continents), was a very fertile and interesting subject. Hence, it was decided to dedicate a special attention to this important developing potential on the part of the presidium and to support this development also accordingly. The CSLI would like to cross in 2010 the proud number of 10,000 members worldwide. As main focuses for 2010 the CSLI activities became decided and from the general assembly approved: activities for the homeless of the "Vinzi Rast – Corti Haus", 4th CSLI Handicapped Flight Day on the 11th of September, and the big friendship party CSLI-OSJ from the 28th to the 30th of May in Vienna.

The co-optation of the Secretary General and his deputy were confirmed also unanimously by the general assembly. Therefore, the presidium is unchanged. The accounting of the CSLI in 2009 was compensated and was confirmed by our very strict auditors as an "order and statute-compliant". It was also confirmed expressly, that all issues were effected exclusively for the reaching of the association purpose and which no official or member has received even the slightest reimbursement from expenses. The administrative costs of the CSLI account to less than 2% of the whole expenses!

Hence, at the request of the auditors, the unanimous discharge has been given to the whole presidium and the treasurer for 2009. As a social presence of the CSLI, the visit of a big investiture at invitation of the Order of St. Lazarus in April 2010 in Malta was planned, where eight CSLI members (on her own costs) will take part. As an activity for 2011, a CSLI pilgrim's trip to the Holy Land has been suggested and the presidium has been instructed with the preliminary planning.

For the end may be reported, that proven CSLI officers received their decrees for the admission as "Knight

Expectant" in the Order of St. Joachim. These CSLI officers are raised probably on the occasion of the friendship fest CSLI-OSJ with a ceremonious ceremony in the knighthood of the Order of St. Joachim. With playing the CSLI Fanfare and the CSLI March this general assembly found a worthy end.



The presidium after ending of the general assembly on the stair to the training centre.



The presidium with the next comfortable company.

Friday, the 19th February 2010

Honouring of MCpl Peter Hammer of the guard music Vienna on the occasion of the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of recruits of the Austrian. Of Federal Army

On the 19th of February, the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of the soldiers of the Austrian guard regiment took place in the Maria's Theresia barracks in Vienna. A special point of view, were also the deputations of the different traditional regiments, which proved their reference by their presence to the recruits. Traditionally and in the tradition of the Austrian Federal Army, like already

so often, of course also the CSLI, represent by the Federal Commander of the CSLI, took part in this ceremonious swearing-in ceremony.

The commanding officer of this swearing-in ceremony was the acting commander of the guard regiment, Mjr Thomas Güttersberger, also owner of the „Commanders Cross of the CSLI Cross of Merit“, which was also carried by him during this event. This fact fulfils the CSLI with joy and pride, because with it, also the value of an honouring CSLI is documented.

The addresses by the commander of the guard, LtCol Kirchweger, and afterwards the address of the military commander of Vienna, Bgdr MMag. Dr. Schmidseider, were noteworthy because these addresses in spite of the present difficult situation of the Federal Army, were inspired completely from optimism and motivation for the soldiers. The recruits owed these words also with a loyalty vow to the Republic of Austria as it is to be heard with such an enthusiasm seldom. One can congratulate on it only sincerely! Our Federal Army lives!

With the next reception of the guests of honour in the officer's casino, our Federal Commander (after all approvals required by protocol prescribed were given) was able to distinguish the guard musician MCpl Peter Hammer, in the presence of the high clergy (MilOKur Dr. Tripp and member CSLI Mrs. MilOKur Baus), the military commander of Vienna, all guests of honour, officers and commanders of the traditional regiments, with the "CSLI Merit Decoration".



The presentation of the Honour to MCpl Peter Hammer by the Federal Commander CSLI.

In the laudation, our Federal Commander emphasised how restrictive the CSLI awards such honouring's (this honouring was awarded before only twice!) and the fact that such honouring's are not for sale. Brgd MMag. Dr. Schmidseider also believed that it is sending out an important signal, if not only officers and high

personalities are distinguished, but also the often-unthanked work from rank-and-files, and give them a suitable public acknowledgment and honour. MCpl Hammer has taken over beside his virtuoso making music in different events CSLI also the job to fulfil our music special wishes, while he not only had to search the necessary marks, but also arranged the pieces of music for the suitable occupation. With this opportunity, our "wish list" immediately became handed out to him for the flag inauguration on the 29th of May 2010 which is accompanied musically again by an ensemble of the guard music. We are all looking very forward to it!

Friday, the 26th February 2010

Requiem for Regina von Habsburg

On the 26th of February, the ceremonious requiem for the late Regina von Habsburg-Lothringen took place in the Viennese Augustinian church. As the last honour for the deceased and confessing orderlies of tradition it was an honourable duty for the CSLI to be present with a flag deputation.

Many guests from the Austria and abroad had appeared and the deputations of the traditional associations and student's fraternities formed a very ceremonious and stately frame for this requiem, which was celebrated by the archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, in the presence of the Papal Nuncios in Austria and many other high priests.

Also, our President and Federal Commander had with his condolences the opportunity to express the deeply felt condolences in the name of the Corps Saint Lazarus International and all his members to the high family. It was a very touching moment.



The flag deputation of the CSLI.



The President of the CSLI with his deferential condolences

Friday, the 16th April 2010

Flag troop of the union with swearing-in ceremony of recruits

Ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of recruits of the Austrian Federal Army on the 16th of April on Kahlenberg with the participation of the Austrian traditional regiments.



„I swear“, with these words 220 recruits of the guard and military command Vienna spoke with the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony on the terrace on the Kahlenberg their loyalty vow. A promenade concert of the guard music and the big Austrian “Zapfenstreich” rounded the military ceremony in front of the backdrop of Vienna impressively.

Musical prelude: With the sounds of the “Schönfeld-marsches” the guard music opened the promenade concert. Amusing for the numerous visitors and in perfection presented, musically accompanies from the Polish Zakopanen and the Turkish folk music duet “Mansur Bildik”, the musicians presented their unusual skill with the prelude of this festival event.



Our flag troop marching in to the swearing-in ceremony of recruits on the 16th of April on the Kahlenberg.

The swearing-in ceremony, the highlight on the Kahlenberg: Afterwards the real highlight on the Kahlenberg, the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of the recruits of the enlistment March 2010. The Viennese military commander, Bgdr Karl Schmideder and the head of the district of the 19th Viennese municipal district, Adolf Tiller, were glad, beside the numerous visitors to be able to welcome personalities of politics and the military, all at the head the president of the state parliament Prof. Harry Kopietz and LtGen Christian Segur Cabanac.

“Großer Österreichischer Zapfenstreich”: The dusk fell over the Kahlenberg when the director of music of the guard, Bernhard Heher, with the Intonation of the “Großer Österreichischer Zapfenstreich” opened the last program point. Traditional melodies and historical Austrian military signals, presented with a play joy and technical skill which moved the audience into enthusiasm. With this acoustic wave, a successful ceremonious evening ended.

Thursday, 22th to Monday, 26th April 2010

Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem in Malta

An 8-headed delegation of the CSLI travelled under the management of the President and Federal Commander CSLI Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhart from the 22nd to the 26th of April to Malta to take part in the big Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Our commander became by the entire participation of the presidium, Vice President, Dr. Martina Mitter, Secretary General Rupert Prohaska, deputy Secretary General Erich Kadlec, treasurer Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart, deputy treasurer Wolfgang Leitner and the personal adjutant of the Federal Commander, Capt CSLI Jakob Hobiger, vigorously supports.

Our trip was organised, as usual, perfectly and thus we could visit in two days more highlights of Malta than "normal" tourists do, otherwise, in five days. Beside the Investiture of the Lazarus Order, the visit of culturally very significant places of interest stood on the programme. Malta is known for more than 7500-year-old culture and its wonderful churches and very much we were also impressed by the small island Gozo which has though only 26,000 inhabitants, but for it more than 50 churches.

1st Day: 22nd April

Arrival at the airport of Valetta, where we were greeted by H.E. Dr. Massimo J. Ellul (group commander of the very large Group V "CSLI United Grand Priories" and Great Chancellor of the United Grand Priories of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem) and escorted to our hotel.

Next, not to waste a minute, we visited immediately the old crusader's town of Mdina, famous among towns of Malta, on account of its well-preserved medieval, high fortress walls and the perfect lifelike reconstruction of the historical city centre within the fortress. The "most pleasant" method of torture was discussed vigorously.

The constructions, predominantly churches, cloisters and palaces of the Maltese nobility, come mainly from the 17th century. Among the rest, the cathedral of the Saint Peter and St Paul, a multi vision show to the bloody town history Mdivas and the torture museum (Mdina Dungeon) which is accommodated in the cellar rooms of the Vilhena of palace, was visited. The methods of torture and other cruelty from historic Malta are

shown there, most exactly and have terrified everybody of us. There has ended the day with a comfortable walk in the pedestrian area of Valetta.

2nd Day: 23rd April

At 9 o'clock we started punctually to a harbour round trip in the famous Grand Harbour. All of us were inspired by the high fortress walls, which towered on the left and to the right of the harbour basin. No other town had a more well-fortified character than Valletta in 17th century. Not to have to follow the very difficult to understand information of our coxswain, our treasurer Helmut and afterwards our general adjutant Hans took over the microphone on the command bridge, and provided for us a profound insight into Valetta's town history. The public transport on Malta is developed so well, so that we were on the move almost always by the public coaches.



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"It was very nice - we enjoyed it very much"

Again ashore, we went by coach up to the most northern point of Malta and afterwards with the big car ferry, past the small island Carmino on the island Gozo. The latest church was visited (finished only in the 80s of the 20th century) on the island and their bell tower, from which we had an impressive look over the whole island.

It was noteworthy that to us the inspection of the church and the tower was allowed by the priest of the church, although the official visiting hour was over long time ago when we had fancied as members of the CSLI. The „Corps Saint Lazarus“ might have in Malta and Gozo, thanks to our group CSLI V, already some fame.

With another boat trip, this time no big ferry, but a small 8-seater motorboat, it went further in our tightly organised schedule. Along a high cliff stripe the small ship by a narrow way through by the rock led us to "Azur Window", a worth seeing rock formation in the form of a natural big window which was created in thousands of years by the sea.



Might not be absent of course, the inspection of Victoria (Rabat), the capital of Gozo. Unfortunately, we could visit the cathedral and the impressive fortress only in an express tempo. But for the first impression (everybody believed that another visit of Malta virtually is sure) it was overpowering.

Because on this day it was the day of St. George, the Great Prior of the Grand Priory of Gozo and ecclesiastical officer of the CSLI who is also the priest of the church of St. George (This church is probably one of the nicest churches of 46 churches of Gozo), let ring all the bells of the church by youngsters (as long as these wanted); and use was made extensively of this unique opportunity. With a good glass of wine and a cigar, we enjoyed this unique experience.



With a comfortable company in a small restaurant in the harbour, in the idyllic bay of Masalfort, who's owners prepared us a to us miraculous dinner within only thirty minutes (We had to get the last ferry and with it also the last coach to Valetta), our nice excursion ended on a wonderful day. His offer was: „If I cannot prepare a dinner within thirty minutes for you and it does not taste, you need to pay nothing!“. We have paid with pleasure, because it was ready not only after 29 minutes, but has still tasted very well. Also, there we have won new friends again.

3. Day: 24th April

Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. On time at ten o'clock, all guests from the most different countries of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem appeared in the main square before the Presidential palace, among the rest, also 250 boy scouts with the boy scout band (Drum and bagpipes) from Marsa.



In a small public celebration, the protectorate badges of the Order of St. Lazarus for their uniforms were handed over to the boy scouts by the great officers of the Order of St. Lazarus



Afterwards a holy mass was held in nearby basilica Santo Domenico, the spiritual seat of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem in Malta.





Then, with the next gala dinner at the Grand Hotel of Excelsior, new good contacts were established and old friendship was deepened.



Then in the chapter hall, in a smaller circle, the real Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, in the responsibility of the Grand Priory of Malta, occurred.



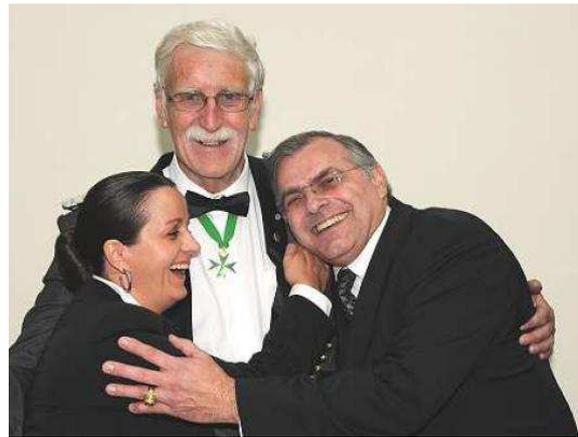
To let arise no "cabin fever", our Federal Commander disposed: „Dismissed, other programme individually according to desire and mood!“ Many used this opportunity to buy souvenirs and presents. The fact that just at that time also the yearly competition of the best fireworks companies took place, and us, thus not only one, but could see one dozen overpowering fireworks (by the way, on the place where one week ago pope Benedict XVI has celebrated his big holy mass in his Malta visit), was only one of the happy chances of this trip.



.4th Day: 25th April

At 10 o'clock was the general chapter of the Order of St. Lazarus where our Federal Commander had the possibility to introduce the Corps Saint Lazarus International to all present representatives of the order, it turned out later, with exceedingly great success.

Because the big interest in the CSLI, also CSLI members from the Ukraine and other countries have announced themselves to our friendship party. In the evening, the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus invited in its headquarter in Zebbug near Valetta, which was also officially opened in this evening for a farewell party. High Representatives from the politics and the society life were represented. Even the 2nd President of the National Assembly of Malta made his personal respects.



The next day, we already had to leave at 5 o'clock the hotel to start our journey home to Vienna. I believe, I speak for the purposes of all fellow-passengers, if I state, that this was a good possibility once again to become acquainted mutually better, to establish contacts and to present quite clearly the Corps Saint Lazarus International to win over also new assistants. Since, to act there, is enough for those who really want to be involved in our union socially.

It's still to be mentioned, that all Grand Pories of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem see themselves as members of the CSLI, and that this, by the appointment of H.E. Great Chancellor Dr. Massimo J. Elull to General CSLI and deputy Federal Commander, also publicly and unambiguously was documented.

The whole united Grand Pories of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem were taken up in the CSLI and, hence, are reported from now on worldwide as own Corps, with the name "CSLI Group Corps United Grand Pories OSLJ", under the command of Gen CSLI Dr. Massimo Ellul, who reports directly to the Federal Commander CSLI.



By this admission and strengthening, the Corps Saint Lazarus International represents currently now nearly

10,000 members in more than forty countries and on all continents of the earth and is therefore the world-wide biggest independent volunteer's organisation, which feels obliged to the ideals of Holy Lazarus. This trip was an unforgettable experience for all participants.

Wednesday, 28th to Friday, 30th April 2010

CSLI - OSJ Friendship Festival 2010

Together with the order of the Saint Joachim (the Austro-German Commandery Leopold II), the CSLI organised the "Friendship Festival 2010" from the 28th to the 30th of May. A full programme of events was planned, and was also carried out as planned. Find subsequently the report on these three days of friendship, familiarization and meditation.

1st Day: 28th April

The first day was planned for the arrival of our guests. Already from the early morning hours, the CSLI had organised a shuttle service from the airport of Vienna to the hotel and we could make the journey to the hotel by this service more pleasantly to nearly 95% of our guests. Our President and Federal Commander availed himself of the opportunity to welcome all incoming guests already at the airport personally and, partly also, to bring them to the hotel personally.

Up to the early afternoon all guests could be accommodated at the hotel and could prepare already for the first event. At 19 o'clock, meeting point was in the hotel lobby and with the "U1" (underground) then it went to the "Praterstern" in the Viennese "Volksprater". A comfortable walk around and afterwards a common dinner in the "Luftburg" was planned. Some companions of the CSLI bumped in front of the "Riesenrad" (Vienna Giant Ferris Wheel) to our group and then together it went comfortably around the Prater.



The weather fitted and of course some attractions were tried out. But only some participants had the courage to try out the "Real Skill Rides". The others were content with watching. It was amusing, however, for both sides.



When the tiredness became apparent, we had already come around the "Luffburg" and could conclude this day with good food and drinking. It was so comfortable that only the clue to the next long and strenuous day could move us at 23 o'clock to the departure. With the U1 it went again back in the hotel.



2nd Day: 29th April

This day was a real challenge for all partners, whether guests from abroad, CSLI members, deputations or organizers. The first meeting point was for everybody already at 8.50 o'clock in the lobby of the hotel or at 9.50 o'clock at the Batthyany-Gate or under the dome of the St. Michael's Wing of Hofburg. On the programme stood the inspection of the Imperial Apartments and the Sisi Museum. Afterwards a little town stroll was announced.

To allow changing clothes for the ceremony in the church to all guests, it was planned that all guests at 12.30 o'clock were back at the hotel again, and to be

fetches around then for the ceremony in the church at 13.45 o'clock again.



In the interim, the preparations in the church ran at full speed. Our commander of the guard of honour still wanted absolutely to hold a dress rehearsal for the flag deputations, meanwhile others troubled to distribute the seat boards on the benches and to prepare the program notebooks.

When, then still the wind quartet carried out an music rehearsal, and while the dishes for the reception were delivered and the cameraman wanted to discuss the right location for the „3rd camera“, the first guests arrived, our President and Federal Commander was shortly before the breakdown.

But despite all hectic rush the assigned persons responsible, succeeded for the fact, that at 14.45 o'clock everything was ready and the first guests could be let in the church. All seats, and the in addition put up arm-chairs were taken and then, many which had not announced themselves, (unfortunately) had to make do with a standing place.



The master of ceremony formed the guests in front of the church for the moving in and with sounding the CSLI fanfare and the CSLI march the ceremony began with the entry of the flag deputations, the great officers of the Order of St. Joachim and the high clergy.

The bishop of the Austrian Old Catholic Church, H.E Bishop Dr. John E. Okoro led the service together with the landlord the church of Saint Salvator, curate priest Dr. Andre Golob. Furthermore, we could welcome also H.E. Archbishop Douglas T. Lewins, H.E. Bishop Howard Weston-Smart, Reverend Victor Bullock from England and MilOKur Mag. Susanne Baus of the protestant military spiritual welfare of the Austrian Federal Army as our ecclesiastical guests.



The decision, not to let draw together all guests and guests of honour, has proved itself very much. If the solemn entry into the church not only was thereby ordered better, but could thereby pursue the persons present these also much better and enjoys.



Please allow us to state some of our guests of honour (everybody here to call would sprinkle the frame of this report by far) which expressed not only her attachment to the CSLI and the Order of St. Joachim with their presence, but also by their stability (the whole festival fair lasted more than 2½ hours) have proved and to the „hard core“ of the friends of the CSLI to belong. For it here quite a special "thank-you".

We could welcome amongst others.: Minister a. D. President Dr. Werner Fasslabend who has taken over the honorary protection for this event, Mrs. Martina Fasslabend, President of the auxiliary community „Die Möwe“ and our flag godmother who has also donated all wonderfully embroidered flag tapes, Brigadier ret. Josef Herzog, honorary President of the "Deutschmeisterbund", Ing. Oliver Attensam, Mr. Alexander Winter, Col Reinhard Wassertheuer of the military command Vienna, LtCol OSR Alexander Eidler, traditional officer of the guard of the Austrian Federal Army, general honorary consul Dr. Wolfgang Breitenhaller, Capt. Dr. Stanislav Holák, Chancellor of the Grand Priory MHOSLJ of Slovakia, deputations of Order of St. Lazarus and the Radetzky Order, many order brothers and sisters of the order of St. Joachim from abroad, represented by the Grand Master H.E. Stephen Lautens (Canada), Great Prior H.E. The most Revered Archbishop Douglas T. Lewins (England), H.E. Commander Bryan Olive (England), H.E. Nugent Scheider (Canada), Vice Chancellor OSJ, H.E. Collin Lee (England), LtCol res. Marty Grossmann MSc MScA, H.E. Prof. Dr. Antonio Virgili (Italy) and many deputations from the Austrian traditional regiments with as well as without flags.



The first highlight of the festival mass was the flag inauguration. This was carried out by H.E. Bishop Dr. Okoro. After the flag inauguration, it let itself, under the assistance of Col ret. and CSLI treasurer Adolf H. Neidhart, our flag godmother, Mrs. Martina Fasslabend didn't hesitate personally to fix the donated campaign

streamers of the deputations to the flags. With a very nice thought to the flag inauguration, spoken by Mrs. Martina Fasslabend, this first climax came to an end.



Something quite special was the invitation of H.E. Bishop Dr. Okoro to all baptised persons present to receive the holy communion in both ways, and many went to the altar of the Lord.



Before the final blessing the next ceremonious part of the ceremony came. The CSLI officer's appointments and the CSLI officer's oath. Because it would have been beyond the scope, with too many officer's promises, MS Sgt CSLI Herbert Böck was selected on behalf for all officer's appointments, to receive his officer's decree. The decision was taken on him, because he has proved himself in excellent way, going all the way from the job- and homeless, from "snowshovel" up to the fixed employment in the house care at the company Attensam (which has supported the CSLI project „Work and Chances for homeless“ in admirable and exemplary way), and very soon he will again have his own flat.

Beside Mr. Böck, CSLI officers of every officer's category (elective officials, general officers, staff officers and officers) still performed for all their officer's oath on the before consecrated flag of the CSLI.



On the occasion of this officer's appointment, Ing. Oliver Attensam became publicly honoured for his engagement in the project „Work and Chances for homeless“, and with the "Commanders Honorary Cross of the CSLI" excellent. With big joy and humility, our President and Federal Commander handed over the insignia to H.E. Bishop Dr. John E. Okoro.

With the appointment of H.E. The most Reverend Archbishop Douglas T. Lewins, as the general chaplain CSLI, H.E. The Right Reverend Bishop Howard Weston-Smart, as the federal Chaplain CSLI, and H.E. Commander Bryan Olive as the Commander of the CSLI Navy Corps, this part was finished.

Afterwards, with the sounds of "The good Comrade", our late companions were remembered and honoured with the „big salute to the flag ". The final climax of this ceremony was the investiture of the Order of St. Joachim. According to the tradition, the commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt handed over the "Commandery Leopold II", to the Grand Master of the order, H.E. Stephen Lautens who led afterwards the investiture.



The new commander with the sword of Honour

First the proclamation about the establishment of the "Commandery Leopold II" was read out again by the Great Prior of the Joachim Order and then the Grand

Master handed over the "Sword of State" as a token of the transferred authority to the commander of the Commandery.



Then the Postulants Ing. Andreas Weigmann, Andreas Rademachers and Rupert Prohaska took the oath on the order and were taken up as "Knight Expectants" (knight's candidate) in the order.



The honour of the promotion to ladies or knights of the order of Holy Joachim was given the following order members: Rev. Victor Bullock, Dr. Martina Mitter (Austria), Christine Ferguson (England), Dr. Gabriel Halat (Austria), Josef Maria Gebel (Austria), LtCol res. Marty Grossmann MSc MScA (USA).





Musically perfectly, this festive mass was framed by the wind quartet of the guard music Vienna, which virtuoso musicians under the direction of MCpl Peter Hammer, with more than twenty played pieces of music to were probably the mostly "occupied" persons of this ceremony.



After the final blessing by H.E. Bishop Dr. Okoro and the exit from the church, a small champagne reception for all participants in the parish hall and in the court of the church took place.



Then at 19 o'clock, the gala dinner began in the baroque hall of the Old Viennese City Hall. After the greeting by the President CSLI and Federal Commander Senator h.c., Wolfgang Steinhardt, finally, in relaxed and friendly atmosphere in the elegant frame, the offered culinary delicacies could be enjoyed. There still followed various toast and as a climax another four people were particularly honoured.



For his honorary protection Minister a. D. President Dr. Werner Fasslabend received a letter of thanks. Col Reinhard Wassertheuer was distinguished with the "CSLI Honorary Commanders Cross". Mr. Alexander Winter, "Head of the Snow" of the company Attensam also became excellent for his merits around the project „Work and Chances to handle for homeless“ and his human kind with homeless with the "CSLI Honorary Cross".

As the last climax of this very eventful day we could appoint Mrs. Martina Fasslabend the "Honorary Commander of the CSLI" and lend her as a visible sign of our thanks and esteem the "Commander's Cross of the CSLI Merit Decoration".

The head of the service crew, Mr. Josef Baldemann, was handed a thanks document and citation. With it this nice day also came to an end.



3rd Day: 30th April

On this day, the groups divided. One part, under the direction of treasurer CSLI Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart, visited the castle of Schönbrunn where we had organised a private guidance.

The other group came along after the airfield of Stockerau for some helicopter flights over Vienna. The flights went off from Stockerau, over the cloister of Klosterneuburg up to the Vienna Danube Tower which was circled once, further up to the Viennese Stadium and back over "Bisamberg", Korneuburg and the castle "Kreuzenstein" to the airfield. Unfortunately, the weather was anything but good, but we had luck and

got exactly that time window with nice weather which we needed to finish around all planned flights.



The flights were handled by a training helicopter of the type HU-30 of the AERIAL LAZARUS AIR CORPS. A special sign of this helicopter is the fact, that there is no second row and everybody sits (1 pilot and max. two passengers) side by side in the cockpit. The passengers thereby have the same perspective and the same bleaching outwardly like the pilot himself. An experience, that was enjoyed very much.



Because there was still some time left till the common farewell-lunch on the Danube Tower, this group visited the castle Kreuzenstein, where we also had again a private guidance.



Then at 14.30 o'clock all groups met to common farewell-lunch in the restaurant of the Danube tower, in

170-m height. A real Viennese menu (Tafelspitz (boiled fillet) and "Kaiserschmarren" (sweet cut-up pancake with raisins)) was served to our guests, while to itself the scenery, by the rotation of the restaurant passed around 360 °, among us. Too fast these three very eventful days passed and everybody was sad that the time to say good-bye has come so fast. A lot of friendship was anew closed in this friendship party in 2010, a lot of new knowledge was won and a lot of old friendship was renewed and strengthened in her continuance.



Here the thanks and the recognition to all who have made their contribution by their work and assistance to the success of this festival would be pronounced to all. It was good invested work and time and we will harvest the Col s of this work if soon we visit our order brothers and sisters and CSLI companions as guests in their countries.

Friday, the 30th April 2010

CSLI helps in Pakistan



Tahir Ghafoor, Chief of Staff CSLI Pakistan, hands over a cheque of RS. 20,000 (approx. 288€).

Since the big flood in 2010. the CSLI supports the reconstruction of the country and strengthens the robustness of the people by disaster precaution.

Friday, the 30th April 2010

Symposium and traditional day of the NBC Defence School

As ordered, our Federal Commander has taken part on the traditional day of the NBC Defence School on the 30th of April. The first part was a rousing and emphasised keynote speech by Bgdr Norbert Fürstenhofer about more than 20 years of the existence of the AFDRU, its history and situation and future perspectives.

Then a symposium about the situation and help measures in Haiti followed, with an excellent film by the Swiss army about their mission, followed by presentation of employees of the Austrian Red Cross, the Workers' Samaritan Federation and Caritas Austria. In the following panel discussion torn subjects could be still deepened.



With a festive ceremony, with the participation of a guard of honour of the guard and the military music of Lower Austria, a banner, donated by Raiffeisen was handed over the AFDRU. Also, the RAD 2 received one flag tape donated by the NBC Defence School. With the honour and honouring of deserving personalities, an honorary salute by the RAD 2 (and an excess of the time frame about nearly 1 hour) the festivities came to an end.

Saturday, the 1st May 2010

Investiture Order of St. Lazarus in Bratislava

Investiture of the Grand Priory of Slovakia of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem in Bratislava on the 1st of May.

On personal invitation of the Grand Priory OSLJ of Slovakia, a 13-headed delegation of the CSLI, with a flag delegation, went to Bratislava. This opportunity was used of course and immediately linked with a city sight-seeing tour. Passing "Hainburg", where we had our first break, the journey went to Bratislava.



To the Investiture, again numerous deputations of friendly organisations arrived, and the 5-headed CSLI Flag-troop was given the honour to carry the flag of the Grand Priory of Slovakia of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem in the guard of honour into the church. Then, after the holy mass, the Investiture of the Order of St. Lazarus was carried out by the Great Prior Dr. Wolfgang Breithaler in ceremonious and worthy form, and new order members were admitted and knighted.



In the follow-up, a reception took place in the refectory of the Franciscan's cloister, where old friendship could be refreshed and new friendship be attached. Too fast this nice day came to an end!

Saturday, the 8th May 2010

Reception of the Austrian-Russian friendship society

In the reception of the Austrian-Russian friendship society also CSLI dep. SecrGen. Erich Kadlec joined in.



CSLI Deputy Secretary General Erich Kadlec (2.f.l.) beside H.E. Ambassador Sergey Y. Nechaev (middle) and the managing President Florian Stermann (on the right).

Guest of honour was the ambassador of the Russian federation H.E. Sergey Y. Nechaev. He held a statement on the subject "Austria – Russia". By his believes, the bilateral relations are very good, even if there are selective divergence of views - possibly like the position of Kosovo. Ambassador Nechaev sees the South Stream gas project not as a competition project for the planned Nabucco pipeline, which should bypass - from the Caspian region coming - Russian territory. Rather it is for him an additional offer for Europe. He also expressed himself for an improvement of the railroad connection to Russia.

The Russian broad gauge should be extended in the direction of west. As a final terminal Bratislava as well as Vienna is possible for him. The present financial crisis and its effects on Russia, as well as other subjects were demanded also briefly. With the next reception, our dep. Secretary General. could fancy in his function to the ambassador and present the CSLI. To his surprise ambassador Nechaev already knew the CSLI.

Sunday, the 30th May 2010

High Brazilian honouring for BrigGen CSLI Roberto Ortiz

On Sunday 30th of May, BrigGen CSLI Roberto Ortiz, commanding officer of CSLI Brazil and acting commander of CSLI Latin America, was distinguished in a big ceremony in the honorary hall of the city of Sao Paulo. For his achievements for the CSLI and the humanitarian applications linked with it, he received the „Great Cross of the National Merit Order, Order for Civil and Cultural Merits".



The honouring.



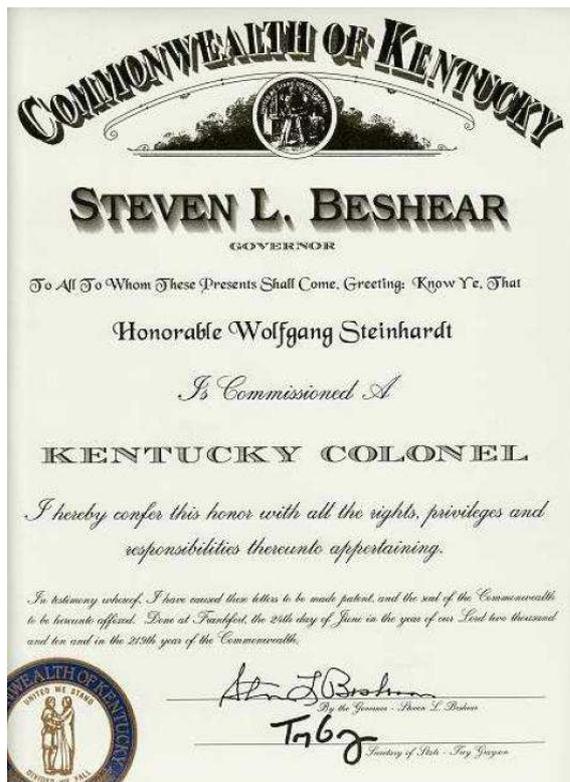
On the right: Brigadier General CSLI Roberto Ortiz.

In his thanks speech BrigGen Ortiz said: „... this high honouring is the direct result of the hard work and the engagement all our volunteers in Brazil and our leaders from abroad. If I was distinguished, hence, with this high honouring, you should know that this honouring is also to be seen for the CSLI and, hence, I divide this honouring with the CSLI. It is this the visible success to all our common efforts and the and implementation of a wide range of requirements in Brazil which we have put to ourselves as a CSLI ...“.

Sunday, the 27th June 2010

CSLI President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt excellent

On the occasion of the proclamation of the „Corps Saint Lazarus International Day“ on the 27th of June by the mayor of the city of Louisville, the capital of the US of federal state Kentucky, Mayor Jerry E. Abramson, our President and Federal Commander was appointed by the governor of the state Kentucky, Steven L. Beshear, to "Kentucky Colonel".



Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th July 2010

Airfield party of the FSV 2000 and the CSLI

The FSV 2000 (Aviation Association Stockerau) organised on the 3rd and 4th of July its yearly airfield party. The FSV 2000 is an honorary CSLI member, and without it, our CSLI flight days would not be possible! Therefore, it was a matter of course, that the CSLI also helps here. Thus, the CSLI was divided as "BBQ assistant" and "airfield marking". After, however, the grill station was "overstaffed" and was not to be "to guarded", a lot thanks to the discipline of the guests, we otherwise tried to

make ourselves useful, while we devoted ourselves increasingly to those visitors who needed an impediment of our help.

First, the CSLI members who have helped, should be called once here as an „official CSLI delegation “: Wolfgang Steinhardt, Wolfgang Leithner, Erich Kadlec, Christoph Ptak, Manfred Stadler, Herbert Böck, Klaus Gober and Jakob Hobiger. Both last-named also as members and pilots of the FSV 2000.



f.l.t.r.: Mr. Leithner, Mr. Kadlec, Mr. Böck and Mr. Steinhardt.

Because a lot of members of the FSV 2000 are also members in the CSLI (e.g., Richard Rettenbacher and Horst Schöffmann as an CSLI auditor) and as airplane and helicopter pilots (among others Klaus Weber, who will soon go to Pakistan for the application as a helicopter pilot, and Prof. Dr. Manfred Fischer) were in use for the round flights. The naming of all names would be beyond the scope. Herewith, therefore, the thanks and the recognition would be pronounced to all which have positioned themselves actively in the service of the good thing!



Lined up there, wait the airplanes...



... and the helicopters on the round airline passengers.

Because the CSLI was not involved in the pre-processing works, our "service" began on both days in each case at 9.30 o'clock and ended at 18 o'clock. As usual, the aviation association had prepared Stockerau an extensive programme for the visitors.



Already in the early morning the tents were filled.

Highly popular, before all with the young visitors, was an emergency vehicle of the Viennese auxiliary disasters service, with the Viennese fire youth under the command of our foundation member Sgt CSLI Thomas Pototschnik (member's number CSLI 140).



KHD Vienna with the CSLI.



Our Federal Commander Wolfgang Steinhardt tries a start of the fire engine.

Of course, the offered round flights met big approval and our acting treasurer, Wolfgang Leithner, had immediately so much luck that he has won a flight with the raffle of free round flights.

The put up bouncy castle met not only big approval by the young visitors, but was also used between the flights from the pilots of the FSV 2000 for relaxation extensively. Also, the movable flight simulator for glider pilots, provided the first flight feeling for the visitors. For the quite small guests a "flight simulator" was also built up. Spectacular aerobatics presentations and formation flights, virtuoso flight presentations with models of helicopters and model airplanes up to 5 m of span, inspired the visitors.

Because we were not demanded too much with our divided services by far, we have taken care of our handicapped visitors, and for this have also organised round flights in the training helicopter of the AERIAL LAZARUS AIR CORPS. A special "highlight" was the put up „Security check simulator“, which gave his whistling sounds very arbitrarily from itself and had in common, of course, with a real "security scanner" only the approximate appearance. But it was in any case a fun for everybody. Would be still to be mentioned, that a big number of the pilots of the FSV 2000 (Aviation Association Stockerau) form the base crew of the 1st airplane relay of the CSLI Air Wing and were used in the airfield party as pilots for round flights. Also, our prime helicopter pilot, Klaus Weber, was asked as a pilot for round flights very much and many hours in use application.

By the marvellous fantastic weather, everybody was in the best mood and this nice event also came to an end without accident or other incidents. A big compliment to the organizers, the presidium and all members of the FSV 2000.

Report of Mrs. Evelin Kulzer, a guest of the airfield party.

„... take off in a plane - despite handicap..., actually, I wanted to come only look to the airfield party! Arrived, after small "wandering", I got to know dear "little helpers", Mr. Steinhardt and colleague of the CSLI. The atmosphere was „to airborne “- and quick as a flash me was announced for a "Heli-flight" - a quick double, so to speak, only the pilot (Mr. Fischer) and me ... At 15.25 o'clock it went on the runway, helicopter landed, hell of a din, I consider just how I come up in the "thing", there I already was inside – save tucked in from Mr. Steinhardt... and then while taking off, the view in the " magnificent sunshine " was so amusing that in the beginning I forgot to take photos... after 20' round flights and a few amusing "goodies" we have softly touched down... I was already expected from the nice "ground crew" and on hands to my crutches carried ... a wonderful Sunday experience ... thanks. “



Mrs. Kulzer at the „Security of check “...



... .. is carried by our Federal Commander on hands.



Mrs. Kulzer in the cockpit of the school helicopter HU30, AERIAL AIR LAZARUS CORPS with pilot CSLI Prof. Dr. Manfred Fischer shortly before the gentle take-off.

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July 2010

Flight assistant's training in 2010 for the 4th flight day CSLI

As already on several sites of our homepage announced, four young ladies from the 5 BK class of the federal Business School of Korneuburg have contrived as a school-leaving exam project something unique: "Mission to sky for handicapped people".

Under this title have taken over Sabrina Nentwig as a project person responsible, Eva Gugerell, Karina Pricop and Tamara Schindler not only become the honorary protection to the tradition of our flight event already, but will also conform in the organisation and realisation and co-operate. Because on an airfield one faces the whole special peculiarities all around, but also dangers show, it is absolutely necessary that one behaves there properly and also is the visitors and guests not only a model, but also "leadership person" in the truest sense of the word.

Thus, they have appeared to finish the education in the flight assistant training on the past week-end at the civil airfield Stockerau. Also interested CSLI members have made use of the possibility to extend their knowledge.

In the first part of the course, held by our Federal Commander Wolfgang Steinhardt, even up to the retirement occupational helicopter pilot with more than 7,500 flights, more than 3500 hours of flight practise and former flying instructors in the Austrian Airlines traffic pilot's school (OIL) in Graz and other flight schools, not only subjects like aviation law and appropriate orders were treated theoretically, the learned

was also practiced immediately always in practice. Besides, especially entertaining I have felt the installation with the approach of a helicopter. Intensely it was pointed out in view of the flight day also to the dangers while getting in and alighting. Not the big rotor of a helicopter rescues the biggest danger.

It is the hardly visible rear rotor which causes the most frequent helicopter accidents on the ground. Therefore, some of the course participants acted the passengers, the others have acted as a flight assistant and have tested practically as one properly approaches a helicopter, gets into this and after finished flight again returns to a safe place in the airfield area. A written test for the end of the first day has shown us to all how far we have understood the qualified and also have kept.

Even if one undertakes all that is humanly possible that nothing happens, it is not to be excluded that accidents happen. Hence, the first aid training is important for everybody. Even if almost everybody already sometime once has visited a course in first aid, is it with the driving licence or as a safety representative, one forgets a lot again. New knowledge in the medicine, however, also new technical aid has changed something again. Therefore, the first aid stood was on the agenda on the second course day.



As an expert, our representative of the CSLI management Dr. Med. Gabriel Halat (department for casualty surgery / University Hospital of Vienna), Doc aboard, Johanniter etc., was won for the medical service. He has succeeded in bringing home the not quite pleasant or appetizing matter in clear way in a rousing talk. Repeatedly he has pointed out to how important it is that, if necessary, quickly the right measures are put.



Hence, in the change between theory and practise the most different situations were played through, I already felt sorry for victims, mostly played by Hans Gamlich and Herbert Böck. Also, the artificial respiration doll became blown through hard from all, however, it is accustomed it absolutely. Also about this part of the flight assistant's course a written test occurred.

How have both tests turned out? Fortunately, not only for us participant, one tries to give its best, but also for both performers who had to prepare the course and informed us for hours theoretically and practically.



Everybody has passed successfully the flight assistant's training and best of all, the ladies have taken a short-cut again!!

Thus, our Federal Commander could distribute the certificates to all course participants with the best congratulations which now are also entitled to carry the "Silver CSLI Air Wings" on their uniform. The CSLI is again very good prepared for the 4th CSLI Handicapped Flight Day at the airfield of Stockerau on the 11th of September.



With this training, the CSLI has qualified till today already more than 50 flight assistants.

Tuesday, the 20th July 2010

Commemorative event of the "Lissatag" in 2010

The Austrian naval association under its long-standing President, Baurat Col ret. Prof. Ing. Karl Skrivanek, invited in cooperation with the Austrian Federal Army, different naval comradeships and the CSLI on the 20th of July to the monument inauguration and to the commemorative event of the "Lissatag" in 2010. Near the naval centre, in front of the "Fachinspektion Handelskai/ See- und Stromdienst" of the police management of Vienna, it was commemorated in worthy form of all victims and was proved to them honour and memory.

In the battle of Lissa (20th of July 1866) between Italy and Austria, armoured ships were used for the first time in bigger extent: the results were disastrous and the victory of Austria under the command of Admiral Wilhelm von Tegetthoff had to be paid with hundreds of dead people and wounded on both sides.

In this commemoration ceremony, the CSLI was also represented with a deputation. Headed by our President and Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and Vice President Dr. Martina Mitter, accompanied by deputy Secretary General Erich Kadlec and Brgd CSLI Josef Maria Gebel.



The CSLI flag troop (flag officer 2nd Lt CSLI Herbert Böck and hornist 1st Lt CSLI Christoph Ptak) presented at this celebration also for the first time the new signal horn to the public. To stand more than three hours motionlessly in the bulging sun with more than 35°C was on this day also an excellent physical achievement of all flag deputations.

Many guests had come, from politics, high officers of the Federal Army, as well as the executive. From the Italian Embassy, the Envoy-Embassy Counsellor Dr. Sergio Pagano was present, also representatives of other embassies. Friendly naval organisations from Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Bulgaria also took part.



By the announcement to the supreme officer, MajGen Karl Wendy and the different speeches, the inauguration of the monument in the memory of the companions and all people lost at sea occurred through the naval priests MilOKur (protestant) Susanne Baus (she

is also CSLI Federal Chaplain) and MilOKur (catholic) Dr. Harald Tripp.

The dolphin in the monument of the „friendship on sea and nautical cooperation in unified Europe in the anniversary of the battle of Lissa in 1866 - memory in the European mind“ is a symbol of this friendship on sea and the nautical cooperation in Europe and was dedicated to the Austrian naval association, the military command Vienna of the Austrian Federal Army , the federal police management of Vienna, to the Danube Region Vienna and all friends of the navigation by the naval comradeship Nello Sistilli from Montesilvano Italy. With its President Dr. Angelo Lori, even other members of this comradeship came to Austria to be present personally with the inauguration of this monument.



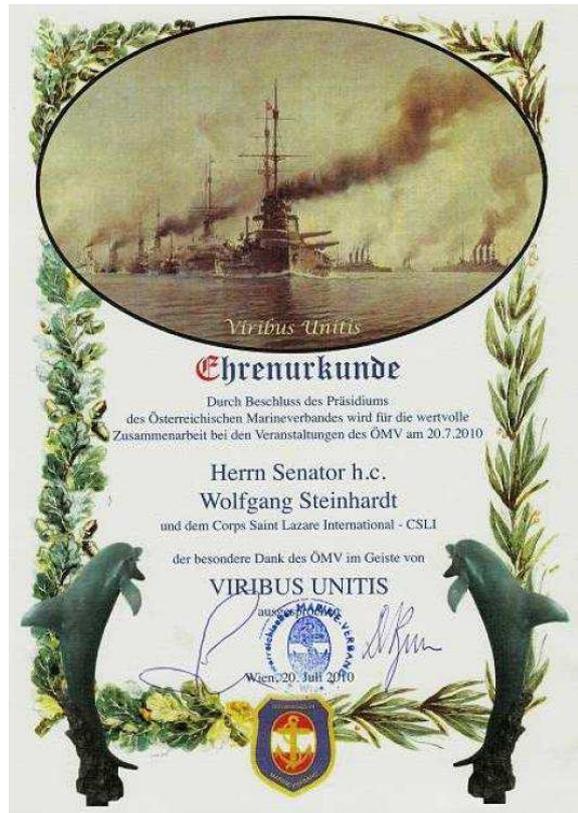
After the prayers, to the ceremonious highlight, the patrol boat "Lower Austria" went in the middle of the Danube, where under the sounds of the song „ The good Comrade “ and gun salutes of the traditional unity „RAD No. 2“ a wreath to the memory of the fallen of this sea battle was handed over to the waves. At this ceremonious moment, there was probably nobody who did not fight with the tears and thought with himself: „... the worst peace is still better than the most glorious war ...“ After the official ceremony the day came to an end with a comfortable being together in friendly atmosphere.

Musically this ceremony became framed by the guard music Vienna, which also under the sensitive stick guidance of military bandmaster LtCol Bernhard Heher, the known soprano and opera singer Daniela del Monaco, with her miraculous aria „ A soldier stands on the bank of the Volga“ from " The Tsarevich ", accompanied.



With the CSLI delegation, Ulrike Habsburg-Lothringen also sat "well protected".

In the afternoon, at 15 o'clock in the Sala Terrena in the Austrian National Defence Academy, under the honorary protection of Gen Raimund Schittenhelm and LtGen Christian Segur-Cabanac, an extremely interesting symposium about the „ Battles of Lissa in the European spirit“ began, where this sea battle of Italian, Croatian and Austrian performers, in each case from the point of the respective countries in the talks were lighted up and were shown.



For the end of the symposium official presents were exchanged and the CSLI received for its cooperation

in this anniversary a badge and honorary document from the President of the Austrian naval association.



Finally, it is still to be announced that the fire-brigade youth of the disaster auxiliary service Vienna (partly CSLI members), at the request of our Federal Commander, has taken over the stewarding services before and during the ceremony. For this, and several preceding applications (as for example during the CSLI handicapped flight days), the young companions Dominik Schwanda, Michael Braun, Phillip Radisslovich, Patrik Schönerklee, Benjamin Schweiger and Gideon Kalina became distinguished by the CSLI Federal Commander with the „Honorary Cross CSLI in Bronze with ribbon“. The commander, Lukas Bittner, received the „Honorary Cross CSLI in Silver with ribbon“.

Saturday, 24th and Sunday 25th July 2010

125 years of “Soldaten- und Traditionskameradschaft Lettenreuth“

Early Saturday at 4.30 o'clock we were picked up by our Federal Commander Wolfgang Steinhardt, generously from our homes, because the appeal of the Viennese public transport at this time is limited, and already it went off. Nearly no traffic at the

highway, only a strong cloudburst on the route between Passau and Nuremberg lessens the driving pleasure.

For the common lunch with the companions from Lettenreuth and a strong delegation of the ÖKB Mödling (Austrian Veterans Association) (also partly members CSLI like Col CSLI Sasha Valenta, Mjr CSLI Manfred Winter and his wife, Capt CSLI Sigrid Winter and Mjr CSLI Peter Raab) also our German CSLI members, Capt CSLI Andreas Rademachers and 2ndLt CSLI Matthias Föllmer from Bonn as well as Mjr CSLI Rocco Schröder from Ettlingen, arrived.



Many companions from Lettenreuth, first and foremost LtCol CSLI Sven Dietel, are also as international foundation members of the CSLI and with it affiliated to the CSLI in friendship, as well as the soldier's comradeship Lettenreuth of the Bavarian soldier's alliance.

A reception in the city hall of Michelau with the 1st mayor and acting head of the district authority, Mr. Helmut Fischer, opened the programme of events. Mayor Fischer introduced the municipality of Michelau in a short talk. The President of the Bavarian soldier's alliance, MjrGen ret Jürgen Reichardt pointed out in his rousing speech the meaning of comradeship and soldier's associations in today's time. Not only the tradition, but also the comradeship would be maintained in these organisations in suitable manner. Then the entry in the golden book of the city of Michelau occurred and deserving members of the participant associations were distinguished within the scope of this ceremony with honouring's.

Afterwards a visit was paid to the “Deutsches Korbmuseum” (German Basket Museum). The curator of the museum gave an overview about the meaning of basket-weaving for the region in past and present. After I have visited the museum which also owns some worth seeing doll houses four years ago already with my wife, I could find out, that several new exhibits have

arrived. As to us was explained, the museum is already too small, a lot must be already kept in the depot and cannot be shown at all.

With the pageant through Lettenreuth, stated by members of the Royal Bavarian 5th Infantry Regiment from Friesen in historical uniforms, the delegations of the participant organisations with drums beating and flags flying paraded to the parish church where a thanksgiving service was celebrated.



With the next commemoration of the dead at the monument for the fallen comrades of both world wars, it was thought in the speeches and in a poem written for this ceremony in affecting manner.

Then we could enjoy some good food and drinks in in the house of culture of Lettenreuth, accompanied by excellent musical presentations of the wind music Friesen, and chat with the companions of the other organisations.

Another climax was the handing over of campaign streamers of the ÖKB Mödling and the CSLI for the banner of the SK Lettenreuth. In the speeches of the chairpersons, representatives and the President it was pointed out repeatedly, how events like this contribute to the links across nations and to the peaceful living together of the people.



Of course, there was in this frame also richly opportunity to exchange honorary presents. At 23 o'clock the march column formed up again and it went to the main square of Lettenreuth. In atmospheric torchlight, the big German plug prank was played there by the wind music Friesen and finished the official programme of events. Then for the untiring the wind music played in the culture house even further.

Friday, the 13th August 2010

Swearing-in ceremony of the guard in Schönbrunn

13th of August the ceremonious swearing-in ceremony of the soldiers of the enlistment July 2010 of the military command Vienna took place on the area of the castle Schönbrunn. The commander of the guard LtCol Stefan Kirchebner was distinguished by the CSLI. The honorary court of the castle offered a worthy ambience for the celebration. "Imperial weather" ruled, before one more thunderstorm came down. Also after the event to heavy storms occurred in Vienna. 250 soldiers joined in, „I swear“ their pledge of loyalty.



The CSLI, as a member of the European Union of the military-historical groups (EUWHG) was also invited with a flag deputation to take part in this celebration.

At the head, our President and Federal Commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and Vice President Dr. Martina Mitter, accompanied by treasurer Col ret. Adolf Neidhart, deputy Secretary General Erich Kadlec, deputy treasurer Wolfgang Leithner and Bgdr CSLI Josef Maria Gebel. Accompanying officers of the flag troop were the comrades Jakob Hobiger, Christoph Ptak, Klaus Gober, Manfred Stadler and Herbert Böck. Because also numerous tourists took part in the event, the members of the CSLI were a popular photo motive.



After the ceremony, the guests of honour were invited in the "field casino". Here occurred, in worthy frame, the honouring of LtCol Kirchebner. The "Commanders Cross of the CSLI Cross of Merit" was lent to him by the CSLI.



Not only the commander of the guard should be honoured with it, the commitment of the guard for the Children's fund „Steps of hope in Bosnia“ should be also recompensed and be appreciated publicly.

In front of the lined-up deputations of the traditional associations the President of the EUWHG, MjrGen i.T. Helmut Eberl, handed after a short, but hearty address, on the occasion of this ceremonious swearing-in ceremony, the member's document, with the admission of the whole worldwide CSLI in the UEWHG, with its more than 40,000 members, to our President and Federal Commanders, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhart.

The military music Lower Austria procured the musical frame of the ceremony. With her promenade concert before the swearing-in ceremony it also inspired many visitors of the castle. After the marching out of associations present and a cosy get-together in the "field casino" the event finished, still before the big rain.

Wednesday, the 18th August 2010

26th Viennese Emperor Franz Joseph Festivity

On the occasion of the 180th birthday H.M. Emperor Franz Joseph I, a ceremonious commemorative mass with next ceremony in the imperial crypt took place 18th of August under the honorary protection of Ulrike Habsburg-Lothringen in the Capuchin's church in Vienna.

Then the delegations and guests of honour proceeded to the wreath-laying ceremony at the imperial monument in the Viennese "Burggarten". At invitation of the organizer the CSLI was present of course and took part in the event with a flag delegation and honorary delegation.





Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd August 2010

20th General report of the “Union of the European Military-Historical Groups“ (UEWHG) in Pecs

The “Union of the European Military-Historical Groups“ (UEWHG) held this year its general report in Pecs / Fünfkirchen in southern Hungary, cultural capital of Europe in 2010.

The next day there was morning an excursion to Bikal, 40 km away, where a village has been copied in medieval respectively Renaissance style. A worth seeing rider's presentation on the tournament place by which, to me particularly a rider impressed who tried to hit, in the beginning though in vain, but still rather unerringly

discs and straw dolls from full gallop with arrows. Then the lunch, with dishes completely like in the Middle Ages, was taken appropriate for style in the "knight's hall".



Returned to Pecs, it went immediately on the “Szechenyi ter”, the main square of Pecs where a re-inauguration of the military monuments took place. The participant groups in her different uniforms gave a splendid scenery for this ceremony.



UEWHG with its 124 groups from 21 countries celebrated with this general report its 20th anniversary. With routine, the extensive agenda was executed by

MjrGen i. TR. Eberl. Active discussions on single subjects showed how committed the participants in this meeting were. Our Federal Commander, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, introduced the CSLI and its goals. By the kind of the presentation, the speech in German, and a PowerPoint-presentation in English, he could use the speech time available to him optimally.



The official part of the general report ended with a gala refreshment bar, sponsored by the city of Pecs in which also the mayoress of the town and the Chef de cabinet of the Hungarian defence minister took part. Within the scope of this farewell-dinner, which took place in a tastefully restored castle, a row of deserving officials and members were distinguished, like at annual meetings essentially,

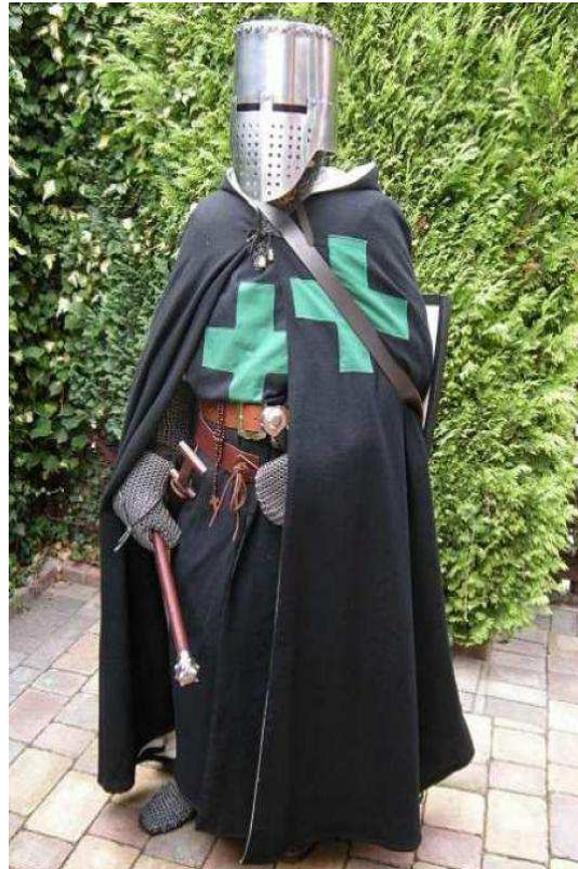
For me, who has taken part first time in a such event, the general report was an experience. I could attach many contacts, get to know the success, however, also the problems of the different comradeships and polish up my rusty English again a little. In this context, I would like to mention, that MjrGen i. TR Eberl and Capt i. TR. Islinger brilliantly switched between German and English. Also, the German knowledge of the companions from Romania, Hungary, Norway and Byelorussia has found my recognition.

One can be of divided opinion about the sense or nonsense of military-historical groups and events: The fact that, however, women and men from different countries maintain the tradition in the most different uniforms together and celebrate companionably and friendly together, where maybe their fathers and grandfathers still fought mutually, this gives UEWHG and her members a right to exist.

Of course, the CSLI was asked where then "the historical uniform" is, "... you carry quite normal modern uniforms...?". There, however, the traditional-historical roots of the CSLI have traditionally grown from the 4th

century A.D. (a military hospital for lepers in front of the gates of Jerusalem), it was seen that a knight's armament, consisting of chain shirt, suit of armour, helmet, sign and sword, maybe, nevertheless, would be a little bit „too uncomfortably“ for such events.

In the 11th century A.D. the „military-historical component“ appeared then, because, actually, the crusaders were the first "European military task force" in the Middle East. With it, „this subject“, partially speculative discussions have ended for the CSLI as a member of the EUWHG.



Here the historical uniform of the CSLI as a traditional successor of the crusaders from the 11th century A.D. (For such occasions, nevertheless, a little bit too uncomfortably.), however, the CSLI continues by his honorary knights by the days of the coat (in slightly changed form, see the also menu point "CSLI Knighthood of Honour"), this tradition.

Saturday 28th August 2010

Mission to Pakistan

CSLI members also risk their life to help other people.

Pakistan, 16.8.2010

Hallo Wolfgang!

Zuerst einmal möchte ich mich bei Dir melden, um Dir mitzuteilen, dass es mir gut geht.

Die Lage hier, wie Du ja sicher aus den Medien entnommen hast, ist nicht gerade prickelnd wenn man das so sagen darf. Denn das Wasser hat bereits 20 Mio. Menschen Obdach bzw. Heimatos gemacht.

Zu diesem Zeitpunkt wo eh schon alle sehr am Ende sind, und die Meinung haben, dass sie von der Regierung im Stich gelassen wurden (was ja so nicht stimmt). Weil die Können genau so wenig bei den schweren Unwettern fliegen wie wir auch.

Kommen jetzt natürlich wieder die Radikalen, und reden den Leuten ein, sie sollen doch zu ihnen wechseln weil sie ihnen helfen würden.

Was dabei herauskommt wissen wir ja.

Natürlich stellt das jetzt eine sehr große Gefahr dar, weil jeder dorthin geht wo er was zu essen bekommt, weil die Leute nichts mehr haben. Sämtliche Lebensmittel sind nicht mehr vorhanden und das Gemüse von den Wassermassen zerstört ist.

Die Leute müssen ihre Tiere schlachten weil sie sie nicht mehr füttern können.

Die Folgen daraus sind beängstigend. Das Fleisch wird in der nächsten Zeit so etwas von billig werden weil sie es los bringen müssen, weil es sonst verdirbt.

Danach wird es keines mehr geben und der Preis dafür wird unendlich hoch werden! Keiner wird sich das dann mehr leisten können! Weil essen können sie das jetzt auch nicht, es ist nämlich gerade Ramadan für die nächsten 30 Tage seit 12. August.

Die Quintessenz dieser Geschichte wird sein, dass dieses Land noch mehr kollabiert als es eh schon ist. Nämlich durch Plünderungen, Diebstahl, Raub, Entführungen von Europäern und Amerikanern die dann an die Radikalen verkauft werden. Damit werden dann wieder inhaftierte Radikale freigesetzt.

Denn durch Ramadan steigt auch die Aggressivität, weil sie den ganzen Tag nichts essen dürfen, und das merken wir auch sehr stark.

Den Rest berichte ich Dir wann ich zurück bin! Ich komme am 9.9.2010 in Wien an, bin 2 Wochen zu Hause und fliege dann am 24.9.2010 wieder hier her zurück.

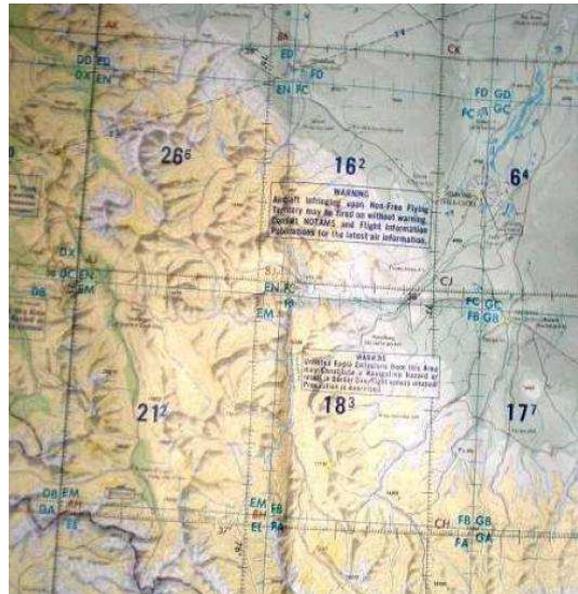
Liebe Grüße an alle meine Kammeraden/innen im CSLI

Klaus

An authentic short report of CSLI Air Wing pilot Mjr CSLI Klaus Weber (occupational helicopter pilot and flying instructor) from his voluntary application in Pakistan as a helicopter pilot, for care flights by order of UN, in August 2010 to the Federal Commander CSLI. (Email of the 16th August 2010).



Application discussion.



Cutting from the flight ticket of the operational area.



Warning board before the disaster area.

We will take the pleasure to be allowed to welcome Klaus Weber during our 4th handicapped flight day on the 11th of September 2010 at the airfield of Stockerau where to him also (he doesn't know it yet, or now it will get to know only by this publication) the humanitarianism medal CSLI 1st class is lent and he will carry out personally helicopter round flights with our guests. His application for other people, at the risk of own life, is a real mind CSLI and a model for everybody.

Saturday 18th September 2010

Ceremonious Consecration and Investiture of the Grand Priory of Hungary Hospitaller Order of St.

Lazarus of Jerusalem (United Grand Priories) in Budapest

Our deputy Secretary General CSLI Erich Kadlec became on the occasion of this worthy celebration, on proposal of the Great Prioress of the Grand Priory of Austria, H.E. Dr. Martina Mitter (the Vice President of the CSLI) who was tied up with business, unfortunately, from taking part personally in these Investiture, appointed Chancellor of the Grand Priory of Austria and received his appointment decree by the Great Chancellor of the United Grand Priories, H.E. Dr. Massimo J. Elull solemnly.

Invited by the Great Chancellor of the United Grand Priories, H.E. Dr. Massimo J. Elull, the CSLI represented by our Federal Commander and Grand Master of the honorary knights CSLI (for the first time with the coat of the honorary knights CSLI) Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, accompanied by deputy Secretary General CSLI. Erich Kadlec, 1st Lt CSLI Christoph Ptak and myself (Josef Maria Gebel) took part in this founding of a Grand Priory and investiture.

Together we drove by car, and the weather, the more we approached the target, became worse and worse. A sufficient time upholsterer permitted it to us, however, comfortably reaching the Hungarian national museum which was chosen as a stately place of the festivities, and preparing us on site for the ceremonies.

The honourable job was assigned to our 1st Lt CSLI Christoph Ptak to help in the ceremony as a sword bearer and ceremony assistant. With this ceremony, the new banner of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour was also shown for the first time in public.



On the occasion of this ceremony, the Grand Priory of Hungary became officially proclaimed, as 25th Grand Priory of the Hospitaller Order of ST. Lazarus of Jerusalem (United Grand Priories), under its first elective Great Prior, H.E. Béla Danielisz KLJ.



Our Federal Commander handed with the final reception in the castle of Buda, the last flag banners of the friendship party OSJ-CSLI in 2010 as a token of the friendship and the commitment and in memory of this unforgettable day, to the Great Prior of the Grand Priory of Hungary and to Dr. Elull. There still followed the usual group photos and the journey home to Austria had to be already started again.



Thursday 30th September 2010

Traditional day of the Army Logistics School in Vienna

In bright autumn weather, maybe a little bit clouded by the blasts of wind which complicated the drill with flags or banners, the 6th traditional day of the Army Logistics School was committed. The CSLI took part in this event within the scope of the "Union of the European Military-Historical Groups" EUWHG.

A guard of honour of the guard, the very well allotted guard music and deputations of the traditional associations formed the ceremonious frame of this event which was honoured by numerous festival company.



In the commemorative speech, the school commander Brgd Jocham expressed clearly, that one shouldn't deviate from the general conscription in Austria, for all sorts of reasons. He pointed out to the fact that the living together of the presence recruits from the most different social layers functions under equal conditions perfectly, and would be performed with it also a contribution to minimise the problems which originate from the migration. A short review in the history, beginning from the "Train" in the k.u.k. army to army's economic school in the beginnings of the Federal Army of the 2nd republic led to the duties which a training centre has to fulfil for logisticians of a modern army.

LtGen ret. Stephan Mayer (former President of the European Union of Military-Historical Groups EUWHG, in 2003-2006) stressed in his address that tradition and considering on the past are also still valuable in the today's time. Just the attachment of traditional associations of the EUWHG to troops of the Austrian Federal Army is an expression for it.



A climax in this festival event was the exchange of flag banners between HLogS and RAD2, which were consecrated by military Bishop Werner and Army-Superintendent Sakrausky. It seems extremely seldom that units of the Austrian Federal Army with other associations exchange flag banners and is to be understood

as a special esteem of the traditional battery of the RAD2.

Then, under the sounds of the song of "The good companion", wreaths were laid down with the monument of the cavalry and logistics. Besides, traditionally three-gun salutes from the cannon of the RAD2 were also fired.

Saturday, the 9th October 2010

Great Prioress of the Grand Priory of Austria of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem

On the occasion of the extended presiding committee meeting of the CSLI on the 9th of October, the official decree was handed by the chancellor of the Grand Priory of Austria, Mr. Erich Kadlec, by order of the great chapter and the Great Chancellor Dr. Massimo J. Ellul, to Dr. Martina Mitter in which she is confirmed as a Great Prioress of the Grand Priory of Austria of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, by the great chapter of the United Grand Priorities. The official inauguration, on explicit wish of Dr. Mitter, will take place in May 2011 in Malta where she accompanied a large delegation of the CSLI

Sunday, the 10th October 2010

Panel discussion „ is the border already overcome? “

A panel discussion on the subject „Is the border already overcome?“ took place in the Slovak institute. The event was presented by our protector of the friendship party, Dr. Werner Fasslabend, President of the Austrian-Slovak society.



Erich Kadlec with President Dr. Werner Fasslabend.

With this opportunity, our deputy Secretary General could introduce himself in his function. Further existed the possibility for the exchange of ideas with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Peter Lizák and the manager of the Slovak institute, Dr. Viera Polakovicová. Contacts with the friendship society were also attached. With interest, our participation in the Investiture was registered in Bratislava.

Summary of the event: Some positive examples of international cooperation were presented. The exchange takes place partly only between the élites. The Austrians have deficits in the knowledge of their neighbouring language. In some Lower Austrian districts, still 40% of the adults have not visited their neighbouring country yet. A dismantling of the bureaucracy, as well as an improvement of the transport infrastructure were demanded.

Friday, 12th & Saturday, the 13th of November 2010

Investiture in Portsmouth / UK

A Delegation of the CSLI headed by CSLI Union commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt (H.E. The Chevalier GCJ OSJ) and CSLI Vice-president. Martina Mitter (Dame OSJ) and Mjr CSLI Christoph Ptak travelled to the Investiture of the Order of Saint Joachim to England.



The journey already occurred on Friday. Finally, after about ten hours in the most different means of transportation - flight to London / Heathrow, then with the Underground to the Waterloo station where we were expected by H.E. Colin Lee, Great Vice Chancellor of the order (GCJ OSJ), and then onwards by rail, finally we arrived in Portsmouth Harbour.

A welcome dinner in the "Dolphin", the oldest restaurant of Portsmouth, gave us the opportunity to refresh old friendship and to close new acquaintances. Some glasses of beer accelerated this process and made easier, besides, also considerably the discussion on English.

The next day then in the choir of the Royal Garrison Church the Investiture took place. This church was built in 1212 and was originally a hospice for pilgrims., Among the rest, after a history full of change, the church served also as an arms cache and as a governor's seat, in 19. Century the church again became restored. An incendiary bomb destroyed in January 1941 a part of the building, only the altar area remained nearly unscathed.



In this frame eight postulantes from England, Scotland, Canada and Austria were taken up as a knight's candidate in the order.



Unfortunately, the Grand Master of the Joachim's Order, H.E. Stephen Lautens LL. B didn't lead these Investiture, he stayed on the other side of the globe, however, he became splendidly represented by the DDr. Bryan Olive.



Two Knight Expectants were lifted within the scope of this solemnity again in the knighthood and there was a small breakdown, because only one single neck badge, the sign of the knighthood, was prepared and existed. To run off properly the ceremony, Wolfgang Steinhardt took immediately his own neck badge off the neck and made it available to the new knight (Lieutenant Commander HMRN Oscar Whild, also Rear Admiral of the CSLI Navy Corps and commander of the HMS "Victory") for good.

Afterwards to the Investiture we went to the Royal Marine Museum, where, after a receipt in the traditional space of the museum, in the former Mountbatten-Wardroom, we were spoilt with a wonderful Luncheon; everything under the strict eyes of Queen Victoria.



After the inspection of the impressive exhibits of the museum, the day found its grand finale with an evening reception of the Commander of the UK Commandery DDr. Bryan Olive in the Royal Naval Club / Royal Albert Yacht club.



On the second Sunday in November in Great Britain, the Remembrance Sunday, also called Poppy Day, is celebrated. This day should remind of the ending of the Great War on the 11th of November 1918 and the state anniversary is for the fallen of the United Kingdom & Commonwealth. Everywhere one sees the people wearing small red poppies.

On the occasion of this recollection, the order of Saint Joachim donated to the surviving relatives 2,000, - £. Then in the Saint Thomas Cathedral of Portsmouth all order brothers and sisters took part in the ecumenical commemorative solemnity which was accompanied by the excellent choir of the church musically. Afterwards, for us Europeans from "the continent", a little bit unexpectedly, there was to this musical morning service in the middle of the cathedral a sort of parochial coffee, namely with a good sherry!



Afterwards, we went by coach to the harbour and by Hovercraft ferry to the Isle of Wight. Our destination was the Osbourne House, once the private refuge of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. After a privileged guided tour through the rooms of the museum in the villa, we enjoyed a just for us wonderfully prepared final Luncheon on the Osbourne House Terrace, the former meditation room of the Queen Victoria.



Then, unfortunately, for some participants it meant to say goodbye again. We returned to the hotel, where then in the lobby and at the bar for hours fare-well ceremonies were celebrated.

Then together with Colin Lee and the married couple David Douglas PhD from Canada we started early Monday the time-consuming journey home. This time,

Colin Lee who welcomed us on Friday in Waterloo station saw us off, of course again in Waterloo.



Then, finally, at 20 o'clock in the evening we disembark, by Austrian Airlines, safely in Vienna. The CSLI got us again!

Sunday, 24th to Monday 25th of October 2010

IMC internationally maritime Confederation, journey with Twin City Liner to Bratislava and wreath-laying ceremony at the friendship monument of the Austrian Naval Association (ÖMV)

In the supporting programme of 36th Executive Council in 2010 of the IMC in Vienna, a journey on the Danube might not be absent of course, and thus Col ret. Baurat h.c. Prof. DI Karl Skrivanek, President of the Austrian Naval Association (ÖMV) organised for the delegates a journey with the Twin city liner to Bratislava.



In foggy murky weather, it went of Vienna Swede's Place down the Danube Canal, up to the "Praterspitz" where we entered the Danube. From there it went with about 50 kilometres per hour, letting a mighty wake behind, downstream. Scarcely before Hainburg the sun came out, so that photos of the ruin Devin, the

border fortification in the estuary of “River March” on the left shore could be taken with the best light.



During a walk through the Old Town of Bratislava we were told stories and anecdotes about the capital of Slovakia by tourist guide in humorous words. After the lunch, it went by a vintage-car, passing palaces and churches, up to the castle of Bratislava, from where one had a good view over the town. Then it went on other streets, again passing a lot palaces and churches, Bratislava was more than 300 years the capital of the Kingdom of Hungary - downhill to the Danube. Then with incoming dusk and starting rain, it went again with the TCL back to Vienna. This time was used by us, Wolfgang Steinhardt, Josef Maria Gebel and Christoph Ptak, to chat with the companions of the IMC and to establish contacts.



The delegates to 36th Executive Council of the Internationally Maritime Confederation (IMC) met at the „Friendship on sea and nautical cooperation in unified Europe “-monument, consecrated in July 2010. The President of the ÖMV, Col ret. Karl Skrivanek, pointed in his commemorative speech to the symbolism of the monument, a dolphin which is shown in many myths always as a friend of the people and in particular that, who are on sea. Also, MilOKur Dr. Tripp called in his

address, for the foreign companions also into Italian and English, the dolphin also a symbol for the Christianity. A prayer for the late companions closed the first part of the event.

By three boats the guests of honour and participants drove out in the middle of the Danube. While a trumpet player of the guard music blew the plug prank and the companions of the RAD2 fired an honorary salute, a wreath was handed over to the waves. Again ashore, the participants assembled around the monument to lay down a wreath also here. The ceremony ended with a trumpet call.



After the official program, Federal Commander Wolfgang Steinhardt handed over a pennant of honour of the CSLI Navy Corps Sea Patrol to President Skrivanek, as a token of the friendship and attachment of ÖMV and CSLI.



Friday 11th to Monday 14th of November 2011

Investiture of the order of Saint Joachim in Portsmouth / UK

The companions of the LAZARUS UNION, who are also members of the order of Saint Joachim, received an invitation for the ceremonious Investiture to Portsmouth.

Thus, our Union Commander H. E. The Chevalier Wolfgang Steinhardt GCJ, who holds at the same time the function of the Commanders of the Austro-German

Commandery Leopold II., as well as the companions Chevalier Josef Maria Gebel, the Knight-Expectants Rupert Prohaska and Andreas Weigmann, as well as Ing. Michael Bauer followed the invitation as guests.

Friday, 11th November 2011

The journey occurred for the Austrian companions by airplane from Vienna Schwechat to London Heathrow and from there by train to Portsmouth Harbour without other problems. Not so for our German companion, Andreas Weigmann, who arrived from Munich. On account of the weather condition, fog in Munich like in Heathrow, his flight got cancelled. The rebooking for a flight three hours later, required patience and nerve. However, at last all companions of the Commandery Leopold II. appeared shortly before the first event in Portsmouth at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

After a dress change, lounge suite was announced. So, we met the other guests of the event, thus also to the Grand master of the order, H.E Chevalier Stephen Lauten GKJ who had specially arrived from Canada, in the hotel bar on a „quick drink“.

Afterwards one shifted in the venerable pub "The Dolphin", where already Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, who became a British national hero (Battle of Trafalgar), socialized. Anyhow, wherever one goes, one can't avoid Lord Nelson in Portsmouth, not least because he also was a member of the order Saint Joachim with the title of Knight Grand Commanders.

In "The Dolphin" our host of the Commander of the United Kingdom Commandery "Edward the Confessor" the Chevalier H.E DDr. Bryan R. Olive GKJ already expected us. With comfortable informal food and animated talks this evening was a successful prelude for the coming days.

Saturday, 12th November 2011

The day welcomed us with a British Breakfast and pleasant sunny weather with nearly 15° Celsius. We went by foot in the best CSLI vestments, to nearby Garrison Church which was established in 1212 as seat of the bishop of Winchester.

As specific features are worth mentioning, that king Charles II has married his Katharina von Braganza in 1662 and that the defeat of Napoleon in 1814 was celebrated here, under the presence of the Russian Czar Alexander I, the Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm III and Field Marshal Blücher as well as Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington.

As a sad annotation is to be mentioned that the church was heavily destroyed in 1941 by a German air raid

and was rebuilt as a warning and a reminder only partly. For the forthcoming occasion, it offered a worthy historical place.

After being seated and the moving in of the dignitaries, like the Grand master, the Grand prior, the Vice Prior and the Vice Chancellor, the festive ceremony of the Investiture began at 10.15 o'clock.



Besides, a total of three people was appointed Lady / Knight Expectants and eight received the dignity of a knight of the Order of Saint Joachim. Among the rest, Chevalier Rupert Prohaska von Maine KJ and Chevalier Andreas Weigmann KJ.



After this worthy and impressive Investiture, a show drill with muzzle-loaders was brought to us in front of the church by the reenactors of the "The Cumberland guard" in their historical uniforms impressively.



By coach and ferry, we moved about midday to Gosport where we got an insight-view into the British submarine history, in the Submarine Museum, under extremely competent guidance. Among others, the first suitable submarine of the Royal Navy, the "Holland 1", is shown there.



Slowly we all got hungry, and thus we took our lunch in the elegant Georgian Hotel in Gosport, where already Queen Victoria and her children were staying.



After the backhaul to Portsmouth around 17 o'clock, there was one more reception in the venerable Royal Naval Club & Royal Albert Yacht club. The 300-year-old history is linked closely to the family history of our host H.E. the Chevalier DDr. Bryan Olive, a former Royal Navy staff officer. There one once again, with a glass of wine or ale (beer) let pass the day in revue.



Who did not have then yet enough, let the evening end with another ale in "The Dolphin".

Sunday, 13th November 2011

Remembrance Day weekend – the guns to fell silent on 11th of November 1918 at 11 o'clock. Since then that day it is membered with two minutes of silence to the grief of the war as well as the fallen.

Then the nearest Sunday, this year the 13th of November, commemorative events and services take place for this reason. Thus, we visited the Remembrance service in the Saint Thomas Cathedral of Portsmouth which originated in the 12th century as a chapel and was extended consecutively.

It was a wonderful, amusing service with an impressive choir and, for us German-speaking very unusually, with a next sherry receipt in the church.



After the service, about 12 o'clock, we went by coach to the HMS "Nelson", a part of the Naval Base of Portsmouth. There a reception took place in the Officers' Wardroom, an ambience which sent one back into the time of Admiral Nelson, and afterwards in the HMS "Nelson" Wardroom a lunch followed.

Wonderful service and a typical English meal, roast beef with Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes and vegetables, let this event end.

Now the group divided, while a part started the journey home, a part proceeded, again to the "The Dolphin" and the Austro-German group paid a visit to the HMS "Victory". On this ship, the Vice Admiral of the White Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson, 1st Baron Nelson of the Nile, KB, Duke of Bronte and Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Joachim, defeated the French fleet on the 21st of October 1805 in the battle of Trafalgar, what paved the way of Great Britain to the prevailing maritime power. Nelson fell during the battle and became an honoured national hero - till today.



The ship is in a very well restored, very impressive state, so one can feel the states of the past in attempts. Unfortunately, it ruled aboard "no photos". Afterwards we again proceeded in "The Dolphin" together with the hard core, around our host to let end our visit properly.

Monday, 14th November 2011

After an again, very strong breakfast, eggs, bacon, beans, Mushrooms etc. we came along on the journey home. While the Austrian delegation started the home flight, the German companion "extended" his stay and spent a few more days in London.

Finally, it can be said that the event was organised around very well, here many thanks to our host DDR. Bryan Olive and his team. Portsmouth and surroundings allow to experience British naval history and Lord Nelson is omnipresent, in this respect it is the ideal place for an Investiture of an order to which also Lord Nelson has belonged. Everybody agreed, we come again.

Friday, the 19th of November 2010

Great day of the "Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps"

On the 19th of November, the "Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps" celebrated, within the scope of a ceremony, in the garrison casino of the Military Command Vienna in Maria Theresia Barracks its great day. Representative Mjr i.T. Alfred Mühlhauser welcomed the guests. At the head, district leader Ing. Hans Gerstbach and the President of the "Deutschmeisterbund" MjrGen ret. Heinrich Schmidinger, as well as the honorary President Bgdr ret. Josef Herzog.

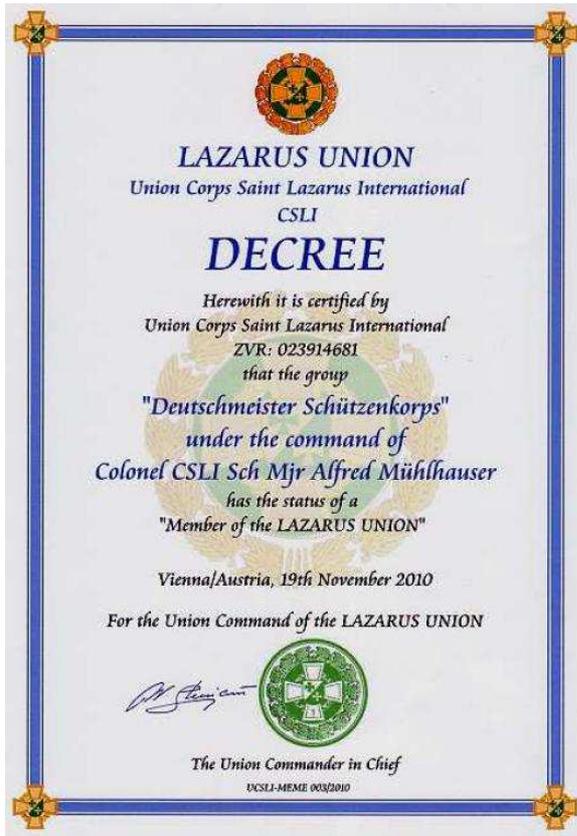
Deserving companions of the "Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps" were promoted or distinguished. In his short speech President Schmidinger referred to the importance of the devotion to duty and to the care of the comradeship, but also to the passing on of the tradition. This also contains a care for the youth. President Steinhardt presented the CSLI, the philosophy and the specific work of our organisation. He told about the numerous contacts with the "Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps".



Mjr and Col Alfred CSLI Mühlhauser and President Steinhardt.

In ceremonious form, he handed the admission decree of the "Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps" in the CSLI, with applause from all around, to the representative

Mjr Mühlhauser. At the same time, he handed over to him the promotion decree to Colonel CSLI.



Facsimile picture of the document.

Other appointments and honours followed: These became: Wolfgang Sax and Robert Eiserle promoted to Capt CSLI, Reinhardt Drucha and Patrik Sax promoted to 1st Lt CSLI. Honorary 2nd Lt Wilhelm Führer and Wolfgang Sachs received the “CSLI Honorary Cross”. Johann Kadlec “CSLI Honorary Cross in Silver” and Alfred Mühlhauser “CSLI Honorary Cross in Gold”. Reinhardt Drucha was distinguished for his application for the CSLI with the “CSLI Mission Cross in Bronze”

The “Deutschmeister-Marsch” finished the official part of the ceremony. With a really comfortable being together numerous conversations could be still carried on and, besides, the amusing factor did not come too short.



f.l.t.r.: Honorary 2nd Lt Führer, President Steinhardt, Col CSLI Mühlhauser, Capt CSLI Sax (in the flag of the “Deutschmeister-Schützenkorps”. the friendship flag banner of the CSLI).

November 2010

Work for homeless

On the initiative of our Secretary General Rupert Prohaska, a draught could be developed together with the company Attensam and the CSLI which offers homeless a fair chance, again to find the way back in "normal" (what is quite "normal"?) life.



The candidates (all of them also members CSLI) contact for the image. f.l.t.r.: 2nd Lt CSLI Mico Potpara, MCpl CSLI Sasha Oberhauser and MSgt CSLI Herbert Böck.

After several visits by our Federal Commander with the management of the company Attensam and the presentation of the possible candidates, the "basic conditions" of an employment (with social- & health insurance and pension assurance) for three homeless could be fixed. It was aggravating of course the absence of a correspondent and also the absence of a firm residence.

The main problem, that the snow shovelling begins as a rule rather at night and are often finished also at night, showed another hurdle. Ordinarily this would be no problem, probably, however, for homeless in a homeless shelter where between 22 and 6 o'clock "night's rest" rules, because every rising, leaving and arrival disturbs all the other guests of the emergency sleep place and brings additional restlessness.



The contract signing by Mico Potpara (2nd Lt CSLJ).

But together with the representative of the "Vinzi-Rast-Corti-Haus", Mrs. Cecily Corti, Mr. Christians Spiegel-feld and the co-operating night services of the Vinzi Rast, a solution could be also found there, while it was permitted that these guests can remain after a night-time operation also during the day in the emergency sleep place to make up for the missing sleep. Still it was not easy for all partners, to get over the first missions. First the work was unusual, secondly, nevertheless, fairly hard and thirdly, immediately by the first snowy mission - very long.

At this point our more sincerely great thanks are due to the responsible leader of the "winter service" of the company Attensam, Mr. Alexander Winter and of course Ing. Oliver Attensam, for the big understanding and the patience, was raised around the growing pains together to overcome.



Vehicle takeover: The winter emergency vehicles are very well equipped... now only the sand is absent.



Employees of the company Attensam welcome their new colleagues.



Group photo after the handing over of the employment contracts (f.l.t.r.: Mr. Böck, Mr. Fiebrich (Attensam), Mr. Potpara, Mr. Winter (Attensam), Federal Commander CSLJ Steinhardt, Mr. Oberhauser).

Wednesday, the 8th December 2010

Patrozinium of the Radetzky of order on the 8th of December in the castle chapel of the castle Kleinwetzdorf, Heldenberg.

Annually the Patrozinium of the Radetzky Order is committed on the 8th of December. After the general assembly of the order, the chapter had met in the morning, a holy mass, was celebrated by the dean of the order Prof. DDR. Reinhard Knittel, early in the afternoon in the chapel of the castle Kleinwetzdorf.

In his sermon, the dean Knittel pointed to the values of a knightly union and stressed that just the Radetzky Order is looked as an example of living comradeship and keeper of Austrian military tradition. Some deserving order members were distinguished after the service by the Grand Master KR Dkfm. Harry E. Tomek, promoted to Commander, other order members received honorary certificates.



During a small reception in the tavern of the castle, Federal Commander Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt thanked Grand Master Tomek for the good cooperation and handed to him our flag banner.

Now after the official part, there was for us opportunity, with the order members of the Radetzky Order, but also other orders, like a strong delegation from the Priory of Slovakia of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem under the direction of consul general Dr. Wolfgang Breithaler, to chat in larger and smaller groups.

We, this were Federal Commander Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt, Vice President Dr. Med. Martina Mitter, dep. Secretary General Erich Kadlec, treasurer Col ret. Adolf H. Neidhart, dep. treasurer Wolfgang Leithner and Christoph Ptak.



Tuesday, the 14th December 2010

Knight's Ball in the Viennese Hofburg

The knights of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus are in many, active to operating organisations worldwide. The organizers of the Great Knights Ball, DirGen. Prof. Dr. Anton Savvov and Dr. Ivan Savvov (both also members of the Lazarus Union) organised the pre-Christmas gala evening for the EBA - Europe Business Assembly, seated in Oxford/GB.

From sides Lazarus Union, the following members took part: President and Union Commander Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt and wife, Union Vice President Dr. Martina Mitter, Union Secretary General Erich Kadlec, Union treasurer Wolfgang Leithner and wife, deputy Union Secretary General Christoph Ptak and wife, Col Dr. CSLI Gabriel Halat and 1stLt CSLI Lucia Sabalova.

Under ceremonious fanfare sounds the ball was opened and presented by two ceremony masters into English and Russian. The marble hall and the ceremony hall in Viennese Hofburg were for it the festive frame. Now the honour of personalities from Europe, Asia and Africa followed for their prominent activities in economic, scientific, cultural and social sectors.

Well known and, particularly desired are the honouring's „Internationally Socrates Award“ and the "Queen Victoria Commemorative Medal". Under that which were honoured up to now by the EBA are also President Viktor Yushchenko / Ukraine, Alexander Lukashenko / Byelorussia and Abdulla Gül/Turkey, just to name only some public figures.

The highlight of the formal part of the evening was the admission of two candidates in the Internationally Order of Grand Master La Valette. As a guest of honour Johann Salvator Habsburg-Lothringen was present among others, also in the order vestments of the

Knights of the Holy Grave of Jerusalem. In this ceremonious frame, the insignia of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour and the appointment to CSLI commander of the Ukraine, was handed to the knight of the Hospitalier Order of St. Lazarus, Dir. Ivan Savvov, by the Union Commander and Grand Master of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour, President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, together with the Union Vice President and deputy Grand Master of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour, as well as Great Prioress of Austria of the Hospitalier Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem of the United Grand Priories, Dr. Martina Mitter.



An excellent gala dinner with musical company and toast on the honoured and the present ladies (Steinhardt) led about to the second part. A coloured bunch from known melodies, arias and duets from the Magic Flute, "Fledermaus" and more, was presented by mu-

sicians and singers from Vienna. A debutantes' committee of the "Tanzsportclub Blau-Grün" and dance couples of the dance school Schwebach opened the "sporty" part of the evening with a polonaise. After a demonstration, how a Viennese waltz should be danced, the guests had opportunity to try the just seen also with the professionals. Almost everybody had after a short time the feeling for the ¾-tact and floated over the parquet.



Our deputy treasurer, and from 1st January 2011 new CSLI Federal Commander, Wolfgang Leithner turned out quite excellent dancer. Now there followed different "auctions". Among the rest, a ceremony sword was drawn lots and the ball Queen was bought at an auction. With some waltzes, again with support of the TSC "Tanzsportclub Blau-Grün", this really impressive gala evening came to his end.