

Abstract

The diploma thesis „Former Crusader orders in the 21st century” deals with knightly orders, which in the Middle Ages held crusades and operated in Jerusalem. At the same time, these are orders that exist until today and also operate in the Czech Republic. The work specifically deals with the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and Malta, the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, the Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and the Order of the Brothers of the German House of Saint Mary in Jerusalem. The work describes the historical development and rebirth of the former Crusader orders into charitable organizations of the 21st century. The work focuses on the interpretation of contemporary life and the organization of orders, which it compares with each other