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IN MEMORIAM

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

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Honorary member

1926 - 2012

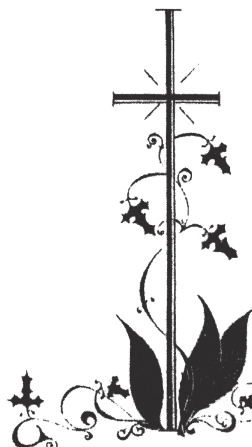
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Timo Ensio Lehtomäki

Exarchate of Finland

1933 - 2012

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



THE GOVERNMENT INFORMS

The government held the first meetings of the current year on 31th of January and 12th of March in Helsinki.

The government noted that the **council has unanimously approved the budget for the year 2013.**

The Master promoted secretary of the Council Jouni Elomaa and the bailie of the Bailiwick of the Czech Republic **Karel Kucera knightcommanders.**

The Master confirmed the officer elections: chev. Christopher V.Herndon was elected bailie of the Bailiwick of the St George (USA), **chev. Ilari Rantakari** bailie of the Bailiwick of Baltic Gulf (Finland) and **chev. Herman Merras** bailie of the Bailiwick of Helsinki (Finland), all for the period of three years.

The Master accepted new members: Exarchate of Finland: 11, Exarchate of the USA: 3 and Bailiwick of the Czech Republic: 3.

The Chancellor awarded medals and crosses of merit of various ranks to ten members of the Exarchate of Sweden, to eleven members of the Exarchate of Finland and to one member of the Bailiwick of Czech Republic.

Changes in membership: at the end of the year 2012 and the begin of the current year one member passed away, seventeen members resigned and three members were expelled due to unpaid fees from membership.

OCM international convention and 60years Anniversary in Salzburg 6.-8.9.2013 is approaching rapidly. The deadline to register is 30.4.2013. Registration fee for knight is from now on 445 € and for accompanying person 425 €. More information further in this CN.

Coming OCM events:

- 25.-26.05.2013 Exarchate of Finland, meeting and investiture in Vaasa
- 07.-09.06.2013 Exarchate of Sweden, annual meeting and investiture in Stockholm
- 06.-08.09.2013 60-Years Anniversary Convention of the OCM in Salzburg Austria

The **roster** will be updated at the end of March. We remind the members to check their personal datas and to inform about corrections the secretaries of their Exarchates/bailiwicks. The secretaries are requested to forward all information to secr.gen. (e-mail:jorma.ahonen@pp4.inet.fi) .

Jorma Ahonen
secretary general

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Year 2012 was very traditional without any outstanding events. Preparations of OCM international convention and 60years Anniversary in Salzburg 6.-8.9.2013 employed the government and the Bailiwick of Austria somewhat.

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

The Master awarded honorary member, newly elected President of the Republic of Finland Sauli Niinistö the **Grand Cross of the Order**. The Master promoted nine officers to **knight-commanders** of the Order.

The **Council of the Order** 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; one of those, in Stockholm.

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

The Master and the Government were represented by one member at the national meetings and investitures of the Exarchates of Finland, Greece, Sweden and United States.

The Chancellor awarded, with authorization of the Master, one **cross of merit** and different ranks of the **medal of merit** to 17 merited knights.

The structure of the **membership of the Order** shows moderate positive improvement. Nearly all Exarchates and Bailiwicks increased their membership number.

Five members passed away and 16 members resigned.

The Master admitted 47 new members to the Order from Finland, Greece, Sweden and the U.S.A.

Members in the Order as of 1.1.2013: 536

By January 1st, 2013 the number of honorary members of the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni was 41, and the number of paying members 495.

OCM membership, state 1.1.2013:

	1.1.2012	1.1.2013
Finland	224	242
Greece	76	81
U.S.A	48	53
Sweden	66	60
Austria	20	19
Czech R.	7	7
Germany	14	13
Oslo	17	16
<u>Diaspora</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	476	495
Honorary		
<u>members</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>
	517	536

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. From some units there are no detailed reports available.

Bailiwick of Turku and co-organized by the Bailiwick of Helsinki and the Exarchate of Finland organized second time a seminar "Give the young a future – do we care?" There is a growing concern about youngsters dropping out of the society's safety network, education, health care and jobs. The seminar gathered over two hundred participants, professionals of social services and education. 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.

In a way to meet new demands in a changing world the Government decided to approve the establishment of a fifth US Bailiwick 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.

Three 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

The year 2012 has been satisfactory as to economics. Naturally the hard work will continue because the current year, the Jubilee Year, will produce many demanding challenges! The stagnation in membership figures is worrying because during the past years grounded administration machinery is capable for a much greater order and it is a great loss that tens of recently recruited knights are leaving the Order. We have a very clear advice of how to take good care of all finance matters and so it is extremely important that all officials are strictly following the right economical procedure with Government officials in order to fulfill the perfect economy in the order.

Helsinki 12th March 2013.
The Government of the OCM

Jürgen Schumacher	chancellor
Jorma Ahonen	secretary general
Richard Flahaven	member
Leif Syrstadt	vice chancellor
Reino Koskinen	treasurer
Eleftherios Fonazakis	member

25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAILIWICK OF EASTERN FINLAND

The Bailiwick of Eastern Finland was founded on 25th of February 1988 by ten vigorous knights, half of them having been already members of the Bailiwick of Helsinki. The town of Kouvola, 140 km to North-east from Helsinki, evolved as the centre of the bailiwick.

Before long numerous valuable members joined the unit, which today is one of bigger bailiwicks of the Finnish exarchate counting 30 members. Thanks to the activity of its members the bailiwick has succeeded to run interesting programs of lectures and information gathering together a high percentage of attendance three to four times a year. The bailiwick has also implemented several charity programs. The most remarkable and also expensive one was the donation of the altar textiles to the restored Lutheran church of Toksova close to St.Petersburg in Russia.

At the beginning of the 25 years anniversary meeting the knight together with their spouses joined the divine service at the church of Anjala, which is one of Finland's beautiful wooden cross church from the middle eighteenth century. Chancellor Jürgen Schumacher, exarch Erkko Kajander and secretary of the exarchate board Jorma Haarni attended the annual meeting of the bailiwick. The present bailie Pertti Hartikainen is one of the founder members of the Bailiwick of Eastern Finland. The meeting culminated in the handover of medals and crosses of merit to several meritorious knights followed by a festive luncheon.

Jürgen Schumacher



Paavo Mikkonen, Pekka Jokinen, Veikko Tiainen, Pertti Hartikainen, Jorma Haarni and Jürgen Schumacher.



Bailie Pertti Hartikainen and Exarch Erkki Kajander.
Photos: Paavo Mikkonen

International Convention 2013

Salzburg/Austria
September 6th until 8th



<http://www.travelwriter.at/>

Preliminary Program

Friday, September 6th, 2013

Individual check-in at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Conference, Fanny-von-Lehnert-Straße 7, 5020 Salzburg.

17.00 Registration

combined with the hand-out of memorial crosses of attendance and Ladies gifts

18.00 Festive opening of the convention

- Inauguration of the convention
- Benediction of the convention
- Message from the High Patron of the OCM, Patriarch Theodoros II
- Welcome words and addresses
- Award of OCM decorations

19.30 The Master's reception

20.00 Get-Together

four course menu (included)

Dress: informal; blazer & OCM tie for knights

Saturday, September 7th, 2013

07.30 Breakfast at the hotel

09.00 Ladies Program

Sound of Music tour – As seen in the Movie!

(Bus ride, tour-guide, entrance fees and lunch with soft drinks included)

As a Broadway musical, “The Sound of Music” by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II was already a huge success, but Robert Wise’s 1965 movie with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer became a world top seller. Nothing else could have made Salzburg so popular overseas, and this is why we invite you to a tour through Salzburg and its magnificent surroundings shown in the movie. A wonderful ride with breathtaking views of the landscape where the opening

scenes were filmed. Relax and listen to the original Sound of Music soundtrack. The English-speaking guide not only shows you the highlights of the film 'Sound of Music' but also the historical and architectural landmarks in the city, as well as a part of the picturesque lake district.

The Mirabell Gardens were laid out in the 18th century. Maria and the children were seen dancing around the statue of Pegasus, the winged horse, and throughout the gardens singing 'Do-Re-Mi'.

Leopoldskron Palace - the front side of the castle was used as the Trapp family home, the children were boating on the Leopoldskron Lake and fell into the water. The Venetian room was copied from the castle and used as the ballroom.

Hellbrunn Palace - this hunting castle was built in the early 17th century by Prince-Archbishop Markus Sittikus. In the gardens the glass pavilion was reconstructed for the pleasure of those fans still returning after 30 years.

Nonnberg Abbey is the oldest convent in the German speaking part of Europe. Maria was a novice there. The baron and Maria were married here in 1927. The scenes for the movie made here include the opening with the nuns going to Mass and Maria coming too late.

Scenery shown at the beginning of the movie was filmed at **Lake Fuschl** on the way to St. Gilgen. Like the Mozart family, visitors from all over the world appreciate the beautiful village in the Salzkammergut.

In **Mondsee Cathedral** the film wedding between Julie Andrews as Maria and Christopher Plummer as the Baron took place.

Dress: (late) summer dress and comfortable shoes

09.00 Convention session

(Mineral water, coffee, lunch and soft drinks included)

- Lecture and discussion

His Eminence Dr. A. J. PAARMA

Emeritus archbishop of Finland

His Excellence Dr. J. SCHUMACHER

Chancellor of the OCM

- Coffee break

- Lecture and discussion

Univ. Prof. Dr. R. WANECK

Former member of the Austrian National Government

Dr. A. KARLSBÖCK

Member of the Austrian National Parliament

12.00 Luncheon

13.00 – Reports from the Exarchates and Bailiwicks

Discussion and resumé

14.30 Coffee, time for conversation, leisure time

Dress: informal; blazer and OCM tie for knights

16.30 Bus transfer from the hotel to Maria Plain-church

for knight candidates, investiture officers and their spouses

17.00 Check for the investiture for knight candidates and investiture officers at Maria Plain-church

17.30 Bus transfer for all participants

from the hotel to Maria Plain-church

18.00 Divine service and investiture

(organ and choir)

– Divine service

– Promotions and higher insignia

– Honorary members

– Investiture of new members

– Prayer

19.00 Bus transfer back to the hotel

20.00 at the hotel

– five course menu (included)

– all drinks included (except spirituous liquors)

– Members of Salzburg Philharmonie Orchestra

– Official Toasts

Dress: at the investiture and banquet: formal; white tie/dark suite/robe and decorations.

***Attention:** knight candidates and investiture officers are dressed already at 16:15.*

Sunday, September 8th, 2013

08.00 Breakfast at the hotel

09.30 Bus transfer to Salzburg Cathedral

10.00 Divine service at Salzburg Cathedral
(seats for OCM reserved)

11.00 Guided tour
through the old city of Salzburg, Mozarts birth place included

12.30 Farewell-luncheon at “Stieglkeller”
in the heart of the city (lunch and one drink per person included)
– Closing ceremony

14.00 Bus transfer back to the hotel
For your information: Individual transfer back to the hotel by taxi will
cost approximately € 20,- per car (4 people)
Dress: informal; blazer & OCM tie for knights

***Notice:** Normally Salzburg offers in late summer stable weather conditions. But eventually a period of rainy days with cool evenings, because of the nearby Alps, may happen. Therefore provide yourself with an adequate outfit for outdoor events.*

Austrian knights will only wear black ties to be easily identified in case somebody needs support in any way (in agreement with the government).

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

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

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Richard S. Austin 13.4.
James Lee Lund 12.5.
Lauri Antti Juhani Palva 28.11.

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Evert Mattson 13.5.
Elefthérios Sotiriou 14.6.
Anthony James Yonkers 17.6.
Stylianios Vlachopoulos 19.7.
Knut Grenhov 22.7.
Jorma Wartiovaara 25.7.
Antonios Tripodakis 14.8.
Evangelos Chrysros 24.8.
John Nevin Dickie 6.11.
Panagiotis Apostolopoulos 27.11.
Eleftherios Fonazakis 15.12.
Heikki Juhani Puhakka 31.12.

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Egon Humpeler 24.3.
Hannu Kari Johannes Konola 31.3.
Kari Rönttilä 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.

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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.

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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.
Pentti Johannes Alaperä 17.8.
Michael Scott Swisher 26.10.

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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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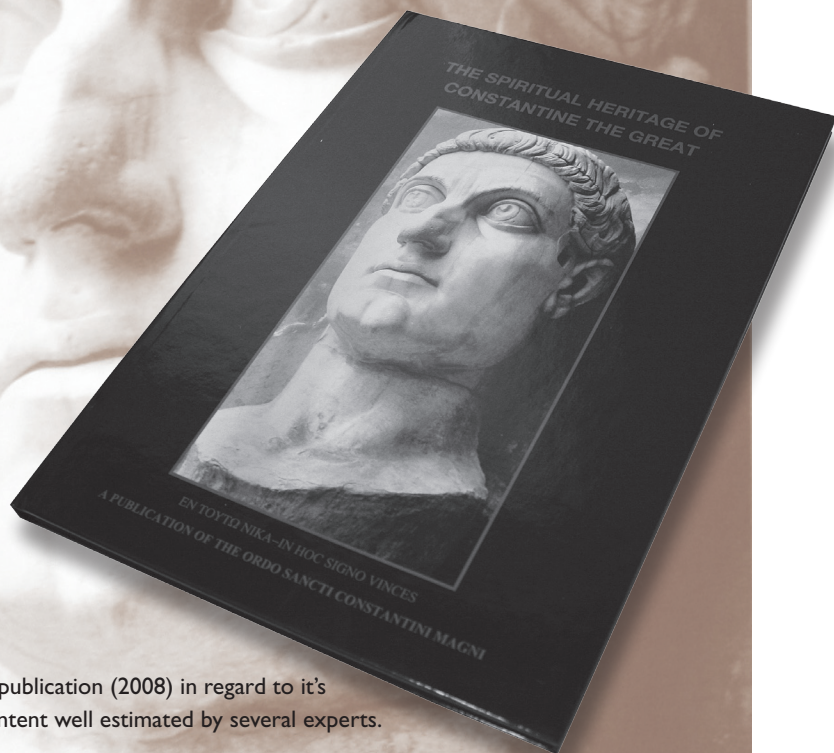
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