



*“... a vision becomes true ...”*

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

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Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Officers Ball 2015

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

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

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

Theme and Highlights

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

As a conclusion to the Officers' Ball, visitors are offered a typical treat each year – the Last Post. Sounded at 04:00, this famous trumpet melody signalled the end of proceedings with every visitor then presented with a gift on leaving.

It was a beautiful evening and a successful Ball. Though I didn't get much chance to 'swing my leg' on the dance floor, I did have lots of time to chat with our international guests.

Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Report on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development, 4-13 February 2015

**Myself and Lt.Col. (CSLI) Brian Reynolds attended the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission for Social Development intermittently during its period of 4-13 February 2015. We were present during the session whereby the United Nation's Secretary General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon addressed the session, including the participation of NGOs. We**

were accepted with no problem by the organization in the United Nations having received our annual Grounds Pass the week before.



We found that there would be opportunities in the future, should the Lazarus Union wish, to address key points of interest before sessions. These would be opportunities to promote and show the benefit of the Lazarus Union to the UN and promote the activities of the Lazarus Union.

We made introductions to the Austrian representative at the Session who was visiting from Vienna for this event. Mag. Edeltraud Gletter. She was interested in the mission and activities in the Lazarus Union as we presented them to her. She would accept a meeting with the President and Union Commander in Chief, H.E. Wolfgang Steinhardt, to learn more of the Lazarus Union.



A meeting was arranged during the period of the Session with H. E. Martin von Grossmann and Lt.Col. (CSLI) Brian Reynolds and the Acting Chief, NGO Branch of UN DESA, Mr. Alberto Padova, to introduce ourselves and the Lazarus Union. After a delightful and energetic discussion, we were permitted access to all activities of the UN HQ, their member States, UN

organizations and other NGOs should there be interest.

The general result was that the Lazarus Union, and its representatives, are welcome to participate fully; without restriction, within the protocol and rules as an NGO in Consultative status of the United Nations.

Congratulations to the Lazarus Union, and its leadership, on achieving the status and the USA representatives for the Lazarus Union are honoured to represent it.

Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Police Ball 2015

Vienna Police Ball at City Hall with a Spanish ambience and international guests.



The grand opening of this year's Vienna Police Ball took place at 9 o'clock with members of The Young Men's and Women's Committee and the Spanish guests, led by dancers from the Hanselmayer-Vestenbrugg Dance School, dancing a Polonaise to music by the Vienna Police Big Band and String Orchestra.

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



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

The midnight show with The Austrian Guys Rat Pack was followed by the grand raffle with nine prizes, including a flat-screen TV and an e-bike. The dancing that followed, to the Quadrille, the Gallop and the Danube Waltz, was a highlight of the evening.



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

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



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

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

Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015**

**The Lazarus Union annual general assembly took place on February 21st, 2015.**

After playing the Lazarus Union march and the welcome address by Union commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt a commemoration of those comrades who had died last year took place, focused especially on one who had left us way too early, Chev. Erich Kadlec, Lazarus Union Secretary General and Commander of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour.



The Union Commander using very personal words in the name of all present remembered the merits and personal characteristics of this merited comrade. Then

the members present commemorated all comrades who were called to the "Great Army" last year.



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

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

Core items of the Union Commander's report were the Lazarus Union status with the United Nations, the number of members and the growth rates (4,000 officers world-wide), the principle of voluntariness, and the newly created rank of "Knight Expectant" as a pre-stage towards the Knighthood of Honour.



This was followed by the reports of the treasurer and the auditors. It was especially mentioned that in 2014

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

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



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



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

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

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

Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> February and  
Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015

**Health Fair Generates 1400 Euros for innocent people in need**

**Schaafheim (Hessen): For the fourth time since 2009 the Schaafheim based Healthcare Days took place from the 28. February to the 3. of March 2015. On two days, the fair was all about one topic: Prevention and treatment. Particular attention was paid to the operation of a holistic approach – alongside conventional medicine this offers a wide choice and was represented again this year by alternative treatment methods and service offerings.**

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

The funds generated from the cafeteria are donated to charity so all proceeds from the sales of food and beverages, amounting of 1400 Euros, were passed this year in equal shares to the social projects of the Protestant and Catholic Churches in Schaafheim. Both churches operate a Relief Fund, quickly and efficiently helping innocent citizens in distress with financial support. Thanks to numerous donations of cakes, and using volunteer helpers, it was possible to make all receipts available as donations.



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

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

Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**CSLA: Relief operation for destitute in the West Ukraine**

**The CSLA supports in Uzgorod in the western Ukraine on the Slovak-Hungarian border a school for severely handicapped children. In this part of the Ukraine as well as in other parts of the country the economic situation is so bad that always only one child of the family can go to school because there aren't enough suitable clothes and shoes for everybody. Thus, the children always alternate.**



The children with the as good as new schoolbags took special pleasure. The value of one of these schoolbags lies with half of a monthly earning of a salary subscriber in the Ukraine. Hence, one can fancy the pleasure which the children and the responsible persons took. Numerous clothes were also handed

over. The handing over was taped by the Ukrainian television.

To change this, our president has resolved to carry out auxiliary deliveries which refer above all to clothes, shoes and school articles. This action is carried out with support of the “flame of the peace” by Mrs. Margarete von Habsburg. The first auxiliary goods could load and are handed over. The transport was carried out with private passenger cars and the auxiliary goods were distributed on site to the affected persons.



The action could be carried out with support of numerous schools from Lower Austria and Upper Austria, the Waldviertel, Styria, Burgenland etc. and auxiliary goods still come constantly to the transport.



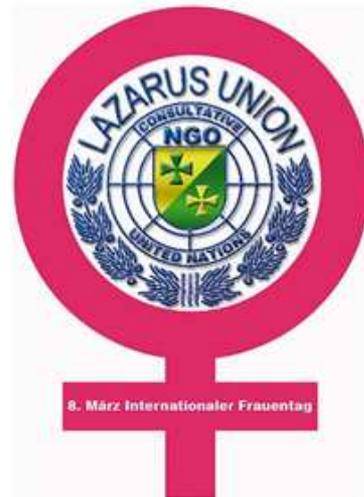
It is also owed all CSLA members who have supported the action up to now vigorously.

Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### 2015 International Women's Day

**As an Organisation in “Special Consultative Status with the United Nations (ECOSOC)” the Lazarus Union wish all our female members, supporters and friends a wonderful International Women's Day**

International Women's Day (IWD), also called International Working Women's Day, is celebrated on March 8 every year. In different regions, the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political, and social achievements.



In the West, International Women's Day was first observed as a popular event after 1977 when the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for women's rights and world peace.

The International Women's Day theme for 2015 is 'Make It Happen' with a dedicated hashtag for social media

Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### “Stress, emotions and illness”

**CSLI Italia and the International Brain Awareness Week**

**Also in the 2017 edition of the International Brain Awareness Week the CSLI Italia together with Centro Studi Internazionali has organized a meeting to**

improve the knowledge of the researches on brain and its related systems. The compelling theme of the meeting has been “Stress, emotions and illness”, in our days stressing situations in work places, families, society are growing very much and some stress effects, so as anxiety, depression or psychosomatic disorders, have a wide Diffusion.



Three appreciated speakers, all expert in PNEI and holistic approach, discussed the issue: Dr. Dario Di Criscio welcomed those present and talked about acupuncture and traditional medicine knowledges on body and mind connections; Dr. Tommaso Longobardi talked on how to analyse stress events in their complex and multiple connections and some mobbing example. Dr. Antonio Virgili, starting from the complex body-mind system connections, talked about autonomic training and reflexology as psychosomatic therapeutic approaches to improve wellness and to prevent illness.



Stress, emotions and illness have connected each other through various different paths, chronic or frequent stress can alter some bodily reactions and manifest through psychosomatic disorders, facilitating the occurrence of disease or directly by causing illness. Well known the post-traumatic stress reactions

(PTSD) and the psychological consequences of disasters. Numerous were the questions from the audience about prevention and the therapeutic possibilities.

Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

**UN-Workshop, 23.03.2015 VIC**

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



Starting the conference, the chairwoman gave a special warm welcome to the delegation. “These four gentlemen in uniform are representing the today outnumbered men in a special way”.

This conference aimed to analyse various aspects of the problems facing the education of girls in order to propose solutions that seek to increase their opportunities to contribute more fully to human progress.



This was done by a number of distinguished speakers from different nations and cultures like the Ambassador to the UN of Afghanistan H.E. Ayoob M. Eerfani, H.E. the Ambassador to the UN of Costa Rica Ms. Pilar Saborío de Rocafort and Ms. Elisabeth Stanners Secondary Principal, IB Vienna International School. Their insights are based on real life examples as well as personal political engagement. They also addressed the barriers which confront girls who are marginalised further due to varying factors



Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### General Assembly 2015 of the Vienna Brass Association

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

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

This was followed by the agenda item "awards".

President Mag. Wolfgang Findl gave his thanks to the band master of the brass band of the Vienna Grid Company for his long lasting excellent work as financial officer of the WBV by awarding him the WBV merit cross in silver.

The second award was presented by the Lazarus Union president. Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt awarded county band master Herbert Klinger with the Commander's Cross Level of the Union's Lazarus

Cross for Science, Research and Arts as a reward for his long artistic work and for the excellent cooperation during the foundation and establishment of the Lazarus Union Music Corp



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

Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> March and  
Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

### UN Conference on assistance to the Palestinian People

Lazarus Union delegates with the United Nations in Vienna, President Wolfgang Steinhardt, Vice-President Christoph Ptak and the Secretary General Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin took part in a UN seminar to the situation in Gaza.

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



“In the Gaza Strip in 2014 on account of the hostility more than 1,500 civilians were killed, more than 11,000 people suffered injuries and about 100,000 Palestinians lost their flats”, one says in the annual report of the UN office for the coordination of the humanitarian assistance (OCHA). The majority of the population in the Gaza Strip has no access to clean water, 31,000 lodgings have been destroyed, nearly 30,000 workplaces have got lost in the course of the conflict, said Mr. Frode of the UN-developing program UNDP.



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

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



The situation in Gaza remains “critically” and “unsolved”, according to Fode Seck, chairperson of the UN committee for the exercise of the rights of the Palestinian. “The two-state solution is more relevant than

ever.” Without solution for the conflict the Middle East will not live in security and peace, according to Mohammed Shtayyeh, president of the Palestinian economic council PECDAR.

Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Easter action of Germany CSLI**

**A Sweet Delight Donated by The Saint Lazarus Corps International**



“It is always a great pleasure to welcome you to the Burgkunstadter Table charity offices,” said Board Chair Silke Mohler, welcoming Sven Dietel and his companions to Burgkunstadter City Hall for the last food distribution before Easter. As always, the Commander of CSLI Germany had not come empty-handed. Together with his wife Katja and daughter Alexa, he handed over 100 Chocolate Easter Bunny selections for the Table children who were delighted with this sweet surprise.

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

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

## Osterhasen für die Tafelkinder

*Freude über süße Spende des Corps Saint Lazare*

**BURBKUNSTADT (koh)** „Es ist mir immer wieder eine besondere Freude, sie in den Räumen der Burbkunstadter Tafel begrüßen zu dürfen“, hieß Tafelvorsitzende Silke Mohler Sven Dietel und seine Begleitung in der Burbkunstadter Stadthalle vor der letzten Lebensmittelausgabe vor Ostern herzlich willkommen. Wie immer kam der Kommandant des CSLI Deutschland nicht mit leeren Händen. Gemeinsam mit seiner Ehefrau Katja und Tochter Alexa übergab er über 100 Schokoladen-Osterhasen-Mischungen für die Tafelkinder, die sich über die süße Überraschung sehr freuten.

„Wir haben einen neuen „Mitreiter“ in unseren Reihen, der es sich nach der Adventskalender-Aktion im November

nicht nehmen ließ, den Kindern auch zu Ostern eine besondere Freude zu bereiten“, erklärte der Überbringer und stellte kurz das CSLI Deutschland und seine Ziele vor. Das CSLI ist eine unabhängige, private Hilfsorganisation die sich nach den Idealen und im Geiste des Heiligen Lazarus humanitären Aufgaben verschrieben hat.

Die Mitglieder verbindet das Ziel, anderen Menschen Freude zu bereiten, Katastrophenhilfe zu leisten, behinderte Menschen zu betreuen und Obdachlosen zu helfen. Alle Mitglieder sind ehrenamtlich tätig. Das CSLI wurde in Österreich gegründet und hat auch in Deutschland eine größere Anzahl von Unterstützern gefunden.



Ein Herz für Kinder: Tafelvorsitzende Silke Mohler (Mitte) und ihre Stellvertreterin Ulrike Kuhn (re.) bedankten sich für die süße Osterüberraschung des Lazarus Corps, die Katja und Sven Dietel mit Tochter Alexa übergaben. FOTO: INGRID KOHLES

*Obermain Tagblatt, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015.*

Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Spring Concert of the Guard Music 2015

The annual spring concert of the Guards Band in Vienna's Hofburg Palace, under the patronage of the Federal President, is a particular highlight among the many concerts that take place every year in Vienna. The Guards Band's Concert is very often in the public eye.

At this Spring Concert, the Band features pieces that are particularly appreciated by an enthusiastic core audience. The program of these concerts doesn't rely on many traditional military marches, it also presents great works of the classical Viennese operetta by Franz von Suppè, Johann Strauss, Franz Lehár, Emmerich Kálmán and Robert Stolz, supported by impressive singers. This first part of a packed programme concluded with the charming Dr. Barbara Rett and moved on to the second part, which was devoted to more modern medleys and tone poems



The Director of Music, Colonel Bernhard Heher MA, led the Band masterfully through soundtracks such as "Batman" and "James Bond" and dramatic tone poems such as "Karast" by composer, music teacher and conductor Anton Othmar Sollfelner, one of Heher's teachers.

Of course, the concert ended with the traditional Ratzky March and reconciled some listeners who, after all the modern music, had waited some time for a traditional march. Nevertheless, the applause was great and the collections for "Audiamus", the association for the promotion and advice for hearing impaired children, and the "Make a Wish" organisation were also considerable.

We are already looking forward to the Guard's Traditions Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2015.

Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### CSLA: unveiling of a Memorial Stone in Vöcklabruck

CSLA-President Dr. Oswin Hochstöger took part at the unveiling of a Memorial Stone of the „Flame of Peace“ in remembrance of 100 years of World War I.

By the inauguration High Representatives of politics and clergy were present, thus, for example, the Landtag president of the Upper Austria Viktor Sigl, the district captain of Vöcklabruck and the mayor of the city of Vöcklabruck. To the event the numerous traditional associations who gave a venerable frame to the inauguration had also appeared.

The initiative of this celebration has gone out from Mrs. Margarete Habsburg and her husband Sandor Habsburg which were present by the inauguration.



Afterwards the participants of the event were invited by the municipality of Vöcklabruck for a lunch with which our president numerous contacts could attach especially with the Vöcklabrucker civil guard.

The event was for all that one reminder which has tuned mine that one would have to solve problems with warlike means and this all participants very thoughtfully

Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Prayer Breakfast**

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



Main topic was among other the freedom of faith. The members of the Lazarus Union underlined, that the Union, especially as registered UN-NGO organization with special consultative Status with ECOSOC acts always “non-political and nondenominational” and

accepts every human being with all his strengths and weaknesses independent of his faith.



Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Ceremony and Investiture HGM 2015**

First anniversary celebration of the awarding of the “Special Consultative Status“ with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and first investiture of knight and dame expectants of the LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour at the Army History Museum Vienna on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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

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



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

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



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



Following was the welcome address to our guests of honour (we were able to welcome the military attaché of the Republic of Germany Obstlt.i.GenStb. Heinz-Joachim Timmer and his charming wife) and many visiting delegations of the Austrian comradeship organisation, led by vice president Mag. Wolfgang Heuer. Also

we were able to welcome representatives of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, the Order of St. Michael, the Saint Joachim Order, the Black Cross, the Radetzky Hussars, the Austrian Life Saving Organisation, the French Black Cross, the National Comradeship Feldmarschall Radetzky, the Austria Humanitas Korps, the Naval Comradeship Vizeadmiral Erzherzog Ferdinand Max, UN NGO representatives, the Austrian Homecomer Union, and many friends and relatives of our postulants.



Following was the commemoration of the dead.



With a drum roll a burning candle, a picture, and the knight's coat of our former secretary general Chevalier Erich Josef Kadlec who suddenly passed away last year were carried into the hall by three dames of honour. Opera singer Wolfgang Schmalenberg affectingly sang "Closer my God to thee" and in remembrance of all ceased comrades "Once I had a comrade" was played."



**Armin Blutsch** the Grand Cross of the CSLI Cross of Honour.



**Sascha Valenta** the Grand Cross of the CSLI Cross of Honour.

**Franz Satzinger** Commander's Flame of Mercy.

**Reinhard Graf** the Lazarus Union Cross of Peace with Silver Star.

**Wolfgang Heuer** the Lazarus Union Cross of Peace with Silver Star.

**Alfred Dienstl** the Lazarus Union Cross of Peace with Silver Star.

**Monika Gries** the UN Delegate Medal with UN-Ground Pass.

**Hans-Rudolf Gries** the UN Delegate Medal with UN-Ground Pass.

Congratulations to all from the LAZARUS UNION!

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

The ceremonial address given by the LAZARUS UNION president, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt can be viewed fully [HERE](#). A greeting address from our founding member and highest-ranking collar knight of honour, the former minister of defence Dr. Werner Fasslabend, was read as he was not able to attend the ceremony.

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

Awards were presented to:

**Wolfgang Schmalenberg** the LAZARUS UNION Friendship Medal.

**Peter Domweber** the CSLI Navy Corps Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

**Leopold Volnhals** the Commander's Cross of the Lazarus Union Cross.

**Erhard Vrana** the Grand Commander's Cross of the Lazarus Union Cross.

**Ernest Jamy** the Officer's Cross of the CSLI Cross of Honour.

**Brigitte Brunner** the Commander's Cross of the CSLI Cross of Honour.



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



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

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

In an empathic speech covering the meaning of the Knighthood of Honour and its candidature the Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, now directly addressed the ten postulants who were about to be raised to the rank of Dame and Knight Expectant.

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



With the plain question from the Grand Master: “I ask you in front of the assembled Dames and Knights of

Honour: is it your free will to aspire the LAZARUS UNION Knighthood of Honour?” and the postulant’s answer: “By my honour, so is it!” the following postulants were accepted by the Grand Master (in their first name’s alphabetic order)



*Erwin Matzka*



*Martha Fichtl*



*Michaela Matzka*



Peter Domweber



Rosemarie Brich



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



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

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



Finally, the evening was finished off with small talk, long desired cold drinks and good food in the ARSE-NALSTUBEN, ending shortly before midnight



**Ritteranwärter gaben ihr Versprechen ab**  
 RUSSBACH, WIEN | Die Lazarus Union, die in mehr als 70 Ländern der Erde mit über 18.000 Mitgliedern sozial und karitativ tätig ist, lud in die Ruhmeshalle des Heeresgeschichtlichen Museums in Wien zu einer Ritteranwärterwärterschaftsfeier ein. Bei dieser Feier waren auch die Kameraden aus Russbach eingeladen. Zehn Ritteranwärter gaben ihr Versprechen, Ritter der Lazarus Union zu werden. Diese werden nun in einem gewissen Zeitraum auf ihr Tun genauestens beobachtet, und am Schluss wird befunden, ob sie in den Kreis der Ehrenritterschaft aufgenommen werden. Von der Feier beigesteuert waren Franz Graf, Günter Häscher, Di und Leopold Vothals, Daniela Ehn, Großmeister Wolfgang Steinhardt, Friedrich Ehn, Wolfgang Heuer, Maria Dangel, Anton Hafner, Edwin Woditschka und Reinhard Graf.  
 Foto: privat

Mai 2015

**CSLA: Happy faces in the aviation museum Zeltweg**

**LAZARUS UNION Austria organises experience day for “Lebenshilfe Werkstätte Wasendorf “**

The „Lebenshilfe Werkstätte Wasendorf“, existing since 1996, helps disabled people to learn parts of a job li carpenter. Walter Martetschläger, member of „Corps Saint Lazarus Austria“ (CSLA), got attracted by

this important initiative. „Our worldwide corps supports associations like this one..“



*In front of the aviation museum.*

The military aviation exhibition Zeltweg which was brought to life on the occasion of the jubilee year 2005 - 50-year state contract - passes this year already the tenth year.

The exhibits come for the most part from the supplies of the army-historical museum, however, also of the army and are complemented with loans as well as from private collectors.

On more than 5,000 square metres are to be seen in the revised exhibition beside a variety by historical vehicles, air traffic control arrangements, engines, anti-aircraft weapons, uniforms, badges and documentary work to the most different airplanes, from the Yak 18 up to Saab S35OE "Draken".

Beside the informative guidance a strengthening mightn't be absent of course also in the officer's casino of the air base Zeltweg. The commander of the anti-aircraft regiment, Colonel Edwin Pekovsek, and Major Andreas Mayer came personally in the greeting of the young guests who could enjoy a great experience day in tent way about Lazarus Corps.



*Test seating in the Draken.*

Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> Mai 2015

## 24<sup>th</sup> Investiture KMFAP in Chateau Bela, SK

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

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

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

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

The Investiture opened with the arrival of the Banners, the Sword-bearers and the honourable and invited guests from friendly organizations in 25 countries on three continents (St. George & St. Martin, Order of the Roman Eagle, Pro Concordantial Populous, Hospitalier Order of St. Lazarus, FEMERAID, St. Lazarus Special Rescue Group and Ordo Hungarian).



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

I especially liked a remark:

*„... Let us ensure that our children and grandchildren grow up in an environment worth living in, but we*

*have to simultaneously ensure that the environment survives for our children and grandchildren ...”*

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

Conclusion: A successful event, we will certainly be happy to be at the 25<sup>th</sup> Investiture.



Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FFWPU Europe.**

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



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

Peace”, reading which can be recommended to anyone.

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

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

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

The official congratulations were delivered by: Prof. Ursula King (Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Bristol) on behalf of the women, and by



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



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

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

The President of FFWPU International, Ms. Sun-jin Moon, then announced the arrival of Mrs. Hak Han

Moon, who entered the Great Hall of the Austria Centre Vienna to a “standing ovation”.

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Rev. Tim Miller and his wife Carolyn Handshin (a Vice-President of FFWPU Europe) presented Mrs Hak Ja Han Moon with a book on the history of the “Unification Movement in Europe”, a magnificent example.

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

Awards were then made to many deserving officials by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon. Afterwards the “Birthday Cake” was brought into the hall and was cut by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon. The “Victory Toast” was proposed by Dr. No-Hi Pak, to all those present before the gala lunch was served.

During the “Gala Lunch” excellent performances by the “Singing Angel” from Korea were admired and enjoyed.

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

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

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

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

Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### The UN at 70, Toward a Resolution of Tensions on the Korean Peninsula

**On the day, since all accredited delegates were prevented for various reasons from attending this conference except me, I took part in this alone and have not regretted it. It was certainly not a waste of time because the expert’s contributions to this conference were truly “visionary”.**

In a short report, the whole conference cannot be “re-told”, but the results in summary I would say were:

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



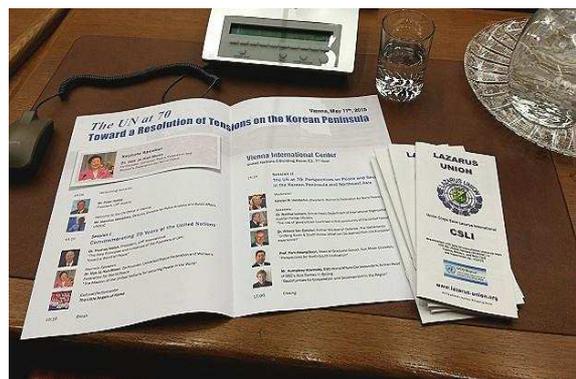
In North and South Korea, it is not “impossible” that (perhaps in the near future and certainly with the help of the People’s Republic of China) something similar could happen.

The words “impossible” or “unthinkable” have at the present time lost their meaning. “Unthinkable” or “impossible” is no more. There just has to be a political solution, or a compromise, for all problems otherwise our world is basically lost.

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

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

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



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

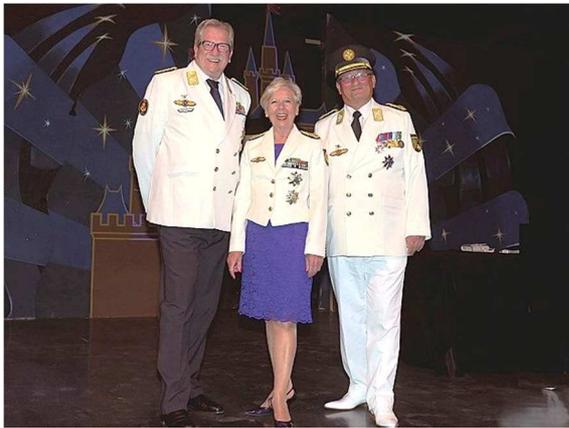
We must create new perspectives beginning immediately! Every day that nothing is done, is a day wasted.

Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> Mai 2015

### One year Lazarus Union Turkey

**Our CSLI Ambassador for Turkey, Chev. Ludwig Brunner, has succeeded in founding around Antalya a considerable CSLI organization in Turkey within one year. To officially and solemnly commemorate the first anniversary of the founding, our Treasurer, Dame Monika Gries, and Member of the Supervisory Board, Chev. Hans-Rudolf Gries, travelled to Antalya (at their own expense, it should be noted) to represent the President.**

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



In the evening of Friday, May 15, the major event of the Lazarus Union was held in the amphitheatre of the Magic Life Club Waterworld. We were all slightly nervous as we were to present the awards and honours at the end. This was supposed to be a surprise, so we had not rehearsed it with the men and women beforehand.



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

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

#### Awarded the Lazarus Medal in Gold:

- Senior Commander CSLINC Karslioglu Ismail
- Senior Commander CSLINC Volkan Sak
- Senior Commander CSLINC Ucar Murat
- Major CSLI Ismael Kemal Baructu
- Major CSLI Taner Kesici
- Lieutenant Commander CSLINC Oya Topal
- Lieutenant Commander CSLINC Akan Saglimar
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant CSLINC Meltem Sak

#### Awarded the Lazarus Medal in Silver:

- Commander CSLINC Kardioglu Erhan
- Commander CSLINC Senol Pasha Temisoy
- Commander CSLINC Seyit Urhan
- Lieutenant Commander CSLINC Vasfi Uzun
- Lieutenant Commander CSLINC Bahar Ünlütaskiran
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant CSLINC Gülcan Celiktas
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant CSLINC Selcuk Seyyar
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant CSLINC Ferda Ergemen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant CSLINC Tatiana Özcan



The following new members were officially welcomed into the Lazarus Union Turkey with a decree:

- Ates Murat
- Sahin Emre Con
- Yesilkaya Nihat

- Sahin Alagöz
- Cigdem Sözbir
- Ersin Sözbir
- Özkan Aksay

### A warm welcome to our new members!

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

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

Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> Mai 2015

### Spring Convent 2015 of the Saint Michael Knight Order

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

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



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

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



The Grand Master of the Order, Prof. Mag. Guido Mancusi, took the opportunity to accompany the Mass musically on the beautifully restored 300 year-old organ.



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



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

Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> Mai 2015

### Sympathy demonstration in favour of the Austrian Army Music Corps

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

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

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

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

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



Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> Mai 2015

### A Sympathy Concert of Military Music at the Ballhausplatz and in front of Parliament

More than 1000 musicians from all over Austria came together in Vienna on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 for a concert to demonstrate against the planned reduction of military music in the provinces from the current 47 Bands to 20 Bands. Participants in this event, along with supporting fan groups, had not only used their holiday time to be there but had also travelled at their own expense

After a brief discussion, the rally began at precisely 11 clock with the '47er Regimentsmarsch' by J F Wagner. In the speeches, Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter, Ombudsman Fichtenbauer and representatives of the Austrian Brass Music Association and the Association of Military Music Lovers, among others, spoke. It was

unanimously held that the military band in Austria represents a cultural asset of the first order and contributes significantly to the maintenance of tradition.

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

The following were performed in turn, between the speeches:

- o Schneidig vor by J Fucik
- o Deutschmeister-Regimentsmarsch by W A Jurk
- o Schönfeld-Marsch by C M Ziehrer
- o Mir san die Kaiserjager by Mühlberger and
- o O, du mein Österreich by Ferdinand Preis (after a song by Franz von Suppe)

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

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



A petition of 46,161 signatures for the upkeep of all military music in the provinces with corresponding manpower was presented to President Kopf. On be-

half of the Band of the Lazarus Union Chairman Wolfgang Steinhardt, Secretary Christoph Ptak and Sutler Edith Lentner were present as listeners. Our players were Conductor Fritz Lentner (tenor horn), Stoeckl (flugelhorn) and Christian Appinger (tuba).

Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> Mai 2015

### Flag Anniversary ÖKB Stv. Langenlois

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

Already by 10:30 the first guests had arrived – astonishingly these were comrades who had the longest journey: from West-Styria, Bad Gams and Stainz and from Burgenland. Manuela Murth-Menhardt and Brigitte Holzer had tables nicely prepared, and from 11:30 to 13:30 the Big Band played for brunch while our “Gastro-Crew” took care of the guests with food and drink.

At 13:30 the Standard and Banner bearers collected and the entry took place on schedule in 3 blocks: beginning with the Jubilee Banner of the STV Langenlois followed by the Standards of the Schützenverein Langenlois, the FF-Langenlois and the Corps Standard of the Lazarus Union.

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

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

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

**Block 3** – the military historical groups under the command of Alfred Wurmauer: Hessergarde Senftenberg,

the Tradition Squadron of the KuK Navy, and the Pioneer Federation Krems-Mautern.



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



Following an announcement by Chairman Rudolf Murth, Commander Franz Graf came to the centre for the entry of the Clergy. The guests were asked to rise from their seats and with the command: “Standards and Banners Salute” and to the strains of “Good God ....” impressively sung by Reinhard Kittenberger the Head of the Kittenberger/Schiltern Adventure Gardens, the Clergy: Pastor Jacek Zelek, Deacons Prof. Herbert Trautsamwieser and Major Ludwig Winkler, entered.

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

This was the prelude to the actual ceremony.

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



**Commemoration of the Dead:**

For this remembrance, we had prepared a special ceremony. To a gentle drumbeat Helene Kneidinger, Commander Franz Graf and Rose Murth brought a large lighted candle (in a jar) and the Banner mourning-band to the centre. The candle was placed on the altar, with the mourning-band going to our Banner. Commander Graf pinned the mourning-band, symbolic of our 2014 deceased, to the Mother Banner. Then Commander Graf stepped into the middle and, at his order, the hymn “Good Comrade” rang out.



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



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

This Mass, celebrated by parish Priest Jacek Zelek and his two concelebrants, was also something special. Seven Knights of Honour read the intercessions and Reinhard Kittenberger sang the selected songs: "Brothers Crying in Joy", "The Earth is Beautiful", "Listen if Jesus ...", "Sing Me a Hallelujah", "Our Father ..." and "Yes, if the Man ...". In the course of the Mass Banner ribbons, Banners and comrades were blessed. At the end of Mass Chairman Murth thanked the Musicians, Reinhard Kittenberger and the clergy and introduced the 3<sup>rd</sup> act.



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

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

Following this, the CSLI Fanfare announced the address by the President of the Lazarus Union, GM Wolfgang Steinhardt, who conferred numerous honours during his speech. For example, honouring the comrades of the FF-Langenlois who provided volunteer services on their lift platform during the Disabled Flight Day in Stockerau, and Andreas Menhardt who volunteers his technology at investitures and, finally, at our request, three gentlemen: Schützen-Major OA Dr. Heinrich Renner, Ensign Alfred Zöchmeister and Chief Insp. Franz Graf.



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

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

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

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

Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## COMMUNICATION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

On June 4, 2015, it was held in Naples a conference on the theme of communication in emergency situations, sponsored by CSLI Italy and the

**Operational Centre of Civil Defence “Falchi del Sud”**. Aims of the conference were the enrichment of knowledge for professionals and volunteers in the civil defence sector, and also the start of a series of public meetings through which carry prevention and education for the population in the civil defence field.

The Italian CSLI Corp regularly organizes training activities and updates on relevant issues to those engaged in volunteering and activities based on interpersonal relationships (mainly related to sociological, psychological, preventive medicine, subjects). At the meeting, the speakers were three experts who offered, dissimilar perspectives, giving contributions for theoretical and practical intervention. Professor Tramontano (UNISOB University) made some general comments on communication, recalling the main features of the communicative act. Dr. Miceli, of the C.O.P.C. “Falchi del Sud”, also on the basis of its experience in disaster areas, indicated operational criteria which communication should comply with when working in emergencies and post- emergency. Professor Virgili, Commander of the CSLI Italian Corp, explained the levels of interconnection and mediation between communication, socio-environmental aspects, individual reactions and the consequent behaviour. He has also shortly talked about communication and stress management. Several requests of the operators for clarification and the subsequent debate have enriched the meeting. There has also been a representative of the local administration who has sought other meetings aimed mainly at young people.



Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**36<sup>th</sup> Austrian Brass Music Festival Vienna**

**This does have a long history. For 36 years already the City of Vienna invites various brass bands**

**from all over Austria and South Tyrol to parade together along the Ringstraße in Vienna and then play some jaunty marches for the citizens in front of the Vienna City Hall.**

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

So, after some earlier experiments, the bands parade over the Ringstraße since 1979 already. This festival was brought into being by the unforgettable vice mayor Gertrude Fröhlich Sandner, together with a couple of representatives from the Austrian Brass Music Association. Even after 36 years the author of these lines is proud to have guided the first brass bands through Vienna by then and to have invited them after their applauded performances for dinner in the name of the City of Vienna.



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

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

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



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



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



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

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



But the sensational show makes all this quickly forgotten. The marching block from the Austrian counties unfortunately mix up the various bands, each of which would have its own special character, its own charm, its own sound .... especially our Lazarus Band experts. Their specific Lentner swing does not sound out. So, all together form a mush of melodies. Of course, the show from the town band Radstadt and the band of the Army Guard Vienna fascinate the guests.

It reminds one strongly of "trooping the colour". After the parade, there is a concert in front of the town hall by all bands playing together. The band master, Col. retd. Prof. Mag. Hans Schadenbauer has a hard job directing 1,200 musicians but he succeeds. The Radetzky March unites all musicians and thousands of visitors all clapping along the beats to a community.



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

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

Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

## 260 Years Order of Saint Joachim, Investiture

**On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, The Order of Saint Joachim (OSJ) celebrated its founding on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1755 and thus the exact 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation. Reason enough to invite all to a solemn investiture in Ottawa, the capital of Canada.**

The Order of St Joachim is not only a long-standing friendly organization to the LAZARUS UNION, but also a founding member. Chapter Members of the Order also hold high offices and functions in the LAZARUS UNION.

Among others:

**H.E. Grandmaster OSJ Stephen Lautens** is a Major-General CSLI and Commander of CSLI Canada.

**H.E. Grand Officer and Commander of Canada OSJ David Douglas** is a Vice President of the LAZARUS UNION and a Grand Prefect of the Knighthood of Honour.

**H.E. Grand Officer and Commander of the United States of America OSJ Martin Grossmann** is a member of the Supervisory Board of the LAZARUS UNION and a LAZARUS UNION Delegate to the United Nations in New York.

**H.E. Grand Officer and Commander of the UK OSJ Simon McIlwaine** is a Brigadier-General CSLI and Grand Prior of the Order of St. George in the UK.

**H.E. Grand Prior of the OSJ Archbishop Douglas Lewins** is Chaplain-General of the LAZARUS UNION and a founding member.



It was therefore natural that Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt, CSLI President, and Dr. Oswin Hochstöger, President of the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria (CSLA), participate in these celebrations. Senator Steinhardt is currently also Grand Officer and Commander of OSJ Germany and Austria, and Dr. Hochstöger a Knight of the Order.

The trip was tiring but the program offered, and the lively friendships, were all worth the hardships of this journey. Ottawa is a very lovely and beautiful city with many attractions and a high quality of life.

OSJ brothers and sisters from America, Scotland, Germany, England and Austria had come to celebrate the traditions of this 260-year-old Order.

Here is a brief description of the celebrations:

In the early afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> June, the General Chapter meeting of the Order took place, where reports of the past year, the course for the future, and future projects and actions were presented. Each Commander gave a short talk about his command area and then together set the priorities. The Prior of the Order, S.E. Archbishop Lewin, has long been concerned with supporting Parkinson's Disease Research and Parkinson's patients, and this project was again unanimously agreed as a 'main project' of the Order. Many other smaller projects (beyond the scope of this report to enumerate) were also discussed and approved.

In memory of the most famous Commander of the Order of St. Joachim, Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, the Welcome Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess of the Royal Canadian Navy on HMCS Bytown.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> June, a visit to Rideau Hall took place. Rideau Hall is the official residence of the Governor General of Canada. The Governor General is the representative of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, who is the Head of State of Canada and 14 other independent countries within the Commonwealth of Nations. In a specially guided tour, separate from the general flow of visitors, we learned something of Canada's fascinating history.

After the tour, a reception was held for our entire group in the Croatian Embassy.

But the highlight of the celebrations was the investiture held in the oldest Anglican Church in Canada, the Church of St. John the Evangelist. After the opening prayer Grandmaster Stephen Lautens, to great anticipation and pleasure, received twelve new Knights into the Order and promoted one Knight to Knight Commander. The presence of Bagpipers and a Guard of Honour provided by the Cadets of the Naval Academy gave this investiture an added lustre.



A reception and farewell dinner was later held in the Ottawa Army Officers' Mess. Also, a venerable and traditional place, it provided not only culinary delights but also a wonderful finale to this celebration. All agreed that these days of friendship, camaraderie and contemplation had passed too quickly.



Here again we give a heartfelt thank you to all our brothers and sisters of the Order who participated in this program in Ottawa and gave us such a beautiful and unforgettable time!

**JUNXIT AMICUS AMOR.**

Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015

**Charity Concert of the Order of Saint Michael**

On Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the big brass band of the Lazarus Union played a benefit concert under the direction of conductor Friedrich Lentner in Neustadt am Walden. Peter Wolff, owner of Herger Wolff wine tavern, provided the event space. The concert was hosted by the Order of St. Michael which had invited numerous political guests of honour and esteemed members of affiliated orders.

First and foremost, among the invited guests were District Chairman Karl Homolid, the Grand Master of the

Order of Radetzky, Comrade Harry Tomek and the Grand Chancellor of the Lazarus Union Christoph Ptak.



Unfortunately, the weather wasn't the greatest so the event took place in the newly built hall of Heuriger Wolff wine tavern. Inside guests were treated to highlights of big band era. Even a Frank Sinatra tribute artist, W. Frankie Warner, was on hand to perform. He was able to carry away the audience so much that people started dancing.



After the break, we celebrated the birthdays of Harry Tomek and Roswitha Träger. Both were presented with beautiful flower bouquets. In gratitude and appreciation for his longstanding and generous support of

the Order of St. Michael, host Peter Wolf was awarded the Grand Star in silver.

During the second part of the concert, innkeeper Edith Lentner and the treasurer of the Lazarus Union Monika Gries went through the ranks of guests to raise money for cancer research. On account of the good mood, the lively music and delicious food, all were very generous. At this time, the Order of St. Michael would like to express its gratitude for the donations collected.

After the music officially concluded with none other than "My Way", sung by Frankie W. Warner, the applause did not cease until the band returned to play an encore. In summary, one can only say: A successful and very nice morning with friends.



Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Ground Crew (praxis) Training**

The Airfield Festival by the Auxiliary Fire Brigade 2000 (FSV 2000) took place on 27 June 2015 with the support of the Lazarus Union.



At the start of the briefing four teams were formed and each assigned to a Cessna aircraft. Experienced aircraft marshallers got support from trainees who were able to gain valuable first-hand experience.

Wolfgang watched over the practice training like a hawk and insisted firmly on the use of protectors (to cover the wing edges).



On each of the three flights, passengers were ensured a roundtrip with safe boarding and disembarking. The morning went off without a hitch and our invited passengers with disabilities were completely satisfied.

After lunch and a couple of sausages we carried with our next duty.

Unfortunately, it started to rain quite heavily in the afternoon. We all crowded together under a pavilion and waited patiently until the clouds dispersed and a clear blue sky was again visible.

Wolfgang took his charges and went to the Augusta Bell "Jet Ranger II" helicopter. Although I have been an aircraft marshaller for two years, I came along to take pictures of the Training.



In front of the helicopter landing pad Wolfgang explained clearly and forcefully how to correctly approach the aircraft, how to get on and off, and how to stay safe around the tail rotor.



The trainee marshallers alternated duties on a few dry runs and then each one had to put into practice what had been previously discussed. After training we went back to the festival grounds. On the way back, Wolfgang explained all the airfield signs. Suddenly we saw three members of the auxiliary fire brigade who needed help. They were trying to take a pavilion back to the grounds which had fallen over.



Thomas immediately went to the rescue and our esteemed President did not miss this opportunity. He stood under the “sky” and give his famous “pocket-blessing”.



At the very end, he dismissed the group with these words: “The practical part has been completed – theory and testing will follow.”

October 2014

### My biggest wish... I want to hear again ...!”

Report: Martin Weitgasser

**A while ago I met a young woman on the Internet called Annie Berago who lives in the Philippines. When chatting I noticed a second young lady passing in the background. This was her sister Mary-Rose and during our chat I learned that she is deaf. The reason for her deafness was that, as a child, another girl had stabbed her in her ears with a stick! I offered to visit them when I was in the Philippines to which Annie happily agreed.**

I did so, planning to stay two days during my trip in October 2014. It was an extremely enjoyable visit and the family – Annie, her husband and their two children, Mary-Rose and a third sister May-Ann – were all very kind and open-hearted. After the two days, on the way to the airport, we unfortunately got firmly stuck in traffic and I missed my plane! Fortunately, it was only a domestic flight... but I asked where the nearest shopping mall was so that we could get out of the traffic and regain our strength before we went back again, since the journey would now take more than two hours!



In the mall, I discovered a business called the Hearing Aid Company and had Mary-Rose immediately ushered in so they could test her to see if anything could be done for the young woman. The family does not have much money though Mary-Rose helps a lot with the household and gives massages to local elderly ladies to provide a little extra income.



The Professional set earplugs in Mary-Rose's ears and, lo and behold, ...Mary-Rose could hear!!!! Tears ran down her sister's cheeks and Mary-Rose was beside herself with joy.

From this point, my mind was made up to help this unfortunate young woman. Though it might only cost a few hundred Euros, it wasn't likely that Mary-Rose could afford this amount given the circumstances of their lives. For me, though, it would be about a holiday bonus.



To my disappointment, I discovered that the prices for hearing aids of this type, because of Mary-Rose's special needs, are relatively expensive. In this case, approximately 800 Euros per piece = 1600 Euros for both ears! I rather expected it to be around 500 to 800 Euros. But, so be it ... my decision remained. "There has to be something that can be done!"

Back in Austria I went straight to the search for this equipment but I was in the same spot as before – prices were the same with us unless you get a grant from Health Insurance, which wouldn't apply in this case. Used equipment was also nowhere to be found until, at a smaller family dinner, the conversation turned to the hearing aids. My aunt then said: "Why didn't you say so, I have three spare hearing aids at home that we can send her!" I accepted this offer with hope and joy, picked up the devices and sent them to Mary-Rose.

Unfortunately, two of the hearing aids were not suitable. And with the one that worked she could only hear sounds faintly. To me that was, of course, too little. (If

I want to have a TV, I'm not satisfied with a radio because it also plays sounds!)

So further research...

And then it occurred to me that my good friend Wolfgang Steinhardt also has a hearing aid, and I thought to myself, I'll just ask him. When you're dealing with things, you'll often find you know other people or businesses who also deal with them, and to ask costs nothing.

At the next meeting of the CSLI in the Museum of Military History at the Arsenal, I told him the story and asked for any help or assistance he could give in this matter.

Helpful as he is, he of course immediately agreed and asked me to send him an email with the story of this young woman, her audiogram and the proposed hearing aid model (Phonak Naida Q-30). He would then speak with his Audiologist at his next appointment.

But the next morning he called me and told me his amended plan... He was so taken with my email that he attached it to an email he sent to the management of Neuroth, a leading hearing aids company founded in 1907 in Vienna, requesting their help and proposing to advertise the help they gave on the homepage of the CSLI with over 60,000 hits per month. Here again my best thanks to you, Wolfgang.

A week later, another call from Wolfgang... the Neuroth company had responded to our email and wanted to help.

Neuroth would provide two Phonak Naida Q-30 hearing aids (incl. Setup for all audio settings) free of charge!!!

I was really stunned and could not believe it! That such companies still exist is hard to believe. I send my respect and best wishes, greetings and thanks to this family-owned Austrian company.

After getting this wonderful news, I decided not to tell Mary-Rose anything about it because I wanted to surprise her on my next visit. This visit had already been planned.

Two weeks before the flight I met with Wolfgang Steinhardt and together we collected the hearing aids.

The business of taking advertising photos was kindly rejected by the company's management as they did not want to make the young lady public property. They were happy for us just to take the hearing aids with their good wishes (!)

To my surprise I found that the two devices were different to the devices we'd requested. In fact, they were the Phonak Naida Q-90 type!!! I was pleasantly surprised and asked if this was right because the type

Q30 had been promised. The technician murmured that he didn't know what the management had written but, as we had both devices worth several 1000 Euros, we should take them no questions asked. We also got a "TV Link" device that works with the television. The device transmits directly to another device which combines with the hearing aid or even a mobile phone.

In addition, Wolfgang helped me get a year's supply of batteries.

In June 2015, I travelled to the Philippines. In my luggage were the two hearing aids, the TV Link and the batteries.

Annie picked me up at an agreed spot and we went to her home. When Mary-Rose saw me, her joy was of course huge. She hugged and pressed me... but they certainly did not know what I had with me...



...A little later, on the doorstep because the light is better than inside, I took the rich "gifts" from my bag and presented them to Mary-Rose.



She could not believe it, she clapped her hands and tears of joy and emotion ran down her cheeks, it was clear that she was thinking this was all a dream.

Speaking of a dream, I reminded her that in October last year I had asked her what was the greatest desire in her life, and that she had replied: "My greatest wish is to be able to hear again!"

She hugged me and was beside herself with joy. Here is the link to the video that was made in the presence of her sister and mother!"

Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> &  
Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Airfield Festival 2015 - Stockerau Aviation Association (FSV 2000)



One of our long-standing honorary members, the Stockerau Aviation Association (FSV 2000) organized its annual airfield festival again this year on 27 and 28 June 2015. Our offer of free scenic flights for people with disabilities was naturally at the centre of this endeavour.



The LAZARUS UNION, as an initiator of such events for almost ten years, was of course there and supported this great event by providing the flight assistant team, the medical team and the large lifting platform of Auxiliary Fire Brigade Langenlois. We also had an information stand.

In total, over forty assistants helped out from the LAZARUS UNION.



**Sightseeing flight with disabled people**

In order to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to our friends with disabilities, they had first priority on the scenic flights on the first day at the beginning of the festival. This enabled us to give our undivided attention to our guests with disabilities and treat them as VIPs. One advantage of doing this meant that we were able to more easily enjoy the other highlights of the festival after our main objective was completed.



It would take a book to describe the many highlights, but some of these highlights should be mentioned in any case.



The Behindertenhilfe Korneuburg (Care for Persons with Disabilities of Korneuburg) did a perfect catering job and an incredible 2500 portions of food were distributed on Saturday. No one could foresee that this number would be surpassed on Sunday with more than 4000 portions of food distributed. In the end, everything was polished off.





Now to the other highlights of the festival:

### The bulls are coming!



For years, attempts were made to get the “bulls”. This year, the “Flying Bulls” were represented with two Warbirds (a Lockheed P38 “Lightning” and a Chance Vought F4U, better known as a “Corsair”) and a BO-105 Helicopter. The BO-105 helicopter is one of the very few helicopters which can easily fly loops! Not only nice to look at, they flew a stunning show and thrills were guaranteed.

### Skydivers

After many years they were back with us: The Pilatus Porter “scattered” skydivers over our airfield. Among the skydivers was the initiator of Flight Days for People with Disabilities, Lieutenant Colonel CSLI, former hunting commando, professional helicopter pilot, flight instructor and dear comrade Klaus Weber. Many amazing jumps in formation were made.



### Aircraft Display

All the association's aircraft (2- and 4-seater light aircraft) could be viewed up close. A pilot told visitors all the details and answered questions. On display were a training aircraft (Katana DV20), a 4-seater passenger aircraft (Cessna 172 and Cessna 182) and some helicopters.



### Flight School

The flight school of FSV Stockerau and the helicopter flight school of the Aerial Lazarus Air Corps (ALAC) presented their course program and showed the opportunities in pursuing this wonderful hobby. Besides the acquisition of a pilot's license there are many, many more requirements, however.



**Sightseeing Flights**

Visitors also had the opportunity to fly with the association’s helicopters and to book sightseeing flights at cost price. (Our guests with disabilities flew for free of course!) Visitors could choose from three possible routes with a flight time of about 15 minutes each. Passengers only paid for the minutes actually flown (lift-off to touchdown).

**Sightseeing Flights with an Antonov AN-2**

Also with us again this year was the largest single-engine biplane in the world, the Antonov AN-2 with its 1,000 hp, 9-cylinder radial engine – it’s a real “eye-catcher”! Up to 12 passengers were able to fly at the same time. Among the “Kids for free” program on Sunday morning, free rides were provided to children (as long as they were accompanied by a paying adult).



**Thanks to the Sponsors**

Without generous support, the festival could have taken place. THANK YOU to:

- o Raiffeisenbank Korneuburg: Bouncy castles and supervision
- o Flying Bulls: Helicopters and aircraft
- o Behindertenhilfe Korneuburg: Catering for employees

- o Segway Centre Stockerau: Segways for the organization
- o Town of Stockerau: Organizational and administrative support

The festival was a huge success! Many thanks to the (ca. 150) comrades of the LAZARUS UNION and the FSV 2000 for demonstrating your commitment and motivation to do something for your fellow human beings. Once again it was an accident-free festival!

Everyone can do something! Let’s create new perspectives together!

**VIRIBUS UNITIS**

Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**CSLA: Summer party on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sandor Habsburg-Lothringen**

**On the occasion of 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sandor Habsburg in Alkersdorf a high-ranking delegation of the West Ukraine with which our CSLA president contact has taken up was also present.**

The delegation was escorted by a retired Ukrainian general of the security forces, high police officers, representatives of the government and the municipalities. The celebration was also taped by the Ukrainian television. Besides, our president could attach the personal contacts for the future which are necessary for the winding up of the project and also close friendship. He has also given an interview for the Ukrainian television on which our aims and concerns could be demonstrated



Our president will soon also go in the West Ukraine to make to himself there on site a picture of the situation. Concerning this it is reported at a later time.

Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CSLA Firefighterday for disabled people

For the second year running, the CSLA Fire Station Day for Disabled Children took place. Those in charge of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Großweikersdorf made their fire station available to us, were very cooperative and liaised extensively with our vice-president Werner Winkelhofer who organized everything in advance. Some auxiliary fire brigade members helped, too.



Residents of the Houses of St. Martin from Klosterneuburg and Caritas in Hollabrunn and their caregivers were invited. We were delighted that this year some parents also attended. It was especially an honour to have our Union President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt present at the event.



Everyone arrived at 9 clock on time. It was already pretty hot in the morning and our guests were thirsty upon arrival. Some kids still remembered the layout of the fire station and dashed off to the canteen straight-away asking: "Is there anything to eat and drink?" No worries, we were well prepared (with lots of home-baked goods). So, the biggest thirst was quenched and every hungry stomach full.



Kutzendörfer and Dworak GmbH from Vienna provided a cap to each of the guests which led to quite a rush but made everyone extremely happy.

We also all received loom band bracelets from the disabled children that one of the children had made herself.

Our president of the CSLA, Dr. Oswin Hochstöger, greeted our guests with a few words of welcome and then the fire trucks were rolled out of the garage. The cheers were loud and everyone immediately wanted to hop onto the huge fire trucks.

In a convoy, we drove to the church yard where a fire hose and bucket had been set up to be knocked down with water. The young ladies of the auxiliary fire brigade, Melanie and Lisa, happily and diligently replaced the bucket again and again.



Another attraction was "Ferdl", a sand-filled doll, which is normally used for training purposes. Poor "Ferdl" was trapped under a car wreck. The children had to fill the lifting bags with compressed air to prop up the wreck slightly. Although the doll had the weight of a grown man, the children were determined to pull "Ferdl" out from under the car. The children were overjoyed when they accomplished this feat. It is really amazing how much strength a person can muster to save someone, even when it's just a doll. The children completed this task this mostly under their own power,

which confirms that there is a desire within us all to help others.

After rolling up the high-pressure fire hoses it was time to take our seats and drive back to the fire station, where sausages were ready for the new arrivals. Coffee and cake for dessert had also been prepared and the buffet was soon empty.



In order to entertain our guests who had finished eating, the stirrup pump made a reappearance this year. The children happily took to the pump and they pumped and injected with great enthusiasm. Refilling had to happen fast, so the caregivers used the water hose this year instead of a water bucket.



One activity is obviously not enough for so many curious young people. For this reason, a fire truck crane was set up, too.



Our guests were allowed to climb into the basket and get a look at the area high above the church steeple. The wine region has a special charm at this time of year, where many fields already been harvested, but the forests are still green. This made the views particularly spectacular.

A special attraction were llamas thanks to Daniela Schretzmeier (DANimals) from Großweikersdorf. Our guests approached the animals without any hesitation, hugged them and were allowed to walk them on a leash around the church square. One child, who was nonverbal, took the hand of a caregiver and put it on the back of a llama. This meant that the caregiver should pet the soft fur of the animal.



By 1 pm everyone got back onto the trucks and drove to Altenwörth on the Danube for "ship ahoy". The fire boat of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Altenwörth docked and the first guests boarded wearing life jackets. It was a bit cloudy compared to the morning and the weather had cooled which made the boat trip very enjoyable.





Afterwards, we had some refreshments to change things up again. We had just unpacked when a duck family with pups waddled by and was also joined by some swans and their younglings! They all received some cake. The only question that remained was: How are we ever going to get away from them? But the birds went back into the water when they realized all the food was gone.



Finally, the guests started to return home, but not without thanking all the helpers for the lovely day.



It was a successful day. Thanks to everyone who helped!

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to the auxiliary fire brigades and the following companies who have

supported us with their donations (and anonymous donors, too):

- The Auxiliary Fire Brigade of Großweikersdorf; under the commander HBI Mihle and employees HBI Schragner, SB Püringer, PFM Mihle Melanie and Lisa Mihle who made this day even possible.
- The Volunteer Fire Brigade of Altenwörth-Gigging that provided the boat and skipper.
- Kutzendörfer and Dworak GmbH for sponsoring the drinks on this hot summer day.
- DANimals – professional activities with the help of animals – Owner Daniela Schretzmeier from Großweikersdorf.
- The sausages wouldn't have been the same without the buns. Thank you so much Bakery Burger from Großweikersdorf.

Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

### Lazarus Day 2015

The LAZARUS UNION celebrated the Lazarus day 2015 in the Vienna International Centre, seat of the United Nations in Vienna. Next to New York (UNHQ), Geneva (UNOG) and Nairobi (UNON), Vienna International Centre with its United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV) is one of four official seats of the United Nations. UNOV was put into operations as third location of the UN 1<sup>st</sup> January 1980.

Every July 29<sup>th</sup>, the LAZARUS UNION celebrates the "International Lazarus Day", as this day is the holiday of St. Lazarus according to Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Protestant rite and the Union has committed itself to his ideals.



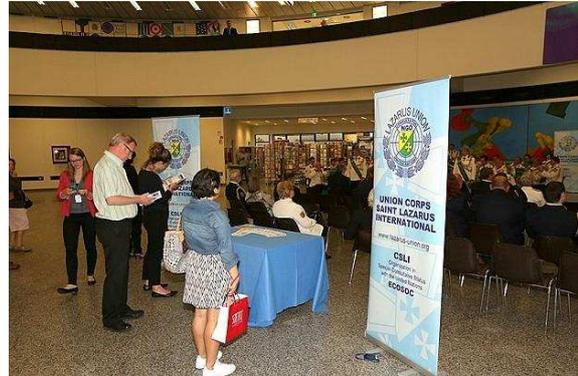


In 2015 there are yet two more anniversaries to celebrate. Next to its 5<sup>th</sup> year in its current form there is also the first anniversary of the special consultative NGO status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This in practice means that the LAZARUS UNION has new forms of participation on the international stage. Either official meetings of sub-organisations like the UN Human Rights Council or international conferences and events – the Union can not only participate but also actively take part in international debates or decision finding processes in the form of written or oral contributions. Having consultative status also allows for the possibility of having own events in UN buildings. Because of this the LAZARUS UNION decided to celebrate its commemorative day 2015 in the VIC.



To the interested guests and visitors from the LAZARUS UNION as well as to the UN employees of the various organisations with a seat in Vienna a vivid programme mixture of information and entertainment was

presented. Central issue of the event was the presentation of a donation and an award to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



The celebration was commenced by the LAZARUS UNION Music Corps with the Lazarus March. After some more music LAZARUS UNION Secretary General Oliver M. Gruber-Lavin welcomed the audience and presented the agenda.



Union president Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt presented to an interested audience a video from a “LAZARUS UNION Handicapped Air Day” as an example of the specific work of the union, which has in its focus to help and provide some joy to fellow human beings. The Secretary General and his deputy, Dipl.-Ing. Herbert Paulis, in two presentations explained the basic values, the philosophy, and the history of the Union.



Doubtlessly the summit of the event was the handing over of a donation cheque and the Grand Cross of the UN-NGO Cross of Remembrance to the director of the Austrian office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr. Christoph Pinter, by the union president.

On the occasion of being awarded the ECOSOC special consultative status the union donated the award UN-NGO Cross of Remembrance. The net profit from this award (2,500 € last year) is now adequately donated to the UNHCR for its work on a yearly Basis.



In his laudation, the union president emphasised: “ ... the pleasure and the honour to celebrate with you here the world-wide “Lazarus Day“. The name “Lazarus“ is a synonym for mercy, charity, and humanity. Also the names “Lazarett“ (which is German for a military hospital) and “Lazarite“ date back to St. Lazarus and were mentioned first in the context of a leper hospital outside Jerusalem in 344 AD. “ Regarding the relation between the union and the UN Senator h.c. Steinhardt explained: ” Having been awarded the “special consultative status“ has a great importance for us as LAZARUS UNION and is also considered a special honour. An honour we want to prove worthy of. So we have donated a special award for ALL people who want to assist us in supporting the spirit of the United Nations. “ He finished with the union motto as a challenge to all of us: ” Everybody can do something. Let us together provide new perspectives. “



Subsequently the donation and the award were handed over.

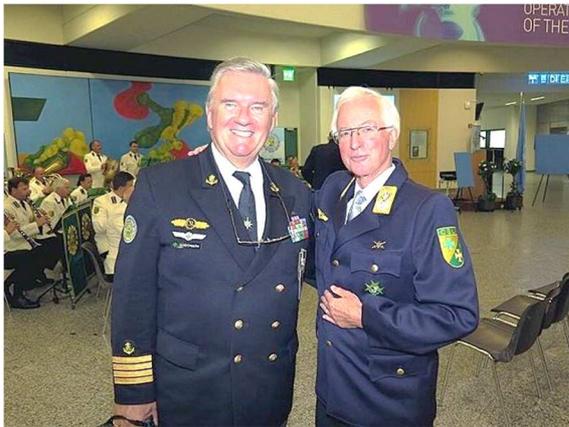


Dr. Christoph Pinter emphasised in his acceptance speech the special importance of every single donation, especially in the context of today’s dramatic refugee situation. He gave an overview on the actual situation and the work of the UNHCR with its new daily challenges world-wide. In Austria – like in other Western European countries – the focus of the UNHCR activities is on the legal protection of people seeking asylum and accepted refugees. Dr. Pinter also gave a report on his visit in the refugee admission camp Traiskirchen and the dramatic situation in the camp.

The LAZARUS UNION Music Corps directed by Fritz Lentner provided for relaxation and entertainment during the programme, also very much appreciated by bypassing UN employees. The music also provided for an atmospheric conclusion of the celebration. After the end of the event we had a nice guided tour through the VIC for our guests.



In the name of the LAZARUS UNION we also want to express our deepest thanks to all employees of the VIC, especially to Mr. Nyron Sequeira (Representation and Protocol Assistant) and his team as well as all the security staff for their friendly assistance as all these people made our event possible in the first place.



Thursday, the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**3<sup>rd</sup> World Orchestra Festival Vienna 2015**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual World Orchestra Festival took place in July 2015. This event was initiated by well-known professors of the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna in cooperation with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

Young musicians from around the world are invited to attend a one-week workshop in and around Vienna. Over the course of the week, there are lectures on diverse musical genres, rehearsals and concerts.

For the most part, the concerts were held in either Haydn Hall in Eisenstadt, in the new Music Theatre or “MuTh” of the Vienna Boys’ Choir, or the Festival Hall at Vienna City Hall. More than 350 young musicians participated in the events.

The grand finale was held in the Golden Hall of the Vienna Music Association and was opened by the Third Viennese Parliamentary President Marianne Klicka.



The organizers wanted to open the final concert with an Austrian orchestra, so choir director Friedrich Lentner was called upon. Of course, he heeded the call without hesitation because there just aren't many chances in life to perform in the Grand Golden Hall of the Music Association.



As a result, the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union played the opening. Our first piece of music was Franz Schubert's Marche militaire. The second piece was the famous A soldier stands on the bank of the Volga from the operetta The Tsarevich by Franz Lehár.

The tenor Michael Wagner, who is a dedicated member of the Music Corps and has performed for years with our choir director, received ecstatic applause for his excellent and touching Performance.



The feedback from the organizers, numerous professors and concert managers was extremely positive and a testimonial to the hard work of our Music Corps.

Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> to  
Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### CSLA president visits disabled person's school in the West Ukraine

The president of the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria (CSLA) Dr. Oswin Hochstöger has recently visited the West Ukraine. The aim of the trip was a disabled person's school in Uzgorod which is supported, among the rest, by the CSLA.



Above all urgently required clothes and footwear were delivered, because it often is in such a way that from

the children of a family still one can go to school, because enough clothes and footwear doesn't exist. It was to be seen also touching how the children pressed the brought soft toys in themselves and tried to stroke them. For the parents of these children the school is big help, particularly as there has been generally no disabled person's care up to 1999 in the Ukraine



There is the school already for 15 years and is supported mainly with private money. With modest means the rooms of a former on business used object are renovated to allow pleasant surroundings to the children. There are in Uzgorod approx. 350 physically handicapped children and 150 mentally handicapped children who can be looked of course not everybody by this school.

Rather advanced teaching methods are applied partly. Thus, there is own space for the children in which they can relax to too different music sounds.



*While the visit the Ukrainian television interviewed our president*

For everybody who has visited the school, this visit was a depressing experience and was handed over by all visitors also spontaneously a cash donation to the home leader. It was a stimulus for all participant people to continue the begun relief operation furthermore to overcome the existing problems. In particular the crossing of the border in the Ukraine is problematic

because their corrupt officials try over and over again to detain auxiliary deliveries or to knock out something for himself. However, the government in Kiev has used only before short ones a new head of the province government and a new police chief and hopes to gain control of these things.

Our president has also laid down before together with representatives of high security forces and other participants like Sandor and Herta von Habsburg on a soldier's cemetery a wreath.

A gloomy atmosphere is always depressing, but in the special case it was even more depressing because one has seen some freshly dug up graves in which to favour from the conflict were buried in the East Ukraine. These graves made to all consciously as near and really the war in the Ukraine is and makes clear like these by this poke from nationalistic conflicts even more is torn.

With the local representatives of the security forces it was also discussed how the relief operation should go on and will soon be also tried to organise a transport with school pieces of furniture in the West Ukraine which were donated by a school in Upper Austria

Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**„MOBI-the adventure day**

**At “MOBI – the adventure day” in Flensburg, among other displays was one on “Self-defence for people with disabilities / wheelchair users”. In presenting this, Organizer Charles Grant cooperated with the “The Sword of Freedom”, CSLI, MAA-I and the SOK.**

Actively supporting this event were The Sword of Freedom, CSLI and Martial Arts Association – International represented by Bernd Cave MjrGen CSLI and Commander SOF, Colonel CSLI Danny Koch, Babak Saviz, and Karsten Förster.



GenMjr CSLI Bernd Höhle and Colonel CSLI Danny Koch

The gymnastic skills course, devised and performed by the sports students from the University of Flensburg, provided a buzz of activity during the event. The audience also observed with great interest the martial arts and self-defence for people with handicaps / wheelchairs demonstrated by the boxers of DGF Flensburg, the Capoeira Flensburg, the members of SOK Martial Arts School and the team led by Babak Philip Saviz with Holger Liedtke, Karsten Förster, Stefan Schmaltz and Bernd Cave's tem. Many of the different exercises were not only performed, but practised by the audience, because that's the motto of the MOBI day courses – “Getting involved was explicitly allowed “:-).



The go-kart track in front of the hall, with vehicles from Kartbahn Schleswig (Germany / Schleswig-Holstein), “Hadn't been used so much in any of the preceding 4 years,” according to Heiko Jürgensen. In all, 198 trips were carried out. “There was less than 5 minutes break and our drivers had to alternate smoothly, there was such a rush this year,” said the team from RSC North.



The wheelchair parkours, supervised by the staff and students of the Handewitt Occupational Therapists School, also attracted keen interest, and the bull-riding machine from “Hoppla The Event Outfitter in Satrup” threw off a total of 285 riders.

The Wheel of Fortune, the “hot wire”, the face painting and the climbing tower operated by the DAV Flensburg, the highest in Germany at 8.50 m, also drew

large audiences. The unusual recumbent bikes from the manufacturer "Hase" were marvelled at and extensively test driven, and the curling demonstrations by SV Adelby in front of the main entrance of the hall made viewers curious to know more about this relatively unknown sport discipline.



The Bequa Flensburg team hosted visitors, as every year, with cakes, ice cream, popcorn, coffee, cold drinks, etc., while in the outdoor area grilled sausages, crepes, smoothies and other treats were available.

The information stands in the gallery of the sports hall were the focal point for those interested in sports and health products but on the hour, they had to speak a little louder there because then Tom Miller Elvis Tribute Artist, Kay Christiansen, Anna Sophie and Julyan Taylor from Eckernförde, Samuel – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in "The Voice Kids" 2015 – and local hero Mike Kazmaier and his band gave us their best songs. The stage and musical performances this year were from PMN Events – excellently managed by the Ulf Dupke Event Production Team!



At the Floriansdorf KiEZ Frauensee booth, younger visitors and other guests were warned about the dangers of fire and told about the work of the Fire Brigade. Political guests on site were:

State Secretary Rolf Fischer, Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Science and Equality, Inge Krämer, Deputy

City President of Flensburg and Simone Lange, a Member of the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament / Member of Parliament for Flensburg.

Our special thanks go also to the volunteer team from Health Media g.e.V., all supporters from the patron city of Flensburg, the Flensburg professional Fire Brigade, the Red Cross and all other helpers, especially our tireless Benny Schatz Wieckhorst and Gesi Maus Hansen – with us for the 5<sup>th</sup> time this year. Without these this event, now grown to be the largest combination of sports, action and music in Schleswig-Holstein, would not be possible.

Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### Excursion with the inhabitants of the nursing home of Poysdorf

**By a stroke of fate of a member of the CSLA we became on the nursing home „a house of the mercy“ in Poysdorf attentive. The home inhabitants have the whole year a full calendar of events which can be fulfilled partially only by support and assistance in an honorary capacity of operating people.**

Through our companion Erwin the CSLA was invited in addition to the members and honorary people who wanted home inhabitant (each him) to the "Gasthof Schreiber" on an ice to accompany.



*Although the excursion took place on a weekday, eight members of our union had time to be present.*



Under the direction of Mrs. Hager and her team, it went off at 14 o'clock. The home inhabitants were fetched at the divided companions of her households. The excitement was big and full expectation, everybody one more water agreed as provisions for the journey. Bit by bit the input area with wheel chairs filled



*In a convoy of 50 wheel chairs with company it went in the direction of railway station to the Gasthaus „Schreiber“.*



*Martha Fichtl had her mother including who comarched with her 90 years hard and helped her to push the wheel chair over the hilly street*

Some inhabitants who were brought by a coach had already arrived at the shady inn garden. There lasted a while, until all people had found her place. Patiently everybody waited for his ice. Man, from the home which could make itself understood though only badly wished in celebration of the day a glass of beer which he also got. It was to be seen so nice with which pleasure and with which joy he drank the alcohol-free beer.



We could chat with some people very nicely, unfortunately, with others a communication wasn't possible. But in their faces, was to be read that they took pleasure in this excursion and the ice. Everybody enjoyed the atmosphere under the cooling shade of the chestnut trees





*Obviously Mr. vice president and general adjutant of the CSLI, Christoph Ptak also talked very well to his fosterling*

Then it decreased again. We pushed the wheel chairs the mountain up and started sweating quite hard, because it was a quite hot day and far and wide no shade. Because the convoy were so big and the sidewalks often for us weren't useable, we sometimes became the traffic hold-up. The drivers took it with calmness and thus we came everybody again healthy and cheerfully at the home.

We thank all assistants, faithful after our motto: „Everybody can do something!“

Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### **A day in Vienna - Vienna Sightseeing Tour for our guests of honour from England, Scotland and Canada**

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, a visiting tour for our international friends was scheduled. President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt picked up the guests at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn and together they used the underground to come to the starting point of the tour at the Vienna Opera House. Oliver, Christoph, and I met them there to act as personal assistants.**

After the warmly greeting we surrounded the „Ringstraße“ with a Bus „Hop on Hop off“ Bus.

After we returned to the opera a little walk to the Schwedenplatz was scheduled. It is not easy to keep a group of 14 people together among all those masses of tourists in Vienna along the Kärntnerstrasse and the Stephansplatz. At the shipping pier additional support was provided by Prof. Hans König and Ludwig Brunner who looked impressive in his captain's uniform and was a much sought-after photo model for young and old.



With the excursion boat “Vindobona“ we went downstream along the Donaukanal until the Freudenu locks and then back on the river Danube, passing Vienna's Buddhist temple, the “Marina Vienna“ and back to the Reichsbrücke where we left the ship again.



With the underground, we returned to the Stephansplatz and visited St. Stephen's Cathedral. Led by Prof. Hans König and provided with experienced explanations many sights could be admired. As the surprise of the day our guests were invited to a coach tour and made a short round trip through beautiful Vienna. Back again at the opera we mounted our own cars and drove to Castle Kreuzenstein, our titular seat. There a castle tour was scheduled where the old kitchen, armoury, great hall, trophy room, and bedroom could be visited

Now everyone was exhausted and we sat down in the castle tavern to enjoy various “medieval“ specialities and engaged in small talk.

Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**10 years Lazarus Union, Ceremony and Concert at The Grunerhof, Leobendorf, Lower Austria**

The ceremony was initiated by the Band of the Union playing the "LAZARUS UNION March" followed by a welcoming address from the Secretary-General.



Then the landlord had a rare and exceptional surprise for us. A young four-month old gyrfalcon was presented to us, the animal saw so many people for the first time. Slightly nervous he endured the presentation finally. A fantastic and wonderful animal.

Now the day was over and we returned our tired guests to their hotel back in Vienna.

During the drive back home, Ludwig even had four ladies in his car, everybody sang along with Fats Domino, By My Gust, Elvis Presley and Bill Haley with Choo Choo Ch` Boogie. In my car, there was a really good mood.

The day finally ended with a good-humoured nightcap at the hotel bar.



*Carol Goldman, David Douglas, Paulen und Colin Lee, Shiela Mundel, Meggie und William Firth, Andrea Cassel, David und Liz Johnston from Scotland,*

In his speech, Secretary General Oliver Gruber-Lavin welcomed all the comrades and friends of the LAZARUS UNION present. Given the dramatic events at the Austro-Hungarian border, as well as in Hungary, he recalled the ideals of the LAZARUS UNION: "The main principles of the CSLI are tolerance, humility, compassion and charity. We are open to all people, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, social status or origin. We are true to our motto: Everybody can do something. – Let us create new perspectives." Finally, he addressed a few words in English to the international guests and wished all those present a great afternoon and evening. In his speech, Secretary General Oliver Gruber-Lavin welcomed all the comrades and friends of the LAZARUS UNION present. Given the dramatic events at the Austro-Hungarian border, as well as in Hungary, he recalled the ideals of the LAZARUS UNION: "The main principles of the CSLI are tolerance, humility, compassion and charity. We are open to all people, regardless of nationality,

ethnicity, religion, age, social status or origin. We are true to our motto: Everybody can do something. – Let us create new perspectives.” Finally, he addressed a few words in English to the international guests and wished all those present a great afternoon and evening.



The President of the Lazarus Union, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, then “took command”. In the first part of the event new members were accepted, promotions carried out and special awards presented.



This was followed by the song “Give My Love to My Vienna” from the Operetta “Countess Maritza” by Emmerich Kalman, sung by CSLI Captain Michael Wagner. The numerous musicians of the Band of the Union provided an excellent accompaniment.



Between performances by the Band of the Union more awards were made to deserving comrades and friends of the Union.

A special highlight was the award of the Grand Star of the LAZARUS UNION to the Vice President and Adjutant General of the LAZARUS UNION, Christoph Ptak.



The “master of ceremonies” of the Union, CSLI Colonel and Envoy, Rudi Murth, was awarded the Grand Silver Star of the Lazarus Union, and Helene and Andreas Kneidinger Menhardt with the Peace Cross, Officer Level.



CSLI Major General Bernd Cave, Commander of the CSLI Corps SOF “Sword of Freedom”, and CSLI Colonel Danny Koch, SOF Commander for Germany, new UN delegates of the Union at the United Nations in Geneva then received the UN Delegate Medal from the hand of the President.“



*Roberto Ortiz-Peace Cross with Diamond Star.*

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Vice-President and Union Commander handed over to CSLI General Roberto Ortiz, CSLI Commander in Latin America and Brazil, to present international awards to members of the Lazarus Union.



*OBR Friedrich Zeitelberger-Flame of Mercy Grand Commander.*



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The ceremony ended with “Parade-Defiliermarsch” by Ambrosch followed by “the LAZARUS UNION March”.



Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## 10. Investiture of the Knighthood of Honour

The investiture of the Knighthood of Honour was originally planned to be held at Kreuzenstein Castle but because of bad weather had also to take place at the Gruner Hof. In only one hour the organisation had to move the complete investiture from the castle to the Gruner Hof. A big thank you to all comrades who performed this logistic masterpiece.

Prelude was the ceremonial move-in of the banners of the corps, the banners of friendly organisations, the flags, the postulants, the Knights of Honour, the sword-bearer and the chapter of the Knighthood of Honour, and together with the Grand Master, the new Grand Protector of the Knighthood of Honour BM a.D. Dr. Fasslabend, all accompanied by the sound of the crusader's fanfare.

After the report by the Honour Commander of the Honour Guard CSLI Colonel Franz Graf to the president the ceremony commenced with the Austrian national anthem.



Protocol officer and the president's Aide de Camp Rudolf Murth, who led though the complete evening, welcomed the guests. There were many international guests, e.g. from Brazil, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Malta, Spain, and Lithuania. Also numerous representatives of friendly organisations and of the veteran's association with their banner delegations were present.



A first summit was the handing over of the CSLI Turkey banner to the ambassador for Turkey, CSLINC RAdm Ludwig Brunner, to the sound of the Turkish national Anthem.



Afterwards all union officers present traditionally renewed their officer's promise, framed by bugle signals from the "Großer Zapfenstreich" and the Dutch "We Gather Together".



The room was shaded and accompanied by drum roll everyone remembered the deceased comrades. The music played the song "I had a Comrade". This was followed by the blessing of the insignia by Parson Mag. Marek Ferenc.



Opened by the march "Oh, du mein Österreich" now the president addressed the audience. Grand Master Senator h.c. Steinhardt emphasised his pleasure to have won Dr. Fasslabend for the office of the Grand Protector and addressed him with the plea to watch the LAZARUS UNION and to weigh in whenever necessary.

The actual begin of the investiture ceremony was the ceremonial inauguration of the new Grand Protector of the Knighthood of Honour, BM a.D. Dr. Werner Fasslabend.



In front of the assembled Knights of Honour, postulants, and all present he vowed by his honour:

- to protect and foster the Lazarus Union and its Knighthood of Honour as Grand Protector.
- I will not allow that harm is done to the Lazarus Union and its Knighthood of Honour, neither from the inside nor from the outside!



The new Grand Protector Dr. Fasslabend, also a founding member of the LAZARUS UNION and until now highest-ranking Collar Knight of Honour, mentioned in his address the honour and duty he connects with this office and promised to be always at the disposition of the LAZARUS UNION.



The "Lazarus Union March" was the link to the next summit of the investiture. The ambassador for Turkey CSLINC VAdm Ludwig Brunner was appointed Grand Prefect of the Knighthood of Honour for Turkey, to be

able to act in future in his operational area by proxy of the Grand Master.

Ambassador Brunner also vowed his oath of office as Grand Prefect for the operational area Turkey:

- To promote and represent the LAZARUS UNION and its Knighthood of Honour in all conscience.
- I vow loyalty towards the chapter and the Grand Master as I am called and elected as his direct representative in my operational area.
- I will not allow that harm is done to the Lazarus Union and its Knighthood of Honour, neither from the inside nor from the outside!
- This I promise in front of all of you by my honour, and in humbleness I accept the chain of office as visible sign of my office and my position.



Then he received the insignia of his new office from the Grand Master. After these two exceptional acts the actual investiture followed, the appointment of eight postulants to Knights resp. Dames of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION. Each postulant was called individually and the Grand Master asked the postulant the following questions:

"I ask you therefore, before the assembled congregation: Do you of your own free will as ... .. (here the rank and position to which the candidate is to be commissioned is used) want to belong to our community and accept our mission?" and "Are you aware what it means to be a member of this community?"

After answering with "I want it with all my heart!" and "Yes, I am!" the candidates received the insignia of their new dignity: the sword from Grand Marshal Chev. Ewald Angetter, the mantle from Grand Knight and member of the board Col. ret. Adolf H. Neidhart. The Grand Protector Dr. Fasslabend the put the Knight's Cross around their neck (handed to him by the Grand Master). After this the Grand Master presented the new knight resp. dame to the audience while the fanfare was sounded



The ceremony came to an end with the "Gebet aus dem österreichischen Zapfenstreich" followed by the prayer of the Grand Master (Saint Francis Prayer) together with the parson of Leobendorf Mag. Marek Ferenc.



The farewell address by the protocol officer and the Grand Master finally closed the ceremony. Manuela Murth and Reinhard Kittenberger set a musical end to the investiture with the "Farewell Song".



After the music piece "The last Post" the commander of the Guard of Honour reported the closure of the ceremony to the Grand Protector who commanded de-campment. On the marching-out the banners of the various delegations received a beautiful remembrance

pennant out of the hands of Mrs. Martina Fasslabend and Mrs. Brigitte Brunner.



Our special thanks once again go to the "knights" from Prima Nocte, Milites Sancti Imperii and Armani Domini who acted once more as our standard bearers.



Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**SOF-CSLI Refugee-aid in the emergency accommodation in Saxony-Bitterfeld**

With a VW-minibus, full of hygienic articles, e.g. hundreds of bottles of shower gel, shampoo, 100 toothbrushes, 100 tube toothpaste, diapers, soap, towels, bed linen, lots of toys and other social goods the SOF-CSLI went to the emergency accommodation Saxony-Bitterfeld, where Syrian refugees were accommodated.



GenMjr CSLI Bernd Höhle, Commander SOF and Corporal CSLI Verona Henning handed over the social goods to the head of the Emergency Shelter Staff

Command / SOF and Mjr CSLI Raymond Schulz. He and his team are volunteer for the catering and the entertainment program for this establishment. The team also includes an interpreter to bridge the language barrier



Höhle and Ms Henning supported this team to the best of their ability. Even the District Administrator Uwe Schulze did not want to miss came to the emergency shelter and thanked for the energetic support of the helpers.



Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Pastor Babu George returns to India with donation and assistant**

For many years pastor Babu George, who was born in Kerala, India, visits once a year the Hessen community Schaafheim for four weeks during summer to act as a holiday replacement for the local pastor. Over time, many friendships sprung out of this – among others also with the Institute

**for Health and so with the SOF/ CSLI-comrades Dr. Thomas Draxler and Markus Sell.**

Schools, hospitals, and houses of prayer for the poorest of the poor

During his visits to Germany Babu always reports in detail on his work in the Indian slums and the numerous projects for the poorest of the poor, always showing detailed video and photographic material. In past years he built a school, a hospital, and a church for the Roman Catholic parish Pandirimamidigudem, financed from donations together with local workers. He takes care that the children are educated and by training provides women the chance to earn money as needlewomen. In 2014 after his successful work pastor Babu George was transferred to Jalipudi, where he is responsible for 21 mission stations. There he faces big challenges as they are missing practically everything and he has to start over again.



f.l.t.r.: Markus Sell, Reverend Babu George, Anna Draxler, Dr. Thomas Draxler.

**Active support by foreign trainee**

This year, during his leave-taking at the end of his replacement period Dr. Thomas Draxler and Markus Sell presented him a cheque over 1000 Euro to support his missionary work in India. Many citizens of Schaafheimer had given him also private donations the past weeks, so Babu need not go back to Jalipudi empty-handed.

He receives additional support from Dr. Draxlers' daughter Anna, who will come along with parson Babu to India to assist him there for two months. Anna, aged 18, decided to make some good use of the time before her studies commence next year and begins this with her trip to India to actively help there and so collect valuable experiences for her life.

**10 Euro save a child**

10 Euro per month is all it needs to provide an orphan with a roof over its head, education, and food in Jalipudi. The Institute for Health supports this work with pleasure and calls all persons who want to help to take over sponsorship with pastor Babu George thereby supporting his Indian project. Information can be found at <http://morascha.de/indien/index.html>.

Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Donation to the Floriansdorf im Kiez**

The Sword of Freedom – Corps represented by CSLI Maj Gen Bernd Höhle and Danny Koch donated a fully equipped dinghy and a diving-suit to the children’s fire station in Floriansdorf im Kiez Frauensee (which is near Berlin, Germany).



Such sort of equipment is important for rescue services. In the Floriansdorf children and youths can learn about the importance of fire for humans and the technical development, in the fire brigade school for kids they can train correct and safe handling with fire.



*The house of dangers shall help children to develop an awareness for all sorts of dangers. Prevention and safety is an elementary issue of the work of the Sword of Freedom – Corps.*

Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Charity Night in the Magic Life Waterworld Imperial**

ZICEV is a foundation for mentally handicapped children with the main goal of providing a job education for those children in Turkey; it enables those children and also adults to get an appropriate education, rehabilitation, and care. It cares for provision of required equipment and an environment for long-term professional aid.



It provides for good terms for support of homeless mentally handicapped humans.



At this event, the mentally handicapped played drums, danced, and sang.

Chev. Ludwig Brunner was named “honour drummer” at short notice and accepted this honour by playing the drums.



By selling lots to the guests and members of the Lazarus Union Turkey a significant sum of money could be handed over to president Mrs. Berrak Deniz as a donation.

Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**“Rekindling” of the flame in the Arc de Triomphe in Paris**

On the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Brazilian Command of CSLI – Lazarus Union International received an extraordinary invitation from the Civil Defense and Protection of France, and had the honour to participate in the ceremony of “Rekindling” of the flame in the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Despite the deluge over Paris on the day, we did not discourage ourselves and we participate at the parade and at the ceremonial in a position of honour, placing a wreath next to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



On the same day, the ceremony was attended by members of the Fire Brigade of Paris, the Souvenir Français, the Ambassador to Belarus, Russia’s Ambassador and the Commander of the 113<sup>th</sup> fighter aviation group of France. Despite the rain, the musical

ambiance was provided by the band of the Peace Guardians of France.

With the soul washed, and everything else absolutely soaked, the Lazarus Union was very well represented.



This event is a great landmark, and it proves the seriousness of our actions, the commitment to the next and the recognition of our efforts in an international level.

Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**50 Years of the Federal Camaraderie “Field Marshall Radetzky”**

Bright sunshine and late-summer temperatures greeted the over eight hundred participants at the commemoration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Camaraderie for “Field Marshal Radetzky” at the Heldenberg Memorial where the

crypt of Field Marshal Joseph Wenzel Graf Radetzky von Radetz can be found.



Participants mustered on the festival grounds to the sounds of lively marching music performed by the Klosterneuburg city band, led by Colonel CSLI Franz Lentner, the deputy chief of our Lazarus Music Corps. Our General Music Supervisor, Brigadier General CSLI Friedrich Lentner, functioned as drum major. Also representing our honorary knighthood were dames Ernestine and Edith Lentner who served as vivandières.



Under the command of Franz Graf (also Colonel CSLI), more than 60 flag secondments marched past the monument accompanied by their comrades in colourful uniforms and costumes of their organizations and took their place behind the honoured guests.



After the founder and chairman of the Federal and Central Confederation, Councillor Colonel Alexander W. Ritter welcomed the dignitaries, General (ret.) Edmund Entacher gave a commemorative speech in regards to the unique importance of Field Marshal Josef Wenzel Graf Radetzky for Austria and his army. With more than 72 years on active duty as a soldier, he is considered the world's "longest serving soldier". Addressing the current situation surrounding asylum and immigration, he ostensibly criticized politicians for having failed especially in the area of defence and we will feel the consequences of this policy for many years to come.

The open-air mass was led by and Military Chaplain Dr Alexander M. Wessely. In his impressive sermon, the chaplain warned that it was not for us to judge, but rather to help "under the sign of the cross, such as the Red Cross. The cross is a symbol of self-sacrificing devotion".



Afterwards, the tribute to the hero and wreath-laying ceremony took place in the crypt. The ceremony ended with an impressive parade. Adorned with the jubilee flags bands, our Honour Guard with its two flags and the delegation of the Lazarus Union marched by the guests of honour who had taken their position on the steps.



Attendees who appeared in uniform of the Lazarus Union: Wolfgang Steinhardt, Christoph Ptak, Josef Maria Gebel, Hannes Hochmuth, Hans König, Anita König, Fritz Lentner, Werner Winkelhofer, Martha Fichtl, Michaela Matzka, Erwin Matzka, Christopher Vlastic, Alexander Banhofer, Daniel Csadek, Edith Lentner, Erni Lentner

Many of our members came in the uniforms of other organizations, there were probably around 40 comrades of the CSLI who participated in this successful commemorative event.



Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

### Award of the LAZARUS MEDAL in Silver

In the office of the General Manager Ismail Karsioglu the awarding of the LAZARUS MEDAL in SILVER took place.



Some members received the award at their place of work.

LAZARUS UNION ambassador for Turkey, Chev. Ludwig Brunner acting for the Board of the LAZARUS UNION awarded the LAZARUS MEDAL in SILVER to the following members:

- Mr. Baris ECE
- Mr. Özhan ECE
- Mrs. Melih PEKIYI
- Mr. Berna PEKIYI
- Mrs. Ayse TUNA
- Mr. Con Sahin EMRE
- Mr. Murat ATES
- Mr. Nihat YESILKAYA
- Mr. Sahin ALAGÖZ
- Mrs. Cigdem SÖZBIR
- Mr. Ersin SÖZBIR
- Mr. Özkan AKSAY.



All members were very pleased with the award and the celebration ended with a glass of orange Juice.

Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Awarding the FLAME OF MERCY**

**LAZARUS UNION** ambassador for Turkey, Chev. Ludwig Brunner awarded Mr. General Manager Sen Cmdr CSLINC Ismail KARSIOGLU the insignia of a Grand Commander of the **LAZARUS UNION** Flame of Mercy for his excellent merits implementing the **LAZARUS UNION** mission statement.

It was a solemn ceremony where hundreds of guests and many **LAZARUS UNION** members participated.



To honour and decorate persons having earned merits on humanitarian, charitable, or community fields and due to the fact that the **LAZARUS UNION** awards merit distinctions only very selectively, the **LAZARUS UNION** has donated the award "FLAME OF MERCY" in four levels. Persons awarded need not necessarily be members of the **LAZARUS UNION**.



The awarded level considers duration, intensity, and effects as well as the social standing of the decorated person. But not only "spectacular" merits shall be recognised, also "simple" merits shall be honoured. Multiple awards are possible. Every person and therefore also non-members of the **LAZARUS UNION** do have the right to nominate another person for awarding a level of the "FLAME OF MERCY" with the **LAZARUS**

**UNION** Board of Management. Nominations for oneself are not permissible

Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Action 2015**



For this year's Christmas action The **LAZARUS UNION** has received from Ms Elisabeth Raidl, the owner of the Gallery Raidl "ARTPOINT 222" (1140 Wien, Hütteldorferstr. 222), three beautiful lithographs by the artist Georg Piesch. Ms Raidl is an Honorary Grand Dame of the **LAZARUS UNION** who has for years been a friend from the St. Michael Order of Knights.



**Information about the Artist:**

Georg Piesch spent years travelling and studying comparative religion and philosophy. In 1997, he started painting and has since had exhibitions throughout Europe, Canada and South Africa. His current exhibition ART ET CASS is at The Cass Business School, City University, London.

His art is an expression of spiritual universalism, the artist's main focus being on the unity of everything with life itself.

#### Information on the works:

General information: The printing plates for these works were destroyed, so they cannot be reprinted in the future. This makes each work so much more valuable!

#### Work "ENERGY" (Image size 14x9cm, frame 21x27cm)

Space less and timeless. Universal energy is space less and timeless, but proceeds through space and time, is everlasting and always alive.

#### Work "THE BIRD'S FLIGHT" (Image size 14x9cm, frame 21x27cm)

The bird knows its way, it opens his wings and flies. We should expand our minds and, with the spirit of the bird's wings, overcome the force of gravity.

#### Work "HAPPINESS" (Image size 14x9cm, frame 21x27cm)

Happiness is an essence that makes life worth living. In this work the vital joy of happiness is clearly visible:



*As an additional „thank you“ from the LAZARUS UNION, the „winner“ of the auction for each picture will receive the Grand Commander's Star of the Lazarus Union Flame of Mercy (with certificate).“.*

*Where the auction final bid is more than EUR 250 per picture, the „winner“ will receive the Grand Star of the Lazarus Union Flame of Mercy (with certificate).*

The complete bidding proceeds will be handed over to the "VINZI WERKE" (Rev. Wolfgang Bucher) homeless shelter for hosting their Christmas party for the homeless. Let us not forget that our homeless now includes refugees too! We are counting on our bidders' generosity!

Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

#### CSLI at the Order of St Joachim Investiture



The annual investiture for the United Kingdom Commandery of The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim in this 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Battle of Waterloo had a strong Duke of Wellington theme. Following the Investiture service, Order members and guests lunched at The Wellesley Hotel, named for the Duke's family name, toured Apsley House, the Duke's London home, and visited the Wellington Arch, built to celebrate his victory at Waterloo.



An often-unrecognised fact, certainly in Britain, is that only a third of Wellington's army at Waterloo was British. The majority included Nassauers from the Rhineland, Brunswickers and Hanoverians from Lower Saxony, Dutchmen and Belgians.

It was therefore highly appropriate that the Order of St Joachim Investiture was supported by a broad European CSLI presence this year. Dr. Oswin Hochstöger, President of Corps St Lazarus Austria, was joined by CSLI Executive Officer David Johnston from Scotland, CSLI Major Stephan Breu from Switzerland and CSLI Major Mike Boxall from England.

When the officiating officers of The Order of Saint Joachim who are also CSLI members are included: H.E. Stephen Lautens, CSLI Advisory Board Director for North America and Grand Master of The Order of Saint Joachim; The Most Rev. Douglas Lewins, CSLI Chaplain and Grand Prior of The Order of Saint Joachim, and H.E. Simon McIlwaine, CSLI Advisory Board Executive Officer and UK Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim, CSLI was strongly represented at the Investiture.

Meeting at St Cuthbert's in Earl's Court, one of London's largest 19<sup>th</sup> century churches, Order Members, prospective Members and guests were welcomed by Chevalier Canon Victor Bullock KJ on behalf of the Parish Priest of St Cuthbert's. After the blessing had been pronounced by the Order's Grand Prior, the UK Commander invited the Order's Grand Master to lead the proceedings.

Three Postulants were admitted to the Order on the day as Knights Expectant, and five Knights Expectant promoted to the rank of Knight through the Order's traditional six-stage process.

The first of the new Knights, our own CSLI Major Stephan Breu, took his Oath to the Order, knelt for the sword strokes of knighthood, had his heels tapped symbolically with a sword, received white gloves symbolic of a Knight's clear conscience and was then raised to his feet and presented with the Neck Cross and Brevet of a new Knight in the Order of St Joachim.

After the other four new Knighthoods had been conferred, the Convocation concluded with a blessing and the Order's traditional words of closing: "Love and Peace be with us!" The martial tones of the concluding music, Light Cavalry Overture by Franz von Suppe, played on the church organ, reminded us of the Wellingtonian theme to the day as we all gathered for group photos inside the church.

A short drive by private hire cars treated us to the delights of a west London traffic jam before depositing us at The Wellesley Hotel for a stylishly presented lunch. Interestingly, the hotel is on the site of the old Hyde Park Corner Underground station and our elegant dining room was the top of what had been the lift shaft.

After lunch, it was a short walk to Apsley House where we enjoyed a guided tour of the London home of the Duke of Wellington which has changed very little since his great victory at Waterloo in 1815.

We began in the stairwell at the 3.4 meters tall naked statue of Napoleon, with strategically placed fig leaf, that was presented to Wellington in 1816. Upstairs we then marvelled at the huge dining table at which the Duke held a Waterloo Banquet each year for the 74

Generals who had fought alongside him at Waterloo. We also admired the elaborate silver Portuguese table centre-pieces and the massive painting of the Battle by William Alan.

Other impressive paintings on show, taken from the baggage train of the defeated Joseph Bonaparte after the Battle of Vitoria in 1813 and subsequently gifted to Wellington, included works by Velazquez, Rubens, van Dyck and Murillo. Also of interest to Order of St Joachim members were the insignia of the Duke's many Orders including: the British Order of The Garter and Order of The Bath, the Austrian Order of Maria Theresa, the Netherlands Military William Order, the Spanish Order of the Golden Fleece and the Prussian Order of the Black Eagle.

It was very hard to tear ourselves away from such a wealth of fascinating artefacts and great works of art, but our next port of call, the Wellington arch, promised more Waterloo treats. While some took the lift and others mounted the 65 steps, we all eventually reached the upper rooms to enjoy an audio-visual description of the progress of the Battle.



The balconies at the top of the arch gave magnificent views over Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner and Constitution Hill and, in the bright autumn sunshine, proved a wonderful end to the 'Wellington commemoration' part of the Order of St Joachim's Investiture day.

As a CSLI member and guest of the Order, for me, and I'm sure for fellow CSLI members, the day had been a very practical expression of the Order of St Joachim's motto: JUNXIT AMICUS AMOR (Love hath united friends).

Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### „Mondo Donna“ conference 2015

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015, was held at the Clinica Mediterranea the meeting to present the fourth edition of the series of meetings and seminars dedicated

to the welfare of women “Mondo Donna” (Woman World). From November 2016 to May 2016, through ten meetings, there will be covered several useful topics for the prevention of diseases and medical conditions as well as to greater social well-being of women. The CSLI is part of the Technical Committee of the operational event.



*Prof. Virgili and Dr. Condorelli.*

The meeting, coordinated by Dr. Celeste Condorelli, Managing Director of the Clinic, was followed by the opening of an art exhibition and a convivial buffet. At the inaugural event gave adhesions and attended by the Prefect, the Vice Questore (Deputy Police Chief), Presidents of the Order of Physicians, of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Industrial Union, of the Young Entrepreneurs Association and several reporters and Press representatives. For the CSLI was attended by a delegation of six members, including Prof. Virgili, the CSLI Commander for Italy. The CSLI made proposals for initiatives to be implemented with various associations in order to promote the prevention and the participation of the less advantaged female population.



*The CSLI delegation at “Mondo Donna” meeting 2015*

Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### Change of Command of CSLI USA

Our founding member, long-time Commander of the LAZARUS UNION USA and Grand Prefect of the Knighthood of Honour for the USA, Brigadier General CSLI William Bryk, has asked the Bureau of the LAZARUS UNION to relieve him of the duties of the Commander of the LAZARUS UNION for the United States.

This wish has been met with great regret and the LAZARUS UNION records its thanks and appreciation for all the services he has rendered. However, William Bryk remains a Grand Prefect of the Knighthood of Honour for the USA with all rights and obligations.

The new Commander of the LAZARUS UNION USA, with effect from October 16, 2015, is Brigadier General CSLI Javier Lopes (see Decree). At the same time, the Headquarters of the LAZARUS UNION USA is relocated from New York to California.

The LAZARUS UNION sends its best wishes for good luck to accompany the new Commander. All comrades are requested to support Javier with their best efforts and to give him their loyalty as defined in the LAZARUS UNION Officers Pledge.

Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### At least one good deed every day is the motto of the LAZARUS UNION members

Ludwig Brunner, LAZARUS UNION ambassador in Turkey together with a life guard team from Magic Life Waterworld fulfilled the wish of a group of handicapped people to swim in the sea and the pool.



Floating tyres especially purchased for the occasion supported stimulating the motor function of the hand-capped and so allowed them to enter the water.

Full support from the assistants. With great pleasure, we could see how simple it is to make handicapped people happy so easily. If one only wants to!



Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

**CSLI Leadership Academy founded**

To standardise the internal instruction for staff officers the “LAZARUS UNION Leadership Academy” was founded effect 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Task of this academy is to convey standardised “knowledge modules” regarding the LAZARUS UNION to officers and high-ranking NCOs. It is not an academic study and do not have academic grades!



Our biggest group member, the CSLI Brazil, with its “Academia São Lázaro de Estudos Cavaleirescos e Humanitários (ASLECH)” is an accredited full member of UNAI (United Nation Academic Impact) and we have therefore agreed that our leadership academy within the LAZARUS UNION acts here in Austria as a

branch. While the Leadership Academy is an independent unit, but under the umbrella of the CSLI Brazil respective of its ASLECH. So, we can avoid for ourselves a long-standing certification process.

These courses will in the first place be offered in Austria only. In the future, a self-study course shall be offered with final exam (multiple choice test with 25 questions, 20 of which must be answered correctly to pass) and an exposition covering a given subject.

Of course, participation in such seminars is voluntary (like everything in the LAZARUS UNION) but future staff officers (and knights of honour) shall consider this a privilege, not a duty.

In the first place about ten different modules shall be offered. At least 90% of the information and knowledge required for these modules can be found at our web site.

Presently the Academy is under the command of the Secretary General Office.

Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**At a school in the slums of Rajasthan / India**

“Martial Artists – Without Borders” is a part of the “Martial Artists with a Heart” initiative of SOF & the Martial Arts Association – International in cooperation with The Children’s Fund.

These visits to schools and homes in poor areas (in Nepal, Africa, the Philippines and India so far) give an insight into martial arts through demonstrations. Martial Arts is, in addition to the joy of sport, also an excellent character developer, it forms, inter alia, discipline, respect, tolerance and self-confidence thus motivating self-help. In summary, it is therefore about joy, sport & character training.



In addition, we try to create the opportunity to establish permanent martial arts on site in the institution. In this too we succeeded in this School.



At first glance, the building does not seem to be a High School & Junior College and the school uniforms conceal something – the school children/pupils come from very poor circumstances. We were able to visit a teacher and a student and were very shocked at the poor conditions in which they lived with their families.



At the school, we were ceremonially received by the Executive Board to a drum and timpani accompaniment. Hundreds of pupils in ranks were drawn up for our arrival. All waited anxiously, quiet as mice, until Bernd Höhle, Head of Delegation, raised his hands in the customary greeting pose and saluted all present with “Namaste” which unlocked the pupils’ throats to chorus the greeting back.



The Vice Director, Janardan Mhatre, greeted us with flowers. He sincerely thanked us for our visit. Then there was a welcome serenade by a group of young pupils. The Deputy Director introduced the MAA as an association and the project “Martial Artists – Without Borders” in a lengthy speech. Then Bernd Höhle spoke and handed the Director a certificate of thanks for promoting this Project.



Afterwards martial arts demonstrations were given accompanied by much cheering, applause and beaming faces from students and teachers. The whole demonstration was done once in the morning for the younger pupils and again in the afternoon for the older students. It was a great experience to see and feel the joy and excitement that gripped them. We were able to agree to a request from the Director that a representative of the MAA will give regular martial arts training for local school master Manoj Kumar Gautam. This was followed by a tour of the classrooms and presentation of guest Gifts.

My thanks go to the other members of the delegation: Master Babak P. Saviz, Marcel Nickel and Marcel Behrendsen

Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Project Burma refugees**

**On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. A group of Burma refugee approached Lazarus Union (CSLI Malaysia) for guidance and assistance. They are brought into Malaysia by UNHCR under refugee program.**

The main problem they were facing was unemployment, no shelter and Food.



CSLI Malaysia with the collaboration of AMDA Malaysia chapter was able to provide them shelter, food and part time job for their daily living. CSLI Malaysia with collaboration with the Association of medical doctors of Asia (UNNGO ECOSOC) Malaysian chapter are providing them free medical service with CSLI Malaysia, we have adopted one family into our care under our refugee program.

The above photos are the Burma refugee and CSLI Malaysia is coordinating with UNHCR to help this refugee whatever we can. All are self-funding.

Dr. Balavendrian Anthony.

Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Meeting with ANIOC and greetings lunch**

**At the Italian Navy Officers' Club in Napoli, it took place the meeting of exchange of greetings and a social lunch, organized in collaboration with ANIOC (National Association of people awarded honours of Chivalry Orders). Representatives of**

**FIDCA (Italian Federation of Allied Fighters) and Centro Studi "E. Fromm" were at the meeting.**



Also at the meeting the representatives of two associations who regularly cooperate with the CSLI Italia: the President of VISION (Victimology Support and International Observatory Network) and a representative of LIDU (Italian League of Human Rights).

The Commander of the CSLI Italian Corp conferred to the President of the Navy Officers' Club, Captain Citarella, a certificate of gratitude for the warm hospitality.



Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### **CSLA: Prechristmassy trip for the distribution of auxiliary goods in the Ukraine**

**Our president Dr. Oswin Hochstöger has stayed in the period from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of December in the Ukraine to distribute again auxiliary goods.**

Above all clothes, school article, plays and bicycles were distributed. Also, this time the disabled person's school was roofed again in Uzhgorod.



It was touching to see how the children have accepted the presents and how they have helped while unloading the same. Then the children have also sung a prepared Nicholas's song for the guests from the west (as a result of the other calendar of the Greek-orthodox church the Christmas Days and therefore also Nicholas are later than in Catholic countries).

Then a German-speaking school was still visited in Mukatschewo. There our president of one German hour of the students of the school there could be present and auxiliary goods were also handed over there. The school also has contacts to Austria and was spoken of the fact that maybe in 2016 a visit takes place in Austria under presence of our president.



On the next day, a discussion with the president of the association of labour unions of Transkarpatien took place. Besides, an international, cultural exchange was agreed. Relevant projects are discussed in the first quarter of 2016.

Then still occurred a common lunch with the grand duchess Tatiana Romanow (a relative of the former Russian czar's family) for which our president should organise an exhibition in 2016 in Austria, particularly as the grand duchess is also an artist and also our president in this area acts.

The Flam of Peace, as well as the Lower Austrian Veterans Association as well as to our president passed of representatives the admission of the Austrian delegation. The representatives of the Ukraine were especially kind and obliging.



The meetings with the children were very affecting also (no matter whether they were disabled or not) which emitted in her simplicity and warmth one more innocence which there isn't with us any more often.

Everybody has been glad about the visit and the brought auxiliary goods very much. Also for the members of the delegation it was especially nice to hand over urgently required objects during the Christmas

period to destitute and to be able to take part in the joy of the recipients and to fulfil the aims of our association therefore also



Completely for the purposes of our association true saying „cor et gladius (heart and sword) - semper et ubique (always and everywhere)“.