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## IN MEMORIAM

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

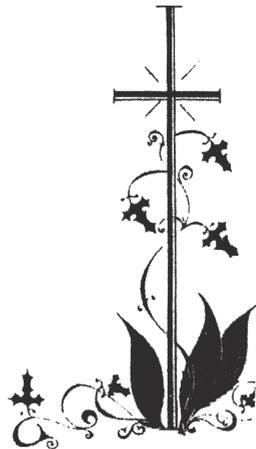
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**John Nevin Dickie**

Exarchate of USA

1938 - 2016

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



# Chevaliers, Dames, Ladies

6th of December, the Independence Day of Finland. I am writing this Christmas Greeting on that day, sun is shining, the temperature is minus six degrees centigrade, no wind, a thin layer of snow. We do live like in a paradise.

Unfortunately the world is not so nice in most parts of continents. The war in Syria, millions of refugees, children without any education etc. is a part of present circumstances. So there is need of active caritative work. We know also, that the need of help is present in the developed countries. There are very many young people who have not found their own place in the society. Although the most important part of our Order's work is concerned with the education of African children, we must not forget those who need help in our home countries.



This year the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni has donated 20 000 euros to the Patriarchate of Alexandria. This donation is a part of the money which is used in Africa in order to prevent illiteracy. It has been asked several times to know exact object of our donation. However, we have to remember that the economical support from the Patriarchate is a totality, and one part of it cannot be identified. I think that the most important fact is that we promote education of young people. This is the only way to get a developing country to a developed country.

The government of Order has discussed the possibility to find new targets for caritative work. One work which have come true is the support to Pakistan. Our Order has given economical support for a mobile health care center in Lahore. It is a very interesting way to promote health care in difficult circumstances. The next step might be some target in our own countries. One possibility is for instance the Salvation Army, which is active in most of those countries where our order is active. The government is very glad if our members will send to us own proposals.

Positive news this year are that we have got quite many new members. Especially the Exarchate of USA has been very active and the new members are younger than the medium of the ages of our other members. Let us hope that other Exarcates and Independent Bailiwicks will be as active as USA.

Finally, I cordially wish a Peaceful Christmas and very Happy New Year to all members of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni.

*Torvo Salmi*  
*Chancellor of the Order*

# Exarch Vassilios Yannakakos



My career in the Order is long in time, being member since 1986, but not in so many different offices.

When I entered the Order, I joined the Bailiwick of Piraeus, where Bailie was George Haramis, and July 29th, 1989, I became Secretary of the Bailiwick

On March 8, 1990, the Bailiwick of Laconia was established, in which I was the first Bailie.

From November 7, 2005 till October 31, 2007, I was Master of Ceremonies of the Exarhate.

On November 11, 2009, I became Deputy Exarch till May 4, 2016, when I elected and I installed as Exarch.

I was always a strong believer of the Principles of Order and I never acted differently than the Constitution.

I wish to assure the Master and the members of the Government of the Order, that after the “storm” in the Exarchate of Greece, I will try to rebuild it.

*Exarch Vassilios Yannakakos*  
*Exarch*  
*Exarchate of Greece*

# Christer Martin-Löf

I as inaugurated in 2001, immediately and since then I've felt an incomparable warmth from my fellow brothers and sisters which has also included my family. That for me has made OCM unique and something worth investing my time in.

Later the same year I was chosen secretary for bailie Ericus Rex, a position I've upheld until earlier this year. From 2004 I've been the bailie representative in the board of Exarchate of Sweden. This made me almost from the start involved in how the Order was run in Sweden both at a national level and from a bailie perspective. Being involved and having the possibility to influence has always been important to me in whatever I'm involving myself in.

At a private level, I have two boys together with my wife who is born in Finland. Thus we travel there frequently to keep the bonds with the older generation. My hobbies are mainly spending time in the archipelago. I'm a keen sailor, running a sailing school for juniors in Stockholm and has also until quite recently been participating in big boat



racing. I'm also interested in history and old things, everything from architecture, antiques and mechanical tools. Further I'm a keen collector of veteran cars, mainly Ford model T, which I both restore and drive with great joy.

Professionally I'm a project management consultant mainly focused on energy and infrastructure projects.

Time is the capital of life, spend it well

*Christer Martin-Löf*  
*Exarch*  
*Exarchate of Sweden*

# PATRIARCHAL DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE ALEXANDRIAN ST. CATHERINE 25.11.2016



*His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa conducted the festive Divine Liturgy and addressed to the representatives of the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni, Representative of H.B. the Patriarch in OCM and Ambassador of OCM to the Patriarchate His Excellency George – Emmanuel Haramis, the Exarch of of Greece Chev. Vassilios Yannakakos and Chev. Panayotis Chalikias.*



*His Beatitude the Patriarch honoured for their ten-year Hierarchy Their Eminences Elder Metropolitan Gabriel of Leontopolis, Theodoros Of Heliopolis and Gennadios of Botswana by awarding them the supreme honour of the Commander of St Savvas.*

On Friday 25th November 2016, a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy was held for the Feast of St Catherine, on the day of the Birthday of His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, at the Holy Church of Ss Athanasios, Nicholas and Fotios at the Dependency of the Patriarchate of Alexandria in Ano Kypseli.

His Beatitude conducted the festive Divine Liturgy, concelebrated by Their Eminences Elder Metropolitan Gabriel of Leontopolis, Dimitrios of Irinopolis, Emmanuel of Ptolemaid, Nikodimos of Memphis, Gennadios of Botswana, Theodoros of Heliopolis, Niphon of Pilousion, Meletios of Carthage, and His Grace Panteleimon Bishop of Brazzaville, while

present in prayer were Their Eminence Elder Petros of Axum, Ioannis of Zambia and Savvas of Nouvia.

His Beatitude the Patriarch honoured for their ten-year Hierarchy Their Eminences Elder Metropolitan Gabriel of Leontopolis, Theodoros Of Heliopolis and Gennadios of Botswana by awarding them the supreme honour of the Commander of St Savvas and proclaimed Mrs. Aikaterini Belefanti-Sofianou as Benefactress of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, awarding her the Great Cross of St Savvas the Sanctified in recognition of her contribution to the Patriarchate.

At the Divine Liturgy were Archon Office Bearers of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Terence Quick and many faithful.

In his address the Alexandrian Primate spoke of the history of the Patriarchal Dependency, as it is the first time that an Alexandrian Primate conducts a Divine Liturgy there, to the martyred Patriarch St Athanasios, the celebrating St Catherine and for the Greeks from Egypt who filled the Church. The Patriarch of Alexandria also warmly

thanked Lady Aikaterini Belefanti-Sofianou for her contribution to the construction of the new guest hall emphasizing to her that “you must be proud to be from Egypt, that you are from Cairo, as this will be your most beautiful medal”.

The inauguration of the restored guest hall of the Dependency followed at the end of the Divine Liturgy, which in turn was followed by a reception.”

*Theodoros E. Pittaras*





## **The meeting and investiture of the Exarchate of Sweden in Stockholm 24.9.2016**

The Exarchate of Sweden hold an Investiture September 24th, 2016 in Stockholm. The program started with a get-together already on the Friday evening welcoming also

several Knights from Oslo, Norway. At the festive ceremonies of Investiture nine Knights, from Sweden as well as the Bailiwick St. Hallvard of Oslo, were dubbed by the vice



Chancellor Leif Syrstad. At the Ceremony the new Exarch of Sweden, Chev Christer Martin-Löf and the appointed new Baillie of St. Hallvard of Oslo Terje Surdal also recited their Vows to support the Master and Constitution of the Order and was presented their badges of office and diplomas.

The program included an interesting excursion and possibilities

to get to know the beautiful city of Stockholm from land and water.

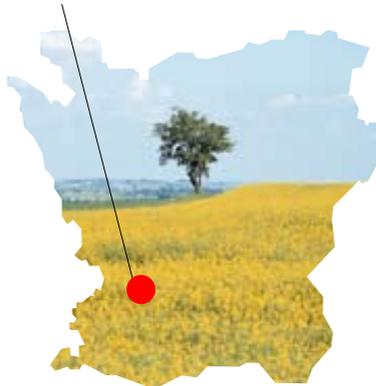
The dinner began by saluting the Master and the International Order and the Exarchate with appropriate toasts and greetings. At the festive Dinner Ladies and the Knights had the pleasure not only of the food but also the speech of the Chairman of the Council Rune Rydén.



# Pro gram

*OCM Exarkat Sweden and  
Comturi: Sancti Laurentii Scaniae*

*"International Convention"  
22 - 24th September 2017  
in Lund and scenic Skåne*



Welcome  
to Lund.

*During the "International Convention" guests  
will stay at the Elite Hotel Ideon, Lund.*

# Program

## Friday

- 14.00 Check in at the Elite Hotel Ideon in Lund and  
registration for the "International Convention"  
18.30 "International Convention" opens.  
20.00 Light supper at Elite Hotel Ideon in Lund.

## Saturday

- 07.30 Breakfast at Elite Hotel Ideon.  
09.00 Meet in the hotel lobby for the initial introduction of  
the Chairman of the Council of the Order Rune Rydén.  
– Uppåkra.  
09.30 Bus tour through the ESS and Max IV, Lund Institute  
of Technology, and city sightseeing.  
11.30 Return to Elite Hotel Ideon for lunch.  
12.00 Lunch is served at Elite Hotel Ideon.  
13.45 Lecture at the Elite Hotel Ideon:  
Toivo Salmi and Leif Syrstad - Moderator / Chairman  
Fredrik Vahlquist - Swedish saints.  
Jonas Hafström - University of Lund and the World.  
Jouni Elomaa - The message of the Order.  
15.45 The lectures will end with coffe and snacks.  
16.15 Exersice with knight cadets.  
17.30 Travel together by bus to the Cathedral.  
18.00 Knight's dubbing in the Cathedral of Lund with  
musical interludes.  
20.00 Banquet in the "Great Hall" at the Elite Hotel Ideon  
in Lund with speeches and entertainment.





Let us take care  
of you

*in the historic university town  
of Lund.*

# Lund

## Sunday

- 08.00 Breakfast at the Elite Hotel Ideon.  
10.00 Guided tour of Lund Cathedral with cicerones  
Dean Emeritus Håkan E. Wilhelmsson and  
Chairman of the Council of the Order Rune Rydén.  
11.00 Worship at Lund Cathedral.

## Elite Hotel Ideon

Elite Hotel Ideon is located on  
Scheelevägen 27, in the center of Lund.

<https://www.elite.se/sv/hotell/lund/hotel-ideon/>

Parking spaces are available.  
On Saturday an all-day bus is at  
our disposal.





# Ladys program

## Saturday

13.45 -  
15.45

A complimentary ladies/ accompanied persons program to the Convent.

Excursion by bus to Skissernas museum- Museum of Artistic Process and Public Art and The University Library (which also has art exhibitions).

Skissernas museum is unique. You find the world's largest collection of sketches, models and preparatory works of international and Swedish public art. Highly recommendable!

The University library and Skissernas Museum are only 50 m apart.

# Lund

Lund is a thousand years old town with many historic buildings and unique surroundings.

Go to [VisitLund.se](http://VisitLund.se) for information on all the top spots.

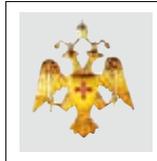
It is very easy to travel to Lund by car, train or air.

**Copenhagen International Airport is only  
25 min away by train.**

The train leaves every 10 to 20 minutes directly from the Airport and costs € 15.



*Internationella  
Konstantinerordens Riddare  
Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni  
under beskydd av  
Patriarchate of Alexandria  
and all Africa*



*Exarkat Sverige  
Konturi*

**Sancti  
Laurentii  
Scaniae**





# *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.

## **90**

Aarno Strömmer 6.9.

## **85**

Alpo Lehtonen 19.5.

William Sellen 1.8.

Dimitros Smokovits 6.10.

## **80**

Reinhart Staats 8.2.

Pehr-Olof Böckelman 15.3.

Kyösti Auniola 19.3.

Rudolf Pohl 13.4.

Hans Rüffel 24.4.

Matti Porkka 1.5.

Howell Sasser 25.7.

Leonidas Varagis 21.10

## **75**

Juha Pihkala 1.1.

Paavo Mikkonen 25.1.

Gottfried Heringslack 3.2.

John Burch 22.2.

Yrjö Leppänen 26.2.

Wulf Lindenau 4.3.

Jaakko Vuori 9.3.

Vassilios Yannakakos 6.4.

Kaj Jansson 18.4.

Ingemar Apelstig 9.5.

Matts Eriksson 20.5.

Keijo Ketonen 9.6.

Reijo Sallinen 15.6.

Sven Arrefalk 28.6.

Reijo Paukku 15.7.

Kari Alanko 6.9.

Arvo Hovi 13.9.

Kari Salmi 13.9.

Erkki Haikola 23.9.

Lars Julin 3.11.

Hermann Lohr 14.10.

Jukka Paarma 1.12.

Alfred Bayerke 3.12.

Thomas Milton 25.12.

**70**

Jan Nikula	27.1.
Frederik Hauck jr.	10.3.
Leo Ojantakanen	10.3.
Raimo Rousu	17.3.
Jorma Heikkinen	19.3.
Reijo Leino	30.3.
Matti Ilveskoski	24.4.
Hannu Juntunen	4.5.
Tuomo Rounioja	14.6.
Matti Tolvanen	18.6.
John Hongisto	8.7.
Pekka Reponen	19.7.
Lauri Oinonen	10.8.
Olavi Häme	8.9.
Kari Salmi	13.9.
Heikki Niemi	8.10.
Sarontis Seferiadis	24.10.
Sakari Viinikainen	21.11.

**65**

Tiit Salumäe	25.12.2016.
Michael Baxevanis	14.3.
Karel Kucera	13.4.
Timo Korhonen	16.4.
Gary Hoitsma	13.6.
Juhani Kannelmaa	27.7.
Mikko Laurén	30.9.
Mats Johansson	24.10.
Paul Bailey	17.11.
Heikki Pylkkänen	27.11.
Matti Pörhö	19.12.

**60**

Christian Fock	24.12.2016
Juhani Saario	6.2.
Max Roseneld	10.2.
Bernhard Sutter	8.3.
Ulf Dalin	21.7.
Kurt Franzl	27.7.
Bent Hawaleska	3.8.
Donald Zedler	16.8.
Fredrik Thorn	4.9.
Timo Hopponen	9.9.
George Gouvitsas	2.10.
Michael Gfoeller	24.10.

**50**

Pasi Rönty	15.2.
Nestor Katzolas	9.3.
Marie-Louise Kirchner	17.3.
Panagiotis Lempesis	12.4.
Stefan Ekelund	25.4.
Risto Paiho	6.5.
Jonas Stålhandske-Palovaara	26.6.
Juha Ylitalo	9.7.
Jukka Hakola	29.7.
Werner Bittner	11.11.
Ove Larsson	14.11.
Oliver Szönyi	16.11.
Michael Kandarakis	18.12.
Stefan Paris	25.12.

# Coming OCM events

3.5.2017	Exarchate of Sweden, Annual meeting in Linköping
26.-28.5.2017	Exarchate of Finland, Investiture and meeting in Kotka
22.-24.09.2017	International Convention in Lund Sweden
May 2018	the Exarchate of Finland has 40 years Jubilee
2020	International Convention
2023	International Convention (70 years Jubilee)



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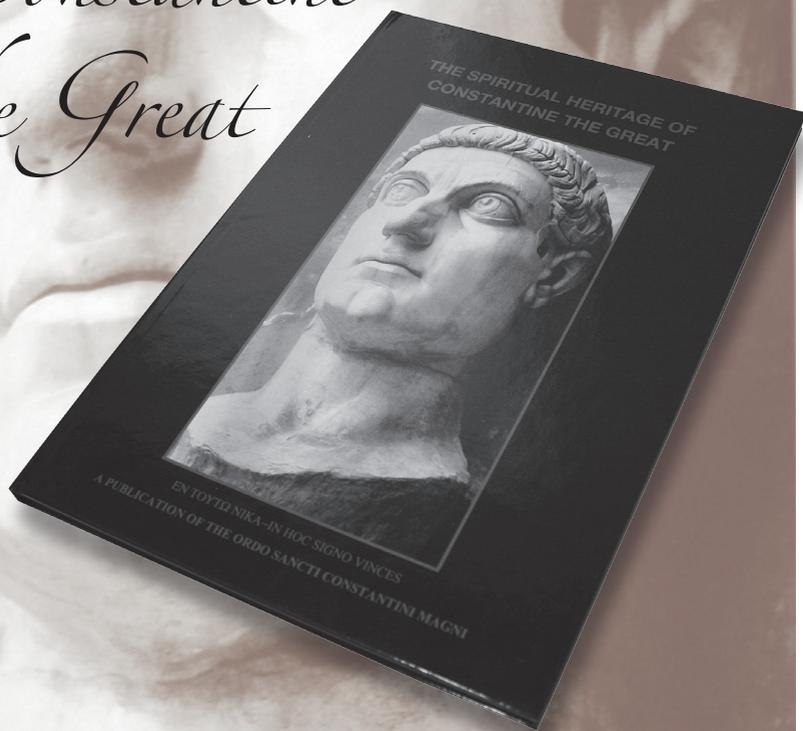
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