

# Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul

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## Confraternity News

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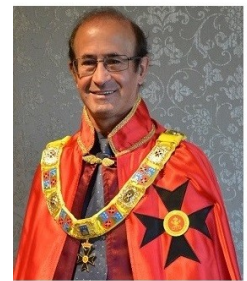
*In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.*

### Grand Master's Message

Blessings of the Lord.

Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity,  
Fraternal greetings one and all.

I trust that you are all well. In our prayers, we remember our members who need our prayers.



The month of April was a busy period for the Confraternity, on Good Friday, we donated a nice sum of money to the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital Appeal and on Sunday 30 th. April, 2023 we had our fundraising Luncheon, which was another success.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April, the chapter of Malta presented two volumes of the history of the Confraternity to the Mayor of Nadur, Cr. Dr. Edward Said. The presentation took place at the Town Hall. On Sunday 23 April, the chapter of Malta presented a donation to Fr. Mario Cassar a missionary priest in Kenya.

Now we are less than 2 months away from the feast of our patron saints Peter and Paul and we are already planning for that big event.

This year we are celebrating the feast of St. Peter and Paul with a Mass and investiture for the new members on 10 June. The Mass starts at 2.00 pm at St. Martin De Porres Church in Avondale Heights. The feast Luncheon is taking place on Sunday 11 June at 12.30 pm. at the Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre in Avondale Heights.

The celebration is being held early because I have to travel to Malta for the knights convention.

In the May newsletter we would like to know your plans for the celebration in your chapter.

Best regards.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master

# Message by the Chaplain Chevalier Rev. Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE

Grand Chapter of Melbourne



Dear Confraternity Members, Your Families and Friends:

The Easter Season is still with us until Pentecost Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

I was quite involved with St Oliver's Pascoe Vale and St. Paul's Coburg during Lent and the Easter Triduum helping both Parishes with Liturgies . It was a wonderful experience seeing so many of God's Holy People returning to the Church. Many of my brothers Priests shared the same experience . We still need to be careful regarding Covid-19, now that winter is approaching .

Pope Francis went to Hungary[26/27/28/29 April 2023] for a Pastoral visitation , specially the Ukrainian refugees stationed at the Hungarian borders. At his final Celebration of Mass for the whole Nation he spoke strongly about the Pastoral Role of Bishops, Priests, Religious, and Lay Leaders as Good Shepherds. Through the 3 Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, we are all called to be GOOD SHEPHERDS to one another.

How?: Gathers and Protects: Jesus warns us against “false shepherds “ who are really wolves dressed in sheepskin. The Good Shepherd [ Leader ] protects the Flock from these dangerous adversaries.

Listens : the good shepherd is willing to dialogue with the flock. “ practicing Synodality “ walking with them in their Faith Journey.

Leads: The good shepherd never threatens by force; he leads by example and invites people to follow. That is why Integrity and Consistency are essential Virtues for Pastors. People tend to follow Leaders whom they can Trust.

Sacrifices: A good shepherd genuinely cares for the flock and puts their well-being First. A good shepherd gives Time and Energy for them ( sacrifice). A good shepherd is not greedy or bent on self-enrichment .

Finally Pope Francis said: He follows CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD : St Paul wrote “ Imitate me as I imitate Christ” ( 1 Corinthians 1:11) and follows St. Peter's advice” Be the shepherd of the flock of God that is entrusted to you: watch over it, not simply as a Duty but Gladly, because God wants it” (1 Peter: 5-2)

I encourage you to pray daily for you Pastors, Religious, Lay Leaders.

May the Joy and the Peace of the Risen Lord fill your hearts.

Rev. Francis Buhagiar

Pastor Emeritus and Chaplain of the Confraternity of St.Peter and St. Paul



# GRAND CHAPTER OF MELBOURNE

Fundraising Luncheon

Sunday 30 April, 2023.

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne had a fundraising luncheon at the Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre in Avondale Heights.

It was another successful event. The food was fantastic and the music by J & C DUO was great. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to all the helpers, the members for their support and everyone who attended the event.

The next Luncheon is a Special one where we celebrate the feast to honour our Patron Saints Peter and Paul.

This year it will be held on Sunday 11 June.

Thank you to all involved for your dedication and love to others.

God bless.



*Group photo: Knights and Dames of the Confraternity at the fundraising Luncheon.*



*From left: Dame Mimma Sabatini, Dame Angela Greto, Chev. Saverio Greto, Chev. Alexander McPherson, Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, Chev. Mario Sabatini, Chev. Joseph Coleiro and Chev. Vincent Galtieri (sitting).*





*From left: Chev. Alexander McPherson, H.E. Chev. Mario Sabatini and Chev. Joseph Coleiro.*

*From left: H.E. Chev. Mario Sabatini and Chev. Michele Priscoglio*



*From left: Chev. Claudio Domma, Dame Connie Domma, Chev. Michele Priscoglio, Dame Caterina Priscoglio, Dame Nicolina Riitano, Dame Maria Camiolo and Dame Maria Andronaco*



*Emotional hug. It was nice to see H.E. Chevalier Deputy Grand Master Vincent Galtieri back at our function after some health issues.*



*There is a very old and famous saying, "behind every successful man, there stands a woman"*

*Thank you to Dame Mary Portelli for your work and support.*



## New Member on the Supreme Council of the Confraternity

In the meeting of Monday 24 April, 2023, Dame Franca Pellone was appointed a new Member on the Supreme Council.

Dame Franca Pellone will assist in the secretarial work when she is required.

Chevalier Alexander McPherson was appointed Assistant Secretary. His role is to take the minutes at the meetings when required and to assist the Secretary Dame Gail Vas.



*Dame Franca Pellone*



### The Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul



Dame Mimma Sabatini  
Treasurer  
Grand Cross



H. E. Chevalier Vincenzo Galtieri  
Deputy Grand Master



H.E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master



H.E. Chevalier Mario Sabatini  
Deputy Grand Master



Dame Angela Greto  
Arch grand Prior  
Grand Hospitaller



Dame Gail Vas  
Secretary  
Grand Councillor



Dame Teresa Mamone  
Grand Dame of Justice



Chevalier Sydney Vas  
Grand Knight of Justice



Chevalier Joseph Coleiro  
Grand Chancellor



Chevalier Fr. Francis Buhagiar  
Chaplain



Dame Eliza Pellicano  
Grand Dame of Justice



Chevalier Alexander McPherson  
Grand Knight of Justice



Dame Franca Pellone  
Grand Dame of Justice

# DONATION TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne donated \$1,000 to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2023.



## Thank you for making a difference!

Since 1931, the Good Friday Appeal has been dedicated to fundraising for The Royal Children's Hospital so that it continues to remain a world leader in paediatric care.

**We are delighted that Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter & St Paul has contributed to the ongoing success of the Good Friday Appeal by raising \$1,000.00 and helping kids live healthy lives and realise their full potential. Thank you!**

The funds you have raised support ground-breaking research, state of the art equipment and technology, family centred care programs and attracting and retaining the brightest minds.

The strength of the Good Friday Appeal lies in our dedicated community which is made up of generous people like you and the thousands of people who volunteer their expertise, time and talent to organise fundraising activities throughout the year. You can feel proud to be part of a long tradition of making a difference to the lives of children, their families and our healthcare heroes.

Visit our website to discover the big impact your donation is making on little lives at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cowan  
Executive Director, Good Friday Appeal

## TIES OF THE CONFRATERNITY



The Supreme Consul is very grateful to Mr. Ross Sabatini for the doing the artwork for us..

Thank you also to the Grand Chancellor Chevalier Joseph Coleiro who collaborated with the tie makers, now the ties has been ordered and should be ready soon.

The cost to purchase a tie is \$30 Australian dollars.

Plus postage for other countries.

The ties are strictly for the knights only.

## Nominations to the Confraternity in 2023

Grand Chapter of Melbourne

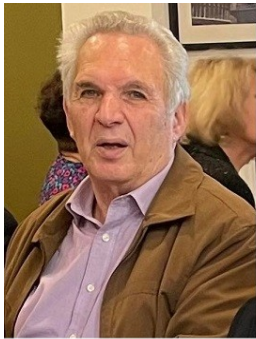
Connie Genua

Born on the 22nd of December 1958 in East Melbourne Victoria. Connie has been involved with clubs and associations such as Monte Lauro Social Club (youth group), Ferla Social Club, women's prison rehabilitation into society association, Food Bank, Circolo Pensionati Italiani in Kensington. Her current club is womens health group Fawkner /Campbellfield.



Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Giuseppe Bellino



President of the Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Brimbank and Secretary of the Circolo Italiani Pensionati di Fawkner

Grand Chapter of Malta

Chevalier Mario Coleiro OSJ

Chevalier Mario Coleiro is a knight of the Order of St. John in Malta. He is also a writer, publisher and TV presenter.



Chapter of Ireland

Emer Doyle



Emer Doyle is an additional needs assistant, qualified secondary school teacher. She supported her husband Chevalier Vincent Doyle, in establishing the church endorsed organisation, Coping International Ltd, aimed at helping marginalised children.



## Grand Chapter of Austria

Grand Prior Prof. Heinz-Peter Platzer

Nobel Prize Nomination for Economic Sciences in 2023



The Grand Master H.E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli appointed Professor Heinz-Peter Platzer as an Assistant to the Deputy Grand Master in Europe with the title of Lieutenant.

His role is to assist the Deputy Grand Master H.E. Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen in what ever is required.

We wish Professor Platzer success in his new role.

*“Thank you Excellency! I’m proud of the development in your order under your patronage...Again thank you so much! In respect, yours (Peter)“*



*Chevalier Professor Heinz-Peter Platzer with Henry Alfred Kissinger is an American diplomat, geopolitical consultant, and politician who served as United States Secretary of State and National Security Advisor under the presidential administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald*

*Chevalier Professor Heinz-Peter Platzer with Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev.*



## Grand Chapter of Malta

Donations to the Nadur Mayor Edward Said of the two volumes of the Confraternity

On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 two volumes 1 and 2 covering the 25 years of the Confraternity were presented to the Nadur Mayor Edward at the Nadur Local by the Grand Prior Joseph Meilak.

The Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul will hold the International Convention in Nadur, Gozo between 25 - 29 June, 2023.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master CKSPP Seat in Melbourne, Australia will be present.

This Convention is to be held in collaboration with the Nadur Local Council. Everyone is welcome.

Photo 1. From L. to R. Chev. Carmel Saliba Secretary, Chev. Joseph Louis Meilak Grand Prior, Edward Said Nadur Mayor, Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi Prior and Chev. Peter Ray Said Treasurer.

Photo 2 Volume 1 and 2 covering the history of 25 years between 1997 to 2023 of the Confraternity of St Peter and St Paul.



*From left: Chev. Carmel Saliba, Chev. Joseph Meilak. Cr. Dr. Edward Said ( Mayor ) Chev. Michael Camilleri cauchi and Chev. Peter Ray Said.*

*Photo by Chev. Carmel Saliba.*

## Grand Chapter of Malta

Sunday 23 April, 2023.

After the Sunday Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur, the Grand Chapter of Malta presented a donation of over 500 Euros to Fr. Mario Cassar a missionary priest in Kenya.

Thank you to our knights and dames in Malta for their contribution and their efforts to raise a nice sum of money for the poor in Kenya.

St. Peter and St. Paul were the first missionaries of Jesus, they went far and wide to preach the gospel.

Today our Confraternity is helping missionaries to reach out to preach the gospel and feed the poor.

God bless the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.





*From left: Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi, Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi, Fr. Mario Cassar, Chev. Joseph Meilak, Chev. Charlie Xuereb and Chev. Jonathan Vella.*

***Rays of light shines on the Risen Christ in the background.***



*Fr. Mario with bare foot kids in his parish.*



## Grand Chapter of Italy

Made in Italy

Thanks to the zeal of the Grand Prior Chevalier Nicola Mongelli, the Grand Chapter of Italy is making the mantles of the Confraternity.

Some of the artwork of the Confraternity is attributed to the professionalism of Grand Prior Nicola Mongelli.



Well done.



*Crest of the Grand Master artwork by Grand Prior Chevalier Nicola Mongelli.*



# CONFRATERNITY MEETING IN MALTA 2023

## PROPOSED PROGRAM

### **Sunday 25 June: 12.00pm Formal Lunch of the Confraternity**

**An opportunity to meet and mingle with the Members and friends of the Confraternity.**

**Menu: Maltese traditional Rabbit stew with spaghetti.**

**Dress: Formal with the medal.**

6.30pm. We will visit the parish of St. John the Baptist in the town of Xewkija for their feast.

### **Monday 26 June: 9.00am We visit historical places in Malta.**

**We will visit the Cathedral of St. John built by the knights of Malta in Valletta, the old city of Mdina and other places of interest.**

7.00pm. We will attend a Solemn Concelebration Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul.

9.30pm. March by the Mnarja Philharmonic Band with the artistic statue of the Giving of the Mission to Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

12.00am. The statue is placed on an artistic pedestal in December 13 Street. **Opposite our Office.**

Fireworks display.

### **Tuesday 27 June: 9.00am Mass for the Confraternity in the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul**

7.00pm We will attend a Solemn Concelebration Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul.

9.00pm Marches in the main streets with the statue of St. Peter and Paul afterwards the statue is placed on the pedestal in the main square.

Fireworks display.

### **Wednesday 28 June: 3.00pm Meeting of the Confraternity**

**Venue: Dar l-Imnarja" December 13 Street, Nadur, Gozo.**

**Investiture of the new members will take place.**

**Afterwards the Confraternity takes part in a procession with the Bishop and the Clergy from the church of the Sacred Heart to the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul and afterwards we attend to the vespers.**

9.00pm Fireworks display from the Council Garden and band marches in the main streets. 12.00am Fireworks display in the town square.

### **Thursday 29 June: 9.00am Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul. Pontifical Mass in the Basilica**

**We attend the Pontifical Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul.**

11.00am till 2.30pm Band marches in the main streets.

7.00pm. We will meet in the main square.

8.00pm Procession with the statue of St. Peter and Paul.

11.00pm End of the celebrations.

If you are planning the trip to Malta, we'll look forward to hearing from you.

To book your accommodation, contact Chevalier Peter

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*The Flag of the Confraternity flies opposite the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur, Gozo. Malta.*



## St. Timothy of Ephesus

Timothy of Ephesus was an early Christian evangelist and the first Christian bishop of Ephesus, who tradition relates died around the year AD 97 in Ephesus, Turkey. Timothy was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor, born of a Jewish mother who had become a Christian believer, and a Greek father.

Paul the Apostle, along with Barnabas visited Lystra several times, there he met a young disciple, Timothy.

Timothy served as Paul's representative to several churches.

### Reading 2

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.



The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

That's all I have for you for the month of April, 2023.

I hope that you find the newsletter interesting.

God bless you in St. Peter and Paul.

With every good wish.



Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master  
CKSPP  
Seat in Melbourne. Australia.