

# **2010 ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES THE CZECH GRAND BAILIWICK OF THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM**

## **1) HUMANITARIAN WORK**

- The members of the *Eastern Bohemia St. Zdislava Commandery* contributed a total of 70,000 CZK to humanitarian activities of which: 25,000 CZK for the hospice of multiple sclerosis in Žírec, 25,000 to the *Berenika* children's home, 15,000 CZK to the Holice children's home, 5,000 CZK to the Pardubice region children's home, 5,000 CZK for the Vranice children's home and 5,000 CZK for printing brochures.
- The *Karlovy Vary Commandery* prepared a project documentation for the house for day care services in the value of 950,000 CZK. Furthermore, Ing. Miřejovský donated a pieta sculpture in the value of 110,000 CZK to the order's church and the order chronicle in the value of 12,000 CZK.
- The *St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery* continued building the second hospice in Prague with an overall value of nearly 90,000,000 CZK, of which the Commandery ensured 6,500,000 CZK and the balance was financed from sponsor donations and subsidies from the Prague 4 municipality.
- The members of the *South Bohemian Commandery* donated blood and blood plasma on 20 occasions, supported the celebration of sanctification of the St. Giles church in Třeboň in the amount of 1,500 CZK and donated 750 CZK to children's homes.
- The *Pilsen Commandery* donated a portable ECG unit to the St. Lazarus Hospice in Pilsen in the value of 32,000 CZK. Flood victims in Northern Bohemia received writing supplies in the value of 2,000 CZK, the citizens of Chrástava received clothing for 14,000 CZK. 5,000 CZK was sent to the *Children in Danger Fund*, 3,000 CZK to the flood fund, 1,000 CZK to the Haiti earthquake fund. A statue of St. Lazarus was installed and sanctified in the order's St. Nicholas church in the overall value of 16,000 CZK. In cooperation with the St. Vincent sisters, a package of used postal stamps, post cards and phone cards was sent to the Benedictine Monastery in Münsterschwarzach.
- Grand Bailiff Bluma sent 5,500 CZK to the hospice in Žírec, 6,000 CZK to the Haiti earthquake fund, 3,800 CZK to the association of blind-and-deaf children and 2,400 CZK to Christian media. Hospitaller Kubíček donated 84,000 CZK to the *Salesians of Don Bosco* in Pardubice to care for orphans and socially disadvantaged youth. He arranged electronic security devices for two churches in the South Bohemian and Pilsen dioceses, in one case for 8,000 CZK in the other for 12,000 CZK.

## **2) INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS**

- The Grand Bailiff with spouse participated in the Order-wide pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella. Another member from the *Karlovy Vary Commandery* also participated.
- The Grand Bailiwick chancellor participated in an Austrian investiture.
- On the other hand, the vice-chancellor of the Austrian Grand Bailiwick, chev. Strassmaier, participated in the investiture in České Budějovice (Budweis) along with another member. The Slovak Bailiff, chev. Ing. Tomčík, also joined us for the investiture in České Budějovice (Budweis).

- Our 11-member delegation participated in the Budapest investiture.
- A 3-member delegation from the *Pilsen Commandery* and the head of the *St. Zdislava of Lemberk Commandery* participated in the German bailiwick investiture.

### 3) COOPERATION AMONG ORDERS

- We collaborated with the *Augustinian Fathers* in arranging humanitarian help for Africa.
- The *St. Hubertus Order* masses at St. Vitus, along with masses in Pilsen and Třeboň were attended by the *Pilsen Commandery*.
- Masses and order investitures of the *St. Wenceslas Order* in Hejnice were attended by the Grand Bailiwick chancellor.

### 4) SPIRITUAL WORK

- Members of our order attended a number of requiem masses. We also participated in the ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Petřín hill and in a spiritual and patriotic pilgrimage to the top of Říp mountain, followed by a mass.
- Brothers from the *St. Lazarus Service* joined in a shared mass in the temple of St. Mary of the Snow.
- Our delegation also participated in the enthronement of the new Prague Archbishop, Mons. Duka.
- Members of the *Pilsen Commandery* participated in the masses with the postulants of the *St. John of Nepomuk Delegation* in Štěnovice.
- Members of the *St. Zdislava of Lemberk Commandery* participated in the sanctification of statues of St. Florian and the Guardian Angel, by the administrator of the Hradec Králové dioceses, Bishop Mons. Kajnek.
- The *St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery* organized an advent catechesis with a mass at St. Ignatius and fasting services in the *Hus Congregation* of the *Czechoslovak Hussite Church* in Prague-Holešovice.
- The *South Bohemian, Pilsen and Hradec Králové Commanderies* regularly organize spiritual retreats.

### 5) PERSONNEL AGENDA

As of December 31, 2010

#### Czech Bailiwick

Prague Commandery	12
Pilsen Commandery	12
Karlovy Vary Commandery	11
St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery	10
St. Zdislava of Lemberk Commandery	9

#### Moravian-Silesian Bailiwick

Prostějov Commandery	6
Olomouc Commandery	7

Brno Delegation	3
<b>Postulants</b>	29
Of this South Bohemian Commandery	7

## 6) HOSPITALLER ACTIVITIES

Aside from the usual activities described above, the hospitaller arranged an operation, treatment and long-term hospitalization at a specialized unit, for a 64-year-old patient with a complicated treatment. Additionally, he also arranged a detoxication treatment for young people addicted to drugs. He also contributed 7,000 CZK to a 72-year-old woman for car repair. He helped arrange orthopedic aids and provided home-care visits to patients with orthopedic and traumatic problems.

## 7) ST. LAZARUS SERVICE

The *St. Lazarus Service* in Prague is suffering from a personnel crisis. Especially interested young people are missing. Therefore the *St. Lazarus Service* particularly focuses on material help where needed. It is financially supporting two orphans in Rwanda and at Christmas purchased gifts for children from the *St. Catherine Mountain* facility.

A *St. Lazarus Service* group is very active in Klobouky, near Brno and lead by csr. Lenka Korpová, MLJ. The group has a number of educational activities for young people and cooperates with both the diaconia and scouts.

## 8) INSIGNATOR ACTIVITIES

Templates for producing insignia crosses were arranged and subsequently, crosses for uniform epaulettes and lapels were produced. Due to significant problems arranging for the insignia from the order insignator, the insignia was either produced in the Czech Republic or ordered from our Austrian confreres.

## 9) COMMANDERY ACTIVITIES

### **Karlovy Vary Commandery**

The Commandery concluded a contract with the municipality of Stráž nad Ohří concerning the reconstruction of a local school into housing with day-care services and its operation under the Order patronage. In case the municipality and the Commandery do not receive the EU funding, the project will be arranged from our own resources. One member was promoted and two postulants accepted.

### **Pilsen Commandery**

The Commandery regularly met on *jour fixe*. It intensely cooperated with the *St. Lazarus Hospice* in Pilsen and focused on building the *St. John of Nepomuk Delegation*. It accepted 4 postulants and one member was promoted to CLJ. After the failure to arrange the *St. Lazarus* sculpture for the Order church in the US, the Commandery managed to purchase a sculpture in Italy and solemnly install it to one of the side altars in the *St. Nicholas* church.

### **St. Agnes of Bohemia Commandery**

Aside from the current *Štrasburk Hospice*, the Commandery also took on care for the new senior home in Prague 4. At the same time, it continued to build the new hospice, also in Prague 4. Despite tremendous obstacles posed by the world economic crisis, the hospice managed to operate with a balanced budget, although the senior home is slightly in the red numbers.

Dr.L.LL Kordač managed to prevent the attempts of dissidents (Dobrzenský, Vanke), who tried to delete the Czech Grand Priory from the registry of the Interior Ministry of the Czech Republic. He also definitively won the law-suit concerning the ineffectiveness of the Litoměřice Chapter upon one of the dissidents appealing at the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic.

### **St. Zdislava of Lemberk Commandery**

The Commandery representatives, along with the Grand Bailiff, negotiated with management of the hospice for multiple sclerosis patients in Žírec, over the options to repair the *St. Joseph House*, using EU funds. Dr. Vambera organized a lecture about Ethiopia and Christianity, Dr. Anderle organizes sports activities (free swimming, hiking tours) for children from orphanages. Two members of the Commandery work in the long-term patient facility in Vysoké Mýto as volunteer caregivers. One member was promoted to OLJ and two new members were accepted.

### **South Bohemian Commandery**

At the beginning of November, the Grand Master, J.E. don Carlos Gereda y Borbón, Marquis of Almazan, issued a consent establishing a new commandery named the *South Bohemian Commandery*. The Commandery was solemnly established on November 27th, during a mass celebrated by the diocese Bishop, Mons. Pad'our, along with the Dean of České Budějovice and all Order priests. The spiritual protector of the Order, H.B. Gregory III, sent his blessings to the new Commandery. The members meet once a week. Aside from financial donations, the members carried out the following projects: a book collection for senior homes, a toy collection for children's homes, an SOS village and a collection of clothing for flood victims. Several lectures concerning the history of the Order took place.

### **Society of Helpers of the St. Lazarus Order**

The Society primarily organized help for orphans in Rwanda. Additionally, it completed a two-year mission for building wells in Congo. It was possible to build in total 30 wells, as well as one school. A donation was sent to the spiritual protector for the construction of a hospital in Syria. The Society cooperated closely on charitable events with the *Augustinian* brothers and *St. Ursula* sisters.

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.

## 10) HUMANITARIAN HELP AND DONATIONS, FINANCIAL EVALUATION

	( EUR )
St. Lazarus Service	201,-
Hospital in Syria (H.B. Patriarch)	1,750,-
Congo, wells and school	1,590,-
Rwanda orphans	5,487,-
St. Zdislava Commandery in total	2,814,-
Karlovy Vary Commandery - architect	38,183,-
Ing. Miřejovský - Pieta	4,421,-
Order chronicle	482,-
South Bohemian Commandery	90,-
Children in Danger Fund	201,-
Pilsen Commandery – disaster victims	241,-
Pilsen Commandery – clothing for disaster victims	563,-
ECG unit for St. Lazarus Hospice in Pilsen	1,286,-
St. Lazarus sculpture for the Pilsen altar	643,-
Electronic security devices for churches	804,-
Salesians Community	3,376,-
Hospice in Žírec	221,-
Christian media	96,-
Society of blind-and-deaf children	152,-
Haiti earthquake fund	241,-
<b>Humanitarian Help in Total</b>	<b>9,028,-</b>
<b>Donations in Total</b>	<b>49,814,-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>58,842,- €</b>

**Through its daughter societies, the Grand Bailiwick built a new hospice in Prague 4 in the value of 3,617,400 EUR from municipal subsidies and sponsor donations.**

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