## ORDO SANCTI CONSTANTINI MAGNI



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## CONSTANTINIAN NEWS



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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants

#### **KCCM**

#### Pertti Hartikainen

Exarchate of Finland 1939 - 2020

#### **KCM**

#### Harri Heikkilä

Exarchate of Finland 1929 - 2020

#### **KCM**

#### Andreas Karlsböck

Bailiwick of Austria 1960 - 2021

#### **KCM**

#### Heikki Böök

Exarchate of Finland 1944 - 2021



Do not be afraid;

I am the First and the Last.

I am He who lives.

## **Dear Dames and Chevliers**

In December, 2020 I wrote, that the climate change will be the most important problem in the world. I added, however, that the covid-19 Pandemic will be as dangerous as the climate change. Unfortunately, I guessed right, both of them are still with us. However, it is possible to see light in the tunnel. The Glasgow meeting gives some hope, that many countries really understand the importance of fighting against the high temperature in the climate.

The development of vaccines against the covid-19 has been unusually rapid. We have had already during several months many vaccines against it. This has been a marvelous development. It is, however, quite strange, that so many people has been against the vaccinations. Another problem is the rapid development of new variations of the virus. And the permanent problem of vaccinations in developing countries is still present. Lack of money and badly organized vaccination stations makes it difficult to eradicate the virus in developing countries, e.g. in Africa.

By mentioning these two big threats, climate problems and covid-19 Pandemic, I want to stress the importance of the charitable work, which our Order, Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni, is doing. The economical support to the Alexandrian Patriarchate is very important. Patriarchate is making excellent work in supporting schools and hospitals in Africa. Also in Europe there are places which need help. The orphanage in Sakiai still needs economical support. We have noticed that this help, we have given, has had a very good effect in that small village.

Despite of the pandemic, the arrangements for the International Convention in Washington DC are going on. It seems to be possible that finally it can be in August 2022.

I will wish a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of our Order and their families.

Turku 4th of December, 2021

Toivo Salmi Chancellor of OCM

# Pictures from "General Assembly and Nights Day "which has been held on Saturday, 11 September 2021 at Stift Reichersberg in Upper Austria.













## **Annual report 2020**

The year 2020 was the 67th operational year of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni with its responsibility of keeping good and effective contacts to the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

The activities of the Order in 2020 were significantly hampered by the Covid -19 virus, which had spread into a global pandemic. All events had to be postponed to the future. Also all Governments meetings have been held as Teams meetings.

The OCM fulfilled the annual charitable support to the Patriarchate of Alexandria. In addition the Government has continued to support the Orphanage in Sakai in Lithuania. The Government also looks for new and good charity targets for the coming years.

The Chairman of the Council of the Order is Rune Ryden. The Council took responsibility in approving the budget proposal of the Government and accepting the accounting of the Order.

The Government, Chancellor Toivo Salmi, vice Chancellor Leif Syrstad, members Elefherios Fonazakis, Secretary General Jorma Ahonen (1.1 – 14.8), Treasurer Mika Pynnönen and Osmo Suominen, who was elected a new Secretary General since 14.8. The Executive Committee will consist of the Chancellor, vice Chancellor, Secretary General and Treasurer.

The Government steered the international work of the Order with support of the Master. The Government held 10 Teams meeting during the year, the last of which was divided into two parts. The Government also undertook most of the daily work.

The Master invited one honorary member. During 2020 one honorary member passed away.

The Master promoted two Knight and one Dame to Knight and Dame Commander Constantini Magni.

The Master admitted new members to the Order from Austria and Finland. The net reduction of the members was xx members

The membership state as of January 1st 2021:

By January 1st 2021 the numbers of all the members was xxx, of which xx were honorary members and xxx paying members.

	1.1.2018	1.1.2019	1.1.2020	1.1.2021
Honorary members	38	38	38	37
Exarchate of Finland	248	232	229	243
Exarchate of USA	79	79	79	76
Exarchate of Sweden	63	65	63	60
Hellenic Exarchate	34	36	42	40
Bailiwick of Austria	29	33	32	31
Bailiwick of St. Hallvard of Oslo	15	14	15	15
Bailiwick of Germany	10	11	10	10
Bailiwick of Czech Republic	9	9	9	9
Diaspora	4	4	2	3

Unfortunately, the Government has often had to grant a member resignation at its meetings. The International Government emphasizes that membership is lifelong and that, upon becoming a member, a person must be aware of the responsibilities of the Order. An essential part of the membership in the annual fee.

Annual reports of the Exarchates and Bailiwicks of the Order were received almost everyone. Unfortunately most units do not deliver detailed reports, although it is their duty to do so. As always, the numbers of meetings, activities and events differs considerable in the different national units. Charitable projects are running.

Financially the year 2020 was a good year. In OCMs financial statements For Year 2020 the profit was € 28,063.72. The reason for the good result was mainly due to low administrative and travel costs, which in turn was due to the prevailing Covid-19 epidemic situation. During the financial year 2020, the order continued with an annual donation of EUR 20,000 to the Patriarchate of Alexandria and EUR 10,000 to the Sakiai project in Lithuania.

At the end of the year, the Order was registered in Finland, which became necessary to handle money transactions.

One issue of The Constantinian News were edited, containing topical issues of the Order. The vice Chancellor sent two circulars, fixed to the OCM website, containing notes and actual information from the Government.

Every member of the Order has the constant task and challenge of gaining new members who are committed to our activities. Only in this way can we carry out our mission as a functioning organization. It will continue to be the basis for more and more diverse charitable work today and in the future.

Helsinki 11.6.2021

The Government of the OCM

Toivo Salmi Leif Syrstad Osmo Suominen Chacellor Vice Chancellor Secretary General

#### Mika Pynnönen

Treasurer



## Fiscal year 1.1.2020 - 31.12.2020

Statement of Operations	1.1.2019 - 31.12.2019	1.1.2020 - 31.12.2020
Revenues		
Annual fees	48 510,00 €	48 110,00 €
Entrance fees	6 300,00 €	0,00€
Sales of decorations	1 845,00 €	1 080,00 €
Sales of other insignias	340,00 €	0,00€
Sales of publications	40,00 €	0,00€
Donations	0,00€	0,00€
Interest and other	0,00€	0,00€
Total Revenues	57 035,00 €	49 190,00 €
Expenditures		
Funds and Donations		
Contribution to Patriachate	-20 000,00 €	-20 000,00 €
Transfer to Charity Fund	-10 000,00 €	0,00€
Transfer to International Convention Fund	0,00€	0,00€
Funds and Donations total	-30 000,00 €	-20 000,00 €
Functional expenses	4 007 00 6	007.00.6
Government meetings	-1 027,90 €	-307,30 €
Travelling costs to the meetings	-2 822,39 €	0,00€
Travelling costs to the investitures	-4 564,34 €	0,00€
Communications (web, News, ect)	0,00€	0,00€
Office expenses Financial costs	-539,90 €	-64,00 €
	-177,68 €	-136,58 €
Functional expenses total	-9 132,21 €	-507,88 €
Other expences	0.045.00.6	0.00.6
Other	-3 215,00 €	0,00€
Change of inventory	-6 519,00 €	-618,40 €
Other expences total	-9 734,00 €	-618,40 €
Total Expenditures	-48 866,21 €	-21 126,28 €
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	8 168,79 €	28 063,72 €



233 647,35 €

## **Balance sheet**

Assets total

Assets	31.12.2019	31.12.2020	
Inventory			
Medals and Decorations	26 016,12 €	25 397,72 €	
Insignias	3 162,08 €	3 162,08 €	
Literature and other articles	210,64 €	210,64 €	
Inventory total	29 388,84 €	28 770,44 €	
Accounts receivable			
Annual fees	6 500,00 €	12 800,00 €	
Other receivables	2 600,00 €	2 600,00 €	
Accounts receivable total	9 100,00 €	15 400,00 €	
Cash and Equivalents			
Bank Account	177 550,24 €	189 476,91 €	
Cash and Equivalents total	177 550,24 €	189 476,91 €	

216 039,08 €



#### **Balance sheet**

Liabilities	and	Fund	Ralances	31.12.2019	31.12.2020

**Fund Balances** 

Charity Fund (CF) 51 960.00 € 51 960.00 € Transfer to CF 10 000,00 € 0.00€ Donation to Sakaia -10 000.00 € -10 000.00 € Charity Fund total 51 960,00 € 41 960,00 € International Convention fund (ICF) 30 000.00 € 40 000.00 € Transfer to ICF 10 000.00 € 0.00€ Donation 0.00€ 0.00€ International Convention fund total 40 000,00 € 40 000,00 € **Fund Balances total** 91 960,00 € 81 960,00 €

**Excesses** 

Excess from previous years 115 454,84 € 123 623,63 € Excess/Loss of the year 8 168,79 € 28 063,72 € Excesses total 123 623,63 € 151 687,35 €

Fund Balances and Excesses total 215 583,63 € 233 647,35 €

Liabilities

Accounts payable 455,45 € 0,00 €

Liabilities total 455.45 € 0.00 €

Liabilities and Fund Balances total 216 039,08 € 233 647,35 €

In The city of Helsinki 16.5.2021

Mika Pynnönen Treasurer



#### The signing of the annual report for the

Fiscal year 1.1.2020 - 31.12.2020

The Government of the Order 29.5.2021 In the city of Helsinki

Toivo Salmi Leif Syrstad Osmo Suominen

Mika Pynnönen Eleftherios Fonazakis

## We Congratulate

Many members of our Order will, in the near future, celebrate their birthday. We congratulate them and wish them many happy years to come.

96 v		75 v	
Larpes Kurt	24.2	Sullivan Patrick	14.1
r		Caramanica Nicholas	23.1
93 v		Nikula Jan	27.1
Ilaskivi Raimo	26.5	Ojantakanen Leo	10.3
		Rousu Raimo	17.3
91 v		Leino Reijo	30.3
Selby Beverly	3.6	Juntunen Hannu	4.5
, ,		Rounioja Tuomo	14.6
90 v		J	
Lehtonen Alpo	19.5	$70\mathrm{v}$	
•		Duff Robert	28.2
85 v		Baxevanis Michael	14.3
Böckelman Pehr-Olof	15.3	Kucera Karel	13.4
Pohl Rudolf	13.4	Korhonen Timo	16.4
Porkka Matti	1.5	Taskila Erkki	23.4
Tapaninen Margareta	3.5	Hoitsma Gary	13.6
80 v		60 v	
Pihkala Juha	1.1	Vähämaa Raimo	14.3
Mikkonen Paavo	25.1	Wells Marcus	22.3
Heringslack Gottfried	3.2	Hjortzberg-Nordlund Olle	27.3
Leppänen Yrjö	26.2	Räsänen Ari	30.5
Lindenau Wulf	4.3	Kallioinen Juha	19.6
Vuori Jaakko	9.3	12011011191119	17.0
Yannakakos Vassilios	6.4		
Jansson Kaj	18.4		
Lampinen Tapio	4.5		
Apelstig Ingemar	9.5		
Eriksson Matts	20.5	A A	
Ketonen Keijo	9.6		
Sallinen Reijo	15.6		
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#### **COMING OCM EVENTS**

14-15.5.2022 National Knights' Day of Exarchate of

Finland in the city of Kouvola

19-21.8.2022 International Convention, Exarchate of USA



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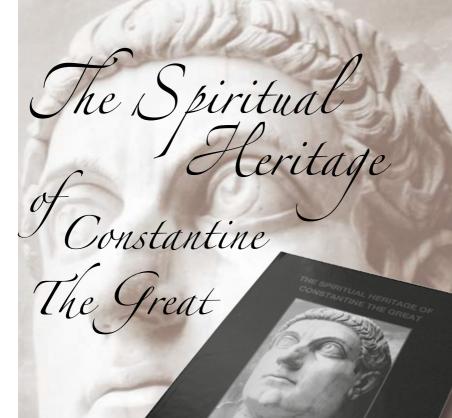
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