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IN MEMORIAM

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

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Jori Rissanen

Exarchate of Finland

1936 – 2014

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Harry Sandelin

Exarchate of Finland

1931 - 2014

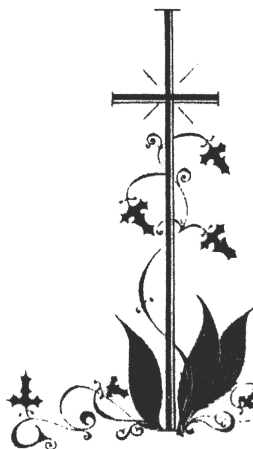
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Miroslav Klivar

Bailiwick of Czeck Republic

1932 - 2014

*Do not be afraid;
I am the First and the Last.
I am He who lives.*



Chancellor's Christmas Regards

In May this year the Finnish Exarchate had the Convention. The Master of our Order honored the Convention. At the same time the international government of Order had its meeting in Mariehamn, Åland Island. The chancellor, Jurgen Schumacher, had decided to quit from this position after a long and active and successful work period. Mika Pynnönen was elected as the treasurer of the order after Reino Koskinen. The undersigned has now the position as the chancellor. I want to thank Jurgen and Reino for the excellent work they have done in promoting the aims of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni. I am sure everybody in our Order is very thankful for their work.

I read recently the Christmas Regards of emeritus chancellor dated last November. He was very worried about the circumstances, in which so many children in the world are living. Unfortunately, the situation seems not to be better this year. We see that millions of children are living in the middle of war, millions are suffering of hunger, thousands have got the Ebola virus etc. Can we do something in order to protect children overall in the world. It has been said that the illiteracy is the most important problem in the work of making the living circumstances better in the developing countries. Another great problem is the lack of pure water. And the third and maybe the most im-

portant problem is the poor status of women in many cultures. I am sure that an Order like ours can do much in helping these problems. The Patriarchate of Alexandria has during many years given its contribution for welfare and health of African children. The question is, can we do something more? Is it possible to try to revive the activities of PEDEKOS-Academy? Could this be the way to give more help to children in the developing countries?

We have now about 500 members in our Order. My opinion is that we really need more active people to fulfill the tasks of our Order. The caritative work needs power and we can get it only by increasing the number of members. It is not only the question of members. In fact OCM is present in quite few countries. The Order has been grounded in Switzerland and at the present there are no members in that country. We should also be a little bit worried about the ages of our members. When we look to the future, there must be young, active men and women to continue this excellent work.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Toivo Salmi
chancellor



ORDO SANCTI CONSTANTINI MAGNI
SOUS LA PROTECTION SPIRITUELLE DU PATRIARCAT D'ALEXANRIE

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1.1.-31.12.2013

INCOME

Annual oblations	54 723,00 €	
Entrance fees	10 820,00 €	
Sales of insignia	11 365,00 €	
Stock increase	7 700,00 € +	84 608,00 €

EXPENDITURE

The Constantinian News	3 699,27 €	
Functional expenses	11 369,66 €	
Contribution to Patriarchate	20 000,00 €	
Buy in insignia	17 968,46 €	
2013 Project	29 537,25 € -	82 574,64 €

FINANCIAL REVENUES

Interest credits	+	71,95 €
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TRANSFERS

Reserve refund	+	28 000,00 €
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BALANCE		<u>30 105,31 €</u>
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BALANCE SHEET 31.12.2013

ASSETS

Current assets

Circulating assets	40 800,00 €
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Accounts receivable

Outstanding debts	6 998,00 €
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Liquid assets

Savings Bank Finland	51 065,22 €
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98 863,22 €

LIABILITIES

Net worth

Fund balances	59 157,92 €
Surplus from previous years	-6 499,28 €
Surplus for the year	30 105,31 €
	<u>82 763,95 €</u>

Short term liabilities

Accounts payable	16 099,27 €
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98 863,22 €

Auditors

Treasurer of the Order and Government



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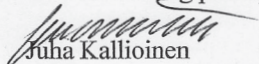
AUDITORS' REPORT FOR 2013

To the annual general decision making of OCM-Council

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni as of December 31, 2013 and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Government of the Order. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Finland. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Government, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni as of December 31, 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Finland.


Juha Kallioinen


Leif Flatow

Finland, May 9th

Sweden, May 16th

The Convention of the Exarchate of Finland in Mariehamn Åland 23.-25.2014.

Master's greeting.

Deputy Master Raimo Ilaskivi,
Exarch of the Exarchate of Finland
Erkko Kajander,
members of the government,
archons of the OCM and members
of merit,
highly respected guests,
dame and knights of the Order and
accompanying spouses,

I remember well that already in the year 2007 I was invited to attend the annual meeting of the Finnish exarchate here in Mariehamn. Then, I unfortunately had to beg off because of my private schedule. But now, after seven years, I am happy to be here with you. As you see: governments of the Order are changing, but the Master is always in charge.

My wife and me came over from Sweden to the Isles of Åland already on Thursday, using, of course, the ferry boat, which has been the traditional travel route between Sweden and Finland over centuries, and which is well known to all of you. For us it was the first seafaring over the Ålands sea and through the world of islands

of Åland, indeed it was a wonderful experience ! We have also seen some delightful views of the landscape of Åland, and we may say, we really enjoy it to be here.

As I know, the place of the annual meetings and investitures of the Finnish exarchate changes every year according to the activity area of the different bailiwicks. Seems the Isles of Åland mean a special attraction also for OCM members: obviously here are gathered together more members and spouses than at the international convention of the Order last year in Salzburg.

So, I feel very pleased to express my warm regards to the Exarchate of Finland, and my thanks to the Bailiwick of Åland, which has taken much responsibility for the arrangements of this great event.

I hope and I know, that the Finnish exarchate will continue the not very easy work of our Order, which obliges us to keep in mind the Byzantine heritage, the axioms of Christianity, and the principles of tolerance ,justice and humanity, as demanded once by Constantine the Great, the Patron Saint of the OCM.



The Master and Jürgen Scumacher handing out insignia to the new Chancellor Toivo Salmi (photo Herman Merras)

I have heard, that there have been questions about the mission or vision of the OCM – from members and from not-members. Those axioms of Christianity and of Constantine the Great, which I just mentioned, were stated in the constitution by the founders of our Order from the very begin. Nowadays they may sound rather theoretically, but, they are still in full effect, and they guide us directly to the perhaps most important obligation of the OCM: the support of hu-

man beings, who are in need or who are suffering for whatever reason. This mission of charity is a good goal also in the future, for our international and national work as well, although, I must confess, our capabilities are limited. There is an other reason, why I am here in Mariehamn: at the yesterday meeting of the government a new executive committee took over the management of the OCM for the next 5-years period.

Unfortunately two members of the

government are not any longer available, wherefore I feel greatly committed to honour them for their extraordinary work and efforts for the OCM.

Brother Reino Koskinen has run for 18 years the most thankless job the Order can offer, that is to say the office of the treasurer, which he has fulfilled creditably. As is known, with such a job one cannot win so many friends, however, he has consequently vindicated the position of the Order. I know, that without him the situation of the OCM would have been much more problematic.

Chancellor Jürgen Schumacher has served the OCM for 10 years as secretary general and for 5 years as chancellor. In both positions he has definitively dominated the work of the Order, sometimes being a fastness against many problems, which the Order has faced in those times. I really hope, that his knowledge of facts, his diplomatic skill and his clear mind may be available for the Order also in the future. I do not want to think as with Reich Chancellery Bismarck's resignation from the German policy: the last abandons the ship.

I am grateful also to vice chancellor Leif Syrstad and secretary general Jorma Ahonen for their valuable co-operation and for their willingness to continue a second 5-years period in office.

I have appointed Professor Toivo Salmi new chancellor of the OCM, which decision is confirmed by His Beatitude Theodoros II, the High Patron of the OCM.

In addition I have appointed Mika Pynnönen new treasurer of the OCM.

I wish the new government much success in all constructive work to be done in the future years.

And finally I wish the Exarchate of Finland a very prosperous future.

Mariehamn 24th May, 2014

**Friedrich,
Duke and Prince von
Beaufort-Spontin
Master of the OCM**

Theodoros II visited the Orthodox Church of Finland

His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of the Greek-Orthodox Church of Alexandria and All Africa visited the Orthodox Church of Finland from June 23rd – 30th 2014. The Finnish Orthodox Church is an autonomous Orthodox archdiocese of the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Contemporaneously the Orthodox

Church of Finland and the Orthodox Aid and Missions FILANTROPIA have kept close contact also to the Patriarchate in Alexandria. His Beatitude Theodoros II visited Finland now for the first time. He was warmly welcomed at the Holy Metropolis of Helsinki and participated together with His Eminence Leo, Archbishop



*The Grandmaster surrounded By H.B. Theodoros II and H.E. Leo
(photo Risto Aikonen)*

of Karelia and All Finland, in prayer at the divine liturgy conducted by His Eminence Ambrosius, Metropolitan of Helsinki, for the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist on 24th June at the Uspenski Cathedral. On 26th June His Beatitude Theodoros II, accompanied by His Eminence Leo and the director of his private office the Very Reverend Archimandrite Apostolos Trifyllis, met with his Excellency the President of Finland Dr. Sauli Niinistö at the presidential summer residence in Naantali, southwest Finland. The Finnish President showed particular interest on the position of the Patriarchate on inter-Christian and inter-Faith issues in Africa. His Beatitude awarded the Finnish President the Great Cross of the Order of the Lion of the Patriarchate of Alexandria. Then His Beatitude Theodoros II and His Eminence Leo, together with their entourages, started on the long journey through the haunting Lake Area of the middle and eastern part of Finland arriving finally at the Holy Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour New Valamo. On Sunday 29th June 2014 a glorious Festal Con-Celebration was conducted at the Church of the Holy Monastery of Valamo, conducted by His Beatitude Theodoros II and con-celebrated by His Eminence Leo, His Eminence Ambrosius and His Grace Ioannis, Bishop of Joensuu. The same day His Beatitude also paid visit to the Convent of the Holy Trinity in

Lintula. His Beatitude ended his final address: "In our missionary effort to graft into the body of Africa reconciliation and peace-making 'through the blood of His cross', we have you as a strong and a sensitive comprehender. Your contribution strengthens our ministry and you can be proud to claim that you participate in the products of the spiritual fields of Africa, especially in Kenya, Tanzania and Cameroon. Our presence with you here today signals yet another stop of fraternal companionship, on the road which was marked out by the late Parthenios and Petros of Alexandria and John of Finland. We thank you for the opportunity which you have given us to strengthen and deepen our mutual bonds of love and respect and we give a paternal blessing to the noble people of Finland, praying that the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, oversee this vineyard, the sister Church of Finland and consolidates her in the perpetuity of time. Amen." Concluding his speech His Beatitude awarded the Great Cross of the Order of St. Savvas to the Primate of Finland, who on his part, reserved for His Beatitude the supreme distinction of the Order of the Lamb of God.

The OCM government had the privilege to offer His Beatitude Theodoros II, the High Patron of the OCM, and H.E. Leo, Honorary Grand Officer of the OCM, and their



*His Beatitude Theodoros II blessing the congregation at the Uspenski Cathedral
(photo Herman Merras)*

entourages a luncheon 24th June. H.S.H. Friedrich, the Grandmaster of the Order, came over from Austria to Helsinki in order to host the luncheon, and Deputy Master Raimo Ilaskivi, Chancellor Toivo Salmi and Jürgen Schumacher joined the meeting. Following the welcome word of the Grandmaster, H.B.Theodoros II addressed the representatives of the OCM. He shortly talked about some problems the Patriarchate faces in its daily work in Egypt and Africa. His Beatitude expressed very warmly his gratitude for the OCM's continuous

support of the Patriarchate in Alexandria, which constitutes a significant contribution to the health and welfare of poor children and youth in Africa. Finally His Beatitude gave thanks to all members of the OCM, who share in the annual support to the Patriarchate. Next day the OCM Exarchate of Finland honoured H.B.Theodoros II and H.E.Leo and their entourages offering a dinner.

Jürgen Schumacher

During the official visit of His Beatitude Patriarch Theodoros II of Alexandria to Finland in June 2014 the Exarchate of Finland also had the opportunity to meet him. A dinner was organised in his honour.

The Exarch of Finland Erkkö Ka-

jander informed the Patriarch of the activities in Finland and elaborated possibilities for increased cooperation. The High Patron was very interested about the information and invited the Exarchate of Finland to the patriarchate in Alexandria.



The High Patron (opposite Kajander) is listening to the Exarch Erkkö Kajander telling about the OCM activities in Finland. On the right of Kajander H.E. Leo (photo Herman Merras)

COMING OCM EVENTS

The Exarchate of Finland:	meeting and investiture	23.-24.5.2015
The Exarchate of the USA:	meeting and investiture	15.6.2015
The Bailiwick of Austria:	meeting and investiture	5.9.2015
The Exarchate of Sweden:	meeting and investiture	25.-27.9.2015

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.

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Eero Koivukoski 14.1.
Veikko Tiainen 19.10.

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Zhores Alferov 15.3.
Matti Mannerkorpi 19.4.
Eero Kelhä 30.7.
The Reverend
James Parker 22.10

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Bert Löverdal 22.1.
Tapio Peltonen 10.4.
Jürgen Schumacher 10.5.
Perolow Jonsson-Falck 26.6.
Andrew Johnson 19.8.
Leif E. Christoffersen 16.9
Göran Hansen 3.10.
Olavi Leimuvirta 26.11.
Richard Keagy 30.11.



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Kent Webber 9.1.
Juha Pentikäinen 26.2.
Mauri Montin 24.3.
Ingar Dobloug 4.6.
Kalle Juntunen 28.6.
Antti Paatonen 9.7.
Demetrious Nezeritis 13.7.
Esko Lehtomaa 26.7.
Kyriazis Kyriazis 19.8.
Markku Niku 16.12.
Sven Wahlquist 18.12.

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Toivo Salmi 7.1.
Aleksi Perola 1.3.
Martti Mäkinen 15.3.
Leif Flatow 11.5.
Juhani Vehmas 22.5.
Tuomo Malmi 17.7.
Raimo Kurki 18.7.
His Eminence
Ambrosius 10.8.
Esa Eerola 26.8.
Keijo Virtanen 28.8.
Jorma Kalajoki 1.9.
Ilari Rantakari 5.9.
Orfeo Trombetta jr. 6.9.
Markus Nikolainen 17.9.
John Hilliard 19.9.
Esko Elo 25.9.
Reinhart Waneck 16.10.
Mikko Keisu 25.10
Risto Kauppinen 16.11.
Seppo Ikävalko 1.12.

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Georgios Giakouminakis 20.7.
Pauli Lindström 9.9.
Arto Lahti 21.11.
Antti Ahola 22.11.
Werner Scheffknecht 13.11.
Reino Koskinen 9.12.

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Divyaraj Singh of Barwani 1.1.
Vassilis Skronias 15.5.
Anastasios Kavalis 31.5.
Markku Suokas 15.7.
Wojtek De Rzewuski 30.7.
Kimmo Sainio 2.8.
Hannu Kallio 31.8.
Arto Veräjänkorpi 7.9.
Jarmo Aho 30.11.

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Juho Näsi 15.1.
Jan Hokkanen 18.1.
Olaf Hesle 28.1.
Fotios Skourtis 29.3.
Tilemachos Patrikios 10.7.
Heinz Zeman 1.8.
Benjamin Morril 13.11.
Harald Wiik 22.12.

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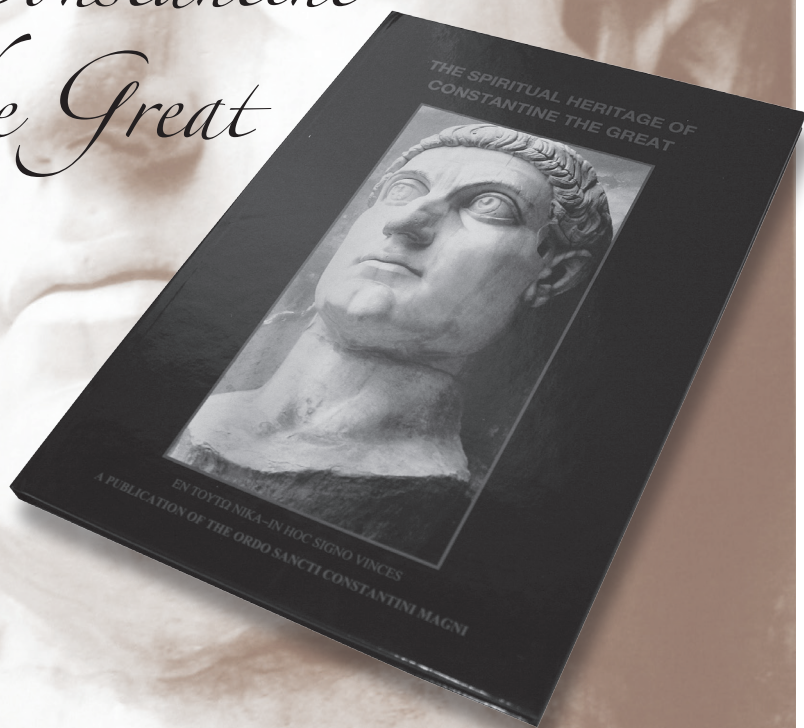
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