



**Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem  
Grand Bailiwick of Germany**

## **LAZARUS-DAYS 2026**

**WITH INVESTITURE AND INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND BAILIFF**

**15<sup>th</sup> TO 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026  
STATE CAPITAL DÜSSELDORF**

Dear Sir or Madam,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Order,

I cordially invite you to this year's investiture weekend in Düsseldorf. The state capital is welcoming the Order back after several years, and the Rhineland Commandery has spared no effort to ensure that all guests enjoy what, we hope, will be an unforgettable weekend. The programme reflects the Rhineland's cheerfulness as well as cultural highlights. From the impressive Media Harbour to the quaint old town, from international fashion to world-famous art collections, the city offers every guest special moments.

After decades of extraordinary commitment, Clemens Stroetmann stepped down from his position as Grand Bailli at the end of the year. We are infinitely grateful to him for all he has done for our community. It is with joy and humility that I have succeeded him, and I am honoured that both our Grand Master and the new Grand Prior of the Church will be coming to the Rhineland in person to formally complete the handover. In addition, we are once again welcoming numerous new brothers and sisters into our community.

I look forward to seeing you again!

Yours,

Dr Andreas Rademachers KCLJ KMLJ  
Grand Bailiff

## PROGRAMME OF CELEBRATIONS

### Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- 10.00 a.m. Chapter meeting (chapter members only) at the Maxhaus
- 3.00 p.m. Reception by the Lord Mayor of the state capital, Dr Stephan Keller, at the town hall, Markt
- 6.00 p.m. Vigil and farewell to Grand Bailli Emeritus Clemens Stroetmann at the Protestant Neander Church, Bolkerstraße
- followed by “Rhenish Night” at the brewery Brauhaus Zum Schlüssel, Bolkerstraße

### Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- 10.00 a.m. Opportunity to visit the historic old town and the Imperial Palace of Kaiserswerth, return trip by river boat across the Rhine (optional)
- 5.00 p.m. Ecumenical investiture service and installation of H.E. Chev. Dr. Andreas Rademachers as Grand Bailiff by Grand Master H.E. Don Francisco de Borbón y Graf von Hardenberg in St. Maximilian Church, Schulstraße
- The sermon will be delivered by H.E. Bishop Lindsay Urwin, Ecclesiastical Grand Prior of the Order.
- followed by Reception of the Grand Bailiwick and dinner in the cloister courtyard of the Maxhaus

### Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Mass in St. Maximilian Church (closing service of the Lazarus Days!)

## ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

### Registration

Binding registration is possible until 15th April at <http://event.st-lazarus-orden.de>. Any cancellations can only be guaranteed up to two weeks before the event. Early registration is recommended due to limited capacity.

### Participation fee

The participation fee of €185.00 includes participation in the vigil, the Rhenish evening, the investiture and the following reception and dinner (each including a limited number of drinks). Participation in the investiture and dinner only will be charged at €135.00. The additional fee for the visit to Kaiserswerth, including transport, guided tour and boat trip (with drinks), is €40.00. Bank details will be provided after booking. Please look out for an email from ‘Eveeno’.

## **Dress code**

Dress code: White tie/black tie/uniform of the order with decorations (in accordance with the regulations) for the Investiture service and the following dinner; suit/blazer without decorations for the reception by the Lord Mayor, the vigil and Holy Mass on Sunday; mantel of the order for all church services. Ladies are requested to dress appropriately.

## **Hotel**

Until 15th March, the Leonardo Royal Hotel Königsallee is offering a block of rooms for €120.00/single room, €140.00/double room per night, including breakfast. You can book yourself using the keyword 'Lazarus' on +49-211-7771977 or at [reservations.nrw@leonardo-hotels.com](mailto:reservations.nrw@leonardo-hotels.com). Thereafter, upon request or via the usual booking portals.

## **Travel information**

Düsseldorf can be reached via numerous motorways, by high-speed trains/ICE (stop: Düsseldorf Hauptbahnhof) and Düsseldorf Airport/DUS (5 km outside the city centre).

## **Donations**

During Saturday's dinner, donations will be collected for the Gandhiji Seva Niketan leprosy hospital run by our Cfr. Dr Remy Rousselot in Bhubaneswar. Cash and card payments are accepted, and bank transfers can be made to the Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung, IBAN DE22 3006 0601 0007 3040 56. This account is exclusively for donations, not for the participation fee.

## **Contact**

Questions will be answered by the Chancellor of the Grand Bailiwick, Chev. Benjamin Rosenthal ([benjamin.rosenthal@st-lazarus-orden.de](mailto:benjamin.rosenthal@st-lazarus-orden.de)), and the Commander of the Rhineland Commandery, Dame Susanna von Zugbach de Sugg ([rheinland@st-lazarus-orden.de](mailto:rheinland@st-lazarus-orden.de)).