

## **SUMMARY:**

### **The Charitable And Social Activities Of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem.**

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The current form of the Order's knights is logically different than their brothers's one in The Middle Ages. They do not use shields and swords anymore, or even dress in armor for fight, but their spirituality has not changed during nine hundred years of the Order's duration. One of the knight's virtues has always been guarding the weak and helpless.

The main purpose of the knights of the saint Lazarus Order has always been helping and guarding those who are already on death's border, even if it meant being in great danger of contracting the infection.

In the Middle Ages, the main enemy of saint Lazarus knights was the life-threatening disease of leprosy, which almost never occurs in Europe to this day.

The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem still supports leprosariums and hospitals in developing countries, by providing them with necessary material and financial help. The Order also sent specialists to help the places that were affected by catastrophes.

Nowadays, the Lazarians's main enemy is cancer, which consumes millions of human lives every year all around the world. The Order's activities are primarily focused on the support of Hospitaller care and palliative medicine.

The current Order consists of 47 jurisdictions which are spread throughout the world. This transnational, non-governmental organization is a true global fighter, in which the "battleground" is the whole world.