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## IN MEMORIAM

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

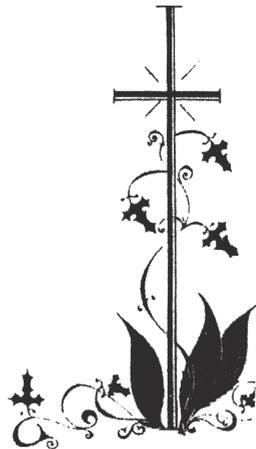
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**Veikko Tiainen**

Exarchate of Finland

1925-2017

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





Dear Dames and Chevaliers

Finland had its 100th anniversary of independence. This has been celebrated in many ways. One of those was a festive occasion in Turku. The main speech was given by a member of Finnish Parliament. He told the main topics of our history during these one hundred years. In the beginning of last century Finland was a poor country in many economical, social and educational problems. However, during next decades the country developed. Finland tolerated the terrible years of war in 1939-1944. The political situation could be stabilized and the country recovered. Since that we have been able to be one of the most prominent countries in good things: economical, social, educational development is superb. The speaker told what makes this wonderful situation. It is based on well organized education, which gives the possibility to all people, boys and girls, poor and rich etc, to go to school. All can get that kind of education, which is best to them. Of course there are also other important factors, which are needed for this nice development.

When we look at these features in Finland, we have to use these elements in helping developing countries. Our caritative work must be based on those things we have seen here. It is most important to start in supporting school system in those countries where we give our help. In this way it may be possible to introduce democracy globally.

We have problems in developed countries, too. Unemployment of young people is a real problem. Those youngster who feel themselves out, can be easily persuaded to terrorism. This means that we must not only think problems in developing countries, but also work in our own countries. Every exarchate and bailiwick can and must to help people in their next neighborhood.

With these words is wish to all our Order's members a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018.

*Toivo Salmi*  
*Chancellor of OCM*

# INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LUND SWEDEN 22.-24.9.2017

## Mikael Wilhelmsson's speech

**T**here is a story in the Holy Bible about Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of the treasury for the queen of Ethiopia, where an angel said to Phillip to start walk south from Jerusalem to Gaza. On the way walking he met the eunuch who was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it. Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

We live in a precarious and volatile time where the number of conflicts are rising and fundamental questions concerning the very prerequisites of the survival of mankind is still under heavy debate. There seem to be a growing feeling of social unrest in the air and the societal elites seem to have lost its direction and, maybe, compass and sense for responsibility. This permeates down in the fabrics of society and, in my meaning, threatens the social contract upon which we build our democracy and

conflict resolution model, in Europe at least. To me it is clear that ordinary people is looking for answers and guidance in their everyday.

Ask yourself if there is anyone that clearly points out the direction and have an idea or vision of how society and man shall live and cope with changes in the coming 50 to 100 and even 200 years from now. Instead it is a petty squabbling about details and bolts and knots of the welfare system, at least in the Western Europe, and more questions than answers. The clash of civilizations according to Huntingdon has become a clash of value systems where we struggle to take a firm stand to defend our way of life as we know it.

Who will then explain to us what we see and what we read out of our contemporary time?

I would like to believe that our mutual undertaking in the IOC can play a small role in contributing to such a direction and sense of responsibility by exerting our Christian values amongst our fellow man in their daily life. The order and, all of you, can point out a direction unless our courage fails us in doing so.

*Mikael Wilhelmsson*

# LAUDATORY SPEECH TO CHRISTIAN FOCK

## given on the occasion of the change of the bailie of the Bailiwick of Austria 9.9.2017 in Reichersberg

Distinguished Grandofficer of the OCM,  
venerated Ex-Bailie,  
honored colleague,  
dear friend Christian !

Using these honorific titles you started each of our numerous phone calls during your 15 years long period as bailie and my time as secretary general and later as chancellor. Tonight, however, such honorific salutations quite easily also pass the lips of a cool Hamburger and in the north still more cooled Finn.

This is meant to be a laudation, not too long, for such a formidable dinner, as we are enjoying her tonight, should not be unnecessarily interrupted. Of course, this song of praise is not unnecessary, quite the opposite: it is absolutely necessary, as I am going to sing it in the name of our honored Grandmaster, chancellor Toivo Salmi and the entire government of the OCM. And, I have the pleasure to add also best regards of the Deputy Master Raimo Ilaskivi and former Vice Chancellor Hans-Olof Kvist.

But, a short historical flashback must be connected to this laudation. You will see, why.

Since the times of 15 years ago, except you, dear Christian, only the chevaliers Hermann Lohr and Gero Stuller are left; therefore, it may be good to remind, how

the OCM looked like 15 years ago, and what part the present Bailiwick of Austria took over under the leadership of Christian Fock.

To explain it shortly and diplomatically: it was a period, when not everything in the Order was under the rules.

Though the OCM has an excellent constitution, largely adapted to the statutes of the classical chivalric Orders; and, though every member of the Order has given his vow to the constitution, at the end of the nineties quite a number of the members and even some bailiwicks had started to invent their own, sometimes more individual rules. This is not the moment to talk about the story in detail. However, the government and finally the Grandmaster faced off the job to restore order in the OCM.

Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni: the word ORDO has the meaning of order, too.

Coming to the Bailiwick of Austria – by the way the third eldest bailiwick of Oder, founded in 1958 – : the bailiwick refused to pay the annual obligations for various reasons, what, after several effect-



less negotiations, induced the exclusion of all Austrian members. So happened in the year 2002. Undoubtedly a hard and sad decision, especially for the Grandmaster, who now required a person, who could put out fires broken out in OCM Austria. Instead of a fire brigadier he recruited the medical colonel Christian Fock, who was perfectly suited for the job.

I can still remember the first investiture of the newly formed Austrian bailiwick in summer 2002. It took place in Kainach, at the residence of our honored Grandmaster, and in collaboration of the entire government. So, setting was absolutely festive.

Dear Christian, as soon as possible you had gathered the essential ten members for the foundation of a new Austrian bailiwick. They were, indeed, excellent and nice individuals. And as secretary general, it was my job to initiate you, also as soon as possible, into the ceremony of the investiture. You were a good listener then: as much as the entire procedure was quite new for all of you, everything went without any failure, strictly to the protocol.

Nowadays, the Bailiwick of Austria realizes such an investiture worthily and festive, as we have seen tonight. 15 years ago the ceremony took place in a much smaller setting, as a matter of fact at the guesthouse of the Grandmaster in Kainach, perhaps a little bit narrowed, but at least just as worthily and festive.

I also remember very well, honored Ex-Bailie and dear friend Christian, that you made great promises then. After the downfall of the first Austrian bailiwick, you be-

came quite furious about the unchivalrous behaviour of some of the former Austrian members, you promised the Grandmaster to establish a new worthy Bailiwick of Austria.

Slowly but steady you have recruited quite a number of excellent members, many of whom I fortunately have met. In the course of the years and in collaboration with your members, you have run quite a number of charity projects, which look presentable in our Order, and which have been published in The Constantinian News. And finally, you bore main responsibility of the 60-years anniversary convention of the OCM 2013 in Salzburg, with a highly spectacular success for all participants.

As for the membership, from time to time there have been, of course, some setbacks, what, however, is not at all typically Austrian, but happens yet again in all bailiwicks.

I should say: that is representative for our times.

Highly honored Ex-Bailie, dear Christian.

The Bailiwick of Austria has now 30 members, valuable personalities and good Constantinian knights. The bailiwick has a high sense of coherence, which is reflected in good participation of your meetings and events. In favour for that you have been deeply involved for many years, perhaps sometimes with some military commitment – everybody knows, you are still colonel.

In any case, you may look behind on a very successful period as bailie, in which

the OCM Austria has undergone a rise, which is quite respectable for our Order, and what may be your pride and joy. Well, 15 years ago you, indeed, did not give your promise to our Grandmaster simply carelessly, but you have delivered on your promise many times. Therefore you deserve many thanks of our Grandmaster, of the government, of the entire Bailiwick of Austria and everybody present here tonight.

Coming now to the end of my laudation and thereby finally to the toast to you, dear Christian, I am going to do that very lyrically, by citing Heimito von Doderer (Austrian author), so Austrians may see, that even a Hamburger once has read the ‘Strudelhofstiege’ (famous novel):

“With a wry look the medical director (Primarius) viewed sideways damask, silver and glass of the dinner table, repeated slowly and speaking clearly the Latin text, and connecting immediately an extemporary translation:

“Wine full of flavour and perfume good for the good guy, bad for the bad man,

you, who sweetened our sleep – happiness, oh be greeted !”

(“Wein voll Blum´ und Duft Gut dem Guten, bö´s dem Schuft, der Du uns den Schlaf versüss´st – Heiterkeit, oh sei gegrüsst !”) Christian, to your welfare and your health

*Jürgen Schumacher*



New Bailie **Werner Heinz Bittner**,

born 11 NOV 1967 in Austria

Master of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (Technical University of Vienna) Colonel (Infantry) in the Austrian Armed Forces

married since 2007, father of a 7.5 year old boy

Managing Director of Doka Ventures ([www.doka-ventures.com](http://www.doka-ventures.com))

Prior to that various top management positions at Boehringer Ingeheim (pharmaceuticals), Heidelberger Druckmaschinen (industrial printing machines) and Collini Holding AG (Surface technology) in Austria, Germany and Brazil. Languages: German, English, Brazilian Portuguese.

Admittance to OCM in 2011, knightly accolade in 2013, Vice-Bailly since 2014, Bailly since 9 SEP 2017.

## His Excellency Dr. Toivo Salmi, MD, PHD, Chancellor of the Order and his wife, Dr. Tuula Salmi, MD, PHD Visit the Exarchate of the United States of America's Divine Liturgy and Investiture 27-30 October, 2017

**Introduction and Background:** The Exarch of the Exarchate of the USA, Chevalier Dr. Orfeo (Chuck) Trombetta, Jr, KCCM, PHD and his wife, Dame Elizabeth Trombetta, DCM attended the most recent International Investiture in Lund, Sweden, on 22-24 September, 2017. While this was a most important event that provided the Exarch and his wife to renew acquaintance with H.S.H. Friedrich and Lady Eleanora Beaufort-Spontin, it also provided the opportunity to meet and converse with many of the senior leaders of the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni. This meeting provided the additional benefit of learning much about the operations of the Order and also provided an excellent overview of the country of Sweden and their wonderful people. Most importantly however, was the significance of attending an Investiture of the Order hosted by those who are much more knowledgeable about the Order, its history, and the pageantry that is required to make such an event meaningful to all who attend and especially to those who are about to be inducted in our sovereign Order. To be sure, many notes and pictures were taken to assist the Exarchate in realigning its Divine Liturgy and Investiture services.

**Events Preceding the Investiture:** H. E. Chancellor Dr. Toivo Salmi, GCCM, MD, PHD, and his wife, Dr. Tuula Salmi, MD, PHD visited the Exarchate of the USA during the period 27-30 October 2017. were greeted after arrival and processing through customs at Dulles International Airport. They were escorted immediately to the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. where they would be housed. The next morning after breakfast, the Chancellor and his wife were introduced to the senior leaders (Bailies and members of the Exarch's Staff) at a 10 AM Leadership Meeting which is traditionally held on the same day as the annual Investiture. After introductions and cordiali-



*The Procession Forms in the Hallway and includes the new Cross of Constantine.*



*Chevalier Chaplain Howell Sasser, KCM, Chancellor Torivo Salmi, GCCM, Exarch Chevalier “Chuck” Trombetta, KCCM, and Dame Elizabeth Trombetta, DCM share a champagne toast to a wonderful Investiture.*

ties, the Chancellor advised the members of the Exarchate senior leadership that he was proposing that the Exarchate of the United States of America would host the next International Convention in the year 2020. This proposal was met with a resounding welcome by all and the Council of the Exarchate immediately proposed a motion, voted on that motion, and unanimously agreed to host this event in the USA.

At 1400 PM, the Chancellor joined the Exarch and selected members of his staff to conduct a rehearsal of the events that would occur during the Divine Liturgy



*The Chancellor and Exarch of the USA co-host the Ceremonies.*

and Investiture that evening at 1800 PM. This brief but very informative meeting was most important and served as the primary overview/operating plan for the upcoming Investiture that the Exarchate had significantly updated based on the Exarch's recent visit to the International Investiture in Lund, Sweden.

### **The Divine Liturgy and Investiture:**

As a direct result of the Exarch's visit to the International Investiture in Lund, Sweden, the Exarchate's Divine Liturgy and Investiture services have been immeasurably enhanced in the following ways:

- The use of Prelude and Postlude processional music was introduced.
- The use of a professional Tenor soloist to sing a number of religious songs during the ceremonies was added and greatly appreciated by all attendees.
- Addition of a more robust Processional March at the beginning and end of the ceremonies.
- The acquisition of an enlarged replica of the Cross of Constantine that was and shall continue to be carried by the Crucifer into and out of the ceremonies.
- The formal Blessing of the Regalia by the Chaplain at the outset of the ceremonies.
- The presentation of the Mantle, the St. Constantine Regalia, and the dubbing ceremonies were replicated as they were conducted in Sweden.

The Exarchate's intent in enhancing these ceremonies was two-fold. First and foremost was to ensure that the ceremo-



*The Chancellor presents Ami medal to Dame Elizabeth Trombetta, DCM.*



*Chevalier Jocelyn Tchakounte is Dubbed.*



*The Dubbing and Presentation of Cross of Constantine.*



*Chevalier Dr. “Chuck” Trombetta, KCCM, Exarch of the USA presents the Exarchate’s highest award to Chancellor Torvo Salmi, GCCM.*

nies demonstrated clearly the level of Solemnity, Dignity, Spirituality, Pageantry, and Civility that should be the hallmarks of such an important ceremony. Secondly to ensure that the newly invested Knights and Dames would know and appreciate the commitment they were making to the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni.<sup>1</sup>

**The Formal Dinner and Associated Photographs:** Immediately following the Investiture ceremonies, as newly dubbed Knights and Dames, members of the Order, and guests left the Chapel, they were invited to a glass of champagne or sparkling mineral water. Shortly afterwards, all moved into the Main Ballroom, the Formal Dinner called to order, a number of toasts made to include toasting the Order, and a toast from the Chancellor to the Exarchate of the USA. Dinner was then served and the Strolling Strings (a 3-piece combo) serenaded all from table to table. The photographer captured many of the

events and scheduled formal portraits for those who wished them. After dinner, the Chancellor addressed the assembled Knights, Dames, and guests of the Order. Afterwards, the Chancellor and his wife, Tuula were presented with mementos of their trip to the United States. On Sunday and Monday, the Chancellor and his wife were taken on a short tour of Washington, D.C. and then had dinner with the Exarch and his wife on Sunday evening at a very popular and local Seafood Restaurant. On Monday, a tour of the Air and Space Museum was the order of the day prior to delivery to the Dulles Airport Complex for travel back to Finland.

*Exarch Orfeo Trombetta jr*

## CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE IN GREECE

On Saturday, November 4, 2017, the Hellenic Exarchate organized the annual meeting of its members, with its main subject being the Oath and the Investiture of the new Knights.

The event took place at the Yachting Club of Greece. Built on top of a rock, the Yachting Club is surrounded by the sea and in front of stretches the Saronic Gulf, on the coast of which spreads Piraeus and Athens with their suburbs. It is the oldest Yachting Club in Greece (founded in 1934) and symbolizes the country's ties with the sea, an uninterrupted bond from prehistoric times. Since the sea and religion coexist in the soul of the Greeks, the whole event took place in a heartfelt atmosphere.

Representing His Holy Beatitude Patriarch of Alexandria, Theodoros II, the Very Reverend Archimandrite, Chariton, attended the ceremony. The Order was represented by the Master, His Serene Highness Friedrich, Duke and Prince of Beaufort-Spontin. Their presence, as well as the presence of a great many Knights and Ladies of the Order of the Hellenic Exarchate, gave the event its appropriate solemnity.

The new Knights are Dr-Ing. Dionysios Mouzakis and PhD- Biol. Apostolos Papalois.

The dubbing and the consecration of the new Knights by the Master in the Greek language, according to the Hellenic ritual, was a pleasant surprise.

The investiture of the new Knights was preceded, among other things, by the blessing given by the representative of the Patriarch, the Exarch's oath and the Bailies' oath, an admonitory and enlightening speech on the Order by the Exarch of the Hellenic Exarchate, Knight Vassilis Yannakakos KCCM, as well as awards of Honorary Discriminations to Knights and Ladies of the Order for their contribution to the Exarchate.

The ceremony ended with the Anthem of the Order, the Patriarchal Acclamation, and the Hellenic National Anthem.

Subsequently a dinner followed, where the scenery changed into an extremely pleasant environment with a spectacular view of the sea and the islands to the furthest point of the Saronic Gulf. Approximately one hundred persons, including many friends of the Knights and Ladies of the Order, tasted the exquisite Greek menu of the Chef of the Yachting Club.

The evening ended with a sense of plenitude for the generally acknowledged successful event.

# MEETING AND INVESTITURE OF NEW KNIGHTS YACHT CLUB OF GREECE, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Your Eminence, representative of the Patriarch  
Honorable representative of the Patriarch in the Order,  
Your Highness, Master of the Order,  
Knights and Ladies of the Order,  
Dear guests,

Our Order is above doctrines and political parties, non-aligned, independent, self-reliant and liberal, an Order befitting free people.

Although the idea of Chivalry seems very ancient, it would not be wise for humanity to be deprived of its honorable, charitable and courageous spirit.

Our Order tries to make people believe in religion, protect the Church, respect and help the poor and the weak, keep their promises, be generous, fight for Justice and Virtue always and everywhere, and offer protection and sympathy humbly and selflessly.

I do not believe dear Confreres, Ladies and Gentlemen, that today there is even one honestly thinking person who would not respect the objectives of Chivalry and the qualities of a genuine and real Knight, which are: morality, honesty, prudence, knowledge, culture, piety, love of one's country, selflessness, charity, bravery, and discipline.

Consequently, the obligations and particularities of the members of our Order, in spite of the difficulties of our times and, especially, the current situation of our

country as far as the Greek Exarchate is concerned, may be summarized as follows:

- 1.- Admission to the Order by their own free will and judgment, and assumption of responsibilities with goodwill, good intentions and good actions.
- 2.- Proper discipline regarding the decisions of the Leaders and superiors by "order of seniority".
- 3.- Participation in the events of the Order.
- 4.- Honesty and morality.
- 5.- Defence of the truth and human rights.
- 6.- Practice of Christian solidarity.
- 7.- Promotion of the Order's aims and study of Byzantine issues.
- 8.- Faith and practice of the qualities of chivalry, which generally can be expressed by the words: piety, love of one's country, courage, courtesy, kindness, patience, perseverance, willingness to cooperate,



*Very Reverend Archimandrite, Chariton - His Serene Highness, Friedrich, Duke and Prince of Beaufort-Spontin - His Excellency, George Haramis*



*Hellenic Exarchate's Exarch, with the two new Knights*



*The Exarch of the Hellenic Exarchate, Knight Vassilis Yannakakos KCCM, giving his speech*

voluntary offer, carrying out of orders, tolerance, religious tolerance, mutual understanding, lenience.

9.- Assistance and material support of the objectives of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, depending of course on the financial capacity of each country.

The objectives of the Patriarchate of Alexandria are not inapplicable; they are implemented, since in various countries and cities of Africa, much-needed medical or hospital units, child care units with organized food rations, schools and Orthodox Seminaries have been created.

All these are vital for the people of Africa, but especially the last two have a direct positive impact on our country too.

Particularly the Seminaries that create Priests, initiates of our Christian religion and culture, are vital to our Orthodox

Churches around the world, where there is a lack of Greek Priests.

Additionally, many different projects are carried out, which are necessary for the welfare of the local people, such as openings of wells etc.

Dear Confreres, if each one of us respects the above principles as much as possible, he will decisively contribute to his improvement, as well as to the promotion of the Holy objectives of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, under the worthy guidance of His Beatitude the Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and all Africa, Theodoros II.

Thank you.

*Vassilis Yannakakos  
Exarch*



*Bailies' oath*



*Departure of the Master , accompanied by Her Highness Eleonora and Knight George Haramis*



*The Master taking the Sword from Master of ceremonies, Knight Panagiotis Chalikias KCCM*



*Relatives and friends of the Exarchate's members*

## OCM Contributions to cancer and palliative care center in Lahore region

Our Order has donated money to a project in Lahore region in Pakistan called Lahore Cancer and Palliative Care Center. It has been two donations of € 8000 to help building centers for treatment of cancer patients in rural areas of the country. Pakistan has an estimated population of over 200 million people and about 300.000 of them fall victim of cancer every year. There are 780 cancer beds in the country and less than 100 physicians and few trained nurses. For the moment the available arrangement with meager facilities, only about 40.000 cancer patients can be treated every year.

The majority of the cancer patients remain untreated, especially in villages and remote areas, where the diagnosis and treatment facilities are not available and the cancer hospitals or clinics are not accessible to the poor people. Besides, the available cancer hospitals refuse to accept patients in critical condition. Moreover there is not a single palliative care unit. Consequently, cancer patients in advanced condition die a painful death.

Considering the dire need to save precious lives of women the project has taken this challenge of providing mobile mammographic units for diagnosis and two ambulances for rural areas where the cancer victims will be transported to the Hub hospital for treatment in the near vicinity.

In the beginning these facilities are available at stations connected with the

remote areas. The land for the hospital has already been donated.

The finances for this project are being arranged from local and international philanthropists and Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni has been a major contributor in this early stage of the project. Those involved in the project are deeply grateful to OCM for that. In the beginning of the project the donation from OCM was crucial.

Now work is being done to buy two more units from a local manufacture for a price of about 35.000 \$ per unite.

The next stage in raising money for the project is to receive those donations in USA. The application for tax exempt 501.C. 3 according to USA laws has finally been granted. The donation by OCM was in this respect important to make the granting of tax exempt acceptable for the American authorities.

The project has taken much time and effort to get going but now I can see the effect of the money given and I personally express my gratitude form the project to OCM for the generosity and believing that by these two generous donations the project will be on its own and that it will be of great help for the cancer patients in rural areas of that country.

*Rune Rydén*  
*Chairman of the Council*

## ABOUT PATRIARCHATE'S ROLE

The Patriarchate's charity efforts support 54 countries of Africa. Every year HB the Patriarch crosses at least 5 African countries. In each one of them, in cooperation with the local religious and political authorities, and using the donations of the OCM and of other Institutions, mainly supports the:

- Building and maintaining of Schools and giving money for the teachers' salaries and for books/stationary.
- Building and maintaining of Hospitals and giving money for the payment of doctors/physicians, and for Medicines.
- Various Works for Providing drinking water in the very poor villages.

*George Haramis*  
*Representative of H.B. The Patriarch in OCM,*  
*Ambassador of OCM to the Patriarchate*

## OUR DEBT TO GOD AND OUR FELLOW MAN

The figures look dramatic! According to UNICEF, statistics on the life of children in the universe are as follows:

- a. 146.000.000 children in developing countries are underweight due to poverty.
- b. 2.000.000 children die every year from diseases which could have been prevented with vaccines.
- c. 2.000.000 children were killed and 6.000.000 were severely injured during wars since 1990.
- d. 6.000 children are affected every day by AIDS. Today 14.000.000 children have lost either one or both parented due to AIDS while 3.000.000 are carriers. Almost 12.000.000 young men and women, 15-24 years old, are carrier of the virus.
- e. Almost 120.000.000 children do not attend school.
- f. One out of eight children worldwide are engaged in child labour.
- g. Every year 1.200.000 children are victims of trafficking.
- h. More than 50.000.000 children remain 'invisible', since their birth has never been recorded.

20<sup>th</sup> of November has been defined as Universal Children's Day. This year will bring out once more an international problem which cannot be resolved with an annual event. In dozens of countries children die every day, although their rights are clearly written down in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which established fundamental principles for children's well-being in the various stages of their development and it consists of 54 articles. Still in many parts of the world, it has never been implemented.

Thanks to various Christian missions, especially in Africa, children are often supported, both spiritually and financially. In particular, the contribution of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa and personally of the Pope and Patriarch Theodore II have been extremely dynamic in this respect.

Still, it is not enough to confess faith but to connect it with life. The role of ourselves as Knights and Dames of the OCM must be fundamental in opening dialogue with society and governments on the rights of children. We must consider every single child, as being a child of God to Whom we pray.

We have also to focus on the role of human person as icon of God beyond geographical and religious distinctions and social stereotypes. The crucial question here is not to find out the identity of our fellow man, but to help our fellow men without prejudice.

Our modern life, including tight schedules and lots of daily business, substantially affect the real love and sincere interest to those who really need it. In the indifference and fleeing of many of us, the few and selected one are called to become the "salt of the earth"!

Dear fellow confrères, if someone argues that "met God", it is certain that he first met and offered real love to His icon, the human person himself.

Panagiotis Chalikias, KCCM

Master of Ceremonies of the Greek Exarchate



# 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

Matti Vapaavuori  
Raimo Ilaskivi  
Kyösti Jäppinen

## 85

Antti Koivurinta

## 80

Wayne Parthun  
Evert Mattson  
Steward Bentley  
Anthony Yonkers  
Stylianios Vlachopoulos  
Jorma Wartiovaara  
Evangelos Cheysos  
Ella Brucker  
Panagiotis Apostopoulos  
Eleftherios Fonazakis  
Heikki Puhakka

## 75

Nils Andersson  
Albert Ignatenko  
Egon Humpeler  
Hannu Konola  
John Hallberg Jones  
Ilpo Siro  
Olavi Kangas  
Olavi Merras  
Ingemar Olsson  
Per Wramner  
Bror Erik Gammals  
Jarkko Marttila

## 70

22.5. Pekka Havbrandt  
26.5. Sam Hohenthal  
25.7. Frederick Humphreys  
Markku Railo  
Håkan Wilhelmsson  
14.1. Lauri Merilampi  
Raimo Alhoke  
David Appelby

6.1. Leif Arrefalk  
13.5. Herman Merras  
9.6. Phillip Adams  
17.6. Mikko Paatero  
19.7. His Eminense Leo  
25.7. Jan Zahradnik  
24.8. Juhani Elo  
18.11. Ferdinand Molitschnig  
27.11. Sauli Niinistö  
15.12. Heikki Patrikainen  
31.12. John Manios  
Carl Axel Aurelius  
Martti Hirvonen

26.2. Juha Vainikka  
4.3. Juha Toivonen  
24.3. Herbert Zech  
31.3. Nils-Gustaf Eriksson  
17.6. **65**  
25.7. Roy Högdal  
26.7. Nikolas Papadimitriou  
10.8. Lars Öström  
17.8. Raimo Ylä-Soinimäki  
21.10. Erkki Mäntyharju  
31.10. Heikki Lindroth

19.1. Ari Karttunen  
17.2. Matti Pikkarainen  
17.2. Eben Trevino Nectarios  
28.2. Pentti Alaperä  
4.4. Tuomas Kinberg  
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10.4. Michael Swisher  
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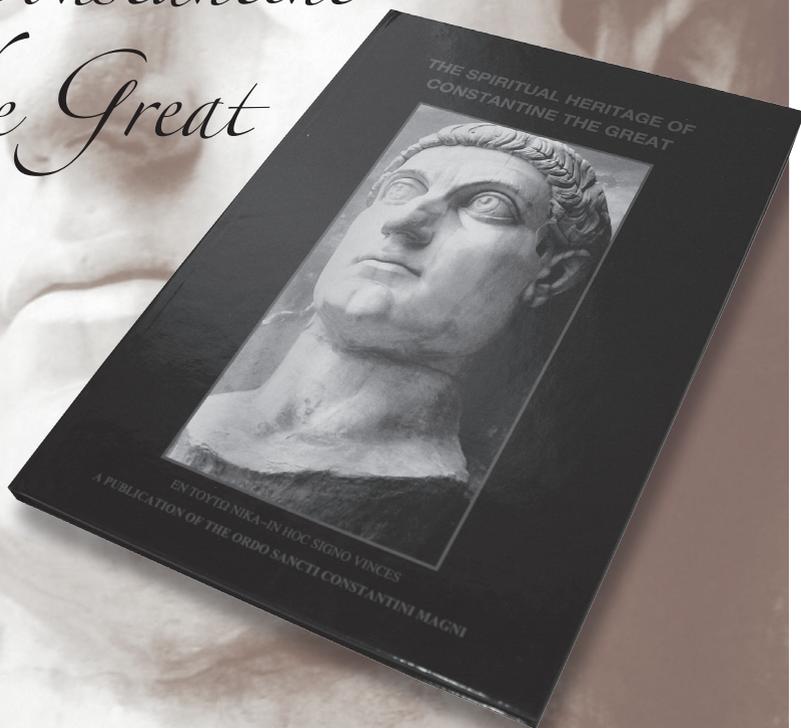
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