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## IN MEMORIAM

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

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**Sarantis Seferiadis**

Exarchate of Greece

1938 – 2016

KCCM

**Ilmari Lindberg**

Exarchate of Finland

1931 – 2017

KCCM

**William Sellen**

Exarchate of USA

1932 – 2017

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



# Eine Familie unverschuldet in Not: Ritterorden unterstützt jungen Vater

Spendengelder werden zweckgebunden für Melissa und Lara verwendet

Von Josef Schuldenzucker

MEHRNBACH. Groß ist das Engagement in der Gemeinde, um einen jungen Familienvater mit seinen beiden Töchtern zu helfen. Vor vier Jahren lernte Josef Buttinger seine Lebensgefährtin Kerstin Dipplinger kennen. Gemeinsam haben sie zwei Kinder. Lara ist zweieinhalb Jahre alt, Melissa erst zehn Monate. Am 19. Juli ist die Mutter völlig überraschend verstorben. Josef Buttinger ist mit den beiden Kindern völlig auf sich allein gestellt. Da er seine beiden Töchter betreut, kann er nur Teilzeit arbeiten.

Sogar der „Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni“, ein internationaler Ritterorden, der sich an den vier platonischen Tugenden Mut, Tapferkeit, Mäßigung und Weisheit orientiert, ist auf den Fall aufmerksam geworden. Primar Christian Fock, er ist Leiter des Ambulatoriums für bildgebende Diagnostik im Krankenhaus Ried und Komtur des Ordens stellte sich kürzlich mit einem Spendenscheck in der Höhe



Primar Christian Fock (li.) bei der Übergabe des Spendenschecks an Josef Buttinger (Mitte). Rechts Bürgermeister Georg Stieglmayr  
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von 2500 Euro ein. „Ich habe das Elend in meiner Abteilung im Spital selber hautnah miterlebt. Wenn eine 25-jährige Frau, die Mutter zweier minderjähriger Kinder ist, stirbt, dann ist man als Arzt besonders verpflichtet zu helfen. Das Spendengeld wird zweckgebunden

für die Kinder verwendet, das Konto von der Gemeinde verwaltet“, so Christian Fock. Wer zur Verbesserung der Lebenssituation der jungen Familie beitragen möchte: Es ist ein Spendenkonto eingerichtet: IBAN: AT71 3445 0000 0272 9812, BIC: RZOOAT2L450

## The Bailiwick of Austria supports a Young Father

With much commitment the congregation of Mehrnbach, Austria, is having sympathy of the hard fortune of a young father and his two children only 2 ½ years and 10 months of age. The parents had been married only four years, when the young mother passed away quite unexpectedly. Now the father is on his own taking care of his kids, wherefore he is able to work only part-time.

Actually the Bailiwick of Austria, by the agency of bailie **Christian Fock**, who lives in Mehrnbach, caught attention of the case. “When you experience in your hos-

pital the misery of the death of a mother of two underage children, you are twice as much committed to help, as a physician and as member of a Christian Order”, Christian Fock says, who is chief physician of the department of clinical radiology at the Mehrnbach hospital. Bailie Fock recently handed over a cheque for 2,500 Euro to the father. The money will be used appropriated for the children and the bank account will be managed by the congregation of Mehrnbach. Well done in the spirit of the OCM !

*Jürgen Schumacher*

## Bailie Terje Surdal

After being introduced to the Order and its chivalric spirit and virtues some years ago, I was honoured to later on being accepted as a member in the Bailiwick St. Hallvard of Oslo. In an increasingly challenging and unpredictable global environment, promoting the old Constantinian ecumenical Christian tradition seems ever more relevant to us all as a guidance of our time.

Through my professional career I have had the opportunity to work with humanitarian aid projects for many years in several troubled and war torn countries in Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Balkans. Prior to this endeavour I served as a professional officer after completing the Norwegian Military Academy. The military service also included United Nations peace keeping operations during the war in former Yugoslavia.

My wife, whose background is similar to that of my own, convinced me to settle down in her hometown in the south-eastern part of Norway. We have two children, both being active in sports and keeping us busy at home.

Professionally, I today work as a General Manager in an inter-municipal



corporation whose main purpose is to handle emergencies, crisis management support and assist first responders primarily within the regional fire and rescue services. Being an active reserve officer I also hold office as President of the national reserve officers association.

Finally, I can assure you that I find great support and comfort in sharing common values and virtues with all the members of the Order and strive to comply with these to the best of my ability in all aspects of life. It is far from easy, but hopefully I succeed more than I fail and by that contribute to help or inspire others.

*Attitude is everything!*

*Terje Surdal*

*Bailie*

*Bailiwick of St. Hallvard*

# Bailie André Lienhard

My name is André Lienhard and I was born (1972) and grown up in Zürich, Switzerland. After secondary school I started studies at Business School in Zürich, focused on Banking.

The following 5 years I was in charge of several functions and duties of Swiss and International Sportfederations which made it possible to travel a lot across Europe and to learn a lot of – and from – other countries, citizens and mentalities.

I was also visiting Prague where I later lived and worked for in total more then 9 years (in charge as Head of HR-Department and as a Senior consultant for Restitution belongings as well as for companies being interested to start activities in eastern part of Europe, mainly in Czech- and Slovak Republic.

After returning to Switzerland I graduated in several business educations and was then working (until spring 2015) as Head of HR-Department of a small Swiss Consulting Company with several subsidiaries in eastern part of Europe. I'm not married and I don't have children (yet).

After empeaching Masters-Degree (MBA) at the end of 2014 I succeeded to join the Swiss Military Peace Keeping unit in Kosovo (part of KFOR) as chief of personnel and after this I then wanted me to join United Nations or an NGO (f.e. like red cross) as Head of HR (maybe continental). Due to a car-accident in the military



camp in Kosovo I had to change my planings as it is not clearly even yet what I'll be able to work in future and for how long.

In the meantime (at this time) I'm renting fully furnished rooms in Germany, Switzerland and Czech Republic.

Since 1997 I'm working as a volunteer for young people and adults in trouble, helping them to solve their individual problems and to find a job and/or education so that they'll have the chance in future to live normal life with daily work and routine. The focus is "helping people to help themselves".

At one of this meetings in Germany 1998 I got known to the members and activities of the OCM and the Bailiwick of Germany where I'm a member since then. I got member of OCM in 2001 and in October last year I've been elected Bailie of the German Bailiwick which is a big honor and at the same time - a lot of work to do not just in near future.

*André Lienhard*  
*Bailie*  
*Bailiwick of Germany*



## Memorial Service for The 40 Days After Passing away of Beloved Mother of HB The Patriarch, Crete 7th May



*Pittaras, Yannakakos, HB the Patriarch and Haramis.*

7.5. in the church of St Nikolaos in Nea Alikarnassos, suburb of Heraklion/ Crete took place the memorial service for the 40 days after the passing away of beloved mother of HB the Patriarch. On behalf of our Order were present Ex-arch of the Hellenic Exarchate Vassilios Yannakakos, Secretary Theodore Pittaras and George Haramis Ambassador of the OCM to the Patriarchate.



*George Haramis greets  
HB the Patriarch.*

# Annual Report 2016

The year 2016 was the 63rd operational year of Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni. The activities were conventional with the exception of the situation in the Hellenic Exarchate. Due to severe internal conflicts 32 members were excluded in the meeting chaired by the Master. The new Exarch Yannakakos begun to stabilize the Exarchate and the leadership of the organization.

The OCM stood for its responsibility of keeping good contacts and fulfilling the annual charitable support to the **Patriarchate of Alexandria**.

In addition to the donation to the Patriarchate the International Government has continued to support the children's hospice in Lahore to obtain a mobile clinic. The Government has collected a Fund for donations and is now investigating to find good targets for other donations.

The Master promoted one officer to Knight Commander of the Order.

The **Council** took responsibility in approving the budget proposal of the Government and accepting the accounting of the Order.

The **Government** steered the international work of the Order with the support of the Master. The Government held 4 meetings.

The **Executive Committee**, seated in Finland/Sweden, undertook most of the daily work.

The Master and the Government were represented at the national meetings and investitures of the Exarchates of Finland, Greece and Sweden and the Bailiwick of Austria.



The Master was chairing one Government meeting in Finland.

The Chancellor awarded, with authorization of the Master , 6 **Cross of Merit** and different ranks of the **Medal of Merit** to 28 merited Knights for their remarkable support to the Order.

If the expulsion of the members of the Hellenic Exarchate is not counted the structure of the **membership of the Order** shows slight increase. Most significant the increase was in the Exarchate of USA and the Exarchate of Sweden.

### **Members in the Order as of 1.1.2017: 534**

By January 1st, 2017 the number of honorary members of the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni was 38, and the number of paying members 496.

OCM membership, state 01.01.2017:

	1.12015	1.1.2016	1.1.2017
Finland	253	250	254
Greece	67	70	32
U.S.A	64	67	79
Sweden	52	57	65
Austria	22	23	27
Czech R.	8	9	9
Germany	12	10	10
Oslo	18	16	16
Diaspora	4	4	4
	<b>500</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>496</b>
Honorary members	38	38	38
	<b>538</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>534</b>

As far as reports of the Exarchates and Bailiwicks of the Order were received, they enable the Government to survey the activities of the different organizations. The number of meetings and subject matter of the gatherings differs considerable in the different national units. Many of them run charitable projects. Unfortunately most units do not deliver detailed reports.

Two issues of The Constantinian News, were edited, containing topical issues of the Order. The Vice Chancellor sent four circulars, fixed to the OCM website, containing mostly notes and actual information from the Government.

Finances.

During the year 2016 The Order's financial status remained on the same satisfactory level. The annual Financial Statement of the OCM showed a surplus of 12.719,67 €. Again it was possible to reserve funds to make more donations in the future and to support the coming international events. Although the Financial status is good the income from annual fees was lower than on the year 2015. The membership development has been diversified. There is strongly growing areas but also areas which are unchanged if not regressive. This shows us the importance of recruiting new members to the Order. Only this ensures the strong basis of the OCM.

#### The Government of the OCM

**Toivo Salmi**  
Chancellor

**Jorma Ahonen**  
Secretary General

**Richard Flahaven**  
Member

**Leif Syrstad**  
Vice Chancellor

**Mika Pynnönen**  
Treasurer

**Eleftherios Fonazakis**  
Member

# Meeting of The Bailiwick of Germany in Herbrechtingen 19.–21.5.

After (generally) late arriving on Friday at our Hotel in Herbrechtingen (region of Baden-Württemberg) - due to heavy raining - we enjoyed spending time together and our Dinner at the Hotelrestaurant.

Saturday morning after great breakfast we left to the museum of STEIFF-Company (world known producer of soft toys) in the city of Giengen. We had the possibility to learn the company's long history and to have a look at a wide range of different products (mainly toy-animals) of more than 130 years of gloryfull history and a lot of happy children around the world.

We enjoyed lunch at hotel Lamm in Giengen and then we already had to leave the lovely city for being present in time at our meeting which started early afternoon.

Several topics were discussed and decided before Secretary-General, Chevalier Jorma Ahonen was delivering best wishes of the government. He honored 3 members with different medals and set the new Bailie André Lienhard into office and in charge (after taking Bailie's vow).

We finished Saturday with having Dinner at the monastery in Herbrechtingen, the place is very nice and really worth to see with your own eyes.

After visiting the church service at the city hall we were lucky again to get served lunch at the excellent restaurant of our Hotel we stayed through over weekend (Hotel Hofmann).

And it was already time to say goodbye to our friends as it was necessary to drive direct to Zürich Airport and be there in time for the Secretary-General's flight back to Helsinki.

We are looking forward to meet again soon and to welcome also members of other countries i.e. -Bailiwicks of OCM.

*André Lienhard*  
*Bailie*  
*Bailiwick of Germany*

# *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.

<b>90</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>60</b>	
Aarno Strömmer	6.9.	Tuomo Rounioja	14.6.	Ulf Dalin	21.7.
		Matti Tolvanen	18.6.	Kurt Franzl	27.7.
<b>85</b>		John Hongisto	8.7.	Bent Hawaleska	3.8.
Dimitros Smokovits	6.10.	Pekka Reponen	19.7.	Donald Zedler	16.8.
		Lauri Oinonen	10.8.	Fredrik Thorn	4.9.
<b>80</b>		Olavi Häme	8.9.	Timo Hopponen	9.9.
Howell Sasser	25.7.	Kari Salmi	13.9.	George Gouvitsas	2.10.
Leonidas Varagis	21.10	Heikki Niemi	8.10.	Michael Gfoeller	24.10.
		Sarontis Seferiadis	24.10.		
<b>75</b>		Sakari Viinikainen	21.11.	<b>50</b>	
Keijo Ketonen	9.6.			Jonas Stålhandske-	
Reijo Sallinen	15.6.	<b>65</b>		Palovaara	26.6.
Sven Arrefalk	28.6.	Gary Hoitsma	13.6.	Juha Ylitalo	9.7.
Reijo Paukku	15.7.	Juhani Kannelmaa	27.7.	Jukka Hakola	29.7.
Kari Alanko	6.9.	Mikko Laurén	30.9.	Werner Bittner	11.11.
Arvo Hovi	13.9.	Mats Johansson	24.10.	Ove Larsson	14.11.
Kari Salmi	13.9.	Paul Bailey	17.11.	Oliver Szönyi	16.11.
Erkki Haikola	23.9.	Heikki Pyökkänen	27.11.	Michael Kandarakis	18.12.
Lars Julin	3.11.	Matti Pörhö	19.12.	Stefan Paris	25.12.
Hermann Lohr	14.10.				
Jukka Paarma	1.12.				
Alfred Bayerke	3.12.				
Thomas Milton	25.12.				

## Coming OCM events

- 22.-24.9.2017** International Convention in Lund, Sweden  
**May 2018** the Exaechate of Finland, 40 year's Jubilee  
**2020** International Convention  
**2023** International Convention (70 years Jubilee)
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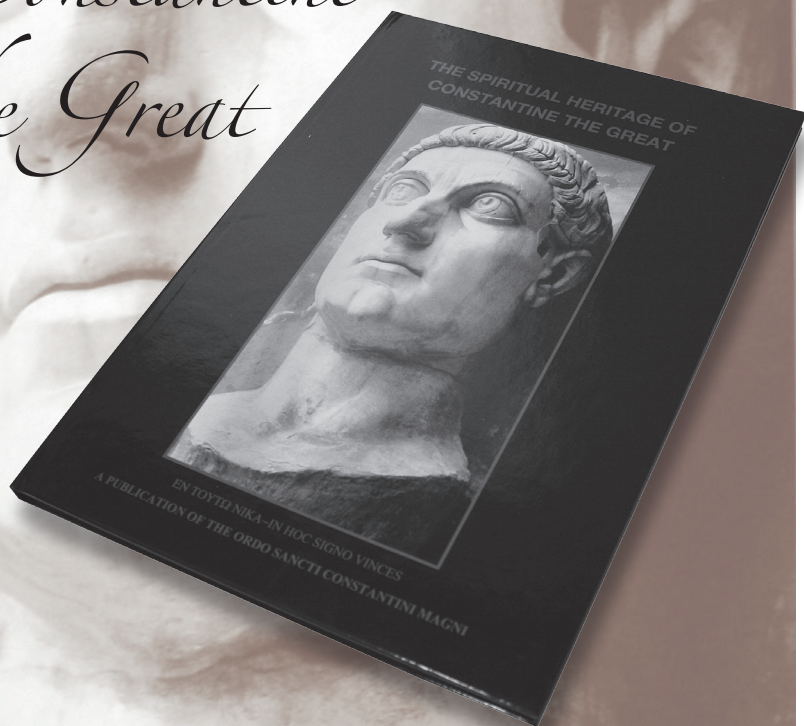
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