



THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

His Excellency The Chevalier Don Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg, GCLJ-J
50th Grand Master

Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands and Priory of Belgium

**Preliminary invitation, prior to the detailed program, to participate
in the Annual Convention of the Military and Hospitaller Order
of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in the Netherlands
on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October 2023
in The Hague (Netherlands)**

As a follow-up to previous announcements, the Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem cordially invites you to participate in its Annual Convention, which will be organized in The Hague, just like last year. Below are the details for your immediate use, if you want to participate in the ceremonies and festivities.

1. Hotel stay

For people who want to use a hotel, it is very important to book a room now! We strive to accommodate all hotel guests in one hotel: Hotel Park Central The Hague, Molenstraat 53, 2513 BJ, The Hague.

You can book at www.parkcentraal.com/nl/den-haag or perhaps cheaper via www.booking.com and www.trivago.nl. **Our advice is to book very quickly.**

2. Parking

Via *Q-park* or *Interparking* you can reserve a parking time in advance at various parking garages within walking distance of the hotel, the church or the dining hall. This saves you considerable costs. Possible parking spaces are Torengarage, Veenkade, Noordeinde and Museumkwartier (Tournooiveld) www.q-park.nl and parkereninmuseumkwartier.nl/

3. Locations

Church of SS James & Augustine, Juffrouw Idastraat 13 (ring at "church"), The Hague

Netherlands-Indies Restaurant De Poentjak, Kneuterdijk 16, The Hague

Hotel Park Centraal The Hague, Molenstraat 53, The Hague

Club "De Vereeniging", Kazernestraat 38B, The Hague

4. Sketch of the program

Friday 13 Oct 2023

18:00 Vigil for Postulants, clergy and dignitaries and interested parties in the Church of SS James & Augustine

20:30 Simple Vigil meal in the Veterans Hall of restaurant De Poentjak

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

10:30 – 12:30 ALV (for members of the Dutch Grand Bailiwick) in the Bishop's Chamber of the Church of SS James & Augustine

12:30 – 13:00 sandwich lunch in the Bishop's Room

13:00 – 15:00 preparations for clergy, marshals, choir and other officials (also opportunity for dressing up)

16:00 – 17:30 Church Service and solemn investiture of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in the Netherlands (procession from the Bishop's Chamber)

17:30 – 18:00 short standing reception, opportunity to congratulate the new and promoted members, Bishop's Chamber

18:00 – 18:15 procession to Club “De Vereeniging”

18:15 – 20:00 drinks in the bar of Society “De Vereeniging”

20:00 – 22:30 gala dinner in the Orange Room, Club “De Vereeniging”

Sunday 15 Oct 2023

1000 Eucharist celebration in the (old-Catholic) Church of SS James & Augustine

After you have made the decision to participate in (a part of) the program, **you should quickly reserve hotel accommodation in the Park Central Hotel** and/or parking space independently!

Further messages about the program and the routes will follow.

Attached is a stimulating description of the locations which will make this Annual Convention most alluring and inspiring again.

Hoping to welcome you all again in large numbers,

on behalf of the Chapter of the Grand Bailiwick

Dominique J. Rijnbout, KCLJ

Chancellor and secretary

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Mathieu W.P.M. Lenders, KLJ

Bailiff

Information about the locations

Hotel

Park Central The Hague

We recommend Hotel Park Centraal Den Haag, Molenstraat 53, 2513 BJ Den Haag. The hotel is located in the oldest part of The Hague, the 'Hofkwartier', adjacent to the Palace Gardens. The hotel is a 2-minute walk from the Church of the SS James and Augustine (vigil and investiture) and a 10-minute walk from Club De Vereeniging (gala dinner). We recommend booking as soon as possible, via the website www.parkcentraal.com/nl/den-haag/, click top right for English, German, Dutch, or tel: +31 (0)70 362 4371. Or via booking.com or trivago.nl. Do not forget to reserve a parking space.

Vigil and Investiture

Old-Catholic Church of the SS. James and Augustine, Juffrouw Idastraat 7, The Hague



The church is an 18th century “clandestine” church, from the time when the Catholic religion was not allowed to be openly practiced in the Protestant northern Netherlands. The entrance to the church is hidden between residential houses, but behind the facade is an unexpected jewel of baroque architecture. The complex also consists of the Attic Chapel, the Bishop’s Room and a number of residences. The church is now used by the Old Catholic (autocephalous Union of Utrecht) Parish of The Hague.

Gala dinner

Club De Vereeniging, Kazernestraat 38b, The Hague



Club *De Vereeniging* was founded in 1851. The club is located in the former country house – the villa “Welgelegen” – of King Willem II. The large hall 'The King's Ballroom' or Orange Room took its current form in the period 1871 and 1883. The beautiful decorations of walls and ceiling by Eduard Willem Frederik Kerling were applied in 1885. In the period 2010/2011 the paintings were cleaned and restored, for which the Club received the Hague Restoration Award in 2012.