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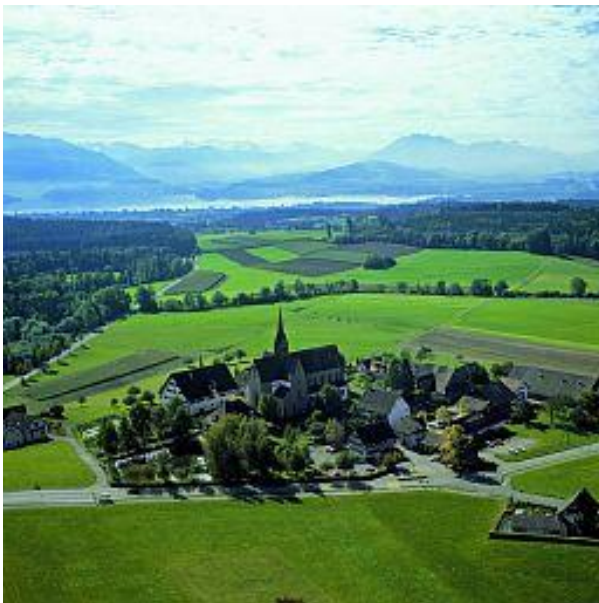
## **COLLOQUIUM LAZARENSIS 2012**

**GLARUS BETWEEN HABSBURG AND ZURICH**  
**THE GENESIS OF A COUNTRY IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES**



## Colloquium Lazarensis in the Abbey of Kappel, 15th September 2012 Kappel

The third Colloquium Lazarensis with the topic "Glarus between Habsburg and Zürich - The Genesis of a Country in the Late Middle Ages" traditionally took place in the carefully renovated and redesigned Cistercian Abbey of Kappel am Albis. The cloister is imbedded in an enchanting, pre-alpine landscape, surrounded by ample forest vegetation, meadows and fields. This gorgeous ambiance offered the perfect frame for the exceedingly stimulant lecture.



The command of the Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland cordially welcomed the guests in the Name of the Grand Master, H.E. Don Carlos Gereda de Borbón, Marqués de Almazán.



Notably H.E. le Chevalier Romain Bour, Commandeur de la Grande Commanderie de Boigny and his wife, H.E. la Dame Liliane Bour, had taken upon themselves a very long journey in order to take part in this event. Especially mentioned was also the pleasing participation of an old faithful friend, Chev. Dr. h.c. Heinz Ernst Rüfenacht, accompanied by his wife Heidy, who recently moved their residence from South Africa to Switzerland.



The following speech was held by the historian Dr. phil. Rolf Kamm.



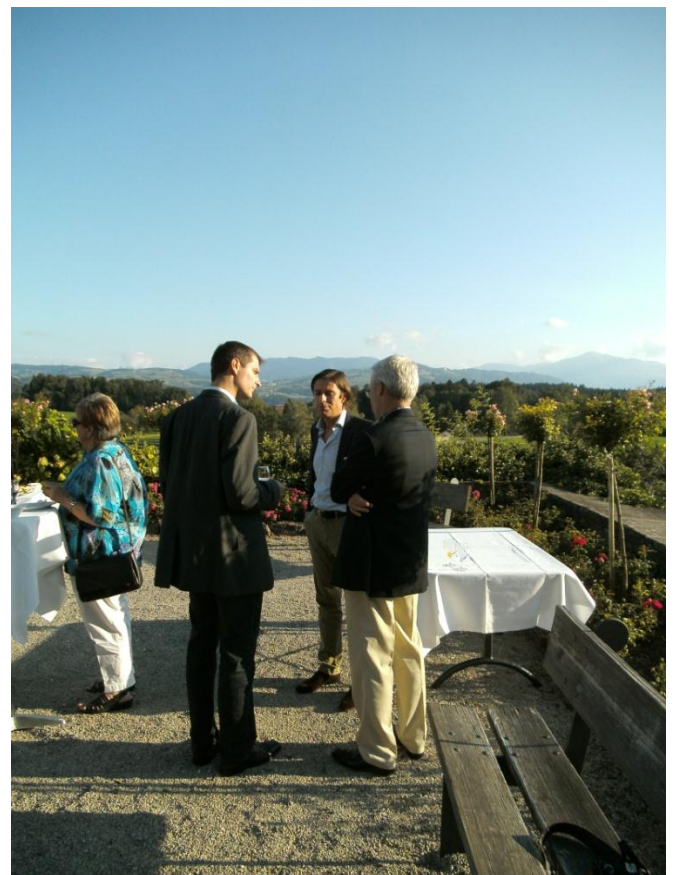
Dr. Kamm studied History, German philology and history of art in Zurich. Today he works as historian, researcher and teacher in Glarus. He recently wrote the Book "Glarus between Habsburg and Zürich - The Genesis of a Country in the Late Middle Ages".

In his entertaining, transparent and ingenious lecture with the same title Dr. Kamm gave to his attentive audience not only an understanding of a valley but also a piece of Swiss history of the Late Middle Ages.

Inspired by this "intellectual feeding" the guests moved to the sunshiny autumnal, scenically gorgeous monastery garden, where animated and good-humoured conversations took place by a glass of sparkling wine.













The following dinner took place in the convent's Ofen-parlour, where the Grand Bailiffs, Chev. Don Sergio Zorrilla Debón de Ribera and Chev. Don Luca Anteo Ramella cordially welcomed the guests.







At the beginning of the banquet Don Sergio addressed to the guests the following thoughts:

To be Dame or Knight does not mean, that formalities like cloak, insignia and medals are to be considered as the most significant.

Our insignia are symbols of a unique community and a public commitment to protect and to serve.

Therefore our members should not overestimate laurels and merits. For a member should always act in the background. His sublime reward should be the smile of people, who were helped with head, heart and hand.



We are not Dame or Chevalier by birthright, nobility, class, profession, academic title, confession or acquired merits, but because we answered the call of duty to help there, where emotional and material affliction reigns.

Our members should walk through the world with open eyes in order to not to ignore needy people.



Our sword is no more our tool but our sympathy and readiness to help and to protect.



Present and future will only exist when the past prevails alive. Just in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has the Order of Saint Lazarus an important task.



Therefore we should find back to the eternal, unfading virtues, within which the happiness of mankind can be built.

For boundless, unscrupulous selfishness cannot bring happiness.

Because a crowd of "autists" does not build a livable and happy society.



Interiorization, self-examination, working and care for others and for the community; that is what we need.

For happiness can only be attained by making other people happy.

In this spirit Don Sergio wished on behalf of the Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland all guests a beautiful evening; an evening of happy moments.

