



THE CONFRATERNITY HERALD

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Nam semper pauperes et infirmos - For the poor and the sick

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Message from the Grand Master

Dear Confreres,



In four weeks time I will arrive in Malta to make the final preparations for the Convention. This could be a trip of a lifetime for many of us, visiting Malta to meet with each other and spend some quality time together visiting places of interest and attending the celebrations of our venerable patron saints Peter and Paul.

We are going to walk on the same ground and visiting palaces of grand masters and knights who defended Christianity and defended Malta from the Ottoman Empire.

Forty six members and friends of the Confraternity from Melbourne, Portugal, Germany and Bulgaria are making the trip to join our colleagues in Malta for the Convention.

As knights and dames of the Confraternity, our main objective are the convention meetings where we meet and discuss issues to build a better organization to help the poor and the sick.

This is also a very important event for us, celebrating the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of our patron saints and joining the people of the parish of St. Peter and Paul of Nadur in Gozo, my birthplace for the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the basilica church.

Another important event for us is that we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the foundation of our Confraternity.

I hope that those who are not making the trip to Malta, will be with us in spirit, while we keep them in our prayers.

Yours in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Peter Paul Portelli

From Monsignor the Rev. Jimmy Xerri

Archpriest of Nadur



I am pleased we will be having such a presence of the Confraternity with us. I am looking forward to meeting you here. God bless your work. Fr. Jimmy Xerri.

Message from the Grand Chancellor and Personal Secretary to the Grand Master



Dear fellow confreres

Greetings and may you all be well. I look forward to meeting as many of you as attend Malta for the convention. As The Grand Master, H.E. Peter Paul Portelli wrote in this newsletter, this is a hugely historic meeting. There are dates that we can celebrate together, yet what H.E. is also emphasizing and I endorse is the unique opportunity for so many of us from wide parts of this globe to meet and catch up in person, network, and share our work in helping the poor and needy. In that spirit of confraternity, of collegiality, may I encourage as many as read this newsletter to consider

Chevalier Joseph Coleiro attending, and if not in person, then I exhort you all to be with us in spirit, in prayer for the success of the convention and safety of its delegates. I look forward to positive reports in our next newsletter; until then, be safe and continue your great work to support the less fortunate in the spirit of our patrons, Saints Peter and Paul, of Jesus's mother Mary and of course, of our Lord. At your service; yours in Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Chev J J Coleiro.



THANK-YOU FOR THE EASTER GREETINGS

I like to express my gratitude to those who reciprocated the Easter greetings.

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

THANKS-GIVING MASS IN GOZO



The Rev. Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins Prior and Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Portugal is celebrating a Thanks-Giving Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu in Gozo on Wednesday 28 June, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.





St. John Paul 11 at Ta' Pinu Shrine.

Grand Chapter of Germany

Monthly Report April 2017

The most outstanding event for the Grand Chapter of Germany of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul was the participation of a small delegation in the convention of the German Order of the Knights of St. Michael.

Especially for our Grand Prior, Dr. Lothar Gellert, the 22nd April was an important date. Before founding the German Grand Chapter of CKSPP, he committed himself to several functions in the Order of St. Michael and was now dubbed a knight.

Already on Thursday, most of the guests had arrived in Görlitz and met in the evening for a friendly get-together. For the following day, they were offered an interesting trip to the lovely town of Bautzen, whose history goes back to the Middle Ages and which is nowadays well-known for its rich production of a variety of mustards. The group had the opportunity to visit the Cathedral, St. Michael's Church, the town hall and a mustard manufactory.



On Saturday, the celebrations started with a church service, in which our new banner was presented for the first time on German ground by our Prior of Lower Saxony, Hans-Georg Pesch (next to him our Grand Prior in a private mantle).



After the traditional hoisting of the flags on the castle “Burg Landeskronen” the official ceremony began. Typical of the German Order of the Knights of St. Michael is that they keep old traditions alive. Therefore they do not only wear the mantle as a sign of identity but during their conventions, also medieval clothes, and the celebrations strictly follow medieval customs. So also the hierarchy of male members within in the order – from squire to knight – is carefully respected.

When being dubbed, the new knight chooses for himself the name of an extinct noble family to keep the good name of these former aristocrats alive. In the knightly world our Grand Prior, Lothar Gellert is allowed to call himself “Simon von Tecklenburg” from now on as homage to a respectable count who lived in his area in the 12th century.



After the official part of the convention, during which more men were “promoted“ in the Order of St. Michael and the collection for a children’s home in Görlitz resulted in a donation of 800 €, a delicious meal was served and throughout the evening friendships were cultivated and newly formed.

On Sunday, all knights and dames returned to their “castles”.

At home, our Grand Prior Lothar Gellert gratefully received a box full of plastic bottle tops, which the community of Brochterbeck had collected after our appeal to support the project “End Polio Now”. The organisation “Deckel Drauf”, to whom we will pass on these bottle tops, sells them to buy vaccines and fight polio in the poorest countries of the world. The inhabitants of Brochterbeck promised to continue their collection and we plan to spread the project in the near future.



In the last few days of April, some of our knights and dames, who are also members of the Corps Saint Lazarus International (CSLI), will go to Göttweig, Austria, to join the celebration of the investiture of the CSLI. Further information on this event will follow in the monthly report of May.

Text: Brigitte Gellert, Dame of Grace CKSPP

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CONVENTION 2017

These are the members who are making the trip to Malta for the Convention



Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Chev. H.E. Peter Paul Portelli- Grand Master
Chev. H.E. Vince Galtieri - Deputy Grand Master
Chev. Fr. Manuel Sunaz - Chaplain
Dame Angela Greto - Grand Prior International
Chev. Joseph Coleiro - Grand Chancellor
Dame Domenica Sabatini - Treasurer
Dame Gail Vas - Secretary
Chev. Mario Sabatini
Chev. Sydney Vas.
Chev. Saverio Greto
Dame Mary Portelli
Dame Anna Maria Andronaco
Dame Teresa Di Mauro
Dame Domenica Gagliardi Centofanti
Dame Nicolina Riitano
Chev. Paolo Tartaglia

Carmen Galtieri
Maria Tartaglia

Grand Chapter of Germany

Chev. Prof Dr. Lothar Gellert - Grand Prior
Chev. Dr. Gerhard Ficker - Deputy Grand Prior
Dame Brigitte Gellert
Chev. Christian Daume
Dame Alice Daume
Chev. Peter Michael Neuen
Dame Gabriele Neuen
Chev. Bernhard von Leimer
Chev. Jo Bal

Professor Dr. Mechthild Ficker-Glaser

Grand Chapter of Portugal

Chev. Paulo Martinho - Grand Prior

Chapter of Bulgaria

Chev. Boyan Vasilev Vladimirov
and Candidate.

For the Translation of the Relics 28 June

Grand Chapter of Portugal

Chev. Jose Ferreira Coelho - Deputy Grand Master
Chev. Fr. Antonio Martins - Chaplain and Prior
Mrs. Jose Ferreira Coelho.
Henrique José Carvalho Ruas
Casimira da Conceição Pereira Ruas

U.S. - New Knight

The Supreme Council of the Confraternity in its meeting of Monday 1 May, 2017, appointed Dillon Sweeney as knight for the youthful chapter of Kentucky. Congratulation and we hope that he serve God and His people.



Chevalier Dillon Sweeney

BLACK CROSS MEDAL FROM GERMANY



One now can purchase a Black Cross medal from Germany for a low price of 5.80 € plus postage and handling.

This is strictly for knights and dames of the confraternity only. You can contact the Grand Prior Chevalier Prof. Dr. Lothar Gellert to order your medal. Email: CKSPP_Grosskapitel_DE@gmx.org

Lapel pins are now available too for a low price. 2,33€

Certificates of Participation in the Conventions 2017

The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli on behalf of the Supreme Council will present certificates to the members who attend the Convention in Malta.

Certificates to commemorate the occasion will be given to the friends of the Confraternity who make the trip to Malta to celebrate with us and to the leaders of the church in Malta and Gozo.



This is all I have for you today. I hope that this newsletter finds all well.
We pray for our members who are no longer with us and those who needs our prayers.
We pray for the recent passing of Dame Carmen Testa of the Grand Chapter of Melbourne.
May she rest in Peace.

God bless you in St. Peter & St. Paul

Yours faithfully



Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master