



NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDERS OF CONSTANTINE The GREAT AND OF SAINT HELEN

## 2010 Year in Reveiw

Helsinki, Finland

May 8, 2010

Under storm darkened skies, with the temperature plummeting to minus 5 degrees Celsius and snow covering the landscape, we invested three Dames into the Order of St. Helen and eight Knights into the Order of Constantine the Great.



*Standing: His Grace, Cadet Lauri Väisänen, H.E. Pertti Jalasvirta, Knight Alpo Porila, Knight Francis Camache, Knight Pentti Viitikko, Knight Miika Inkiläinen, Knight Seppo Sainio, Jaakko Tuominen, Knight Hannu Kivisalo, Knight Pentti Nykänen, Knight Erkki Lempiäinen, Kaarle Pieninkeroinen Sitting: , G.L. Ulla Rasimus, Lady Pia Viitikko, Lady Lotta Kopra, Lady Elena Lempiäinen*

Following the formal ceremony the Grand Priory of Finland presented two Scholarships to deserving young students. The gala event was held at the Hilton Strand Hotel in Helsinki, Finland. Under the Leadership of H.E. the Count of Pierrefont, Pertti Jalasvirta, Grand Prior for the Priory of Finland and Chancellor Sir Lauri Heiskanen, the Grand Priory of Finland continues to grow in membership, activities and in the vital area of fundraising.



H.G. Michael



Capt Mikko Kuokka receiving his Medal of Honour



Scholarship holder Itn Santtu Saarenkylä



# Brussels, Belgium

May 8, 2010

With special thanks to the leadership of H.G. le Duc de Valmont, Luc Chapelle, Grand Chancellor for the Benelux and H.E. le Marquis de Tremignon, Christian Decouvreur, a magnificent investiture was held in a 500 year Historic building on the fabled Grand Place, Brussels, Belgium on May 8, 2010.



The Grand Prior General was accompanied on this visit by Chevalier Dr. Tae Yun Kim, Sir Paul Cueva and his son Giovanni, as well as by a group comprised of two Dames and four Knights from the USA. During this evening we also inducted Chevalier Aldo Bianchi, Prior for Southern Italy into the Order. In addition, we visited the 2000 year old Roman City of Trier, in Germany.





Our first formal Investiture for the Priory of Oregon was held in Portland on June 25, 2010. In addition to serving as an event to draw attention to the recent establishment of the Order in the Pacific Northwest, the event served to provide funding to a major local charity dealing with autism. Five knights were brought into the Order during the formal portion of the program. The event was organized by H.G. Douglas Bailey, Prior of the Pacific Northwest Priory.

The Portland visit began with a lecture to the conferring knights. His Grace spoke on the virtues of knighthood, and the history of the Order of Constantine the Great and St Helen.



*Pictured from left to right: Jon Wilhelm, Sir John Quiroz, John Wennerholm, Sir Robert Keller, Dustin McBride and His Grace Michael Schmickgath.*



The festivities ended the evening with a wonderful meal, hip hopping music, dancing and fellowship was shared by all.





# A Celebration of Byzantine Pasadena, California

October 23, 2010

Thanks to the Creativity and efforts of Sir Galo and Lady Emperatriz Pesantes, ably assisted by Sir Mauricio Arocha, we enjoyed a great Investiture and Gala Dinner in the Grand Hall of the Pasadena Masonic Lodge on 23 October, 2010. Our Grand Chancellor, H.E. Michael Teilmann, Count of Esson, served as Master of Ceremonies as our Grand Prior General officiated. A special musical entertainment program featuring original classical crossover numbers was presented by Dame Szylwia Toth – who herself was inducted into the Order of Saint Helen that evening. In total we Invested two Knights, five Dames and a Squire into the Orders. A unique new fundraising program was instituted that evening as Sir Shepherd Clark displayed and offered his unique and wonderful collection of Gems and jewelry.

*Photos by Sir Richard Bergquist*





# Christmas Festival - Anaheim, California

December 11, 2010

Our Christmas party was held at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Lt.Col Jim Adiar for his great coordination of the event; Lady Szylwia for the delightful Christmas songs, and Sir Shepherd Clark for again bringing his wonderful display of Jewelry.



*Photos by Sir Richard Bergquist*

## Charitable Giving

With most special thanks to our Knights and Dames of the Priory of Finland and all of our members in the Grand Priory of the United States, we are pleased to announce that this past year, 2010, we have provided **\$25,156.00** to Charity. This is in the finest tradition of Knighthood, and fulfills our personal obligation to provide to those less fortunate.



Ability is defined by One's Birth and Action and not by Titles bestowed upon them.

*Michael, Duke of Gardham, G D G*