



We announce with great regret the death on 17 June 2004 of our esteemed confrere

## **Vaclav Count Borek-Dohalsky z Dohalic GCLJ GOMLJ**



25 February 1941 - 17 June 2004

Count Dohalsky was a member of an aristocratic family with a history dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, being Counts of the Kingdom of Bohemia since 1765.

Many members of the family were persecuted because of their loyalty to Bohemia and to the principles of the Christian faith.

Count Dohalsky's father, Jiri Count Borek-Dohalsky [1914 –1990] was a distinguished lawyer and, after World War 11 he was legal advisor to the President of the Republic, Dr Benes. The Count was arrested by the Communists in 1951 and was imprisoned in the uranium mines for seventeen years. After his release, he was permitted to work as a labourer.

The wife of Count Jiri was Princess Josefa Thurn–Taxis who was sister of the late and much beloved member of our Order, Prince Willie Thurn-Taxis. During the term of imprisonment of her husband she survived financially by making teddy bears, gloves and other knitted items.

Count Vaclav's grandfather, Frantisek Count Borek-Dohalsky [1887 – 1951] was Czechoslovakian Ambassador in Vienna but, between 1942 and 1945 he was imprisoned in the concentration camp of Dachau. His brother, Zdenek Borek-Dohalsky [1900 – 1945] was the liaison between the Government in Exile and the Resistance. He was executed in February 1945 in the concentration camp of Terein.

Another brother of Count Frantisek was the Very Reverend Canon Antonin Borek-Dohalsky, Secretary to the Archbishop of Prague and Canon of the Cathedral of St Guy in Prague Castle. In 1937 he became a Prelate of the Order of St Lazarus and was one of the co-founders of our Order in Bohemia. He was executed in the concentration camp of Osvetim.

In 1971 Count Vaclav married Mme. Marie Zichova, now associate Professor of French language at the Charles University of Prague. They have one son, Dr. Vaclav Borek-Dohalsky.

We offer the family the heartfelt condolences of all the members of the Order of St. Lazarus.

Count Vaclav was deeply committed to the Order, to its ideals and to its future under the Grand Master *designatus* His Royal Highness Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans, At their recent meeting at Schloss Johannisberg, where the Governing Council met, he gave the Prince his full support.

Count Vaclav was shocked and upset at the recent attempts to dismiss members who were loyal to the principles of the Order. He died at the age of only 63 years and will be greatly missed by all those who had affection for him.

### **May God and the Blessed Lazarus bring him to a heavenly repose**

Signed on behalf of the members of  
The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem



His Royal Highness  
Prince Charles-Philippe d'Orléans  
Grand Master *designatus*



John Kerry Keane  
Chairman Governing  
Council

Philippe Piccapietra  
Secretary General

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