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Christmas Greetings



Hallelujah. This is all what it counts today, the birth of our Lord Baby Jesus. Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords.

Message from the Grand Master

Dear Confreres and friends of the Confraternity,



Today we are celebrating the nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The nativity of Baby Jesus “ Christmas “ .

For many people, Christmas brings with it joy for young and old, all over the world. Decorations in the home, the shops and the streets, carol singing, presents, family gatherings and the Christmas Mass, makes it the best celebration of the year.

For us the knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, Christmas should be a time to visit the sick and the lonely, a time to give a smile and a hug to those who are suffering in silence.

Christmas time is also a sad time for people who mourn a love one who passed away during the year. We remember them in our prayers.

Knighthood is not about titles and dress ups, we all have a commitment to do our part to visit people at an old age homes or in hospitals.

Most importantly we all have a commitment to the Confraternity to keep in contact with the local prior and the Supreme Council through the Grand Master.

On behalf of my wife Dame Mary Portelli and the Supreme Council, I wish you all a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year 2018.

God willing we meet again in Malta and Portugal in June, 2019.

May the Lord baby Jesus bless us all.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master



Greetings from H.E. Msgr. Emanuel Barbara OFM Cap. Malindi – Kenya

Your Excellency,



I would like to join with the rest of the members of your Confraternity to wish you and all the members a very fruitful Christmas and a New Year full of God's blessings. May I also reiterate our heartfelt thanksgiving for your support towards our Pope Francis Rescue Home. May God bless you all together with your families and dear ones.

+Emanuel Barbra OFM Cap.
Bishop of Malindi, Kenya

Greetings from Portugal



God bless the Confraternity and the Grand Master of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Yours faithfully in Christ the Lord.
Chevalier Jose M Ferreira Coelho - Deputy Grand Master



Greetings from Chevalier Sydney Vas

Melbourne - Australia

Dear Grand Master



Secretary Dame Gail Vas and Chevalier Sydney Vas.

Thanks for the interesting Newsletter for November 2017.

Now for your Christmas Greetings issue I would like to convey my and my daughter's Dame Gail's Greetings to the you and Dame Mary Portelli and family and to the whole Confraternity throughout the world; many of whom we had the good fortune of personally meeting at the recent Festive celebrations in Malta, for a Holy and Happy Christmas and all the very best in the New Year 2018. May it be a year of pleasant surprises and good fortune for each one and their families and friends. May the Infant Jesus and His blessed Mother and Foster father Joseph, bless each one of you.

Cav. Sydney Vas & Dame /Secretary Gail Vas.

Greetings from Sicily



Tanti auguri di Buon Natale 2017 e Felice Anno 2018 unitamente ai saluti cordiali e la massima stima.
Prof. Chevalier Antonio Ssciortino. – Prior of Sicily

Best wishes for merry Christmas 2017 and Happy New Year 2018 together

With cordial greetings and the highest esteem.

Prof. Chevalier Antonio Ssciortino. - Prior of Sicily

Greetings from the New Zealand



We hope all confreres and consoeur enjoy this Holy Season. It is a time to be with family and friends and also to give thought to others especially the disadvantaged.
Best wishes to all,
Chevalier Nick Pacey KC CKSPP

Greetings from Cyprus



I wish all of the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year.
May you all be successful in your endeavours.

Chevalier Francis Haggerty, KCPP

Greetings from Spain

Saludos fraternales y respetuosos, desde Barcelona.



Felices fiestas de Navidad Y Ano Nuevo 2018.

Paz Salud y Felicidad, para todos.

Muy Fraternalmente

Fraternal and respectful greetings, from BARCELONA.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2018.

Peace, Health and Happiness to all.

Fraternally Yours

Chev. Frei. José Luis TRILLO Checa

Greetings from Germany



Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr 2018 wünscht das Großkapitel Deutschland der Bruderschaft der Ritter von St. Peter & St. Paul

The Grand Chapter of Germany of the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter & St Paul wishes to everybody Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018

Prof Dr. Lothar Gellert
Großprior/Grand Prior

The Christmas story



Mary and her husband-to-be, Joseph, lived in a town called Nazareth. But they had to travel to the city of Bethlehem to register for a census ordered by the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. Both Nazareth and Bethlehem are in the country now called Israel. It is about 65 miles (105 km) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the trip probably took them several days.

When Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay because the inn was already full. They ended up

spending the night in a stable, a place where animals were kept. There was probably fresh hay on the floor that they used for beds.

That night, Jesus was born. There was no crib, so they laid baby Jesus in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. The manger probably had fresh hay in it and made a nice bed for the baby.



Jesus was born in a stable and laid to sleep in a manger. The shepherds came to see firsthand the things the angel had told them.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks of sheep. An angel appeared to them and gave them the good news that a Savior, the Messiah, had been born. The angel told the shepherds they could find Jesus lying in a

manger. Suddenly a whole group of angels appeared saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

The shepherds hurried into Bethlehem and found Jesus in the manger, just as the angel had told them. After they had seen Jesus, they spread the news, and everyone who heard was in awe.

This is all I have for you.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul



Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master

Seat in Melbourne – Australia.