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IN MEMORIAM

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

KCCM
Nicolaos Bochlogyros
Honorary Member
1925-2015

KCM
Garam Lajos
Exarchate of Finland
1939-2025

KCM
Pauli Lindström
Exarchate of Finland
1950-2024

KCM
Hannu Melvas
Exarchate of Finland
1945-2025

KCM
Risto Sihvola
Exarchate of Finland
1946 - 2025

KCM
Serafim Papaevagelu
Hellenic Exarchate
1963-2025

KCM
Stylios Vlachopoulos
Hellenic Exarchate
1938-2025



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

Ladies and Chevaliers

Usually, in these Chancellor's greetings, I have focused on the terrible situation in the world. I will do the same now. The barbaric war in Ukraine is still going on. New conflicts have arisen in the Middle East. The energy crisis, or at least the rise in prices, is visible. It is also reflected in all of our wallets. Of course, we should try to do something to stop these disasters or at least mitigate them. We must also help those people who suffer the most. We know and remember that the Exarchate of Norway has done very important and fruitful work for Ukraine. This is a good example for all of us.

You could say that global terrorism continues. We must fight against that too. At the same time, however, we are faced with a new big problem. I am referring to artificial intelligence, which is being used more and more these days. Artificial intelligence is of course a very good help in many situations – it is a good master, but a bad servant. It is very easily available, but that is why it can also be misused. And it is being used.

Artificial intelligence very easily gives wrong answers. For example, sometimes it has seen that a scientific article is being reviewed and articles that have never been published have been added to the text. Artificial intelligence understands the information in the electronic world, but it does not know how to combine things. This is not the only problem. Very often it is necessary to use IT technology and artificial intelligence in practical everyday activities. The problem here is that many, especially older people, are not able to use such new technology. Some kind of training in the use of artificial intelligence should be organized for laypeople. Children and young adults also need training in the use of artificial intelligence, specifically in its correct use and in a way that helps everyone. I think that organizing such training could be a good topic for the OCM organization. With this, too, we could continue the Finnish "Give the Future to the Young" project.

I wish all OCM members and their spouses a good summer.

Toivo Salmi
Chancellor of OCM

Exarchate of Finland Knights' Meeting 2026

The Exarchate of Finland Knights' Meeting for 2026 was held on 22–24 May in the Åland Islands, an autonomous region of Finland located in the Baltic Sea halfway between mainland Finland and Sweden. The meeting was arranged by the OCM Åland Bailiwick, and the main venue was the Havsvidden resort on the northern coast of Åland.

We had the extraordinary honour and pleasure of hosting the Master of the Order, Friedrich, Duke and Prince of Beaufort-Spontin and Lady Eleonora, as well as several guests from the Swedish and Norwegian Exarchates. All in all there were 78 participants, representatives for the international government, Knights and Dames together with their respective companions.



The annual meeting of the Exarchate of Finland is underway. The secretary presents the Annual report for 2025.

The official program started on Friday afternoon with car and coach transfer to the Bomarsund fortress, where we got a guided tour led by Graham Robbins. The fortress had been established by the Russian czar Alexander I in order to provide protection for the Russian Baltic fleet. The fortress came to play a remarkable role in the Crimean War in 1853-1856, during which it became the scene for an actual naval battle between the Russian imperium on the one hand and the British and French fleet on the other.

After Bomarsund we continued to Havsvidden to experience the wild and unique northern coast of Åland.

After checking in at the Havsvidden resort, a “gettogether” supper took place. Inspired by the Swedish Knights’ meetings example, we arranged a lottery that created cheerful enthusiasm while the various participants began learning to know each other.

Saturday morning started with the official annual meeting for the Finnish Exarchate, opened with a prayer by our Dame, Vicar Mari Puska.

The meeting was followed by a joint seminar with a presentation of the Nordic Exarchates and a discussion regarding various possibilities for cooperation. The term “resilience” was a recurring theme in the discussions.

After lunch and pleasant leisure time it was time to get prepared for the investiture at the St George church in Geta. In a beautiful ceremony, that even included a performance of Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus by the internationally recognized opera singer Jenny Carlstedt, three new candidates were dubbed by the Master himself.

Back at Havsvidden, we enjoyed the customary gala dinner, experiencing the beautiful surroundings in the light of the Nordic summer night. Being at such a remote location turned out to be quite beneficial for the creation of a warm and pleasant atmosphere, facilitating new contacts and friendships.



At the Nordic meeting following the annual meeting, Exarch Erkkö Kajander presented the activities.



The organizers of the Knights' Days - from left: DCM Lena Laitinen, Bailie of Åland, KCCM Nils-Gustav Eriksson and DCM Mari Puska.

On Sunday morning all participants returned to the main town Mariehamn. We attended the High Mass at Mariehamn Church, followed by a visit to the Parliament of Åland, where the Speaker of the Parliament, Jörgen Pettersson, gave a short but effective presentation of the Åland autonomy.

It was a true pleasure to host the event, and we look forward to participating in many more!

OCM Åland project group
Nils-Gustaf Eriksson, Bailie
Mari Puska, Dame, Vicar
Lena Laitinen, Dame, project coordinator



The flags in the church said that the Knights' Days were also Nordic this time.



Moments before the promotion. In the foreground, DCM Mari Puska, behind her on the left, Chairman of the Council, GOCM Leif Syrstad (Sweden), Chancellor, GCCM Toivo Salmi, spouse Erja Malmberg and Vice-Chancellor, GOCM Nils-Jørgen Sørli (Norja).



The audience of promotion ceremony. In the foreground, the Order's treasurer, GOCM Mika Pynnönen and spouse Ulla Rosenqvist. DCM Lena Laitinen smiles with relief, everything is going as planned.



After the promotion. From left: DCM Lena Laitinen, The Master, Duke and Prince of Beaufort-Spontin Friedrich and Lady Eleonora.



The main table of the evening party. From left: The Master, Mrs. Erja Malmberg, Bailie of Åland, KCCM Nils-Gustaf Eriksson, Lady Eleonora, Exarch of Finland, GOCM Erko Kajander, Mrs. Eriksson and Chancellor, GCCM Toivo Salmi. Judging by the smiles, it has gone well.



The Master of Ceremonies of the Finnish Exarchate, KCM Pekka Räisänen, was responsible for ensuring that the evening party went according to plan.



Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni

Exarchat Österreich

Verein der Konstantinritter

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Invitation and Program

KNIGHTS DAY 2026

Saturday, 3 October 2026

Location: **Hotel Galantha**, Esterhazy-Platz 3, 7000 Eisenstadt
Parking Garage directly below the Hotel

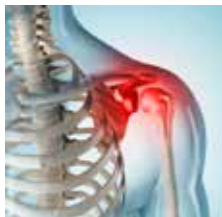
1200 hrs. **Facultative Lunch at Restaurant Henrici**
Directly to the right next to the hotel, opposite to Esterhazy Castle:
Address: Esterhazy-Platz 5 · 7000 Eisenstadt



1330 hrs. Hotel Galantha:
Presentation, Q&A (in German): **LTC Markus Megymorez, KCM**
Topic: Helicopter **AW-169 „Lion“** (Leonardo) of the Austrian Armed Forces



- 1445 hrs. Hotel Galantha:
 Presentation, Q&A (in German): **Dr. Ulrich Lanz, KCM**
 Topic: „**Understanding shoulder problems, root causes, trends and modern treatment concepts**“



- 1615 hrs. Hotel Galantha:
General Assembly of the Austrian Exarchate
Only for knights and associate members of the Austrian Exarchate
Attire: dark blue jacke, black OCM tie, dark grey trousers



- 1730 hrs. Hotel Galantha:
Change of attire for church ceremony and gala dinner
Knights: White-tie, OCM insignia and coat
Associate members: White-tie
Ladies: festive evening gown with 2023 medal



- 1845 hrs. Gathering outside the hotel, joint 100m march to opposite **Esterhazy Castle**, ladies and guests enter and be seated, formation of knights and candidates of the Exarchate for entering the chapel of the castle.

- 1900 hrs. **Ceremony in Chapel of the Esterhazy Castle**, swearing-in, investitures and honoring of distinguished knights.
Priest: Prof. Dr. Matthias Beck (requested)
Ave Maria by Mrs. Cornelia Hübsch (Soprano), **Haydn Quartett**



- 1945 hrs. 100m march to Restaurant Henrici, outdoor Champaign reception.

- 2015 hrs. **Gala dinner at Restaurant Henrici** with round tables (8 PAX each). Later **Roof Top Bar** (facultative) of Hotel Galantha. The Bar is open till midnight, longer depending on prospective turn-over.



Sunday, 4 October 2026

- 0700 - 1000 hrs. individual **Breakfast** (ground floor), departures. Room keys to be returned at the reception latest by noon.



Faternally

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REGISTRATION

OCM Knights Day 2026

Austrian Exarchate

Eisenstadt, 3-4 October 2026

Note: swift registration requested, latest by 15 July 2026

Completed form to be mailed to the Bailie of Vindobona-Pannonia:
thomas@zsulits.com

Herewith I register for the OCM Knights Day 2026:

Full name of OCM member:

Full name of spouse/company:

Total number of participants (incl. company): 1 PAX 2 PAX

Participation Fee for all participants wired to:

Account owner: **Verein der Konstantinritter in Österreich**
IBAN: **AT07 2011 1838 1450 3500**
BIC: **GIBAATWWXXX**

The **Participation Fee** of € 270/PAX covers all expenses per participant according to the official program, except program items specified as "facultative" which have to be borne personally.

Not included are accommodation at the Hotel Galantha as well as connected personal private expenses at **Hotel Galantha**. Hotel rooms need to be booked according to individual preferences. For our Knights Day 2026 a special room rate has been negotiated: **€ 154,50** per night (double-room with single occupancy) as well as **€ 189,00** per night (double-room with double occupancy), hotel breakfast included.

Special OCM room rates are only valid for reservations till **30 July 2026**, also availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed after this date. Use booking code „**Rittertage**“ for your reservations. **Reservations of room** via t.puntigam@esterhazy.at

I have paid the Participation fee of € 270.00 per person/participant.

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Date and signature of OCM member

Greetings from OCM office

The total casualties of World War I totaled about 16 million. Of this number, about 9.7 million were soldiers and about 6.8 million were civilians. When the war ended, humanity was ready to swear that it would never happen again. But it turned out differently. There were also those who predicted the future at that moment. The closest came to it when French Marshal Ferdinand Foch said: "This is not peace, this is only a 20-year truce".

According to historians, the total casualties of World War II were about 70–85 million people. This figure includes both fallen soldiers and civilians who died as a direct result of the war, such as bombing, disease and starvation. Civilian casualties accounted for almost half of all deaths.

Today the world is very, very restless again. Some are already talking about the Third World War. The methods have also become more and more total. For example, when we wake up in the morning, we can say: "A beautiful morning, and peace reigns". However, in a few moments this idyll has been lost due to various forms of hybrid warfare. We are living in a new normal where war is present, even if it is not always visible.

In order to help the needy in Europe, which was devastated by the Second World War, the Swiss Richard Guyer Frey gathered a group of people committed to Christian humanitarian aid. They took as their model the Emperor Constantine the Great, who had once united the nations of Europe in the spirit of Christian tolerance. This new community was guided by ecumenism, peace and Christian values, in accordance with its early model. The community was organized as a humanitarian order on May 29, 1953.

As a result of the ecumenical and humanitarian work of the order, the Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, Nicholas VI, granted the organization the legal and authentic status of a Christian order by his historic recognition on May 12, 1970.

Our task in this time is still to uphold the noble ideas of our founders and to help. There is a lot of this work in our time.

I wish every member of the Order a refreshing summer.

Osmo Suominen
KCCM
Secretary-General

P.s. P.S. The OCM office is closed from July 1st to August 4th.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The year 2025 was the 72nd year of operation of the Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni and was responsible for maintaining good and effective relations with the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

During the year, the Order received a new Exarchate, which was established in Austria. At the same time, two Bailiwicks were formed in Austria.

Despite the fact that the situation in the world, and in particular in Europe, is the most unstable since the end of the Second World War, the Order has been operating normally. Events have been organized in all the Exarchates and Autonomous Bailiwicks.

The OCM provided an annual charitable contribution to the Patriarchate of Alexandria. In addition, the government has continued to support the Sakiai orphanage in Lithuania. The government has continued to discuss about possible new charitable projects for the coming years.

The Chairman of the Council of the Order has been Leif Syrstad. The Council took responsibility for approving the budget proposal and the financial statements of the government.

The International Government, Chancellor Toivo Salmi, Vice Chancellor Nils-Jørgen Sørli, Secretary General Osmo Suominen, Treasurer Mika Pynnönen and members Andrew James McMenamin and Vassilis Yannakakos. The Board of Directors consists of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Secretary General and Treasurer.

The government directed the international work of the knighthood with the support of the Master. The Government has held 10 meetings, two of which were normal meetings (Helsinki) and the rest were either Teams or e-mail meetings.

During the year, the Master invited one new Honorary Member to the Order.

The Master promoted two Knight to Knight Commander Constantini Magni.

The government awarded the following awards: 7 MoMCM III awards, 2 MoMCM II awards, 3 MoMCM I awards, 1 CoMCM II award and 1 CoMCM I award.

The Master admitted new members to the Order from Austria, Finland, Greece, Norway, Sweden and US. The net increase in membership was + 11.

The membership state as of January 1st2026:

By January 1st2026 the numbers of all the members was 535 of which 35 were honorary members and 500 paying members.

	1.1.2023	1.1.2024	1.1.2025	1.1.2026
Honorary members	36	35	35	35
Exarchate of Finland	217	220	214	213
Exarchate of USA	79	81	81	83
Exarchate of Sweden	59	65	64	65
Hellenic Exarchate	39	40	42	40
Exarchate of Norway	21	22	27	28
Exarchate of Austria	34	35	38	47
Bailiwick of Germany	10	9	11	10
Bailiwick of Czech Republic	9	9	9	9
Diaspora	4	4	3	2

Unfortunately, the International Board has still had to accept a large number of resignations. This has happened at almost every Board meeting. The government would like to emphasize that the knight's oath is lifelong, and that when becoming a member, one must be aware of the responsibilities of the Order. This awareness should always come when a new member is accepted, and here the role of the recommenders is important. The role of the recommenders is also important in guiding the new knight into action. Nowadays, some members resign after a very short time, some even before promotion. In addition, the International Board once again expresses the wish that information about the dead would come more quickly. It is not appropriate that our Roster includes those who have left during this time.

Annual reports of the Exarchates and Bailiwicks of the Order were received almost everyone. Unfortunately, most units do not deliver detailed reports, although it is their duty to do so. As always, the numbers of meetings, activities and events, differs considerable in the different national units. Charitable projects are running. Among the charity projects, the Norwegian Exarchate's aid to Ukraine should be mentioned in particular. The Exarchate of Finland is also preparing a project called "Give the youth a future" to cover the entire Exarchate's area of operation.

Financially, the year 2025 was bearable. OCM's 2025 financial statement result was 7,103.33 euros positive. The reason for the positive result was that cost management remained at a reasonable level compared to previous years. Total income was more than 8,000.00 euros higher than in 2024, while expenses were more than double compared to the previous period due to an additional donation, higher administrative travel expenses and increased office expenses. In the 2025 financial year, the annual donation of 20,000 euros to the Patriarchate of Alexandria continued. The main focus of charitable work was still on the Sakiai project in Lithuania.

Two issues of the Constantinian News magazine were published, which can be read on the website.

The whole world is living in great uncertainty. There is war in Europe and the Middle East, war is also threatening Asia, and there is great unrest in America. The task of the Order in this "chaos" is to continue working for the benefit of human society. The Order - all of us members - must remember why the organization was founded in the first place and why we exist. Each member has his or her own role in our common work.

In addition to the above, we must also secure our future. That means recruiting new members. Here too, each member has his or her own role. Recruiting members is a matter for all of us. The role of the sponsors of a new member cannot be overemphasized. They are responsible for the initial stages of the new member's activities.

Promoting ecumenical thinking, promoting tolerance, building bridges between members working in the Exarchates and the autonomous Bailiwicks themselves, and charitable work are the four fundamental pillars of our activities. These must also be secured in the event of a division – the foundation of our work now and in the future.

The Government of the OCM

Toivo Salmi
Chancellor

Nils Jørgen Sørli
Vice Chancellor

Osmo Suominen
Secretary General

Mika Pynnönen
Treasurer

Andrew James McMenamin
Government member

Ordo Sancti Constantini Magni



Fiscal year 1.1.2025 - 31.12.2025

Statement of Operations	1.1.2024 - 31.12.2024	1.1.2025 - 31.12.2025
Revenues		
Annual fees	48 400,00 €	48 325,00 €
Entrance fees	4 500,00 €	12 600,00 €
Sales of decorations	195,00 €	2 375,00 €
Sales of other insignias	2 225,00 €	200,00 €
Sales of publications	0,00 €	0,00 €
Donations	0,00 €	0,00 €
Interest and other	10,00 €	0,00 €
Total Revenues	55 330,00 €	63 500,00 €
Expenditures		
Funds and Donations		
Contribution to Patriachate	-20 000,00 €	-20 035,00 €
Donations		-6 000,00 €
Transfer to Charity Fund	-25 000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
Transfer to International Convention Fund	-15 000,00 €	0,00 €
Funds and Donations total	-60 000,00 €	-36 035,00 €
Functional expenses		
Government meetings	-295,00 €	-395,30 €
Travelling costs to the meetings	-2 304,16 €	-1 172,40 €
Travelling costs to the investitures	-527,56 €	-3 136,55 €
Costs of International Convention	-405,00 €	0,00 €
Communcations (web, News, ect)	-613,15 €	-250,00 €
Office expenses	-1 461,19 €	-3 267,61 €
Financial costs	-222,85 €	-184,75 €
Functional expenses total	-5 828,91 €	-8 406,61 €
Other expences		
Other	0,00 €	0,00 €
Change of inventory	37 825,44 €	-11 955,06 €
Other expences total	37 825,44 €	-11 955,06 €
Total Expenditures	-28 003,47 €	-56 396,67 €
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	27 326,53 €	7 103,33 €



Balance sheet

Assets	31.12.2024	31.12.2025
Inventory		
Medals and Decorations	45 455,72 €	44 799,88 €
Insignias	3 341,68 €	20 665,25 €
Literature and other articles	210,64 €	210,64 €
Inventory total	49 008,04 €	65 675,77 €
Accounts receivable		
Annual fees	36 300,00 €	36 300,00 €
Other receivables	28 640,00 €	12 725,00 €
Accounts receivable total	64 940,00 €	49 025,00 €
Cash and Equivalents		
Bank Account	189 280,86 €	195 631,46 €
Cash and Equivalents total	189 280,86 €	195 631,46 €
Assets total	303 228,90 €	310 332,23 €



Balance sheet

Liabilities and Fund Balances	31.12.2024	31.12.2025
Fund Balances		
Charity Fund (CF)	46 960,00 €	61 960,00 €
<i>Transfer to CF</i>	25 000,00 €	10 000,00 €
<i>Donations</i>	-10 000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
Charity Fund total	61 960,00 €	61 960,00 €
International Convention fund (ICF)	34 517,00 €	49 517,00 €
<i>Transfer to ICF</i>	15 000,00 €	0,00 €
<i>Donation</i>	0,00 €	0,00 €
International Convention fund total	49 517,00 €	49 517,00 €
Fund Balances total	111 477,00 €	111 477,00 €
Excesses		
Excess from previous years	164 425,37 €	191 751,90 €
Excess/Loss of the year	27 326,53 €	7 103,33 €
Excesses total	191 751,90 €	198 855,23 €
Fund Balances and Excesses total	303 228,90 €	310 332,23 €
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	0,00 €	0,00 €
Liabilities total	0,00 €	0,00 €
Liabilities and Fund Balances total	303 228,90 €	310 332,23 €

In Tuusula
10.3.2026

Mika Pynnönen
Treasurer



The signing of the annual report for the

Fiscal year 1.1.2025 - 31.12.2025

The Government of the Order
25.3.2026 In the city of Helsinki

Toivo Salmi

Nils Jørgen Sørli

Osmo Suominen

Mika Pynnönen

Andrew J. McMenamin

COMING OCM EVENTS

Exarchate of Austria

3.10.2026 the Annual Assembly and Knights' Day of the Austrian Exarchate in Eisenstadt, capital of the Austrian State of Burgenland

Exarchate of Sweden

25.-27.9.2026 Knighting days 2025 in the city of Nyköping



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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.

100 v

Boddington Jack 11.10.

97 v

Pystynen Erkki 2.11.

95 v

Vikström John 1.10.

91 v

Vikström John 1.10.

94 v

Smokovitis Dimitris 6.10.

93 v

Palva Antti 28.11.

92 v

Korstad Jerry 23.7.

Haarni Jorma 20.7.

91 v

Hansen Göran 3.10.

Leimuvirta Olavi 26.11.

Keagy Richard H. 30.11.

85 v

Kero Pentti 23.7.

O'Neill Judy 25.7.

Nottberg Christer 1.8.

Soininen Kari 16.8.

Marttinen Erkki 17.8.

Pääkkö Erkki 26.8.

Svederberg Olof 30.8.

Kvist Hans-Olof 27.10.

Ehrnrooth Martti 2.11.

Johnson Mats 16.11.

Dr Warren Elies 16.12.

80 v

Riekkinen Ville 21.7.

Carlson Per Olof 10.8.

Vaiste Heikki 13.8.

Mikkola Tapio 20.9.

Rosenholm Jarl 20.11.

Davenport Peter 26.11.

75 v

Meade Charles 15.9.

Gårdström Keijo 9.8.

Høisæther Ole Rikard 9.8.

Nalls Charles 20.8.

Viitanen Markku 19.9.

Kakkonen Kyösti 7.12.

Fock Christian-Michael 24.12.

60 v

Klement Peter 5.8.

Grawelle John 9.8.

Manoudakis Evangelos 19.8.

Bauman Wolfgang 26.8.

Mollritz Karl 22.9.

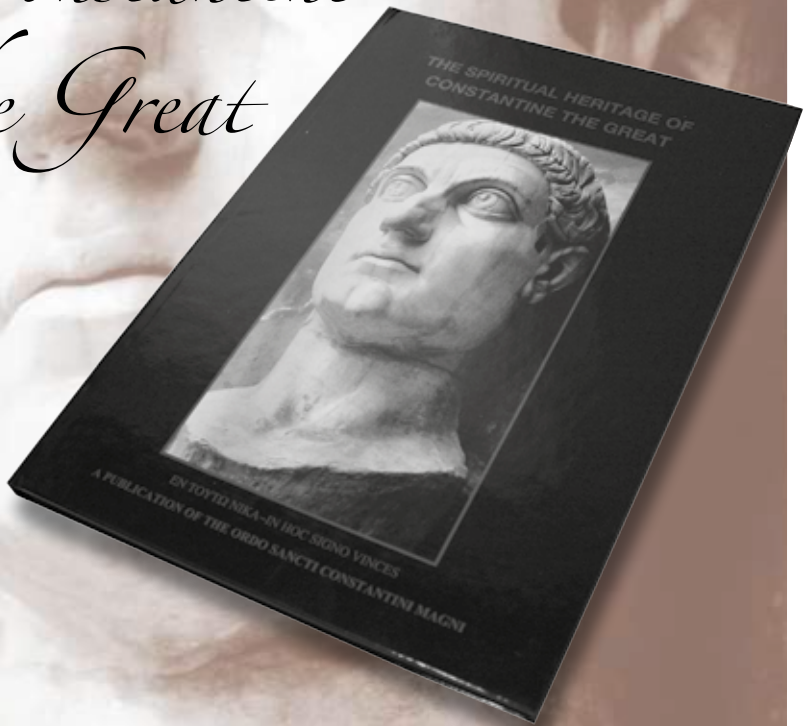
Valtanen Andreja 27.10.

50 v

Paris Stefan 25.12.



The Spiritual Heritage of Constantine The Great



is an OCM publication (2008) in regard to it's editorial content well estimated by several experts.

Every OCM member should read the book, which is also worth to be presented to many of your friends.

Price now: 10 Euro.

Available by treasurer Mika Pynnönen: treasurer@ocmonline.org