

RED CONVENT

In the Middle Ages, nun convents often had a bad reputation among the people, and “(nun) convent” was sometimes used as a synonym for a whorehouse. A brothel called the *Red Convent (Rotes Kloster)* operated in Tallinn on Müürivahe Street in the Middle Ages. It belonged to the city until 1430. In 1525, the brothel was closed due to a conflict with the Town Council.

CUSTOMERS OF PROSTITUTES

The contingent that communed with the prostitutes was predominantly from among the poorer part of the town or from marginalised social groups, such as soldiers, sailors, craftsman apprentices, casual workers, students, but also the town executioner, the drummer, and the undertaker. Tallinn’s Executioner, Master Antoni, was known to have been in Trinto Magdalen’s brothel on several nights. The executioner’s profession was despised and therefore it was difficult for him to find a wife. So it is not surprising that the executioner visited the harlots.