



Newsletter, April 2012

As many of you are aware, the Duke of Gardham had planned an official visit to Rome in late October, so that we might participate in the 1700th Anniversary of Constantine the Great's Victory and the establishment of the foundation of our Order.

We have been working with our Prior of Southern Italy, **Sir Aldo Bianchi**, to further develop this visit. Through Sir Aldo, I had the privilege and honor of meeting a distinguished Italian Prince who is the direct male descendant of the famed and sovereign **Lascaris-Lavarello Dynasty** (confirmed by the Italian Courts) and Grand Master of the Constantine Order of Cappadocia (among others.) I am requesting His Serene Highness's "Royal Patronage" for our Order. I have also asked that we attempt to "formally associate" with the other Orders who bear the name of Constantine. Associated together we can be a stronger and better Order Internationally, while maintaining our internal management, integrity and independence. As plans gel for the Rome event, we shall so advise.

Our Grand Priory in Finland and its operations in Estonia continue to flourish and achieve unprecedented success under the superb leadership of their **Grand Prior Pertti Jalasvirta, KGCI**. The Finnish priory's charitable support continues to provide scholarships for their nation's military cadets and more. H.E. Pertti has already set a date for their annual September Investiture in Helsinki, which is one of the highlights of the social calendar in that grand country.

The Order of Constantine's Prior of Canada has just received an honor from Her Britannic Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11. Sir James MacMillan-Murphy, of Victoria, British Columbia, has been honored with a formal commendation from Her Majesty in recognition of his continuing efforts assisting his nation's warriors and combat veterans. This has been one of Sir James' lifelong concerns as a combat veteran himself. Our sincere congratulations!

I thank each of you for your continuing support of this unique and honorable Order.

Yours in Chivalry,

Michael Teilmann, KGCI

Duke of Aswan

Count of Esson

Acting Grand prior General

