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IN MEMORIAM

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

GCCM

Former Chairman of the Council

Constantine Papandreou

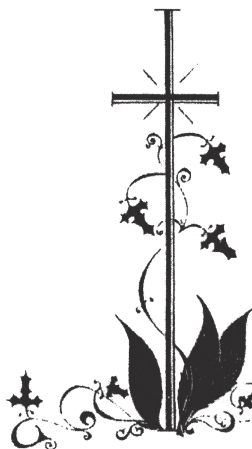
1939-2018

KCM

Wilfred Ebel

1939-2018

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





**His Excellency George-Emmanuel Haramis,
GCCM, Archon, Former Exarch of the Hellenic Exarchate and
Ambassador of the OCM to the Patriarchate
passed away in November 2018.**

With great dismay the Master of the Order and the Order's government received the sad news of George Haramis' unexpected tragic death. George was one of the eldest members, who joined the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni in the late seventies, and soon took over responsibility for the development of the Exarchate of Greece with much enthusiasm. As exarch he guided the fortunes of the Hellenic exarchate for more than a quarter of a century, approaching numerous highlights in the work for the dignified aims of our Christian Order. In addition to his work in the Greek Exarchate George has maintained a close relationship with the Order's government being always a responsible and wise listener. Most important to George Haramis was the work of the Order for the benefit of the Greek-Orthodox Patriarchate in Alexandria. He was never tired of maintaining close and reliable contacts with the respective patriarchs. In recognition of his selfless work to cultivate the links between the OCM and the Patriarchate, the Master of the Order has nominated George Haramis almost ten years ago Ambassador of the OCM to the Patriarchate in Alexandria.

George Haramis will always be remembered as a faithful knight and friend. We take part in the deep grief of his dear spouse Maria and the whole family Haramis.

In the name of the Master of the OCM, Friedrich, Duke von Beaufort-Spontin, and the Government.

Helsinki 18.11.2018

Tõivo Salmi
Chancellor

Jorma Ahonen
Secretary General

Chancellor's Christmas Regards

Dear Dames and Chevaliers

Our order, Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni, is a quite small order with its a little bit less than six hundred members. It is, however, an international organization in several countries. Its caritative work is going on in Africa, Pakistan and also in one EU-member country. This means that help is needed overall in the world. Our strength in this work is that our members have knowledge in many topics. The problem is, that the need of help seems to be increasing year after a year. Also during this year the number of refugees is very high, the wars in different parts of the world are still very active, possibilities for education are very limited in developing countries. So help is needed both in developed and developing countries. Can we solve this problem? At least we have to try. One very important thing is to increase the membership number in our Order. The Exarchate of USA is working very hard in this field. The number of new members is really very high. I hope that this development is not limited only to USA, but also other exarchates and bailiwicks will do in that way.

The year 2020 is an important year, because it is the year of our International Convention. The Exarchate of United States will organize it. It is time to prepare to take part in this meeting and during the year 2019 to make plans for travelling and also to find good ideas to develop our activities and organize discussion in this topic. So we can share local plans with other members of the Order. We can make the world better.

With these words I wish a Peaceful Christmas and
a Happy New Year 2019

Torvo Salmi
Chancellor of OCM

2018 Annual Divine Services and Investiture Exarchate of the United States of America October 20, 2018

The Annual Investiture of new Knights and Dames of the Exarchate of the USA was held on October 20, 2018, shortly after the International Order approved the seven (7) new applications presented to them for this year.

This year's solemn event was held at the prestigious COSMOS Club in Washington, DC. The COSMOS Club is an elegant and sophisticated social club for men and women who have distinguished themselves in science, literature, the arts, a learned profession or public service. The Club is noted for its camaraderie and atmosphere of warmth, dignity, and elegance. Our ceremonies and formal dinner reflected the Club's finest attributes and was an excellent venue at which to welcome our newly accepted Knights and Dames of the Order.

Our Divine Services began with a beautiful musical prelude and the Entrance Procession of the Exarch and his distinguished staff and those new Postulants' anxious to receive the accolade of Knighthood offered by the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni.

Upon entering the room in which these Divine Services were held, one could not help but immediately notice the beautiful large banner of the Order of Saint Constantine the Great which was centered directly to the rear of the altar. And, for the first time, it was surrounded by a number of authentically designed and recreated medieval pennants representing the five (5) Bailiwicks of the Exarchate together with the similarly designed pennant for the Exarch of the USA. In close proximity was the large Cross of Saint Constantine which preceded the Chaplain of the Exarchate, the Most Reverend Bishop Andrew McMenamin and the Exarch.

The altar was equally adorned with a newly acquired brass budded cross surrounded by four (4) new brass candlesticks. Also new was the golden alter cloth which was embroidered with the name of the Order and the Eagle of the Order upon which rested the Constantinian Regalia to be presented to the deserving new Knights and Dames about to receive the Accolade of the Order.

Throughout the Divine Services, the participants enjoyed the music and solo rendition of a number of favorite and traditional religious songs designed to complement the prayers,



Exarch Trombetta opens Ceremonies



Bishop McMenemy delivers Invocation



The Altar with new budded brass Cross and brass candlesticks with embroidered Altar cloth.

ceremonial actions, and historical reflections that are part of these very important and traditional services.

The Exarch's first order of business was to formally declare the opening of the Covenant of the Order followed by the Bishops Invocation.

After the traditional introductory ceremonies, the Master of Ceremonies then called forth those worthy Knights of the Exarchate who had been recommended and approved by the International Order for advancement to Knights Commander (KCCM). Those receiving this very important advancement are: Chevaliers Christopher Chapman, KCCM, Administrative Officer of the USA; Ambassador (R) Michael Gfoeller, KCCM, Vice-Bailie of the Bailiwick of Saint George; Mark Hartell, KCCM, Bailie of the Bailiwick of Saint Helena; Gary Hoitsma, KCCM, Bailie of Saint Marks; Rob Meyers, KCCM, former Vice-Bailie and newly elected Bailie of Bailiwick of Saint Olympiada.

The next event consisted of the blessing of the Constantinian Regalia, followed by the vows and the presentation of the new Postulants' and finally the administration of the Accolade ceremony investing them as new Knights and Dames of the Order. The newly invested Knights and Dames are: Chevaliers Peter Bender, KCM; William Camarinos, KCM; Nicholas Caramanica, KCM; Matthew LaMalva, KCM; Andrew McMenamin,



Bishop Andrew McMenamin receives the Accolade from the Exarch of the USA



Newly approved Knights and Dames are introduced before they take their vow to the Order



Deserving Knights assemble to be advanced to Knights Commander



KCM; and Raymond Walker, KCM; and Ladies Claudia Munoz Cieza, DCM; and Carrie S. Walker, DCM.

In closing these solemn and spiritual ceremonies the Bishop blessed our newly invested Knights and Dames and then concluded with a very nice and appropriate blessing of all who attended as witnesses of these ceremonies and events..

After the departure of the Official Party and the newly invested Knights and Dames, the entire gathering moved to the main Dining Room of the Club for much deserved refreshments anxiously awaiting the dinner chimes. Upon the ringing of the dinner chimes, the participants moved to their seats as the Exarch announced the serving of dinner.



The Altar surrounded with the Main Banner of the Order and the 5 Medieval Pennants of the Bailivicks, the Exarch's Pennant and the Cross of Saint Constantine.

The Bishop opened this portion of our elegant services with an appropriate blessing. The Exarch and a number of distinguished Knights and Dames presented the appropriate and requisite toasts, including one to the Grand Master and the International Order.

Throughout this marvelous and quite scrumptious dinner our guests were serenaded by the wonderfully talented and world renowned Strolling Stings ensemble as they moved from table to table to play selected melodies and take requests from our guests.

This extremely gratifying ceremony was ended with another touching blessing and the warmest congratulations to our new Knights and Dames and the heartiest of thanks to all who attended and participated in these most elegant and memorable events.



Cathedral Chapter Reichersberg (Upper Austria), traditional meeting venue of the Austrian Bailiwick

General Assembly and Knight's Day of the Austrian Bailiwick

On Saturday, 15 September 2018, the OCM knights of the Austrian Bailiwick have met at their traditional meeting venue, the Cathedral Chapter of Reichersberg (Upper Austria), which is very close to the border to Bavaria. The venue is optimal in so far as all meeting activities can be held on a high level at one and the very same location, including accommodation.

Our meeting started with an informal lunch at the local restaurant, followed by the general assembly of all present knights in the Blue Salon. During the general assembly of the knights, candidates and spouses used the opportunity of a guided tour through the impressive Cathedral Chapter. Afterwards, all gathered for a wine tasting of local as well as regional wines at the renovated and nicely illuminated Prälatenkeller (prelate cellar). After having changed to white tie and knight coat, the knights and candidates gathered for the rehearsal of the accolade ceremony and the mess in the Cathedral. Once finished with the rehearsal, the fortunately good weather allowed for a Champaign function in front of the entrance to the local cellars and the Wappensaal (coat of arms room) where the gala dinner took place then. An excellent five course Gala dinner prepared by Chef Reinhard Sommereder and his team delighted everybody and had contributed to the high spirits of our conversations.

Especially the time during the informal lunch, the Champaign function and the Gala dinner had been used for socializing, good conversations and discussions, deepening



1. Champaign function after the accolade ceremony, center: Bailie André Lienhard (Germany)

2. Accolade of four new OCM knights by the Master

3. OCM knights and one candidate for 2019's accolade



further the unity of all knights and their spouses. Following a tradition of many years, our Master, Duke Friedrich Beaufort-Spontin, gave us the honor of his presence. Also, Bailie André Lienhard from Germany, followed our invitation.

Our next meeting will take place on 14 September 2019 at the very same venue.

Werner H. Bittner
Bailie of Austria



The Investiture of the Exarchate of Sweden

The investiture of 2018 took place in the city of Skara. The ceremony itself was conducted in the local cathedral, which traces its history from the 11th century. In 1949 a crypt was discovered underneath the church, it has laid hidden there since since early 1200. A truly magnificent surrounding for the knights and dame inaugurated to our Order. The event gathered 55 knights, dames, spouses, family and friends. The Chairman of the council together with the deputy Chancellor honoured the event also.

The event started on Friday with a dinner for everyone, there we got the opportunity to catch up on old friends and to make new ones. On Saturday the event started in the early morning, we went with bus to the monastery church of Varnhem which dates back to 1040. Nearby behind the abbey was at the remains of a hill-top building, a private church, named after a woman whose finest grave was discovered recently. An inscription was found on a large covering stone, "Kättil made this stone for Kata his wife, Torgils sister" was written on it with runes. Her remains including clothes was in such shape that a full reconstruction was possible, now at display at Skara museum. Also lots of silver coins from all over Europe where found, coins from Constantinople, England and Denmark. All this proves of a very early Christian and international settlement. After the investiture the participants enjoyed a superb dinner with interesting speeches and music.

This event circumfixes an investiture for the Exarchate of Sweden, a typical well organized program which includes both the present and the long forgotten past in an ecumenical way.

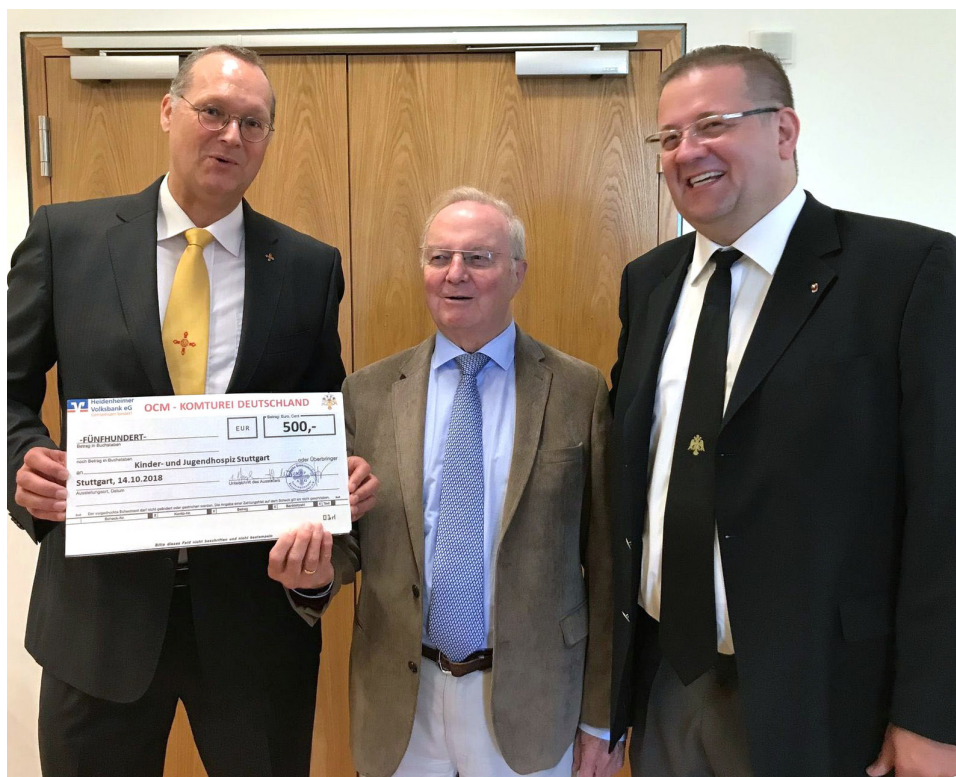
Christer Martin-Löf
Exarch of the Exarchate of Sweden



National Meeting of Bailiwick of Germany Stuttgart (BW) 13.-14.10.2018

After arriving on Saturday at Stuttgart (region of Baden-Württemberg), we enjoyed spending time together as well as having our annual meeting of the so called "Hilfswerk" followed by having dinner at a typical restaurant of that region.

Sunday morning we drove to the Kinder- und Jugendhospiz Stuttgart where we have been given the possibility to see and discover the entire house as well as asking questions concerning the principles of a Hospiz for children and to the studies of Elisabeth Kübler-Ross in general.



Donation of OCM-Germany (through our own Hilfswerk) to Kinder- und Jugendhospiz Stuttgart (BW)



Leaving on Sunday after visiting Hospiz and Donation Group photo on terrasse of the Hospiz.

Our special thanks belongs to our “Guide” Herr Prälat i.R. Martin Klumpp to whom we could hand over our donation (EUR 500) for the Hospiz.

We are looking forward to meet again soon (24th – 26th of May at Burg Schellenberg).

Members of other countries / Bailiwicks of OCM are welcome!

André Lienhard
Bailie of Germany

We Congratulate 2019

Many members of our Order will, in the near future, celebrate their birthday.

We congratulate them and wish them many happy years to come.

98		75		Izlar Robert	5.12.
Thököly De Unvarhelyszek-		Böök Heikki	6.1.	Eklund Ulf-Peder	7.12.
Szentlelek Imre	25.8.	Lahdenperä Jouko	8.1.		
		Hynninen Veli-Matti	15.1.	65	
93		Heikkola Rauno	6.2.	Sörlie Nils	4.2.
Larpes Kurt	24.2.	Flahaven Richard	17.2.	Vuoria Risto	20.2.
		The Reverend		Palander Timo	8.3.
92		Canon Roberts Harold	8.3.	Friberg Jan	15.7.
Strömmer Aarno	6.9.	Syrakki Veikko	4.5.	Nuorteva Jussi	22.7.
		Leipälä Pentti	7.5.	Hedberg Lenah	26.7.
90		Mikkola Mikael	14.5.	Terho Matti	27.7.
Sormanen Harri	4.3.	Kohonen Jorma	21.5.	Chalikias Panayots	28.7.
Dahl Matti	14.9.	Hartmann Klaus	19.6.	Rissanen Seppo	15.10.
Pystynen Erkki	2.11.	Hiltula Heikki	4.8.		
Heikkilä Harri	29.12.	Nilsson Erik	25.8.	60	
		Nieminen Hannu	12.9.	Zack Timothy	15.1.
85		Joutsamo Timo	25.9.	Dahle Martin	26.1.
Olofsson Sven-Olof	15.2.	Alvemarker Karl	28.9.	Repo Matti	7.3.
Jokinen Pekka	27.2.	Ollila Olli	14.10.	Hietamäki Kari	21.4.
Leino Rainer	30.3.	Mangum Ronald	14.11.	Itälä Ville	10.5.
Haarni Jorma	20.7.	Yakovlev Vladimir	25.11.	Pollock Robert	22.8.
Korstad Jerry	23.7.	His Serene Highnes		Hänninen Juha	11.9.
Holger-Nilsson Gustaf	10.9.	Friedrich	5.12.	Lahti Seppo	11.9.
Katzolas Nikolaos	27.10.	Reunanen Mauri	13.12.	McMenamin Andrew	5.12.
Suonperä Vesa	3.11.			Rajamäki Tuija	6.12.
		70			
80		Isotalo Seppo	15.1.	50	
Kesti-Helia Jukka	24.1.	Syrstad Leif	17.4.	Kubin Vladimir	1.1.
Schaub Harry	3.2.	His Eminence		Fuchs Hubert	13.1.
Brucker Wallace	1.3.	Panteleimon	17.5.	Happonen Hannu	16.3.
His Beatitude Irineos I	19.4.	Paatero Mikko	1.6.	Ekorre Janne	29.9.
Ebel Wilfred	31.5.	Kajander Erkki	18.6.	Lännenpää Mirko	22.10.
Garam Lajos	10.6.	Lindell Gert	5.7.	Hautamäki Alexander	12.11.
Ryden Rune	2.9.	von Grönhagen Juhani	7.7.	Homjak Aaron	6.12.
Drejier Stig	9.9.	Huvinen Markku	31.7.		
Westgaard Thomas	4.10.	Jussila Rauno	14.8.		
Hartikainen Pertti	27.10.	Lisitsin Veikko	30.8.		
Kähkönen Arto	7.11.	His Eminence			
Reijonen Mikko	16.11.	Pöder Andres	20.11.		



Coming OCM events

30.-31.3.2019	Annual Meeting of the Exarchate of Sweden in the City of Finspång
18.-19.5.2019	Annual Meeting and Investiture of the Exarchate of Finland, OCM 60 years in Finland
15.9.2019	Meeting and Investiture of the Bailiwick of Austria in Reichersberg
20.-22.9.2019	Scandinavian Investiture Bailiwick of St Halvard of Oslo,
2020	International Convention, Exarchate of USA
2023	International Convention (70 year's Jubilee)



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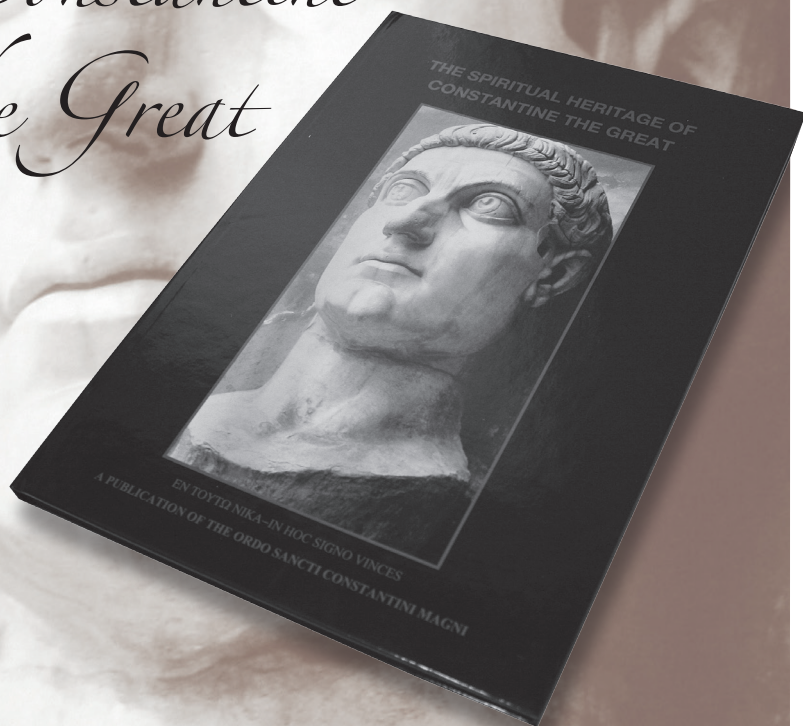
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