



“... a vision becomes true ...”

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

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February to March 2016

“Girl Up” project no. 1

It was held, from February to March 2016, at the Institute of Higher Education “M. Pagano-Bernini” of Naples the project of the United Nations Foundation “Girl Up”, aimed to increase the social and cultural participation of girls and to inform about the problems and discrimination that many women still face in the world today.

The CSLI Italia for some years is spreading and supporting locally the project. In the project dozens of girls are involved and they will attend short seminars and interactive lessons, held by members of the CSLI Italia, and then develop forms of cultural exchange and information with girls in developing countries.



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Friday, the 5th February 2016

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2016.

The UN General Assembly declared the first week of February in 2010 as “World Interfaith Harmony Week” . Since then there have been thousands of events around the world by interreligious associations and other groups to demonstrate that the similarities between the various religions far outweigh the differences when it comes to living together peacefully.

For the second time, the LAZARUS UNION was invited by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) to attend their annual conference and was represented by President Wolfgang Steinhardt, Vice President Christoph Ptak, Ambassador of the Lazarus Union for Turkey Ludwig Brunner and Chief Auditor Josef-Maria Gebel.



This year’s UPF conference at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) took place under the slogan “Toward Peace and Reconciliation in Syria and the Middle East—The Role of Religions”.



With its many developmental programs, the United Nations supports countries in their efforts to combat poverty and utilize crisis prevention, as most conflicts in developing countries originate from large social and economic disparities. Other priorities are the protection of human rights and equal treatment of women.

The religions in the region are also of great significance.

There are about 4,200 religions worldwide that follow many different rules, some which are clearly not religious commandments, but instead represent outdated stereotypes. Perhaps the subordinate role of women is due to the fact that most “Gods” are male.



Many interesting contributions (see a copy of the program above) could be heard on this subject. The LAZARUS UNION was also able to express its views on this subject to conference delegates. Our approach was greeted with spontaneous applause on more than a few occasions.



Our president addressed the spiritual high dignitaries with these words (among others):

“... Gentlemen, please consider what would have happened had you not been born in Europe into an environment that has enabled you to grow up as a Catholic and to be familiar from birth with this religion. What would have happened if instead of Europe, you had been born in the Arab world and raised as a Muslim? You would probably be just as good a Muslim as you are now a Catholic. When a baby is born it is completely naked and has no idea of religion and politics. The environment we are born into defines us and determines our future life. At birth, we don't know anything! For this reason, we should not talk of “tolerance”, but of “acceptance”. We therefore accept everyone in his or her uniqueness ...)



Despite all the setbacks, the conference delegates were optimistic that a significant contribution can be made to world peace through intensive dialogue between religious groups who understand, respect and cooperate with people of all faiths. Nevertheless, the road ahead will not be easy. The mission statement of the LAZARUS UNION was accepted during the break and was afterwards still hotly debated as a possible solution!

Wars are not caused by religions but by people!



The participation of the LAZARUS UNION at this international conference was another important step in making the LAZARUS UNION known in international circles.

Saturday, the 6th &
Sunday, the 7th February 2016

CSLI Leadership Academy – 1st Course

The first course (module 10) for Knights and Dames Expectant was held on 6th and 7th February 2016. Eligible comrades have been invited by Name.

Scheduled topics for this seminar have been:

1. **The Development of Medical Services**
Preparation for and missions at LAZARUS UNION events
2. **Technical Investiture Support**
Necessary or an enrichment?
3. **Member's Rights and Duties**
How to personally play an active part in the LAZARUS UNION?
4. **LAZARUS UNION Fundamentals**
On the basis of the mission statement explain appearance and conduct of members within the union and in public.
5. **LAZARUS UNION History**
Is the name substantiated with regard to history?
6. **LAZARUS UNION Projects**
Explain various LAZARUS UNION activities using actual examples.
7. **Ideas for Raising the LAZARUS UNION Awareness Level**
Info stand – indoor/outdoor – what preparations are necessary?
8. **LAZARUS UNION Membership**
From knight /dame expectant to member of the chapter
9. **LAZARUS UNION International – CSLI**
CSLI composition, structure, and sphere of influence
10. **LAZARUS UNION Ideals and Values**
Are they outdated today?
11. **LAZARUS UNION as an Organisation in Uniform**
Is this outdated today?

REPORT

Prospective members of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour were sent written invitations to the leadership seminar well in advance by the President of the LAZARUS UNION – CSLI, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt. In total, ten candidates took advantage of this opportunity and came to the Krainerhütte, a conference hotel near Baden bei Wien in the famous "Helental".

Before the arrival of the candidates and judges, the conference room was prepared ahead of time by Andreas Menhardt (our "technology officer"). The technology, i.e. a microphone, headset and laptop were set up and chairs for the judges and participants were arranged. After the rooms were already, all those present gathered in the conference room.

Of course, the candidates and their "foster parents" appeared in uniform – a wonderful sight of "corporate identity".

To begin, all were welcomed by the President, who opened the seminar.

Dean Rudolf Murth then announced that technical aids such as headsets, the microphone and the projector were operational and also explained everything that one should consider before speaking to an audience. In a very humorous way he went over the most common errors to be avoided. This didn't dull the excitement and eased any tensions.

Afterwards, all candidates received a piece of paper with a name and a number on it. This lottery determined the order in which candidates introduced themselves to the judges.

All seminar candidates managed this first "test" with flying colours, so we proceeded to the next segment. It was now the judges' turn to be interviewed. After all, it would be good to get to know them a little better, too. Once again, each candidate presented a judge and you could see that they were all confident and charismatic in their appearance in front of an audience.

For this reason, all attendees had earned reinforcement! The buffet was excellent, the weather fantastically beautiful and the fresh air on the terrace did everyone good. (Especially the smokers!)

The break was kept short since we had to continue with the presentations the candidates had prepared. All had to tackle a specific topic, elaborate on it, make a PowerPoint and present it on a laptop. Our technology officer Andreas Menhardt set up the presentations and the first candidate got going.

The presentations were all of high quality and were praised by the judges in the highest terms.

There were so many interesting facts presented that the time flew by. Prof. Dr. Schramm and President Steinhardt were particularly impressed and they never expected that they would have such good presentations!

No one thought during the performances to physical needs such as hunger and thirst, even though the dinner had to be postponed by half an hour because the individual presentations took longer than planned.

After the sumptuous dinner, each candidate was asked by the judges to give a reason why they believe they were worthy of being included in the elite community of the Knighthood of Honour.

After all their reasons were presented at the lectern on the microphone, candidates were sent to the fireplace room. The judges withdrew to deliberate. The candidates would be individually invited to a closed-door session where they would get their results.

It was really an intense deliberation because the candidates had to wait until 11 p.m. for the outcome.

At this late juncture the candidates were all asked to assemble in the auditorium in front of the judges and Mr. Hanns Rudolf Gries, who made the results known – but not with words but with a special “white flag.” The joy was great and the applause of the judges was a relief for all of the candidates.

The day concluded with open-ended informal discussions in front of the fireplace.

The next day began after breakfast with a last task for the candidates. Dean Rudi Murth posed a question to each candidate, based on his or her presentation on Saturday. Responses should be spontaneous but discussed in detail. It was clear that any fear of the microphone or speaking had given way to a certain self-confidence before the audience. Everyone had learned something.

At the end of the day, new badges were presented for passing the seminar. It was noted by the judges that the CSLI had also passed the equality “test” because half of the recipients were female.

This first leadership seminar was a really successful event; it was informative, interesting and even a little “exciting”. It also helped us to get to know one another better.

Now nothing stands in the way of inducting the successful candidates into the Knighthood of Honour on 23 April 2016 in the Palais Augarten, the home of Vienna Boys’ Choir.

The management seminar from the perspective of Erwin Matzka

As Knight Expectant, we received an e-mail informing us that we are allowed to participate in the first management seminar. The “joy” was great when we realized that everyone should work out a presentation

Optimistically, with a faint feeling in the stomach, we drove full expectation on February 6th to Baden in the beautiful Helenthal. After we arrived at the conference hotel “Zur Krainerhütte” and had moved into our rooms ha, we were welcomed by the CSLI President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt.

In the seminar room, Andy Menhart prepared everything for the presentations. There were beamer, flip-chart, loudspeaker, lectern and various microphone types available. Between each block there was coffee and cake to relax in a family atmosphere.

The command and management of the seminary was taken over by Dean Colonel CSLI Rudolf Murth (envoy of the LAZARUS UNION and member of the chapter).

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The Round Table

Nervousness in one, self-confidence among the others. It was easy to find out who likes to talk and who talks a lot in front of an audience. Rudi cared for relaxing by assigning an interview partner to each Knight Expectant.



In the course of the interviews and the subsequent presentation, we got to know each other better, since also private issues were revealed and in so far no presentation had taken place in this way. The jurors had sheets of paper for the evaluation, which they filled mercilessly.

Half an hour later than planned, the evening buffet was opened for both the judges and the participants. The rich buffet left nothing to be desired. Whether salad, meat or fish there was something for everyone. Also, the desert was great. With full stomachs and endurance, we returned to the seminar room. "One should offer the body something good so that the soul has a desire to dwell in it." Winston Churchill.

Rudi also had a surprise for the jurors. Each of them could give his first feedback about the participants and the seminar.



At the end, the participants had to declare why they should be appointed Knight of Honour/Dame of Honour.

Subsequently, the chapter withdrew to the anonymous vote.

Waiting in the fireplace room seemed endless. After felt hours - finally the salvation - off into the seminar room to get the vote. The decision of the chapter was awaited with oversized smile and shaky knees. After a few group photos, it was time.



The white flag was hoisted by Hans Rudolf. For everybody a stone felt from the heart. After everyone had received an Academy badge and a student badge (SFA), everybody congratulated.

The final words were spoken to us by Univ.-Prof. ret. Dr. Josef-Michael Schramm. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Academy and chairs Austria.



On Sunday after the very good breakfast we took place in the seminar room, only to say farewell. One should never make the bill without the hosts, for Rudi still had a surprise for us in the sleeve. Everyone received from him a task which was to be performed spontaneously. So, Wolfgang got a belated birthday serenade from all Dame of Honour Expectants.

Praise and thanks to Rudi who led us excellent through this seminar and provided for both surprises and relaxation.

You noticed with each one that all participants had intensively dealt with the topics and the homepage. From lecture to lecture, the candidates became more self-assured.



I feel so free to speak for all participants: It was a successful seminar and a nice weekend!

Thursday, the 16th February 2016

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“Changing of the guard” in the refugee camp

First minister and head of the district authority Schulze expressed thanks. CSLI MajGen Bernd Höhle, Commander of the CSLI Corps SOF reporting.



With taps the urgent care for refugees by SOF members and the German medical service friend's association came to an end.

Annual meeting CSLI Poland

Twice a year, there is the possibility of a joint meeting in Poland CSLI. This meeting of the pictures held on February 11, 2016 in Warsaw. Meeting place is one of the castles, currently operated by former Polish soldiers. At this meeting, they were present the generals and officers of the CSLI, and those who got nominations. The meeting prepared the body Marynaki War CSLI in Poland.



The head of the district authority Uwe Schulze expressed his thanks to SOF Commander CSLI Major Raymond Schulz (association president) and his comrades-in-arms. “You have done pioneering work and set standards in assistance,” were his words.



As refugee assistance was virgin soil for all it was no easy job which was but well done after some initial problems. Schultze was full of praise for the standards reached, as “everybody was taken care for in a human way.”



For 80 days CSLI Major Raymond Schulz was in charge of the refugee accommodation camp. Besides the familiar atmosphere, which was especially emphasised, several integration activities were offered like for example joint cooking, first aid training, traffic education with a bicycle course, football, garden maintenance, and more.

Also, the organisation and leading of the camp as well as translation services required a lot of engagement and Attention.

Several external SOF members actively participated in collecting donations and also in assistance work, also the excellent cooperation with other partners like Köthen police, medical services, and doctors must be mentioned. Even the first minister of the county personally thanked the team. Since Tuesday the camp is operated by the Köthener BVIK gGmbH. We wish them to continue success.

"We hereby express once more our fullest esteem to SOF Commander CSLI Major Raymond Schulz (president of the German medical service friend's association) and his team, as this assistance job was far beyond normal emergency assistance, wearing out the team." were the words by CSLI GenMjr Bernd Höhle, SOF board of management. Now the team will be able to once more concentrate on its core Tasks.

Thursday, the 25th February 2016

Internal application report UN Geneva

On the 25th of February, there took place the first this year's meeting of the NGOs with Michael Moller, Director general of the United Nations At Geneva. This platform of information and discussion platform takes place twice a year.

On the meeting, the priorities of UN were introduced for this year and a better integration of the NGOs was

discussed in the discussion group. Michael Moller introduced briefly "Sustainable Development Goals" again and expressed himself the wish of UN, that the NGOs also for this work on. The SDG have the highest priority step in UN. Once more Michael Moller pointed out to the fact that for him personally more engagement of the NGOs would be wished in the area "Disarming".

Afterwards he explained the next steps in the running rebuilding project of UN to Geneva. Some time will still go, but the NGOs should be able to dispose after concluded rebuilding of a contemporary infrastructure.

The final discussion proved no more substantial requests to speak. Thus, the discussion about a „space of the silence was also not treated“ for all religious groups finally.

After end of the official meeting I could still get in touch briefly with Lidiya Grigoreva, and we agreed on the pushed open first visit with image of the UNION LAZARUS for my next visit in Geneva.



Mjr CSLI Stephan Brey, KTJ, Kt.SMA, KJ - UN-Delegate of the LAZARUS UNION.

Wednesday, the 24th February 2016

SOF-CSLI Help in the slums of Manila

After a major fire in the slums of Manila, 45 families became homeless. Once again, people and families who already live in the poorest conditions have lost the very little that they had.

As we have already shown in some of our film reports, the families often live in one-room houses with 6-9

people on a hotplate of about ten square meters. Obviously far below even the lowest limit of poverty. As the Sword of Freedom, we wanted to help rebuild the houses. We collected the money for the necessary building materials at various events (as previously reported) and under the supervision of our SoF members on the ground, the necessary building materials were purchased little by little and we (of course) documented everything.

For us it is unimaginable how people can live in such conditions and still haven't lost their smile. Bernd Höhle from the SoF remarked: "Many infants and children live here – they don't have a good start in life. The shacks and sheds they live or rather survive in reflect their hard lives ...".



The government has also responded to the disaster and built a provisional "shelter cage" right in the middle of the busy, exhaust-filled main street – unbelievable! But the attached images (a picture is worth a thousand words) clearly show the effects of having eked out an existence in those cages. Our photographer documented everything with pictures and film.

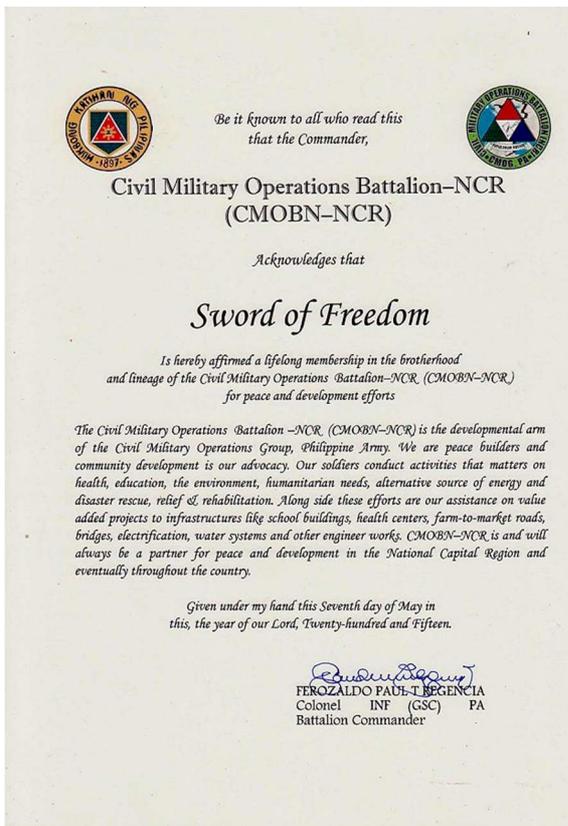
In the dwellings, the helpers started by putting roofs on a wooden framework. This gave people literally a roof over their heads. Then the walls were put up with timber plates which were bricked up afterwards. The 45 families now have permanent homes again. Many thanks to SoF officer Andy Kunz for the coordination and monitoring of the Project.



After receiving the permission for the reconstruction, building materials were purchased and houses were built with a team of helpers as best as possible.



The commander of the Civil Military Battalion NRC, a civil protection unit of the Philippine Army, awarded the SoF with a lifetime membership to show its gratitude.



March to April 2016

CSLI Italy "Girl Up" Project no.2



It was held, from March to April 2016, at the Lyceum "Galileo Galilei" the project of the United Nations Foundation "Girl Up", aimed to increase the social and cultural participation of girls and to inform about the problems and discrimination that many women still face in the world today.

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According to the Girl Up project, themes have been, among the others: FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) and child marriage in developing countries and in Europe among immigrants; some psychosocial disturbs among adolescent girls; woman and mass media; changes in Laws and society, gender disparities; inter-cultural relations and problems. A group of university students CSLI Members has validly supported the activities.

Tuesday, the 8th March 2016

Funeral for MjrGen CSLI Horst Schöffmann

**Is it then so strange, dear Horst,
That a candle of life has to die away?
They are borrowed only, limited in time,
So they have to pass away!
The eternal light of life will gleam instead
Even if it is a tiny glow.
For us – giving comfort!
Until we are called for a reunion.**

I want to give this comforting wisdom for the road to all who lament our dear Horst together with us. It shows us the circle of life, the fate, but also the hope remaining for us as the mundane life is but a short glimpse in the eternal circle of the universe and that there will be a reunion. I firmly believe in this! Death shows to us quite clearly the finiteness of our mundane existence.



After a serious illness which he bore bravely and which did not hinder him serving his comrades until the end, Horst passed away on February 22nd, 2016, in his 73rd year. Despite his illness, death came swiftly in the form

of a heart attack, without pain and suffering. This shall give us a little comfort.



During all the past years we were able to spend with him since 2006, he always was a faithful comrade to us. Over the past ten Air Days he acted as a most responsible and careful aviation supervisor and flight controller, fully trusted by everyone.



Yet I am grateful to fate that it brought the two of us together. We trained together as pilots and he bought my first plane from me. We both had some more things in common regarding aviation. Both of us turned their

planes to debris on landing, yet both of us walked away from the respective accidents unharmed. What else could bond two minds, if not such events?

Horst was a founding member of the Lazarus Union, holding important functions during his time with the LAZARUS UNION and the Corps Saint Lazarus Austria. He was member of the board, Deputy Treasurer, Auditor and Lazarus Union Major General.



In his human, discreet, and comradely behaviour Horst Schöffmann was much liked as he could never refuse somebody a wish and when no one wanted to act as flight controller, Horst jumped in. Horst, we thank you for this!

I want to express my thanks to all, especially to our music corps for filling this celebration with the spirit of music, to everyone for giving Horst their comradeship, their friendship, their love, and their esteem. He truly earned all this!

Therefore, the LAZARUS UNION now posthumously grants to you, Horst, who always denied any distinctions and thanks, the Knighthood of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION. So, receive now posthumously the insignia of your dignity: the coat, the sword, and the cross of a Knight of Honour of the LAZARUS UNION.

In your honour our music corps will now play our knight's fanfare.

By the death of a comrade, a friend, one loses much but never the time one spent together with him. We all will need much strength to remember the inevitable!

Now is the time to say farewell to you, yet I am convinced that there will be a reunion.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen!

With the following tune and a prayer your comrades from the Lazarus Union bid you farewell. It shall accompany you as our last greeting on your final way on earth and we remember you in love, in friendship, and in respect. You will be missed a lot!

Goodbye, dear Horst and hold your protecting hand over us!



Wednesday, the 9th March 2016

CSLI Switzerland: „Forum für Zeitfragen“ in Basel

To the emancipation history of the Jews and to the relation of state and religion

Input seminar paper held from Ralph Lewin on the 9th of March to the occasion 150 years of freedom of establishment of the Jews in Switzerland at invitation of the Christian-Jewish projects and the forum for time questions in Basel.

Also in Basel for the Jews very much sorrowful story shows how vital importantly it is that the modern, democratic state protects the freedom and rights of the minorities and provides for peace in the society.

The state should be neutral religiously and ideological, however, behave to the religious and to the religious pluralism positively, the different confessions not only suffer, but they just consider as an enrichment, how the different national languages or the presence of people from all over the world.

It is right that state and confessions are separated extensively, but it is good if they work together as critical partners, for example, if it is about educational questions or about questions of the security.

We hope that the confessions will practice tolerance towards dissenters and dissidents also elsewhere increasingly and take away the ground with it from the

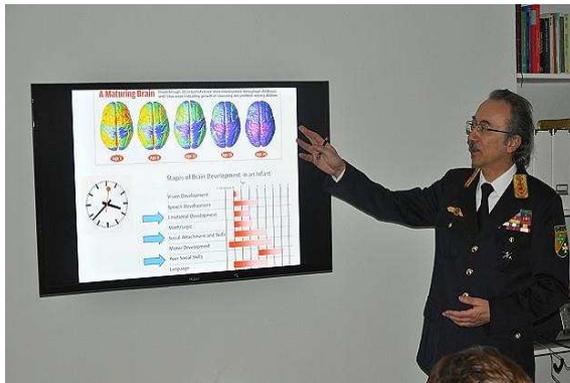
radicalization and the fundamentalism. However, unfortunately, something points to the fact that this still claims a lot of time.

Friday, the 11th March 2016

Brain changes during adolescence

The CSLI Italia -Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro together with Centro Studi Internazionali – CSI and State Institute “M. Pagano”, has organized meetings open to high school students to disclose recent neuroscience studies to raise awareness of their importance for the welfare of the population.

The meetings have been organized within the –Brain Awareness Week– the international event promoted by the Dana Foundation (USA). The seminar on “Brain changes during adolescence” took place on March 17th, 2016, at the State Institute “M. Pagano”. The speaker, Prof. Antonio Virgili, professor of neurosocial sexology, a clinical reflexologist expert in PNEI, explained to the audience some of the recent developments of applied research and biomedical neuroscience during the past years.



Intended for students aged 14 to 19 years, the meeting addressed the issue of the transformations occurring in the brain from birth to adolescence. Adolescence, with its rapid physical and psychological changes is a very delicate time for people.

The asynchrony of development, physical and cerebral, determine tensions, anxieties, stress and risk (anorexia, bulimia, risk sexuality, anxiety disorders, etc.) that only correct information can help reduce.



Professor Virgili, explained the many aspects of brain involvement and its asynchronies in everyday life, from biorhythms (nutrition, sleep, menstruation) to the social dimension of the processes of maturation. Sexuality is one of the factors of greatest tension at this stage of the life cycle in industrialized countries for a young population which is considered no longer a child but not yet an adult.

Approximately one hundred students have participated, with interest, at the meeting which lasted about three hours.

Saturday, the 12th March 2016

General Assembly 2016

On Saturday, March 12th, the Lazarus Union annual general assembly took place.

After playing the Lazarus Union march and a welcome address by Union commander Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt all present raised in memory of comrades passed, especially mentioned was comrade Horst Schöffmann (founding and honourable member, member of the board as deputy treasurer, CSLI MajGen). The tattoo was played in remembrance.



Then the quorum was assured and the agenda and the minutes from last year were approved.

The admittance of new members in 2015 (and the exclusion of one member) was approved unanimously.



Then the union commander gave a report on the status of the Lazarus Union with the United Nations, the recent Germany tour of the music corps, investitures in 2016, and other activities like the CSLI participation at the Handicapped Air Day of the FSV 2000.

Another focus was set on the newly founded Lazarus Union leadership academy.

Finally, three introduced proposals were voted upon and awards were presented to some friends and members of the union as well as members of the guard of honour.



The statutes were modified to grant those organisation parts and group members with large bodies of members more votes.

After the report from the treasurer and the auditors (LINK) the formal discharge of the cashier and the board of management for the year 2015 were both accepted by the general assembly and all were approved for a next term of office.

Several personal decisions followed regrading confirmation and dismissal of members of the board.



Saturday, the 2nd April 2016

The CSLI Italy at the World Autism Awareness Day 2016

The Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro – CSLI Italia has actively participated in the World Day for Autism on 2nd April 2016 being at two events: prevention and safety service at a public conference to inform families about prevention and therapies for autism; and having a gazebo at a public open air event for autistic children and youths.

In both the events the members of Italian Corps, which formed a new operative group of civil protection, were wearing the new operative jackets that complements but does not replace the international official uniform. The CSLI Italia operative group of civil protection has carried out prevention and safety activity for a public conference on autism, where some of our members have collaborated with the Italian Red Cross volunteers for a better control of security for people attended. They were present at the event, the Mayor, the Police Commander and administrative authorities and autism psychiatrists and scholars.



The open-air event, having entertainment spaces for autistic children and youths, has been attended by many citizens and families. The Italian Corp – CSLI Italia has had an information gazebo to make known its volunteer activities, cultural initiatives and civil protection. Moreover, our members walked around the park in which the CSLI had the gazebo to give support if required. The event has been visited by the Mayor and by local government representatives.



So, we have shared the words of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon: “On this World Autism Awareness Day, I call for advancing the rights of individuals with autism and ensuring their full participation and inclusion as valued members of our diverse human family who can contribute to a future of dignity and opportunity for all.”

Sunday, the 22nd April 2016

The CSLI Italia for the prevention of Bullying

The Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro – CSLI Italia granted the patronage, together with the City of Naples, to a meeting for the prevention of bullying, on 22nd April 2016. Bullying is a growing problem among youths in several countries, its effects may cause serious psychological and social consequences for victims.

At the meeting, promoted by the association “Chicco d’amore”, they were present the Mayor of Naples, a Court Judge for minors, the Head Officer of the Police sector against Cyber-crime, some administrative authorities, several scholars and educators working against bullying among youths, so as many students and general public.





They have been discussed some international epidemiological data, analysed the main modes of intervention, what can be done for improving prevention and help, mainly for the youngest's, in schools and leisure groups. Among the projects, it was proposed to proceed together in the coming months to develop methods of prevention.

The CSLI Italia has suggested some volunteering actions and contributed, with its Members also as operative group of Civil Protection, to the success of the event. Several questions from members of the public were made to our members.

Monday, the 23rd April 2016

11th Investiture of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour

As our official titular seat Castle Kreuzenstein makes us depend on the weather very much (last year we had to move our investiture on very short note because of heavy rain) we did not want to take any risk this time and chose the Palais Augarten as location, the official seat of the famous Vienna Boy's Choir. And a wise decision it was. Just like last year two hours after the event commenced it started to rain. Only this time it provided no problem at all!

The Palais Augarten as seat of the Vienna Boy's Choir is an exceptional place and not open to the public normally. But as our president and Grand Master in his youth was a member of the Choir himself, the Lazarus Union was able to use this wonderful setting for its 11th investiture and had an exceptional celebration in these splendid halls.



Exceptional also because the first part of the celebrations consisted of a private concert by the Vienna Boy's Choir for our guests. The first part of this unique concert was dedicated to spiritual music, starting with the eight-part Chorus "Haec Dies". Our president noted in his welcome address that he had to sing this piece also during his first performance with the Vienna Boy's Choir in 1957.



To express our bond with the institution of the Vienna Boy's Choir the board had decided to award the Vienna Boy's Choir the highest possible peace award of the Lazarus Union, the "Cross of Peace with Diamond Star". The Vienna Boy's Choir is the very first institution to receive this exceptional Award.





So, in the intermission between the first and second part of the concert the award was presented to the director of the Vienna Boy's Choir, Prof. Gerald Wirth. Afterwards all boys who participated in the concert were awarded the "Lazarus Medal in Gold" together with a certificate as a souvenir.



To recognise the artistic value personally, the Lazarus Union International Leadership Academy awarded the "Union's Lazarus Cross Grand for science, research and arts" to Prof. Gerald Wirth which was presented to

him by Lazarus Union President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt and the Chair of the Academy's Advisory Committee Univ.Prof.em. Josef Michael Schramm, the "Union's Lazarus Commander's Cross for science, research and arts" to Dr. Wolfgang Scheidt, choir mate of our president, assistant of Leonard Bernstein and Herbert von Karajan, guest conductor of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, former head conductor of the Istanbul State Opera and more, and the "Union's Lazarus Officer's Cross for science, research and arts" to the chorus director of the Vienna Boy's Choir Hayden Chorus, Mr. Chi Bun Jimmy Chiang.



Then more awards were presented to other personalities. The Federal Commander of the Austrian Samariterbund Ambulance Service Mr. Wolfgang Zimmermann and Mr. Leopold Waclawek received the "Grand Star of the "Flame of Mercy of the Lazarus Union" and Mr. Dir. Erich Lunzer the "Grand Commander's Star of the "Flame of Mercy of the Lazarus Union".



Oberst i.Tr. Alfred Dienstl received the "Grand Cross Special Level of the Union's Lazarus Cross" and finally Mr. David Oswald Ehn the "Commander's Cross of the Union's Lazarus Cross".

Congratulations from the Lazarus Union to all those awarded!

The second part of the concert was dedicated to Viennese classical music and after a thank you address by Prof. Gerald Wirth (who had to leave immediately afterwards as he was catching a plane to accompany the Japan tour of the Vienna Boy's Choir Schubert Chorus) the "Tritsch Tratsch Polka" was a much applauded add-on. Of course, we were behind schedule (as always). A Lazarus Union trade-mark.



After a short break to prepare the room for the investiture the ceremonial move-in of the postulants, the Knights of Honour, the sword-bearer, the flag and the chapter of the Knighthood of Honour commenced to the Victory March from Aida. After the fanfare and the report by the protocol officer to our Grand Protector of the Knighthood of Honour BM a.D. Dr. Fasslabend the 11th investiture started officially according to the protocol.



The new banner for our music corps was handed over to deputy bandmaster CSLI Col. Franz Lentner and Banner officer Günther Purker by banner mentor Mrs. Dkfm. Maria Praxl and the Lazarus Union president.



The chorus “Nearer my God to thee” bridged to our remembrance of deceased comrades, especially the recently passed CSLI founding member and CSLI MajGen Host Schöffmann with the song “I had a Comrade”.



In his speech, the Grand Master addressed especially those parts from our mission statement which refer to “...we pay respect to all people....” and “...oriented at our moral values we accept every person in their own uniqueness...”. This with regard to the fact that there needs to be a firm borderline to what art and satire as well as “free speech” must not lead to, that humans are insulted and disparaged in their personal dignity. This irrespective of the fact that one might disagree with the person in question and probably have a different view or opinion on some issues. Some descriptive examples stressed the necessity of our mission statement especially in these times.



Ordained as Knight Expectants were:

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”.



With Händels “Fireworks Music” and the address of the Grand Master the investiture ceremony started.

Christophe Vlastic,



Herbert Alexander Bauer, DDR.Lothar Gellert, Peter Jung,



Thomas Laserer (left).

Ordained as Knight Expectants being called on their names were:

Hans-Georg Pesch und Fabian Springer.

Ordained as Knight Expectant Officers was:
Col CSLI Franz Lentner

Because of the opening of the world exhibition 2016 in the Turkish city Antalya five of our Turkish brothers and sisters could not participate because of their job duties (three directors of hotels in Antalya and their wives). So according to the statutes their names were made public and the Grand Prefect of the Knighthood of Honour for Turkey Chev. Ludwig Brunner handed over insignia and coats by proxy to the wife of the president of the Austrian Muslim Faith Union Dr. Fuat Sanac. As these Knights and Dames of Honour are Muslims their coats will hold a coat of arms with two crossed swords and two crescents instead of crosses. So, the Lazarus Union pays absolute respect to other religions. Only when one pays respect to others one is entitled to claim respect for oneself. Because of this officials in Turkey hold the Lazarus Union in great respect. It is always give and take, something which works perfectly within the Lazarus Union. The official investiture and ordainment of Knight Expectants is planned in Antalya/Turkey in Fall 2016.



Ordained as Dames of Honour in Turkey were:

Ayliy Karslioglu and Meltem Sak.

Ordained as Knights of Honour in Turkey were:

Ismail Karslioglu, Usar Murat and Volkan Sak.

Ordained as Dames of Honour were:



Evelyne Matzka,



Martha Fichtl,



Michaela Matzka,



Rosemarie Murth-Brich,



Gerhard Ficker, Josef Glanz,



Dr. Ursula Schramm.



Peter Domweber, Peter Scherer, Paul Vrablik.

Ordained as Knights of Honour were:



Andreas Menhardt,



Erwin Matzka,

The Grand Master handed them the sword and the coat after asking the “famous” 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?”

The candidates who answering with “I want it with all my heart!” and “Yes, I am!”

The Grand Protector Dr. Fasslabend put the Knight’s Cross around their neck. After this the Grand Master gave the symbolic accolade and presented the new knight resp. dame to the applauding audience while the fanfare was sounded as a very personal welcome. Ordained as “Knight Commander” and “Member of the Chapter” was:



Chev. Univ.Prof. i.R.Dr. Josef Michael Schramm.

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 Pater Stefan Schnitzer OSB.



Our special thanks go to the Vienna Boy's Choir, to our protocol officer CSLI Col. Rudolf Murth for the organisation and the “choreography” of this investiture, as well as the Music Corps and all comrades working onstage and backstage in various jobs to make this 11th investiture of the Lazarus Union Knighthood of Honour a success.



As a final surprise the Vienna Boy's Choir made a final appearance and gave a wonderful performance of “Amazing Grace”. After some final words by the Grand Master, final orders from the Grand Protector and the marching out all guests met for the agape in the Vienna Boy's Choir “Christmas rooms”.



In total 43 Dames and Knights of Honour of the CSLI Knighthood of Honour, 18 postulants, 27 CSLI officers, NCOs, and enlisted ranks as well as 62 invited guests were present.

Sunday, the 1st May 2016

Vehicle Blessing Voluntary Fire Brigade Großweikersdorf

On May 1st, 2016, voluntary fire brigade curate Mag. Marius Claudiu Zediu blessed the new logistics vehicle of the voluntary fire brigade Großweikersdorf.

As the voluntary fire brigade Großweikersdorf is a friend organisation of the Lazarus Union, a representative of the Lazarus Union was also invited to join the ceremony.

As president Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt unfortunately was unavailable, vice president Ludwig Brun-

ner and his wife accepted this honourable responsibility, shortly introduced the Lazarus Union and handed over some awards.



Mayor Ing. Alois Zetsch was awarded the Lazarus Union Grand Cross.

Assistant Karl Püringer was awarded the Officer's Cross of the UN Cross of Remembrance.



Wednesday, the 4th to
Friday, the 6th May 2016

International Music Parade 2016 - Music Corps of the Lazarus-Union on tour in Germany

This month the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union directed by our Executive Bandleader Friedrich Lentner, who had established the contact, has taken part in Europe's most successful tour marching bands.



Within three days the orchestras had 5 presentations in Würzburg, Kempten and Stuttgart with more than 12.000 visitors.



Next to the Lazarus Union the following bands have taken part: The "United Highland Pipes and Drums" from Scotland, the "Spielmanns- und Fanfarenzug Rückers" from Germany, the "Military Orchestra Tschernigow" from Ukraine, the "Military Orchestra of the National Brigade Nr. 1" from Moldavia, the "Marine Orchestra Pstrong" from Poland and the "Bersaglieri" from Italy.

All these orchestras presented shows with excellent choreography. However, the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union had not to hide behind.

It was the second largest orchestra of all participants and so it filled the show area perfectly. Because of several light effects the white uniforms came to retribution very well.

The Music corps got a lot of praise and recognition by other orchestras and the audience. The show program, established by stab leader Herbert Partl, was very sophisticated and varied, it was entitled „A Colourful Musical Greeting from Vienna“.



During the show, there was no standstill because the musicians moved constantly. One highlight was the singing performance of the soloist Michael Wagner who once again fascinated the audience with his extraordinary voice.

He sang many songs which were related to Vienna and also songs from operettas with a reference to Vienna. The whole hall was in elation at the final in which not only all orchestras took part but also all soloists gave their very best.

Our President Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt who accompanied us and who did not miss any presentation was more than satisfied with his young orchestra and would not have thought it possible to achieve such a great performance within such a short time and with such a low number of orchestra trials.

Because of the success and the enthusiasm of all musicians it is guaranteed that further show appearances will follow.

Therefore, the Music Corps of the Lazarus Union showed that it is a welcome guest well beyond the Austrian border as a representative of music from Vienna.



Monday, the 9th May 2016

Humanitarian Aid for Paraguay

Although Paraguay has been a popular country of emigration since the 18th century, it is still one of the poorest countries in the world.

On behalf of the Children’s Fund, SOF board member and Inter-NATIONAL CHILDREN Help (ICH) Ambassador Bernd Cave travelled to Paraguay with

filmmaker and fellow ICH ambassador Lutz Bierwirth. In Paraguay, we were accompanied by Margarita de Wolf Kreyenberg (a local), as well as an ambassador from the Fundación Etica, and German-born Jan S. von Richter, an interpreter and lawyer. Our business trip took us all across the country from the capital Asuncion to Brazil and Argentina and back again.



In Colonia Independencia, a donated ambulance that was shipped in advance was ceremoniously handed over, it is one of the most modern in Paraguay.

Reception and ceremony by the charity “Fundación Etica” and the “Universidad Privada del Guaira” in Villarrica.

With festive speeches, national anthem, background folk music and honours that followed.



Inauguration of the “Clinica Social” in Villa Rica

The equipment for the dental office was also sent by ship from Germany in advance and included dental chairs, an X-ray machine and other gear. It was installed by local technicians. German lawyer Jan S. Richter, who now lives in Villa Rica, was very happy that his adopted country now has a functioning X-ray machine.



At the conclusion, there were also a small reception. Thanks to all donors and sponsors! The SOF / MAA supported the humanitarian mission of the Children's Fund ICH not only financially but also actively.

Visiting the Vega Kue tribe – the indigenous people of Paso Yobai

The indigenous tribes live in large reserves some with and some without modern amenities. The chief gave us a partial tour of his village.



Reception at the university in San Juan Nepomuceno.



Tour of a Jungle-Clinic.



Itaipu, the largest hydroelectric plant in the world. With a youth group from the Universidad we visited the largest hydroelectric plant in the world "Itaipu".



University in Ciudad del Este -Alto Parana.

Sunday, the 15th May 2016

Prof. h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt

The academic senate of the "Academia Sao Lazaro de Estudos Cavaheirescos e Humanitários" in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, as its only fifteen of "Academic Impact of the United Nations" recognized academies and universities in Brazil has awarded

our President, Union Commander and Grand Master of the Knighthood of Honour, Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt, the honorary title

“Professor Honoris Causa”

of the Academy with the effective date of May 15, 2016th



The Academy honoured with this award longstanding charitable activity of President Steinhardt and its commitment to science and research. Even the “Austrian Branch” of the Academy, the “International Leadership Academy – ILA” was launched at his initiative to meet future staff officers of the Lazarus Union to enable appropriate training.

Congratulations to this deserved award!!

Friday, the 27th May 2016

Visit to the Mining museum Fohnsdorf



BEZIRK MURTAL

Angehende Tischler und ehemalige Bergleute

Ein Tag im Montanmuseum statt in der Tischlerei: Walter Martetschläger hat für die Anlernlinge der Lebenshilfe-Tischlerei Fohnsdorf namens der „Marinekameradschaft Vizeadmiral Erzherzog Ferdinand Max“ einen Ausflug organisiert.

Es hört sich komplizierter an, als es ist: Die „Marinekameradschaft Vizeadmiral Erzherzog Ferdinand Max“ gehört zur „Internationalen Lazarus Union“. Und der Fohnsdorfer Walter Martetschläger ist in dieser Organisation als steirischer Landeskommandant tätig. So weit, so gut. „Wir haben es zu unserer Aufgabe gemacht, Menschen zu helfen“, erklärt Martetschläger in wenigen Worten den Sinn und Zweck des Vereins. Als Hilfestellung sieht er es auch an, wenn er jährlich zweimal für Schützlinge der Lebenshilfe Region Murtal einen Ausflug organisiert. Kürzlich war Martetschläger gemeinsam mit 21 Anlernlingen der zur Lebenshilfe gehörenden Tischlerwerkstatt Fohnsdorf mit Standortleiter Günther Schmidinger und vier Betreuern zu Besuch im

Montanmuseum Fohnsdorf. „Dr. Heinz Kopp, der Obmann des Museumsvereines und Walter Hansa haben uns durch das Museum geführt und alles genau erklärt“, so der Landeskommandant. An den vielen Fragen, die bei dieser Exkursion gestellt worden seien, habe man erkennen können, wie groß das Interesse an den zahlreichen Exponaten war. Martetschläger spendierte den Anlernlingen und ihrer Begleitung zum Abschluss noch ein Mittagessen in der dem Museum angeschlossenen Othmar Deutschmann-Halle. „Es klingt zwar nach Hilfe, aber ich bin ehrlich: Mir machen diese Aktionen sehr viel Freude. Und wenn ich sehe, wie begeistert meine Gäste sind, kann ich sogar sagen, dass es ein Vergnügen ist“, versichert der Fohnsdorfer. Gertrude Oblak



Thursday, the 26th May 2016

Training, Trainers and Communicators for Civil Protection

The Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro is increasing its activities of training, seminars and short courses. After the seminars for the project “Girl Up”, the yearly meetings for the Brain Awareness Week and for the World Reflexology Week, is now expanding courses available both for the wide public and for its members. So, starting from the next autumn, also thanks to the agreements with Centro Studi Internazionali, VISION, LIDU and some other organizations, and being a dependence centre of

ILA – International Leadership Academy, they will be offered several new seminars and courses.



Specific courses and seminars will be in the area of civil protection, thanks the new CSLI Italia operative group of civil protection, and our organization will participate in the dissemination of basic civil protection information for citizens and the precautions to be taken in cases of crisis.



Among others, in accordance with the national information program prepared by the National Civil Protection Department, educators and communicators are being trained to spread among the population concepts for primary prevention in the field of Civil Protection. The project is called "Io non rischio" (I will not risk) and is intended to provide more information on some of the most common environmental crisis situations: earthquakes, tsunamis, floods. Two members of the CSLI Italia have attended the seminar and trained in the field, in the month of May.

Summer 2016

CSLA president Dr. Oswin Hochstätger takes over the patronage for a football match

Our CSLA president again the possibility had to present in the course of a patronage for a football

match in St. Martin with Großpertholz to the CSLA and its goals.

There was given to him opportunity to describe the activity area of the CSLA in the break about the place speaker. Then after the play successful for the home team (1:0) still many conversations about the CSLA and his charitable activity were carried on in playful mood. The activity of the CSLA met by it big approval and words.



It is intended to continue such events to announce the CSLA and its objectives to a bigger public also in the rural area.



Sunday, the 5th June 2016

37th Austrian Brass Music Festival 2016

The LAZARUS UNION Music Corps directed by its general bandmaster CSLI Brig. Fritz Lentner was the first Viennese brass band (besides the Austrian Army Guard Band) to show its marching programme at the 37th Austrian Brass Music Festival. This programme was shown before only five times at the German International Music Parade 2016 in Würzburg, Kempten, and Stuttgart. This time they showed up in their new blue full dress. More than

3000 visitors attended the show at the Wiener Rathausplatz.

The 37th Austrian Brass Music Festival 2016 once again was a great success, not only for the LAZARUS UNION. 16 brass bands from all over Austria and South Tyrol played at Vienna's most beautiful places for the people of Vienna and the many international tourists visiting Vienna at this time of the year.



Summit definitely was the deployment of all bands at the Wiener Rathausplatz (the large place in front of Vienna's city hall) and the final concert played by all bands together.



The show interlude by the LAZARUS UNION Music Corps received lots and lots of applause and was definitely able to compete with the other shows. The show programme which was already shown at the German International Music Parade 2016 in Würzburg, Kempten, and Stuttgart was much applauded in Vienna as well.



From this point of view the week-long rehearsals and trainings really paid up. After all the LAZARUS UNION Music Corps is no professional team and all its members sacrificed their spare time and put in lots of efforts to enable this performance and so present the LAZARUS UNION in an excellent way in front of such a large audience.



Of course, a class of its own was the presentation of the band of the Austrian Army Guards. We are very proud indeed of our "partner band", having a friendship treaty with them since 2013.



The mayor of the city of Vienna, represented by the 1st president of the Viennese city council, Prof. Harry Kopietz, after the show invited all participants to a drink in the Wiener Rathauskeller, where many honorary trophies and decrees were handed out.



A wonderful day finally ended with a comradely come-together, it ended way too fast and everybody is really looking forward to next year.

Sunday, the 12th June 2016

Feast of friendship in Styria

The Marine Fellowship 'Archduke Ferdinand Max' State Command for Styria, attends a Friendship Festival!

We can proudly announce that our Marine Fellowship 'Archduke Ferdinand Max' State Command for Styria (MKEFM LK Styria, for short) was invited by the Austrian Black Cross and ÖKB to be guests of honour at a special ceremony. The Austrian Black Cross (ÖSK) is a non-partisan association dedicated to the establishment, maintenance and preservation of the graves of fallen soldiers and civilian war victims of all nationalities.

At the ceremony veterans of the First World War from Italy and Austria, once enemies, met to commemorate the fallen of this terrible event in a comradely and friendly manner. About 200 members of the Italian 'Nastro Azzurro' (Blue Ribbon) Association had traveled from eight different provinces with their own Band of Music too.

We began our communal commemoration at the military cemetery in Knittelfeld under the leadership of

Colonel Dieter Allesch, President of the Styrian Black Cross. Besides hundreds of Austrian soldiers there also rest 108 Italian prisoners of war who died in the Knittelfeld POW camp. Wreaths in memory of all the victims of war were laid accompanied by martial music played by the Italian Band.



On Sunday, 12.6. We celebrated a joint, bilingual service. After this most solemn Holy Mass, commemorative wreaths were also laid in shelter. During the convivial finales on both days we were able not only to make new acquaintances, but also to gain new friends.

The playing of the Austrian and Italian National Anthems by the 'Nastro Azzurro' Military Band ended this impressive meeting.

Our participants were:

Walter Martetschläger – Commander

Peter Domweber – Deputy Commander

Raimund Raidl – Treasurer

Sandra Fink – Deputy Secretary-General.

June/July 2016

CSLI Italy-Civil Protection Activities June-July 2016

In June and July, the Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro operative group of civil protection (N.O.P.C.) has realized some support and monitoring services carried out in the streets. One has been during a public religious event and another one was a social and tourist initiative to enhance historic areas of the city.



The activities have been promoted and coordinated by the local government and have also involved some other civil protection associations. The activities included: cooperation with the local police for traffic requirements, carry out prevention activities and assistance to the citizens during the course of the initiatives, check routes and possible risk factors. Among our operators who participated at the service there were already trained operators and new members who are still in training.

Saturday, the 2nd July 2016

Picnic of CSLI Poland

July 2, 2016 was held a picnic in a nursing home in Walcz/Poland. the Holy Mass was celebrated by Father Gregory Badziag (CIC CSLI Poland). At the end Father Gregory Badziag handed over decrees for granting the “Medal of Humanity of the Lazarus Union”) to CARITAS volunteers and the director of the nursing home.



Thursday, the 21st July 2016

150 years Remembrance Day of the sea battle of Lissa 1866

To mark the 150th anniversary of the naval battle of Lissa, the Seamen’s Choir “Admiral Tegetthoff”, the Styria branch of the Archduke Ferdinand Max

Marine Fellowship and members of Styrian Black Cross, a public organization that cares for military graves, held a memorial service at the Brothers of Mercy Garrison Church in Graz.



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

Special guests attending were: the President of ÖKB Styria, Karl Petrovits, the President of the Lazarus Union, Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt, and his deputy, 1st Vice President Christoph Ptak. Many other guests and local citizens of Graz attended the event, giving it a truly festive character.

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

Wednesday, the 27th. July 2016

Secretary General as Member of the Royal Historical Society

The Secretary General of the Lazarus Union has been elected a Member (MRHistS) of the Royal Historical Society, Patron Her Majesty The Queen.

The society was founded and received its Royal Charter in 1868 and works closely with the Historical Association, the body that leads on history in schools, the Institute of Historical Research, a central hub for the provision of research resources, and History UK (HE), a council of representatives of UK university history departments.

Saturday, the 23rd July 2016

3rd Handicapped fire brigade day in village Grossweikersdorf



Already for the third time the CSLA organised a handicapped fire brigade day in Grossweikersdorf. Around our guests who had taken part already the years before to be able to offer some new attraction our vice president Werner Winkelhofer has thought up new activities again.

At nine o'clock our guests have arrived and were excited very much. Some visitors could still remember us and the greeting became the happy reunion. Our Mr. president, Dr. Oswin Hochstöger, welcomed not only our guests, but also the mayor man engineer Alois Zetsch who had come this year also to our event, rather warmly. Then Mr. Winkelhofer still explained the single activities and the daily routine, then were distributed to all visitors Kapperl by the fa Kutzendörfer und Dworak GmbH from Vienna, because it should become a hot day with a lot of sunshine again.

Then, however, one said: „Aufsitzen!“, because the emergency vehicles of the fire brigade were driven from the garage and all visitors could get.



Then the first program points of the day were the aim sputter.

So, then this was finished and the strain had been worthwhile. But were interesting not only the offered activities. Also, the vehicles were intensely marvelled at and examined certainly. Finally, one gets not all days the opportunity to be able to attack able to look thus a gigantic car at close range exactly and to be able to attack.

After these strenuous works, it became a time to think of food and drinking, because it was hot and our guests were already very hungry. But Ms. Matzka had already nicely arranged our home-baked cakes and also had boiled the sausages. What was absent now still on a thus hot day? Yes, ice cream would be still very fine (Werner's first innovation in comparison to the year before). In the nearby pastry shop Burger, everybody might eat an ice-cream of their choice.



Sometimes it wasn't at all easy to decide.

In the interim it was pumped with the fire station diligently and squirted to the blue light started to shine and the siren started to howl. The crane was also used again and carried the guests in aerial heights. In the interim the team's space was examined most exactly and helmets, jackets and shoes were tried on. This

was amusing for the "models" and the spectators. Nobody wanted to return with pleasure the conquered clothes again.

The second novelty was the application of the hydraulic recovery scissors. Who got to raise it a mug full of water and to crush him without to empty? A not at all so light job which required a lot of instinct and concentration.

So, now, however, it became time after Altenwörth to go, because there the fire boat already waited for the passengers. For our strong men, it was a big job again to bring also the wheel chair drivers in the boat and out.



Though at the end of the day our guests were dog-tired, but also very happily about this successful day and showed without every shyness her joy.



It was a successful day again!

To make somebody a small joy needs the support of every single of our members, but also from the friends of our union.

Thursday, the 28th July 2016

„Navy Memorial Day 2016“- Marine Centre, Vienna

The Austrian Marine Association with the support of the Military Command, Vienna, and the Marine Association Admiral Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Vienna ÖMV, celebrated “Austrian Navy Memorial Day” in Vienna on Thursday, 28 July 2016. The Police Power and Sea Service Inspectorate, 1020 Vienna, was also cordially invited.



A memorial service for Emperor Franz Joseph I had been held in the Elizabeth Chapel of the Imperial Jubilee Church at Maxicoats, which a senior delegation of the Lazarus Union attended. A gun salute, fired by “Riding Artillery Regiment No. 2” on the Danube riverbank at Handelskai, signalled the start of the solemn celebration of Navy Memorial Day itself.

The program included keynote addresses on:

- The Battle of Lissa and its impact on the Danube Monarchy.
- The Austrian Marine Association and its international partners
- The Danube, a water vein through Europe, and developments for the People’s Harbour in Vienna.

Friday, the 29th July 2016



A wreath to the memory of fallen sailors was committed to the waters of the Danube from the Water Police patrol boat "Vienna".



Musical accompaniment was provided by the Guards Band of the Vienna Military Command.



A Marine Festival on the day included: A concert by the Marine Traditions Band of Vienna under their Bandmaster, Reinhold Nowotny. A Marine Exhibition and information stands. Drinks and snacks provided by the "Koch Vineyard".

CSLA: Summer party of the nursing home of Poysdorf

On account of the unstable weather condition the summer party was shifted already once and was moved to 29th of July. With the journey, we went from Vienna via Mistelbach to Poysdorf. In the distance, dark clouds were visible. When we passed Mistelbach it looked thus as if once more the party - in the most true sense of the word - would fall in the water. In Poysdorf the sun came a little bit winked by the clouds. Some intrepid and from optimism being full inhabitants already waited for the beginning of the party.



The weather God took pity the inhabitants and stole the clouds of minute by minute. The wet tables and benches became dry-wiped and the party could begin.

The family Winkelhofer with dad Reinhard in the accordion, Florian with the devil's violin and Michael in the guitar had agreed for the CSLA within the scope of the party the musical priming coat to take over free of charge.



Bit by bit the inhabitants were accompanied by the different households partly from the nursing staff or by volunteers to the party. Reinhard had heated, in the meantime, with his boys the mood in the festival tent.

Who was able sang, swayed or clapped with. But also with a little heavier case one noticed in her radiation that they enjoyed the musical presentation as well as the whole party.

After the official opening and greeting by home leaders Egon Unterberger the trust people were mentioned by every home community personally and were pronounced in the beginning of the home management as well as all assistants thanks and recognition. The birthday boys were honoured personally with chocolate and a little song.

We perceived the opportunity and might carry out a transportation in this frame.



It was carried out by the third vice president of the CSLI and Lazarus Union ambassador for Turkey Ludwig Brunner and in the presence of the first vice president Christoph Ptak.



Comrade Christopher Vlastic is since 2014 member of the CSLI honorary guard and a dependable and inalienable member with the CSLA. Christopher was appointed this year in the course of the Investiture Knight Expectant (Knighthood of Honour candidate) and, hence, was carried with immediate effect from the second lieutenant (CSLI) to the captain (CSLI).



Dishes and drinks existed more than enough. There was BBQ, salads, cake and home-baked cookies and coffee.

Reinhard controlled everything with his accordion and tried to make music national-connecting with the guests of the association „Fairly and Sensitive Austria“. Everybody took part in it and had fun in it.



Representative Josef Böck acts with his organisation of the more often at the home Urbanus. With a game which was escorted by Reinhard and his boys musically, took part in all full joy.



Bit by bit a nice day took his conclusion. „Fairly and Sensitive Austria“ expressed its joy and gratitude with a dance.

At approx. 17 o'clock the first inhabitants on the way came along to your households. We thank all partners for this nice afternoon.



Sunday, the 31st July 2016

Celebration 25 years+1 Vinzi Works

On 26th June, 2016, a great Vinzi Works birthday party was held in Graz. For the occasion the main square in Graz became “Vinzi Square” for the day“.

Pastor Wolfgang Pucher wanted this celebration to include not only our “Vinzi residents”, but also the Mayor, all the prominent Styrian politicians and, of course, the Bishop. All were invited and made the celebration go well.



Members of the Corps St. Lazarus International attended and brought a birthday present. Their President, Senator h.c Wolfgang Steinhardt, and Comrade Herbert Alexander Bauer presented Pastor Pucher with a cheque for a substantial sum for the “Christmas Special” fund.



Comrade Herbert Alexander Bauer, himself an employee of Vinci Works, has added even more to this cheque from his own account. Many thanks for that, Comrade.

The culmination of the event, however, was the surprise award of the “Grand Honorary Golden Star of the Lazarus Union” made to Pastor Pucher for his life’s work by our President, Wolfgang Steinhardt.



Saturday, the 6th and
Sunday, the 7th August 2016

Flight Ground Crew Training 2016

After an unhurried two-hour drive with a short break in the "Oldtimer" restaurant near Zöbern we reached the spa resort Bad Waltersdorf. The sky was blue and the sun merciless. According to the invitation our rooms should be ready by 9:30. Snacks and coffee made waiting for the last participants a joy.

Unfortunately, the rooms were not ready yet and so some participants had to join the training in their civilian clothes as there was no chance to change.

As always, seminar trainer Rudi Murth started on time, welcoming the participants and giving an overview on the topics.



President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt also welcomed everyone, explaining that he this time is not only trainer but also participant.

And so, the first part of the flight assistant training commenced.



Merciless and unflinching Wolfgang tried to impart his knowledge and his experience.

Of course, this included the story and a vivid demonstration of the so-called Gebel protectors.

Everyone listened carefully. We all worked hard and full of joy for the Handicapped Air Day 2016 in Stockerau. Obviously, flight assistants have a great responsibility for security and safety.

Wolfgang with his charming way put us so under his spell that no one realised how time flew by. Seles rep Mag. Doris Bader and Rudi escorted us to lunch where we also received finally our room keys.

Lunch was a treat. After soup, the choice was between fish, vegetarian, and meat. Dessert literally had the taste buds exploding.

Two o'clock is an ungrateful time for a speech. Comrade Peter Scherer, medical agent and Mjr. CSLI yet gave us no doubt that his job paramedic trainer at the Emergency Services Vienna is also a calling to him.

Theory part one was extremely animated and practically oriented.

Even at coffee break some issues kept being discussed thanks to Peter's lesson.

After everyone was regenerated Wolfgang continued with part two of the flight assistant lesson, followed by the exam.

From CSLI Ensign to CSLI General everyone was busy reproducing the new knowledge. Wolfgang dealt out marks emotionlessly and independently of rank and name.

After some of us used the chance to visit the spa the day ended with a joint supper followed by a nightcap.

Sunday

The second day commenced with a terrific breakfast buffet and afterwards the second part of the theoretical medical training.



After theory, the participants were split into two groups. The rest of the morning was spent with the practical part of the medical training in room one. In room two Rudi Murth taught rhetoric and Peter Domweber dress code.

Rudi began with some speech and language exercises to diminish people's anxiety about giving a speech. Everyone had to deliver an impulsive speech on marriage, office anniversary, birthday party, etc.

Peter Domweber explained the news and changes on dress code. There was animated discussion and some things got clarified until lunch.

Lunch once again was excellent, just like the day before. After lunch, we checked out from our rooms and then we were due for first aid medical practice.

Reanimation, first aid with one and two aides, pressure bandage, Rautek rescue manoeuvre, medevac, all this and more was there and it all ended with a final exam again.



At 16:15 the results of the exams were presented with decrees and badges handed out to the participants for the CSLI Air Wing flight assistants and the passed medical first aid training.

Sales rep Mag. Doris Bader received the LAZARUS UNION Leadership Academy badge from CSLI President Senator h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt for her hard work.

After the obligatory group picture there was some more coffee, cakes, and snacks before everyone departed for home.

Finally, in the spirit of our president I would like to thank all participants and give them approval and accolade.

Wednesday, the 24th August 2016

Earthquake emergency in Central Italy



On 24th August, a powerful earthquake unleashed in Central Italy hitting mainly three Italian Regions and has destroyed several historical towns, more than 300 persons have died and a lot of families have lost their home. The Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro operative group of civil protection (N.O.P.C.) immediately has been activated to support the emergency in collaboration with local institutions.



The first commitment was to raise collective awareness of the event and to receive support from the civil society for a collection of materials to send to the affected area. Our members are collecting, selecting, listing and sending to the earthquake area several primary goods materials (food, clothes, personal hygiene products, etc.).



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

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

Saturday, the 27th August 2016

12th Lazarus Union Handicapped Air Day at Stockerau Airfield (LOAU)

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

air day ever...". "Spectator" has been trying to find out why.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Last but not least the most important things: the air-planes without which we could not have any guest

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

In total 57 plane flights and 14 helicopter flights were completed and so for more than 200 guests the dream of flying came true. A truly remarkable success! Kudos to the crews!

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

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



Already the day before tents were erected, the area was fenced off, tables and benches were placed into the marquee, the planes and helicopters were checked and the soft drink station prepared. Also, the rehearsal flight with only two paraplegic pilots on board was executed without any problems.



The next day, “D-Day”, a final briefing was held for all pilots, aides, and responsible persons at 9 o'clock. All stations were manned and when the first guests arrived around 10 o'clock, check-in and boarding could start immediately and FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER the first flight group (five planes taking off immediately one after the other) was commenced on time and on schedule, thanks to a new dispatching method.



Thereafter it really has to be said that everything was running like clockwork. Hardly any waiting time which was filled in a most charming way by our "RADIO LAZARUS" (moderated and arranged by Rudi Murth and Andreas Menhart) with a requested musical programme, interviews, and small talk. Also, the tours with vintage cars and fire engines were booked extremely well and enjoyed by the guests.



After the final flight, all guests and hosts met once more in the hangar for some awards before the final obligatory group picture.



The LAZARUS UNION deliberately abstains from any patronage and also any VIPs. Our guests, humans with special needs, are our VIPs. When they come as our guests and we can give them a little joy this considered more than enough honour to the LAZARUS UNION, which also refuses any public funding as a matter of principle, financing and organising all events internally.



Guest of honour on our air day was Mary Rose Sandoval from the Philippines. This handsome young woman from Manila has a terrible fate. When she was at the age of two her ears were so damaged that she

is hardly able to hear since then. Her greatest wish is to be able to hear again.

Thanks to CSLI Maj. Martin Weitgasser the LAZARUS UNION had a chance to help this young woman. After hearing of her fate, the company NEUROTH spontaneously donated two start-of-the-art hearing aids worth more than EUR 6.000.- (a prohibitive amount for Mary Rose and her family) and the LAZARUS UNION wants now to help on listening and talking training for Mary Rose.



We will have an Austrian expert fit the hearing aids perfectly and also have Mary checked by a special doctor after Martin had provided the trip for Mary Rose to Austria at his own expense. Hopefully we can help Mary Rose effectively until her journey home in November.

Most moving for all of us was the joy of life and the positive attitude of Mary Rose regarding her fate and her situation. Therefore, she was awarded the special grade of the Lazarus medal as an open sign of acceptance and appreciation much to the applause of the audience.



Thanks to air chief Richard Rettenbacher, ground crew chief Christoph Ptak, the dispatching teams, the medical team led by Dr. Gabriel Halat and paramedic in training Peter Scherer, all pilots providing safe flights, the security team led by Manfred Renner,

FSV200 president Toni Pfeifer and the airfield director Wolfgang Gockert, all FSV2000 comrades, Dir. Johannes Hofer from the handicapped aid Korneuburg, the voluntary fire brigade FF Spillern, the Harley Davidson Club, and the many guest from Styria, Salzburg, Burgenland, Vienna, Lower Austria and Germany, who enriched us with their presence.



Conclusion and climax of the air day was the flight by our two paraplegic pilots Ewald und Robert, all on their own on board of a Cessna 172, call sign OE-DTA (Robert was a former trainee pilot trained by our president) with some runway high speed overshoots. A moving event for all present. It showed clearly what can be done when one rises to a challenge and that life will provide great things even after a blow of fate.



Together providing new perspectives!

With this LAZARUS UNION motto, this great day ended with a social get-together.

Sunday, the 28th August 2016

Big tape pre-lunch drinks of the Big tape of the UNION LAZARUS

On Sunday 28th of August the annual and already traditional "Bigbandfrühschoppen" in the vineyard Jezek in Perchtoldsdorf took place

In spite of highly summery temperatures, many guests renounced the outdoor swimming pool to let spoil again with known jazz standards and highlights of the Bigband-classics. Because of the big heat the musicians also renounced her uniforms and played in casual summer clothes.

As usual, the whole guest garden was filled with fans of the musicians. It ruled on account of the nice weather and not to forget of the excellent catering with feeding and drink of the house Jezek, an excellent mood. Also, the musical programme was very diverse again and showed the skill of the single musicians.



Also, solo numbers for trombone and baritone saxophone mightn't be absent. As a song soloist, our Sinatra interpreter kicked „W. Frankie Warner“ on who could claim of course most applause for himself. Of course he had to sing as deposit again „New York, New York“ and "My Way". Only afterwards the musicians might resign for her well-earned lunch.



Herewith we want to thank the audience and particularly with the family Jezek which enables to us every year to be able to spend a comfortable morning with our fans here in quite a special frame

Wednesday, the 30th August 2016

UN delegation of the LAZARUS UNION with the United Nations in Geneva

A report of Stephan Breu



30th of August I took part in a meeting of the NGO Working Group on Humanly Rights Education and Learning (NGO WG on HREL). For some years I represent there the OSMTH. The Working Group insists within the structure of CoNGO where Lazarus Union currently yet isn't a member. However, the conditions have been loosened topically to the cooperation. Therefore, I have applied that the LAZARUS UNION also becomes an official member of the Working Group. Therefore, we can appear with the next „Written statement“ to "United Nations Human Right Council" as a Co-Signatory, if this is wished. The membership has no financial results for the UNION LAZARUS. Hence, I will represent there for the time being both organisations.

Finally, after this meeting I could perceive the appointment planned for a long time with Mrs. Lidiya Grigoreva, liaison NGO Officer, Political Affairs and Partnerships Section of the office of the Director general of United Nations Office at Geneva.

Mrs. Lidiya Grigoreva is responsible for the care of the NGO's with Consultative status in Geneva. I have briefly introduced the Lazarus union to her and have answered her questions. She has informed me from

her view about the possibilities of the support. In future will send them all to info mails also directly to my email addresses with which a forwarding of the emails can be cancelled by the HQ.

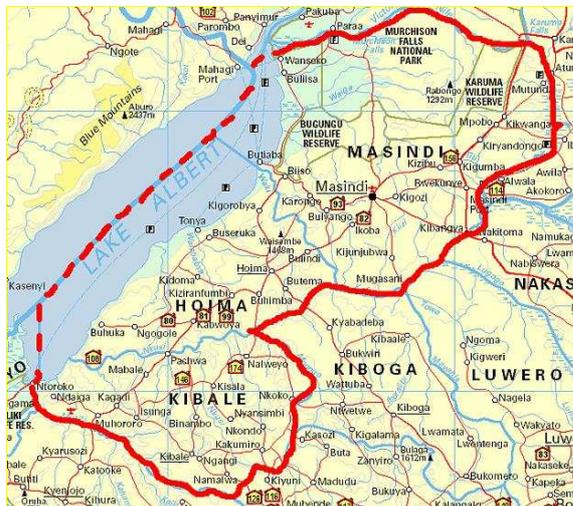
Mrs. Lidiya Grigoreva still pointed out to the next meeting with the Director general in October. The invitation follows during the next days. The conversation ran in a very pleasant atmosphere and we received the assurance that to us the liaison will support office where always possibly.

Friday, the 2nd September 2016

A project of Switzerland CSLI

The LAZARUS UNION Switzerland has concluded with the IPE Worldwide a co-operative agreement. In it the LAZARUS UNION assures of the best possible support with the collecting of donation money and public relations for the Littlemore Nursery & Day Care centre in Uganda Switzerland of the IPE Worldwide.

Bunyoro-Kitara is a kingdom in East Africa, north-westerly of the kingdom Buganda in the west of today's Uganda. Since 1993 historical kingdoms are recognised in independent Uganda culturally again and stay under the protection of the constitution of the republic Uganda.



The population of the kingdom Bunyoro-Kitara amounts to about 1,800,000 inhabitants who live in about 350,000 households. The region depends on support for a sustainable development on international support. Omukama (king) Rukirabasajja Agutamba Solomon Gafabusa Iguru I is responsible since 1994 as the 27th ruler for the kingdom.

For a large part of the school costs for the children the parents must arise themselves. For the Littlemore

Nursery & Day Care centre the annual costs amount incl. school material, catering and wages of the teachers to about 11,000 USD. With 65 children at the school this proves per child an annual cost block of about 170 USD.

This project should relieve the parents and cover the operating expenses of the school. Beside unique donations interested people can also take over a symbolic godparenthood for a school child with an annual donation from 180 CHF/euros.

Littlemore Nursery & Day Care centre

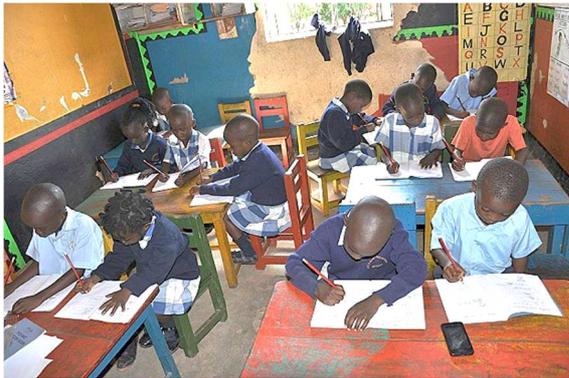


The school had 65 student at the beginning of our project. On account of our support more and more families seek around admission of her children in the school. Today the school already has 100 children in the lessons. Today the school is in leasehold rooms. Long-term is the aim to provide new buildings with useful next rooms and infrastructure for the school. An account report on use of the first donations was delivered by the project partners for the 1st semester in 2016 and is given for our partners.



Project Partnership IPE Worldwide initiative for Worldwide progress through Education

The project becomes primarily looked after by the IPE Gopal - initiative for Worldwide a progress through Education. The IPE Worldwide is a Swiss association founded in 2015 and is as a „Civil Society of partner“ with the United Nations a department of Economic and Social Affairs under government. No. 654810 and with the little European sick persons union in the Transparency register under government. No. 392726622529-68 as a NGO registers.



Lazarus Union Schweiz has concluded with the IPE Worldwide a co-operative agreement. In it the LAZARUS UNION assures of the best possible support with the collecting of donation money and public relations for the project Switzerland of the IPE Worldwide. The LAZARUS UNION Switzerland also takes over an annual godparenthood from a child from the project.

Subsequently regulates the contract that the IPE may use Worldwide the logo of the LAZARUS UNION Switzerland on her printed matter if she is expressly called as a partner and supporter of the project. Subsequently the LAZARUS UNION Switzerland will also support the IPE Worldwide after her possibilities and announce positively in the sphere of the association.

Thursday, the 22nd September 2016

Investiture Turkey 2016



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

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

Originally it was planned that our Music Corps would support the Investiture ceremony, but unfortunately, for organizational reasons, this wasn't possible this year. As the alternative, we had individual pieces of music, for the most part played by our Music Corps, taken from a CD and used to highlight “PowerPoint Presentations” of pictures from our work, our Investitures and our activities around the world. The technical execution of these presentations and music was carried out by the professional technicians from “Waterworld” who handled it all extremely well, with virtually no rehearsal the timings worked beautifully. Here again a big compliment and thank you!

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



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



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



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



It must be said also that at Magic Life Resort “Waterworld” requirements for the disabled are particularly well provided for and it offers those with physical disabilities a great holiday experience in beautiful surroundings. The hospitality in Turkey is also more than worth mentioning! Particularly poignant for us is the sadness of the current international circumstances, which could come to damage many years of good relationships and friendships. In our mission points we

in the Lazarus Union examined again and again ways to prevent this happening and seize opportunities of which this Investiture in Turkey constitutes a visible sign.

The first high point of the ceremony was the recording of the addition of five Knights Aspirant in the Knighthood of Honour by the presentation of “basic mantles” and the insignia of “Knight / Dame Expectant”. They were Knights Aspirant in the Knighthood of Honour by the presentation of “basic mantles” and the insignia of “Knight / Dame Expectant”.

They were:

- Bahar Ünlütaskiran
- Ferda Eger men
- Sajak Akan
- Seyit Urhan
- Yilmaz Kurt



This was followed by a second-high point, the inclusion of:

- Aylin Karslioglu
- Ismail Karslioglu
- Meltem Sak
- Volkan Sak
- User Murat



who were honoured as Knights in the Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union by the taking of the Knight's promise and presentation of the insignia (sword, mantle and Knight's insignia) and the (symbolic) accolade by the Grand Master. Our Knight's Fanfare was played to honour each Knight and Dame.

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



Members of the Lazarus Union present from Austria included: Grandmaster Senator H. C. Wolfgang Stein-

hardt with his wife, Chief Prefect Chev. Ludwig Brunner and his wife, Grand Chancellor Chev. Christoph Ptak, Treasurer Dame Monika Gries and CIC CSLI Navy Corps Captain I.R. Chev. Hans-Rudolf Gries.



The following Guiding Officers of the “Turkey Prefecture of Knighthood of Honour of the Lazarus Union” were appointed by the award of Certificates:

- General Manager Chev. Ismail Karslioglu appointed Prefect
- General Manager Chev. Volkan Sak appointed Chancellor
- General Manager Chev. Usar Murat appointed Marshal



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

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



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

A (personal) report by Hans-Rudolf Gries

Since a long time, we discussed to carry out this event. The difficulties are known: our music corps of the Lazarus Union wanted to take part or should take part. The music instruments had been a difficult part of this but our Ambassador Ludwig Brunner found a great solution by negotiating with Turkish Airlines to take 30 kg free luggage on board plus additional free 10 kg, plus free transport of the music instruments. Obviously not many people were ready to make such a great journey but we don't have to forget that the date was planned at short notice and many people had already planned their holidays etc.

Then we cancelled the whole event. Of course, two reasons were the terrorist attacks in Ankara and Istanbul or certain instability. I recognized nothing of this nor did I see any danger when I visited Kemer and Alanya in June. After many meetings between Ludwig and me in which we discussed some scenarios, like life-music or not and who does what and many other things, Monika and I came to the decision to fly to Turkey in any case.

We'll work it out somehow.

Promised. We were relieved when our Senator Wolfgang Steinhardt and his wife Vera and also our Grand-Chancellor and Vice President Christoph Ptak decided to come with us. On Sunday Ludwig picked us up at the Airport – great service. Also, our President and his entourage who arrived on Monday were carried by VIP-bus to the resort TUI Magic Life Waterworld.

Temperature at this day was 35 degrees, even in the evening still 29 degrees; magnificent to sit together and talk. Immediately the details of the investiture were discussed. We agreed to make a rehearsal on

Tuesday. On Wednesday, the following day the investiture should take place. Although the weather was great the whole time with up to 38 degrees and sunshine – what more do you want – on Tuesday we had thunderstorms – it poured in flow – and so we decided to postpone everything for one day.

Our good mood was gone. On Wednesday, the weather was great again, we had our rehearsal with the new bearers of the banner in the amphitheatre. Learning commands, banner to and from salutation and the large greeting of the flag – everybody was amused. We drafted a seat plan and also a plan where for example the swords and the insignias should have their places. I for myself was named to be the bearer of the sword and Monika as assistant to Christoph.

Here I want to concern that all our wishes were fulfilled by Magic Live and its managers and technicians – we were completely satisfied, again many thanks in hindsight.



Thursday – the great day. Almost everybody had a sinking feeling in the stomach because we worried about many things. Whether everything goes without any differences, and whether the technique works. Senator Wolfgang and Ambassador Ludwig were very worried and nervous, Ludwig himself even could not eat anything, he was not hungry and this situation is rare – I know him.



At 7 o'clock p.m. we met at the Turkish restaurant Sofra with all participants. Here the knight coats were handed out to the new knights and dames of honour and the postulants who took them with great pride and a big grin. At 8 o'clock p.m. the marching-in into the theatre should take place but the southern way of living is not so accurate and so we had half an hour delay with the marching-in under the sound of the "Erzherzog Albrecht March".

Our Grand-Prefect and Ambassador Ludwig Brunner made the opening speech and the President Senator W. Steinhardt inaugurated the 12th investiture, further conducted by the Grand-Chancellor and Protocol-Officer Christoph Ptak – who did a great job.

As guest of honour we welcomed the Mayor Prof. Dr. Ramazan Calik. Here I don't want to write about any further details, just the fact that some postulants have been so proud of their coats and that they did not want to release them in the hand-over, haha. Everything was fine and as a big surprise General Manager Ismail Karslioglu presented us the music group of the Janisseries who enriched this celebration with traditional sounds. At the end, we all could leave the theatre fully satisfied and we could move on the cosy part.



On Friday, we visited the Expo in Antalya which is the highlight of the year 2016 in Turkey. The motto was: The world as guest of friends. This world exhibition will be open for 6 months under the motto "Children und Flowers" and introduces itself to an international audience.

The exhibition is so great that it was impossible to see everything at one single day. First, we visited the Congress Centre und some of the pavilions, then the tower with 18 floors which could only be conquered with Turkish money but thank goodness, I had some. It was a fantastic view and now it was possible to see how great the area was.



Back on floor I saw a Store Rent the Bike. Go for it! We hired 3 bikes (15 Euro per hour) and we became "racers".



Now it was easy to explore the exhibition. The coolest guy was Christoph, the most daring one was our Ludwig – you don't give him credit for it. Anyway, it was a big fun for us, exhausted but happy we returned to the hotel.

In the evening, there was Ludwig's birthday party at the restaurant Sofra with grilled Turkish delights and music. It was a little party and as surprise 4 female

belly dancers gave their skills to the best and they realized immediately that Wolfgang and the birthday boy were wonderful dancers.

After my little speech, the president handed out the birthday gifts and honoured him by handing out sash and medal for the first time and now Ludwig's eyes shined and full of pride and emotion Ludwig received all the gifts.



Saturday was the day to chill. Everybody was satisfied and relaxed, we pulled a summary on the things done. Theoretically there are no problems and so we just enjoyed the day.

On Sunday Wolfgang, Vera and Christoph turn back home.

On Monday Monika and Hans-Rudolf finish the holiday and go back home. Flight home with no care. Everything is "roger"!!!

Afterwards: First of all, I say "thank you" to our "Uncle Ludwig, the Roi Soleil" for his commitment, then to Magic Life Waterworld and all its employees who made everything to our well-being and who never give rise for any cares that we could come into danger or other inconvenient situations. I know this land for 40 years and each time I was satisfied and despite the prophets of doom we had no worries – we will come back with pleasure. A promise is a promise.

Wednesday, the 14th September 2016

UN-Human Rights in Education and Learning

Statement:

Thank you, M. President I speak on behalf of 16 organizations.

Since its creation ten years ago, and with appreciation to the Platform comprising now 9 States, the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning has been continuously advocating to give

Human Rights Education its full place in the work of the Council.

So, the holding of this panel to mark the 5th anniversary of the UN Declaration is very welcome. Indeed, human rights education plays a key role in building inclusive societies and a sustainable future, especially by strengthening social cohesion and preventing violence in all its forms, even the most extreme.

Human rights education is part of international law. Its concept has been clearly defined by the UN Declaration but the challenges of its implementation and follow-up remain. The adoption a year ago of the Sustainable Development Goals² (SDGs) and of the Education 2030, Framework for Action 3 opens up new opportunities for implementation at all levels.

We would like to insist, though, on the need for States to include Human Rights Education in all their reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies and agencies.

We would also recommend the following:

1. Focus on implementation of human rights education within other global education initiatives such as Education First or Global Citizenship Education, among others.

It is essential to clarify the linkages between human rights education and all new initiatives so as to allow better implementation without loss of energy, time or resources.

2. Reinforce an existing entity, in a view to obtain stronger synergy among initiatives of UN agencies, intergovernmental entities and governments.

Complementary and coordinated efforts at all levels are key in this respect.

Lastly, Mr President, we would encourage those interested to read our joint written statement to this session, which develop this crucial issue of the implementation of human rights education.

I thank you

Saturday, the 24th September 2016

CSLI Italy starts new training courses

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

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

Among other courses organized by the Italian Corp there are some specialized on international law, NGOs and the UN system, explaining the role of the Lazarus Union in the ECOSOC.

Continuous training is a must for efficient and professional civil protection volunteers, CSLI Italia has planned and organized a number of courses to obtain well qualified operators.



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

Saturday, the 1st October 2016

Investiture of the Order of Saint Joachim in Portsmouth, Great Britain

Our CSLA president Dr. Oswin Hochstöger has been present on the 1st of October in the royal Naval club and royal Albert Yacht club at the Investiture of the Order of Saint Joachim

The Investiture was held in the famously purpose-directed way from the Grand Master Stephen Lautens. The Old-Catholic archbishop of London has taken over the ecclesiastical Patronage.



With this opportunity, it was also again possible to speak with the long-standing member of the LAZARUS UNION, Paul Boxall, and to exchange experiences with him.



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On the open area of the museum big historical sailing ships, like the HMS "Victory" or the first steel record ship from 1860, the HMS "Warrior", were also to be seen.

In the evening, the excellent dinner was served in the royal Naval club. During this dinner, a historical talk on the Napoleonic wars was also reported by one of the members of the order.

Then there was still time for many conversations in which also the results of the "Brexit" were discussed. Besides, was to be noted that the mood is not so pessimistic long as it is shown by the media with pleasure. Many Englishmen see the "Brexit" as a chance for the future.

Monday, the 3rd October 2016

Day of German Unity

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



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



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



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



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



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



We were extremely pleased to receive a very personal and public word of thanks by Ambassador Haindl. At the following reception buffet, our four-man combo played for the enjoyment of the around 1,000 guests until 10pm.



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



Among the rest, during the days on it the highest Ukrainian mountain "Howerla" was mounted together with Ukrainian friends (however, our president came only to 1,800-metre sea). There the Austrian one and the Ukrainian flags were set up, as a token of the understanding among nations and the peace.



Day of German Unity in the German Embassy in Vienna.

Then one more folklore party was visited in Uzhgorod (besides, it was about who cooks the best Bogratsch, a sort of goulash soup. Participants from Romania, Hungary and the Ukraine and also from the German to speaking minorities were involved in this festival.

Besides, our president had to speak opportunity with many people of the aims and duties of the LAZARUS UNION., Among the rest, thus it was also possible to make interviews with the Ukrainian and Rumanian television and also with Ukrainian newspapers. Besides, one has seen that a lot of people show big interest in the effect area of the LAZARUS UNION.

Tuesday, the 4th to
Sunday, the 9th October 2016

Over and over again also happen touching things. Thus, one of the Ukrainian representatives has told us that it was possible to him to buy new winter shoes with our cash donations before the last winter for an old man (he has size 47, simply got no shoes and also had no money for it).

CSLA: Distribution of auxiliary goods to the disabled person's school „way of the life“ in the West Ukraine

The president of the corps Saint Lazarus Austria, Dr. Oswin Hochstöger, was in the period from the 4th to the 9th of September again in the West Ukraine and it auxiliary goods (clothes, shoes, bicycles, school articles, etc.) to the disabled persons were distributed there.

When the shoes were handed to the old man, he had to cry with nothing but joy. So simply it is often still to be helped somebody, and so thankfully the people are in the Ukraine if them is helped. This in contrast to Austria where many donations are often thrown away and aren't followed. It is intended to continue the action and other reports will follow in future.

This time the donations came for the most part from the Lower Austrian Veterans Association. Our president has cofinanced the carriage from own means.

The joy at the distributed goods was again big. There aren't in the Ukraine enough very much many things which are natural for West Europeans and middle Europeans.

Saturday, the 8th October 2016

CSLA: 10th „Cancer-Science-Run“ 2016

For many of 10th for us the 1st run.

Already weeks before the 8th of October the preparations began. The first advertising and invitation was set down. The expectation was big. After the number of participants was certain the fa sponsored Kutzendörfer und Dworak GmbH, organised by Markus Hackl, black Polo shirts.

Because we wanted to move as a team CSLA recognizably and the attention on ourselves, we had to zap up the Polo.



The 8th of October: The sky gets cloudy and the temperature about 9°C, so chilly. At 8 o'clock the construction operations began, together with the NBC-Defensive of the Federal Army school. It belongs meanwhile since 2009 to the experienced participants



With combined forces was put up the ÖBH tent and the tent of the FF-Großweikersdorf which was organised by our CSLA vice president Werner Winkelhofer. The time passed like in the flight. Still fast became the info state with pictures and reports provided.

In the meantime, are already the first fellow travellers ... ahhh ... The cowalkers arrived who registered themselves well with our registration head. Also, the companions of the ABC-defensive school were in particular grasped. Afterwards issue and the instruction about the expiry occurred the start numbers.



Evelyne and Monika accepted the start numbers for us. After everybody had got one, it was documented in the index of names. The assembly. posed itself to sly companion's problems, but with combined forces this was also to be created.



First a picture, then to the start.



With great atmosphere surrounded by rock - and drum music one dealt the feeling, only by movement all the same which body form or which age one showed, good. To hand over the body again liquid and nutrients rennet stations were also built up along the distance. Or who didn't want at all or was able, simply made a break. It was to be seen really wonderful like everybody struggled single for the good purpose round around round.



At the end of the mile (1,609 km) the round map became stamped and further it went ... to good one last the put back rounds were announced to our JMG and were held on in writing.

To every single would be owed for whom readiness and the engagement which was displayed to put back the substantial distance of 65 miles (104,585 km).

These were about 3,000 participants in the start. They put back a distance of about 13.805 miles. This corresponds 22.217 km, a distance of Vienna to New Zealand and still 4,000 km farther. About 140,000€ were handed over to the cancer research



Tired, however, happily and proudly on own achievement we began at approx. 13 o'clock with the dismantling.

While we were occupied with the dismantling, the big announcement of the tired rounds began next door. As a crowning end, Mr. Mjr Michael took over Eichhübl more than 150 strong troops of the NBC Defensive School the command and ran in formation, with song, the last round.

In comfortable atmosphere, we let the day end and tried to let to come so properly with good plain fare to our body again energy.

Wednesday, the 12th &
Thursday, the 13th October 2016

International Day for Disaster Reduction for students

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

So, the Nucleo Operativo di Protezione Civile of the Corpo Italiano di San Lazzaro, wishing to contribute to the campaign and to the targets, has organized, on 12th and 13th October, some meetings in High schools to diffuse the knowledge about disaster risks and to improve prevention among students. A group of CSLI Italia civil protection operators has met tens of young students and teachers informing them on civil protection organization and structure, on the main local environmental risks, and giving suggestions about how to act during and soon after the crisis events. Students mainly asked questions about what to do during emergency events and disasters and how to solve some practical problems that could happen in those circumstances.



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



Wednesday, the 19th and
Wednesday, the 26th October 2016

Public meetings on land risks assessment, social vulnerabilities, NBC hazards and Civil protection

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

The first meeting, on 19th, was devoted to an analysis of the hazards and of critical environmental issues present in the geographical area (seismic, volcanic, hydro-geological, etc.), their trends, assessments and the knowledge of the fragile characteristics both of ecosystems and of social structures.

Starting from a systemic and geographical analysis of an area it is possible to forecast possible events and to understand how to reduce risks.





The second meeting, on 26th, was devoted to the knowledge of how the Civil Protection System works, on the NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) and terrorist attack hazards, and to diffuse information on the best behaviours every citizen may have in dangerous and crisis events.

The aim of the meetings has been to improve the individual preventive actions and the personal resilience. The citizens attending the meeting were very interested in knowing not only general assessments but also some practical solutions provided for the seismic events that are affecting Italy in these weeks. Further meetings were required by people to be organized in the coming months.



Sunday, the 23rd October 2016

The Fascination of Wind Music

The Viennese wind bands' gala evening, 2016

Viennese brass and wind bands fascinated an audience that filled the Mozart Hall in Vienna's Konzerthaus on 23 October 2016. Presenter Theresia Haiger charmed and entertained throughout the

evening, first announcing the Stammersdorf Music Association band.

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

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

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





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

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

Wednesday, the 16th November 2016

Funeral of Prof. Mag. Gerhard Steinmetz MSc

On Nov 16th, the Lazarus Union had the sad duty to bid farewell Prof. Mag. Gerhard Steinmetz MSc.



Prof. Steinmetz was a founding member of the Lazarus Union and quite recently he assumed the responsible tasks of a Vice Dean of our International Leading Academy. He was representative of the board for crisis interventions and last he was a Brigadier General of the Lazarus Union.



„...wir hatten einen Kameraden, einen besseren finden wir nicht...“

Liebe Kameradinnen! Liebe Kameraden!
Liebe Ehrenritter und Ehrendamen!
Liebe Freunde und Gönner der Lazarus Union!

Mit großer Erschütterung haben wir die traurige Pflicht, Euch in großer Trauer das durch einen Herzinfarkt verursachte plötzliche Ableben von



Prof. Mag. Gerhard Steinmetz MSc

Gründungsmitglied der Lazarus Union
Vizedekan der Internationalen Führungsakademie der Lazarus Union
Brigade-General der Lazarus Union
Träger hoher In- und Ausländischer Auszeichnungen

vor allem aber unseres aufrichtigen Freundes, treuen Kameraden und liebenswerten Menschen, von allen gewürdigt, geschätzt und geachtet, berichten zu müssen.

Wir bitten Gott, seine unsterbliche Seele ohne Verzögerung gnädig in sein Reich aufzunehmen.

Das Begräbnis und feierliche Verabschiedung findet am
16. Nov. 2016 um 15.30 Uhr am Friedhof von 7203 Wiesen/Burgenland statt und das Präsidium bittet um Teilnahme wenn es so kurzfristig möglich ist.

During the solemn laying, out the honour guard was composed by Knights of Honour of the Lazarus Union; the musical pieces of the formal ceremony were performed by an ensemble of the music corps.



In his speech the President of the Lazarus Union Sen. Prof. h.c. Wolfgang Steinhardt not only appreciated the accomplishments of the deceased for the Union but also emphasized his human and amicable importance.

Bishop Dr. Paul Iby the former diocesan bishop of Eisenstadt made the solemn benediction. In his speech, he also found warm and acknowledging words for our comrade.



After the benediction, the procession went to the grave while the music corps played "The Last Post". Family and friends and many comrades of different unions, voluntary fire services and of the "Ferdinandus Order" accompanied the procession.

At the open grave, the march of the Lazarus Union was played slowly and some last words were spoken. We will miss him dearly and will honour his memory!

Tuesday, the 29th November 2016

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

About 360 Diplomats and UN-Delegates visited on this 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People'.



The event was opened by UN Director General, Geneva, Mr. Michael Moller who read out a statement from the UN's General Secretary, Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

A one-minute's silence was held for the late former Head of State of Cuba, Fidel Castro.

To observe a minute's silence for a late Statesman in Geneva, surrounded by so many high Diplomats and Delegates, was an unforgettable 'special experience'.



After this followed different presentations and speeches by various Ambassadors and UN Representatives on the situation in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. "

Thursday, the 8th December 2016

Patrozinium of the Radetzky Order 2016

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

The Holy Mass was celebrated by the Dean of the Order Rector Prof. DDr. Reinhart Knittel and took place in the Prandtauer Church in St. Pölten. A brass ensemble of the Hoch- und Deutschmeister and also the church organist put everyone in a celebratory mood with their solemn musical performances. In his sermon, the Dean of the Order focussed on the values of a chivalric union und emphasised that the Radetzky Order is a synonym for lived comradeship and keeper of Austrian military traditions.



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

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

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



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

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

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

Friday, the 16th December 2016

Prechristmassy mood at the land care home Eggenburg

On the occasion of the admission of our new member, dipl. social manager Harald Riegler from Horn, deputy leader of the pensioner's home in Eggenburg, our president Dr. Oswin Hochstöger had a conversation with deputy home leaders and it were discussed possible projects during the Advent.

Then from this discussion we have succeeded in organising on the 16th of December an Advent event at

the pensioner's home Eggenburg. Our vice president, Werner Winkelhofer has organised to commendable manner his nephews as musicians and thus the Christmassy reading from works could be carried out by Karl Heinrich Wagerl and unknown authors with music priming coat.



To anticipate it, the event was a full success. The hall was full packed. Many of the old ladies and man had in particular with the pieces of music which were reported by the children, tears in the eyes.

The programme was so formed, that alternately dep. Home leaders and our president pieces have read out and in between always to music was played. The pensioners were also supplied with sweets brought by us, so that the coffee tasted much better.

Result of the reading was and is that the highest goods of the life that are nothing cost, as well as time, joy of life and love. Time is more precious meanwhile than gold and platinum. However, as one says so nicely: One doesn't have time, one must take time.



It has really been worthwhile that we have found time with the old people to read, to sing and to speak. We have done the latter after the end of the event detailed

with some home passengers. Big praise was pronounced to us by all sides for the event. We have with dep. home leader agrees that the next year even other events will follow.

Thursday, the 22nd December 2016

A small great Gesture

Staff at the “dm-branch Großenzersdorf” have taken up our motto “... to bring other people joy ...” and organized their own personal Advent treat for two disabled girls (Nina-Marie Unger and Elvira Nissel).

On the afternoon of the 22nd of December 2016, at 4.00 pm, the girls, accompanied by their mother and grandmother with Mrs. Vera Steinhardt, Captain a.D. Hans Rudolf Gries and Vice President Ludwig Brunner, visited the Großenzersdorf market.



The branch-manager, Mrs. Michaela Sluszanski and her Team, had prepared festive snacks in a room gay with Christmas decorations. All the staff (including the apprentices!) had prepared a very personal and lovingly thoughtful gift, which was presented at this small celebration.



The joy and emotion were great, not only among the recipients, but also the hosts who could hardly hide their feelings on seeing the recipients' joy. It was like a “spark” that “passed through” all those present and caused a very wonderful mood.



When the celebration ended at 6.15 pm, all those present had been touched by the joy in the radiant eyes of the two girls.

Thanks go to all for this initiative and for the humanity that still lives in these times – we just have to experience it.



The idea for this treat came from our Vice President, Ludwig Brunner, and his idea has inspired other companies who have now also agreed to participate in such actions. It does not have to be Christmas either. Other suitable occasions can always be found!

We will also report on these events as they happen. Not only to donate anonymously, but to experience JOY together is a special thing. To make others happy brings its own happiness.

Once again, a big thank you to all who made this celebration possible!!

Thursday, the 27th December 2016

Christmas Donation of the Lazarus Union Germany for the „Burgkunstadter Tafel“

The seventh time in a row Sven and Katja Dietel as representatives of the Corps Saint Lazare International (CSLI) and Bernd Wenzel, the deputy chairman of the „Soldaten- und Traditionskameradschaft (STK) Lettenreuth“ gave Christmas donations to the „Burgkunstadter Tafel“.

The donators gave more than 2.000 Euro to make the clients of the „Tafel“ happy at Christmas. Many special thanks to the „Soldaten- und Traditionskameradschaft (STK) Lettenreuth“, but also to all other benefactors of the CSLI Germany for this yearly fundraiser.

The special commitment of Katja and Sven Dietel has to be emphasized, they not only buy the sweets for the children but also the sausage products and finally they put these things into the bags, so that these bags, which are highly sought-after, are at the disposal of the children and their parents.

The couple Dietel is a member of the Corps Saint Lazare International, a private aid organization that acts according to the ideas of Saint Lazarus. In the spirit of tolerance, humility, compassion and charity the members made it to the ask to make other people happy, to give assistance in catastrophic situations and to care for disabled and homeless people.



All members are acting voluntarily. „Especially these days more and more people need help and assistance not only in crisis areas but also in our direct neighbourhood“, emphasized Sven Dietel, „in this situations the Lazarus Union can and will help“.

In the name of all clients of the „Tafel“ Silke Mohler, Chairwoman of the Burgkunstadter Tafel, thanked for the Christmas gifts that are very welcomed especially before the Christmas holidays.

„We admire your engagement and it is almost incredible that you are able to manage such a great fundraiser each year“, she said to point up the joy of the whole team of the „Tafel“.

Weihnachtsspenden im Wert von über 2000 Euro

Lazarus Corps übergibt Süßigkeiten und Wurstwaren an die Tafel – Sehr willkommene Gaben

Von unserer Mitarbeiterin
INGRID KOHLES

BURGGUNSTADT Schon zum siebten Mal in Folge kamen Sven und Katja Dietel als Vertreter des Corps Saint Lazare International (CSLI) und Bernd Wenzel, 2. Vorsitzender der Soldaten- und Traditionskameradschaft (STK) Lettenreuth, mit Weihnachtsspenden zur Burgkunstadter Tafel.

Über 2000 Euro haben die Spender aufgebracht, um den Tafelkunden vor Weihnachten eine Freude zu machen. Katja und Sven Dietel übernahmen nicht nur den Einkauf der Süßigkeiten für die Kinder, sondern besorgten auch die Wurstwaren und packten diese in Tüten. Damit stehen dann bei der Weihnachtsausgabe Tüten für die Kinder und ihre Eltern bereit, die heiß begehrt sind.

Das Corps Saint Lazare International, dem das Ehepaar Dietel angehört, ist eine private Hilfsorganisation, die nach den Idealen des heiligen Lazarus handelt. Verbunden im Geist von Toleranz, Demut, Barmherzigkeit und Nächstenliebe, haben es sich die Mitglieder auf die Fahnen geschrieben, anderen Menschen Freude zu machen, Katastrophenhilfe zu leisten sowie für behinderte Menschen und Obdachlose zu sorgen. Alle Mitglieder sind ehrenamtlich tätig. „Gerade in der heutigen Zeit benötigen immer mehr Menschen Hilfe und Unterstützung, und das nicht nur in den Krisengebieten, sondern in unmittelbarer Nachbarschaft“, betonte Sven Dietel. „Hier kann und will die Lazarus-Union helfen“.

Silke Mohler, Vorsitzende der Burgkunstadter Tafel, dankte im Namen aller Tafelkunden für die Weihnachtsgaben,



Verlässlicher Spender: Vorsitzende Silke Mohler (Mitte) und ihre Stellvertreterin Ulrike Kuhn freuten sich über die großartige Spendenbereitschaft und bedankten sich herzlich bei (von links) Katja Dietel mit Tochter Alexa, Bernd Wenzel und Sven Dietel.
FOTO INGRID KOHLES

die gerade vor den Feiertagen sehr willkommen sind. „Wir bewundern Ihr Engagement, und es erscheint uns fast unglaublich, dass Sie es in jedem Jahr

wieder schaffen, eine so große Spendenaktion zu stemmen“, brachte sie die Freude des ganzen Tafelteams zum Ausdruck.

Reliable donator: Chairwoman Silke Mohler (in the middle) and her deputy Ulrike Kuhn are happy about the great willingness to donate and thanked warmly (from the left) Katja Dietel with daughter Alexa, Bernd Wenzel and Sven Dietel