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## IN MEMORIAM

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

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**Kuno Pajula**

Honorary member

1924-2012

KCM

**Ernst Meuret**

Bailiwick of Germany

1931- 2012

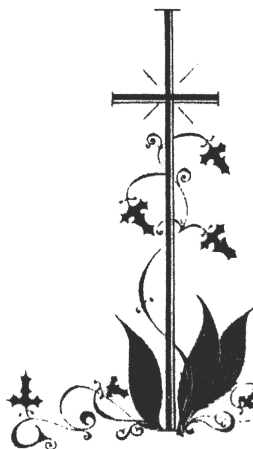
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**Spyridon Kastanakis**

Exarchate of Greece

1931-2012

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



# CHANCELLOR'S CHRISTMASREGARDS

The Norwegian Nobel committee awarded the European Union the Nobel Peace Prize 2012. Yesterday the President of the EU Herman van Rompuy, the chairman of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and the spokesman of the EU-Parliament Martin Schultz accepted in Oslo the high distinctions in presence of the leaders of all member states of the European Union. Awarding this distinct prize the committee wanted to recognize the European Union's more than 60 years lasting work to promote peace, democracy and human rights. The choice obviously has turned out right, although also other institutions are likely struggling for the same aims. By no means, since World War II Europe has not experienced such long period of peace ( except the terrible Balkan war), what we must be thankful about. However, one must consider that since decades no economical crisis than the present has extended to effect on all European countries, on some even more than the others. That signifies for all member states a huge liability and for the strongest an assignment to support the weaker. There is a Finnish saying coming from the Finnish Winter War: 'kaveria ei jätetä', means 'do not leave your comrade alone'.

Several of the above mentioned things actually match with the mentality of our Order. The idea of the founders of the 'Association of St.Constantine the Great' in Switzerland 1953, since 1970 'Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni', was to support peace and to help those, who suffered hardly from World War II consequences, for the benefits to a better Europe. Hardly the few Swiss idealists thought politically of a united Europe.

One more assignment has been embedded from the begin in the Constitution of the OCM, sometimes almost forgotten in today's discussion: 'to defend Christian religion against the attacks of atheism and materialism, to work for the building of spiritual bridges between cultures in all fields of daily life, and to help his fellow man.....' There is still much to be done in keeping the aims of the OCM worth to everybody.

On behalf of the Grandmaster of the OCM and the government I like to wish all our members and their families a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

11th December, 2012

Jürgen Schumacher

# THE GOVERNMENT INFORMS

## **Government meeting:**

The meeting of the Government was December 4th, 2012 in Stockholm, Sweden, headed by the Chancellor, Dr. Jürgen Schumacher.

## **Government's budget proposal 2013:**

The executive committee discussed the budget proposal for 2013 drawn up by the treasurer. After detailed discussions the government decided to increase annual fee to 100 €. Proposal will be sent to the Council for acceptance procedure.

## **Honourings:**

The Master promoted bailie Wulf R Lindenau, the Exarchate of USA, bailie Tapani Kohonen, the Exarchate of Finland and secretary of the bailiwick of SMR Gustaf Holger-Nilsson, the Exarchate of Sweden, Knight Commanders.

## **New Bailiwick:**

In a way to meet new demands in a changing world the Government decided to approve the establishment of a fifth US Bailiwick(bailiwick of St George) for non-resident US citizens. The decision is for a term of five years to give the possibility for the Exarchate of the United States to form working methods, communication and the usual authority to the Bailiwick to manage its own affairs. During the interim term the Exarchate has to evaluate the work and achievements for a future permanent decision of the Government.

## **New members :**

the Master accepted the following new members

### **Exarchate of Finland:**

Ville Itälä, b. 10.05.1959, member of the European Court of Auditors, Luth, Fi, Sw, En

Raimo Kalervo Rousu, b. 17.03.1947, fire chief (rtd.), Luth., Fi, Sw, En

Juho Jaakko Näsi, b. 15.01.1965, dipl.engineer, Luth, Fi, Sw, En

Tapio Juhani Peltomäki, b.31.5.1958, managin director, Luth, Fi, Sw, En, Ge, Ru

## **Changes in Membership**

**Honorary member** Kuno Pajula, OCM 1998, KCM, Archbishop emeritus of Estonia passed away in December 2012.

**Bailiwick of Germany:** Ernst Meuret, OCM 1989, KCM passed away 25.11.2012.

**Bailiwick of St Halward of Oslo:** Kristoffer Erstadt, OCM 2011, KCM, due to his own request

**Exarchate of Finland:** The Master expelled Juhani Salminen, OCM 1993 KCM, Jussi Vierikko, OCM 1995, KCM, Tero Laaksonen, OCM 1990, KCM, and Tero J. Kauppinen, OCM 1998, KCM, due to unpaid fees.

**OCM 60-Years Anniversary Convention, 6.-8.9.2013**

Arrangements for the convention in 2013 in Salzburg, Austria is in good stage. Preliminary program and registration forms are already in the Constantinian News 3/2012. It was noted that the dress code in the preliminary program differs from earlier international conventions. The international government will discuss about this item in the next meeting.

**Coming events:**

**OCM International Convention and 60-Years Anniversary:** 06.-08.09.2013 in Salzburg, Austria

**Exarchate of USA:**

March 2013, meeting and investiture in Washington, DC

**Exarchate of Finland:**

Meeting and investiture in Vaasa, 25.-26.05.2013.

**Exarchate of Sweden:**

Annual meeting and investiture in Sigtuna, 07.-09.06.2013.

**Roster:**

The Roster will be updated by the secretary general at the end of the year.

**The Constantinian News:**

CN no 4/2012 will be published and attached to the website of the OCM at Christmastime by the secretary general.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be January 31st, 2013. I may request the officers to transmit applications and proposals to the secretary general carefully filled in not later than January 21st 2013. Second meetings of the year will be March 12th, 2013.

Leif Syrstadt  
vice chancellor

*Exarch Erkki Kajander  
delivering the regards of the  
President.*



# Give The Young a Future – Do We Care?

**A seminar held in Finland at the premises of Turku University on October the 25th.**

The seminar was the second under the theme initiated by the Bailiwick of Turku and co-organized by the Bailiwick of Helsinki and the Exarchate of Finland together with a group of state and communal organizations and the Red Cross.

There is a growing concern about youngsters dropping out of the society's safety network, education, health care and jobs. This being a phenomenon also brought into public discussion by the president of Finland **Sauli Niinistö**, an honorary member of OCM. His greetings to the seminar were delivered by Exarch of Finland **Erkko Kajander**.

The seminar gathered over two hundred participants, professionals of social services and education. The program consisted of lectures given by representatives of the above mentioned organizations, the ministry of the interior, ministry of education, the university and the church. The seminar gave an excellent overview of the innovative and successful work being carried out on various levels of the society in attempt to "give the young a future" to avoid social exclusion.



# An Excellent Exhibition in Milan

In the year 313 Constantine issued together with Licinius an imperial bull known as the 'Edict of Milan'. The edict permitted the subjects of the Roman empire freedom of conscience and religious liberty (Edict of Tolerance. Toleranzedikt).

On this occasion an excellent 1700-years anniversary exhibition of the Edict of Milan is shown at the Palazzo Reale in Milan/Italy from 25th October 2012 until 17th March 2013.



*Palazzo Reale, Milan*



# *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.

## **95**

Bror Ole Wasz-Höckert 28.8.  
Hans Siegfried von Leden 20.11.

## **85**

Matti Juhani Vapaavuori 22.5.  
Raimo Ilaskivi 26.5.  
Kyösti Jäppinen 11.8.  
Tuomas Erkki Rauhala 2.9.

## **80**

JaroslavNecas 3.1.  
Antti Koivuranta 14.1.  
Timo Ensio Lehtomäki 20.2.  
Richard S. Austin 13.4.  
James Lee Lund 12.5.  
Lauri Antti Juhani Palva 28.11.

## **75**

Wayne Earle Parthun 6.1.  
Yrjö Haarni 5.2.  
Rauno Janhunen 21.2.  
Evert Mattson 13.5.  
Elefthérios Sotiriou 14.6.  
Anthony James Yonkers 17.6.  
Stylios Vlachopoulos 19.7.  
Knut Grenhov 22.7.  
Jorma Wartiovaara 25.7.  
Antonios Tripodakis 14.8.  
Evangelos Chrysos 24.8.  
John Nevin Dickie 6.11.  
Panagiotis Apostolopoulos 27.11.  
Eleftherios Fonazakis 15.12.  
Heikki Juhani Puhakka 31.12.

## **70**

Konstantinos Antonakakis 10.1.  
Albert Aleksej Ignatenko 4.3.  
Egon Humpeler 24.3.  
Hannu Kari Johannes Konola 31.3.  
Kari Räntilä 3.5.  
John Hallberg Jones 17.6.  
Ilpo Siro 1.7.  
Olavi Merras 26.7.  
Per Wrammer 17.8.  
Bror Erik Herman Gammals 21.10.  
Jarkko Juhani Marttila 31.10.

## 65

John Michael McNamara 18.1.  
Nils-Gustaf Eriksson 13.2.  
Lauri Pekka Olavi Merilampi 6.4.  
Raimo Antero Alhoke 10.4.  
David Nels Appelby 18.4  
Leif Arrefalk 20.4.  
Herman Merras 26.5.  
Phillip Martin Adams 31.5.  
His Eminence LEO 4.6.  
Jan Zahradnik 21.7.  
Juhani Elo 30.7.  
Sauli Väinämö Niinistö 24.8.  
Carl Axel Aurelius 25.9.  
Lasse Vahtola 18.10.  
Martti Juhani Hirvonen 20.10.  
Juha Pekka Antero Vainikka 8.11.  
Herbert Zech 9.11.

## 60

Matti Vihervuori 24.1.  
Nikolaos Papadimitriou 10.2.  
Lars Lennart Öström 11.2.  
Olli Tapio Niemi 13.3.  
Raimo Rafael Ylä-Soininmäki 5.4.  
George Despotopoulos 24.5.  
Erkki Mäntyharju 4.6.  
Alexios Martzoukos 21.6.  
Ari Ilmari Karttunen 30.6.  
Matti Juhani Pikkarainen 2.7.  
Tuomas Kinberg 24.8.  
Lars Lennart Öström 11.2.  
Eben Trevino Nectarios 12.8.  
Michael Scott Swisher 26.10.

## 50

Serafim Papaevagelu 27.3.  
Maria Exarchoulakou 29.3.  
Pekka M Räisänen 21.4.  
Timo Keskinen 20.5.  
Georgios Guliemos 6.6.  
Lutz Gieseke 10.9.  
Mikael Johan Ek 2.10.  
Gard Johan Göthesson Larpes 28.10.  
Geoffrey Colin Smith 31.10.  
Georgios Mamalos 12.11.  
Christopher V Herndon 20.12.

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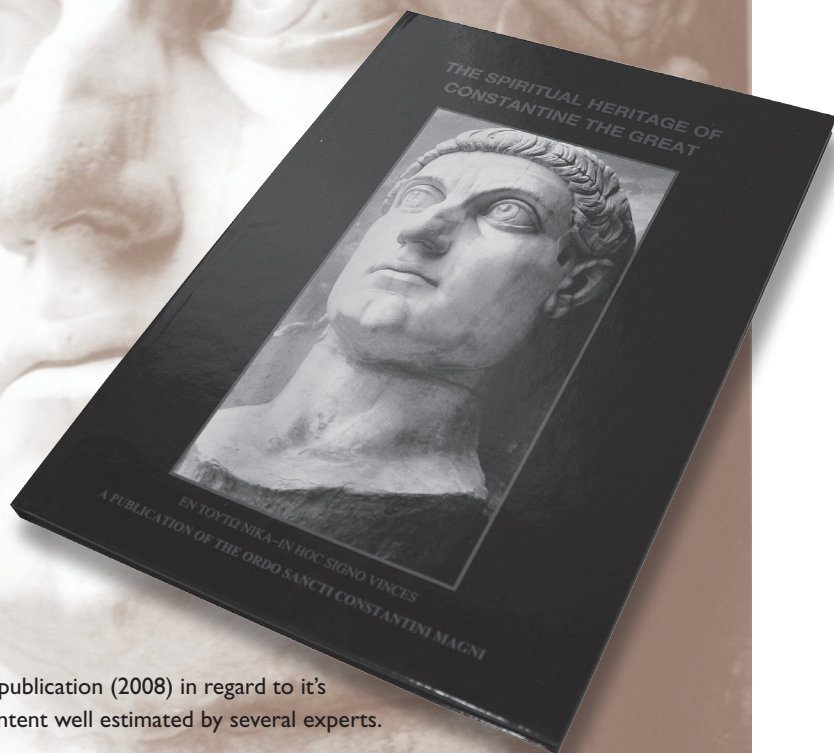
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