

2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
THE CZECH GRAND BAILIWICK OF THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

HUMANITARIAN WORK

- The reconstruction of St. Michael's Church in Stráž nad Ohří was completed.
- A subsidy for the completion of the *Smíření (Reconciliation) Hospice* in Chrudim was obtained in cooperation with the representative of the Vysoké Mýto municipality.
- Members of the St. Zdislava Commandery took care of the disabled and homeless at *Naděje (Hope)* shelter in Vysoké Mýto.
- The Karlovy Vary Commandery contributed to charity activities of the Ostrov nad Ohří parish.
- The South Bohemian Delegation collected equipment necessary for health care oversight, pharmacies, health care and rescue materials, reflexive vests and stretchers. It also organized a post-Christmas event for patients of the *Long-Term Patient Sanatorium* in the *Vimperk Hospital*.
- The Pilsen Commandery arranged a collection for the *Homeless People Foundation*. In cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul Sisters from Velešín. The Pilsen Commandery collected stamps, coins and telephone cards, which were sent to the Benedictine Monastery in Münsterschwarzbachu for completion and sales for the benefit of the poor.
- The head of the St. Zdislava Commandery organized weekly free swimming training for disabled people who use wheelchairs and otherwise disabled children.

The hospices and senior home function as independent non-profit organizations, which are connected to the Order only through staffing.

SPIRITUAL WORK

The Commandery of St. Agnes of Bohemia organized a Requiem for the Grand Prior Count Kinsky in the Church of Our Lady before Týn.

On March 27, 2009 there was a funeral of Order Dame Věra Šigutová, DCLJ, who died in our hospice. The funeral ceremonies were performed by the Order Chaplain P. Jiří Kusý SCHLJ and doc. Zdeněk Trefný KCLJ paid the respects to the deceased on behalf of the Order.

The Order Delegation participated in the clerical ordaining of Mgr. Vinš. In November, Mrg. Vinš served a mass for the deceased members of the Order in St. Mary Magdalene Chapel.

On Green Thursday, the members of St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery gathered at Petřín Hill in Prague for an ecumenical Stations of the Cross.

Members of the Prague Commandery and St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery participated in a commemorative celebration at the sarcophagus of Emperor Charles IV of Luxemburg in the St. Wenceslas Chapel celebrated by Cardinal Mons. Vlk.

A ceremonial mass, celebrated by the Bishop Emeritus of Litoměřice Mons. Josef Koukl, was served upon the opening of the church in Stráž nad Ohří, renovated by us. The mass was also attended by the Spiritual Protector of the Order, His Beatitude Patriarch Gregorius III, and clergymen of the Hussite Church, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, Evangelical Church, Orthodox Church and Anglican Church. The mass was broadcast by the Christian television channel, Noe (Telepace network).

The Order delegation, lead by the Grand Bailiff, attended the consecration of a new iconostasis in the Orthodox St. Wenceslas Church in Litoměřice, where the mass was co-celebrated with the Metropolitan for Czech Lands and Slovakia Christopher, by the Order Chaplans Archbishop Michalovský Jiří, SChLJ and Archimandrita Martin Krupica, SChLJ.

Three members of our Order were invited for a mass in the St. Vitus Cathedral served by Holy Father Benedict XVI. Rev. Kratka was invited to an ecumenical meeting with him and received a commemorative medal.

Masses were served on the Order's Day, St. Lazarus holiday,

- for the Prague Commandery and St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery in the St. Thomas Church in Prague – Lesser Town;
- for St. Zdislava Commandery in the Deanery Chapel in Vysoké Mýto;
- for the South Bohemian Delegation in the pro Church of the Visitation of Virgin Mary in Vimperk;
- for Pilsen Commandery in the Chapel of the St. Lazarus Hospice in Pilsen (Bishop Mons. Radkovský also attended)

The Brno Delegation organized a commemorative mass for the founder of the Slavkov Reconciliation Meeting, Chev. J. Šťastný, KLJ, in the parish church in Slavkov (Austerlitz), near Brno. The mass was attended by members of all Commanderies of the Moravian Bailiwick, headed by the Grand Bailiff, Professor Bluma and the Moravian Bailiff, Dr. Pořízka.

Because the Spiritual Protector of the Order, His Beatitude, Patriarch Gregorius III, was the chairman of the Pontification Committee for the Year of St. Paul, a large delegation participated in the closure of this year in the Church of St. Peter and Paul at Vyšehrad. The mass was celebrated by Cardinal Mons. Vlk and the gospel was read in Aramaic. During this occasion, we also met the Syrian Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

A silver wedding anniversary of the Krejčíks was celebrated in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Všeruby, with attendance by delegations of members from the Pilsen and South Bohemian Commanderies.

St. Lazarus service organized a Requiem in the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius for a deceased member of the services, JUDr. Jan Wonkler.

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

Representatives of the Czech Grand Bailiwick participated in the investitures in Metz, Mainz, a unifying investiture in Potsdam and an investiture in Heilsbronn. During this investiture, Dr. František Hynek, Tomáš Medek and David Mířejovský Jr. were promoted to OIJ.

The Czech Grand Bailiwick investitures in Ostrov nad Ohří were attended by delegations from Hungary (co-organizer), Romania, Slovakia, Germany, France, Macedonia, Austria and the Netherlands.

Upon the request of the Swiss Jurisdiction, which doesn't have an Order chaplain, the Grand Bailiff approved of Mgr. Vinš, AchLJ (who studies in Basel for his theology doctorate) to perform religious services for the Swiss Grand Bailiwick for the duration of his studies. However, he remains the member of the Czech Grand Bailiwick.

COOPERATION BETWEEN ORDERS

Upon the invitation of the St. Hubertus Order, the members of Czech Grand Bailiwick participated in hunters' masses in the St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague and in the St. Bartholomew Cathedral in Pilsen, as well as the St. Hubertus Order celebrations in Kuks.

Upon the invitation of the Grand Master of the Chivarlic Order of St. Wenceslas, the Grand Bailiff attended the investiture of this order in Hejnice. A number of the Grand Bailiwick members participated in the benefit concert in the Wallenstein Garden, which was organized for the support of European orphanages.

The Pilsen Commandery participated in an event in Plasy, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Count Metternich's death.

HOSPITALLER ACTIVITIES

The hospitaller ensured specialized care for eight patients. He ensured health care equipment for one patient. For one cardiologist, with whom the insurance companies refused to sign a contract, he mediated the conclusion of the contract and the further continuation of activities.

He cooperated with the St. John of Nepomuk Hospice in Prachatice. Nurse and Sister of the order, Anežka, from this hospice, received the prestigious title Nurse of the Year in a nationwide poll.

ST. LAZARUS SERVICE

The *St. Lazarus Service* of the Czech Bailiwick organizes a year-around program *School for Seniors*, which introduces seniors to working with the internet and organizes computer and language courses for them. The lectures and courses are facilitated by the service's lecturers. The teachers also lecture on various subjects, from health care to culture, in a number of senior homes. Mrs. Ivana Burešová regularly helps in the house of rest of the diaconate in Krabčice pod Řípem.

Together with the Maltese Knights, the *St. Lazarus Service* organizes quarterly walks for seniors, exploring historic monuments such as Celtic oppidum in Závist, Cistercian Monastery at Zbraslav, Aula Regia chateau, the oldest religious monument in Bohemia in Budeč, St. Peter and Paul Rotunda, Premyslide path and St. Clement Church in Levý Hradec, among others

The *Service* members also participated in the memorial event by the Victims of Communism Memorial in Prague – Újezd.

The *St. Lazarus Service* organized a summer camp for youth, aimed at motivating young people to volunteer work. Our Order was the primary guarantor.

The St. Lazarus Service of the Moravian Bailiwick organized 7 public cultural performances in senior homes. They provided two salutary trips to Croatia for 52 disabled patients. It further continues to run an equipment rental service for the disabled.

The St. Lazarus Service of the Brno delegation organizes language and computer courses for children from socially weak families.

SOCIETY OF HELPERS OF THE ST. LAZARUS ORDER

The Society continued building wells in Eastern Congo. It also supports a hospice in Congo and 4 orphans in Rwanda. Besides financial help to our two hospices in Prague and Pilsen, the *Society* also helped the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Christian International Solidarity, and the Augustinian Order.

PR COMMISSION

Due to the fact that our postulant, Tomáš Coufal, who so far ensured the production of our Bulletin, lost his job and we were not able to ensure the production otherwise, we were able to only publish 2 issues of our quarterly Bulletin.

Our website performed rather well, although it was attacked by viruses and hackers several times (Orleans?). There is still a problem with a photo gallery on the website, which will be solved in 2010.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

During the investiture in Ostrov nad Ohří the Order accepted: Dame Jana Lorenz, Mgr. Jan Uhlíř, Bc. Richard Andrlé, Petr Dolejš, Mikuláš Krejčík, Dame ThDr. Libuše Pipková and Father Mgr. Petr Vinš.

During the investiture in the Olomouc St. Wenceslas church the Order accepted: Dame doc. Jana Burešová, doc. Wilken Engelbrecht, Libor Gasparovič, Dame doc. Yvona Hřková and Stanislav Zajíc. With the approval of the International Secretariat of the Order, Dame Sonja Helena Forsten, OIJ was transferred from Swedish Jurisdiction to the Czech Grand Bailiwick. Prof. Miloš Trapl was promoted to KLJ and at the same time named the Knight Commander of the newly established Olomouc Commandery.

Dr. Pauli, KLJ requested to be transferred to non-active members as of the end of 2010.

Number of members of the individual commanderies as of December 31, 2009:

Prague Commandery	12
St. Agnes Commandery	10

Pilsen Commandery	9
Karlovy Vary Commandery	9
St. Zdislava Commandery	8
Prostějov Commandery	6
Olomouc Commandery	7
Brno Delegation	3
South Bohemian Delegation	5 (postulants)
Czech Grand Bailiwick Total	69

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMMANDERIES

KARLOVY VARY COMMANDERY

The Commandery completed the three-year reconstruction of a destroyed church in Stráž nad Ohří, which now fully serves the Church and belongs to the most beautiful churches of the diocese. The overall cost of the project is 360 000 Euro. At the same time, the church will serve as an Order Chapel to the Karlovy Vary bailiwick. The Commandery organized two concerts and one Advent meeting in it.

The Commandery prepared plans for building a Senior home with home help.

The individual members participated in charitable activities of the Roman-Catholic parish in Ostrov nad Ohří.

ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA COMMANDERY

Most members of the Commandery are engaged in the work in the Štrasburk hospice in Prague – Bohnice. The Commandery also supports two orphans in Rwanda, through the Society of Helpers of the St. Lazarus Order.

JUDr. Tomáš Kordač is leading two lawsuits in the name of the Czech Grand Priory against two dissidents from the Orleans obedience.

A Christmas gift giving event was organized at the St. Catherine's Mountain Home, for children from an orphanage.

PILSEN COMMANDERY

Members of the Commandery are engaged in the work in the St. Lazarus Hospice in Pilsen. Five members also attended the General Assembly of the St. Lazarus Hospice. During the year, three charitable collections were organized.

PROSTĚJOV AND OLOMOUC COMMANDERIES

As each year, the Prostějov Commandery organized a concert of folk singer Jožka Černý, for seniors and disabled from the area. The concert was attended by over 500 people. Moravian Metrolita and Olomouc Archbishop Mons. Graubner, was a guest of honor.

An excursion to the chateau at Rájec, near Blansko, was organized. All participants were given a tour of the castle, personally conducted by Countess Marie Salmová.

The Grand Bailiff, Professor Bluma, and Moravian Bailiff, Dr. Pořízka, were received by the Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Prostějov at the Municipal House. The creation of a hospice in this city was discussed.

ST. ZDISLAVA COMMANDERY

Nine children from the Children's Home in Holicе were invited to the ceremonial of the *Vysoké Mýto City Award*. They participated in both the cultural program and the following banquet. They also met the Member of the European Parliament, Jana Bobošíková.

The Commandery organized a cultural and educational pilgrimage along the Novohradsky river.

On the first Advent Sunday, an altar painting of Vysoké Mýto was given to the Deanery Church of St. Lorenz.

The Commandery prepared plans for the restoration of the St. George the Martyr Church in Radhošť, St. Peter and Paul Church in Slatina and St. Joseph's Home for Retired Clergymen in Žírec. Requests for European grants will be submitted for the completion of these projects.

SOUTH BOHEMIAN DELEGATION

Members of the delegation provided a total of 7 voluntary blood and blood plasma donations for humanitarian purposes.

The Department of Long-Term Patients in the Vimperk Hospital received one ventilator as a gift.

A book collection was organized for senior homes and a collection of books and toys for childrens homes.

FINANCIAL EVALUATION

HUMANITARIAN HELP AND DONATIONS IN 2009

Humanitarian Help in the Czech Republic

	<i>EURO</i>
St. Vincent de Paul Society	200,-
Board of Humanitarian Help	28,-
LPS	400,-
Hospice Pilsen	300,-
Hospice Prague	300,-
Christian International Solidarity	300,-
St. Wenceslas Order	300,-
Total	1828,-

Humanitarian Help Abroad

Augustinians	760,-
Well Nr. 30	920,-
Remaining wells	3200,-
Hospice in Congo	3800,-
Orphans in Rwanda	5900,-
Total	14580,-

Donations

Ing. Miřejovský for church reconstruction	48000,-
St. Zdislava Commandery for hospice construction	4000,-
Pilsen Commandery for the disabled	384,-
South Bohemian Commandery for the disabled	224,-
Hospitaller Dr. Kubíček to Salesians for orphans	1960,-
Grand Bailiff Dr. Bluma to Christian media	96,-
Grand Bailiff Dr. Bluma for the disabled	3040,-
Sponsoring Christian TV Noe	2600,-
Total	60304,-

Recapitulation

Humanitarian help in the Czech Republic	1828,-
Humanitarian help abroad	14580,-
Financial donations	60304,-

T o t a l	76712,- Euro

Material help such as medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, books, toys, clothing and food, as well as the value of the personal volunteer involvement of the individual members in service in hospices or during constructions (planning, ensuring permits, construction supervision) are not monetarily calculated and are not included in the recapitulation.

ANNUAL BANK REPORT (on the date: 31. 12. 2009)

	CZK	EUR
Cash balance (on the date: 31. 12. 2009)	12 494, 20	=
	427,10	
Foreign currency cash balance (on the date: 31. 12. 2009)		0,--
Bank account balance (on the date: 31. 12. 2009)	85 379, 50	=
	3226,10	
Foreign currency account balance (on the date 31. 12. 2009)		2673,77
Assets status according to inventory cards	71 495, 50	=
	2701,50	

Naděžda Asterová, DCLJ, GCMLJ
Chancellor

Prof. Dr. Aleš Bluma, D.S.M, KCLJ
Grand Bailiff