

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

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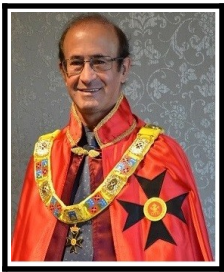
## Confraternity News

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*In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen*

## KEEP THE SPIRIT OF THE CONFRATERNITY ALIVE

### Grand Master's Message



Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity,

Fraternal greetings one and all.

The feast of the founder of the universal church, St. Peter and Paul is not that far away.

My question and that of the Supreme Council is what plans do you have to celebrate the solemnity of the feast?

Is the 29th June just another day?

I can understand that in some countries, one live hundreds of kilometers from the Prior but can one make an effort just once a year to meet as a chapter.

Perhaps you should attend Mass on the 29 June and offer the Mass for the members of the Confraternity who passed away.

It seems that the spirit of the Confraternity is barely alive. The enthusiasm that the members had when they became a knight or a dame has diminished.

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne is celebrating a Mass on Saturday 29 June to commemorate the feast of our Patron saints Peter and Paul, while on Sunday 30 June, we are having a luncheon as part of the celebrations.

The Grand Chapter of Malta is having their annual meeting and investiture on Friday 28 June and afterward they take part in a procession with the clergy and the bishop of Gozo from the church of the Sacred Heart to the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul and attend the vespers.

The Supreme Council and I would like to hear if you have any plans to celebrate the feast of St. Peter and Paul.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master

## **Grand Chapter of Melbourne**

28 April 2024  
Fund-raising luncheon.

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne, organized another fund-raising lunch. It was another success. The food was great and the music by J&C Duo was fantastic as always.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, even the kitchen hands came out to dance.

Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you to the helpers.

See videos here:

<https://www.facebook.com/100000140513828/videos/pcb.8181753008505968/735566175131171>

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### **Next is the feast of St. Peter and Paul**

Saturday 29 June 2024.

Mass at St. Martin De Porres Church in Avondale Heights. Mass starts at 2 pm.

Sunday 30 June 2024

Luncheon at the ICKA Club 7 Keilor Park Drive, East Keilor.

Time: 12.30 pm till 5.00.

Book early.



*The hall is set for the fund-raising luncheon*



*The helpers who set up the hall, enjoy a drink after the work is done.*



*Photo from left: Grand Chancellor Chevalier Joseph Coleiro. Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto, Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Deputy Grand Master Chevalier Mario Sabatini at the opening of the Luncheon*





*The Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presented a certificate of Appreciation to John and El ( centre ) for their contribution to the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. Dame Angela Greto and Chevalier Joseph Coleiro were also present during the presentation.*



*From left: Dame Mary Portelli, Elisa Oliva. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Chevalier Joseph Coleiro having a chat during the luncheon.*

## **Grand Chapter of Melbourne**

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul is proud to donate to the annual Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Our next Fund-raising Luncheon is on Sunday 30 June 2024 at the ICKA Club 7 Keilor Park Drive, East Keilor.

Support us to support the needy.

# THANK YOU



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

Thank you for your wonderful contribution of

**\$1,000.00**

to the 2024 Good Friday Appeal.

You helped us raise

**\$23,368,724**

for The Royal Children's Hospital.

**Rebecca Cowan**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## Grand Chapter of Malta Nadur Gozo.

### Rev. Fr. Krystof Buttigieg

Parish Administrator

Nadur Gozo, Malta.



The Bishop of Gozo His Excellency Mons. Anton Teuma appointed Fr. Krystof Buttigieg as Parish Administrator of the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul of Nadur.

Later this year, he will become the next Archpriest of the parish.

We wish him all the best in his new role as the head of the parish.

### Monsignor Rev. Jimmy Xerri

Archpriest of the basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul

Nadur Gozo, Malta.



The Confraternity send a letter of thanks to Archpriest Jimmy Xerri for his support to the Confraternity.

“Thank you dear Reverend Father Monsignor Archpriest Jimmy Xerri for your lifetime of service to the church and her peoples. As part of that service, you have supported the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul most generously, and we are most thankful to God for your support, and indebted to you for that great support. We have been blessed with your dedication to the Confraternity and its commitment to charity. Thank-you.

As you enter your retirement from Archpriest of the parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, may God

continue to abundantly bless you, and your continuing ministry. The Confraternity welcomes your continuing support into the future in its work and activities, and an ongoing contact with you.”

With every good wish.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master

Chevalier Joseph Coleiro  
Grand Chancellor

Secretary to the Grand Master H.E. Peter Paul Portelli



# CHEVALIER EDDIE VELLA

Honorary Chancellor  
Grand Chapter of Malta



Eddie Vella was born on the 4th of April 1945 at Nadur, Gozo. He attended the Nadur Primary School, St. Aloysius Secondary School in Birkirkara and the Gozo Lyceum. Eddie was employed at Malta University in 1964 and stayed in this post till his retiring age.



Eddie started his football career with Nadur youngsters FC in the 1960-61 season, at the age of 15. With the Whites of Nadur, he won the Galea Cup 3 times (twice as team Captain) and the ESSO Cup. He finished the club's top scorer in the 1963-64 and 1965-66 seasons. Eddie scored a total of 24 goals for the Youngsters.

During the same period that Eddie was a Youngsters player, he started playing for Valletta City. With Valletta City he continued to achieve more honours. He won a League Title, 1 Sons of Malta Cup, 1 F. A. Trophy and 1 Independence Cup. In the season 1968-69 he finished in joint top place for the 'MFA Footballer of the Year' award with Joe Cini. After Joe Cini was given the honour, Eddie was named as 'MFA Best Player in Div.1'. But Eddie Vella won the prestigious 'MFA Footballer of the Year' award in the 1974-75 season.

Eddie's successful career took him to become the first and only (up to now) Gozitan player to feature for the Maltese National Team.

His first international, Eddie donned the Maltese jersey for the first time in the 1-1 draw with Greece. He played against Switzerland (1-2) in 1970 and against West Germany (0-1) in 1974. He was part of the Malta team that made history when they won their first competitive match against Greece 2-0 in 1975. He also played 2 games against Bulgaria (0-5 and 0-2). Eddie played in 3 international friendly matches, vs Canada (2-0) in 1973, and twice vs Libya (0-1 and 0-0) in 1974. In 1969 he was part of the MFA XI against Tottenham Hotspurs (1-0) and in 1971 against USSR U/23 (0-3).



Eddie Vella remains the ONLY Gozitan player to win the 'MFA Footballer of the Year', the ONLY Gozitan to make it in the Malta National Team. Without any doubt Eddie is the most famed player ever to emerge from the Nadur Youngsters FC. The successes achieved do not make only Eddie proud, but also his hometown, Nadur, Gozo and the whole of Malta.

In 2012, Eddie Vella was nominated for knighthood to the Grand Chapter of Malta for his services to sports. Eddie Vella took the vow of a knight in the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, at the investiture ceremony of Friday, 14 December 2012. Chevalier Eddie Vella served as a Chancellor for several years. Chevalier Eddie Vella donated a lot of money to charity and made a lot of progress in the Grand Chapter of Malta. He is still very active in the Confraternity. As an appreciation for his leadership and contribution to the Confraternity, the Grand Chapter of Malta awarded Chevalier Eddie Vella with the title of Honorary Chancellor.



*Chevalier Eddie Vella presenting a donation to Fr. Douglas Al-Bazi of Baghdad, Iraq during the Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of the feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, 29 June 2015. His Excellency Bishop Mario Grech ( now H E Cardinal Mario Grech ) presided on the Pontifical Mass.*



Photo Carmel Saliba 28.6.23.

*Chevalier Eddie Vella standing third from left. 28 June 2023.*

## **CHEVALIER MONSIGNOR ROSARIO BORG**

Victoria Gozo Malta

By Chevalier Joe M Attard.



Monsignor Rosario Borg of the Gozo Cathedral was appointed knight to the then Order of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. Monsignor Rosario Borg was from Fontana, in Gozo Malta. Monsignor Rosario Borg spends most of his time at the Legion of Mary and is a great devotee of the Holy Eucharist. He organizes many hours of Adoration throughout Gozo. Not a day goes by that you don't see him on the streets of Rabat and Fontana visiting the sick in their homes.

A good and exemplary priest.

## Confraternity of Knights present books to Ghajnsielem Local Council

BY GOZO NEWS

APRIL 28, 2024



Volumes 1 and 2 covering the history of the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul from 1997 to 2022, have been presented to the Ghajnsielem Mayor Kevin Cauchi by the Grand Prior Joseph Meilak.

The presentation took place at the Ghajnsielem Local Council offices.

Those present were, from left to right, Chev. Peter Ray Said, Treasurer, Chev. Joseph Louis Meilak Grand Prior, Kevin Cauchi, Ghajnsielem Major, Chev. Carmel Saliba Secretary and Chev. Jonathan Vella Chancellor.

## Chapter of Western Australia

By Chevalier Nick De Luca



Chevalier Nick De Luca and Dame Nuccia De Luca took part in the Easter celebrations in the parish of St. Joseph in Bassendean Western Australia.

They took part in the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday.



*Chevalier Nick De Luca second from the right*

This is all I have for you in April.

Thank you for taking time to read the newsletter.  
It is always nice to hear from you.

With every good wish.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master  
CKSPP  
Melbourne Australia.

