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

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Greetings.

Message from the Grand Master



The year is going fast and soon it will be June to celebrate the Solemnity of our Patron Saints Peter and Paul. In February the Grand Chapter of Melbourne was invited to take part in the feast of St. Paul in the parish dedicated to St. Paul in West Sunshine. The Parish Priest of that church is our own Chaplain Fr. Manuel Sunaz.

June is approaching very quick and I would like to see some members take part in the celebration in their local parish.

Others can do some good deed around the 29 June, the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul by donating something to the needy in their parish or hospital.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master

GRAND CHAPTER OF GERMANY

NEW GRAND PRIOR



Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen Grand Prior.

On the Liturgical feast of the Chair of St. Peter 22 February, 2018 the Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli appointed Chevalier Peter Neuen as the new Grand Prior for Germany.

Chevalier Peter Neuen accepted the Office of Grand Prior immediately after the resignation of Lothar Gellert.

Born in Kettwig Germany Grand Prior Peter Neuen is a Roman Catholic.

During the convention in Malta the former grand prior Lothar Gellert and most of his members didn't agree on few rules that were adopted by the delegates from Portugal, Bulgaria, Malta, Melbourne.

These are the rules that Lothar Gellert had issues with:

Some of the Knights and Dames /Brothers and Sisters came to the conclusion that the restricted rules set up by the Supreme Council and by the Grand Master concerning

- the conditions for acceptance of new applicants.
- the connections to the Catholic church
- the question concerning persons and organization we would like to get in contact with.

These issues that Lothar Gellert and his members had problems with, have been taken into account, so in the future applicant who wish to join our Confraternity must pledge total obedience to the Grand Master, the Supreme Council and the rules that governs our Confraternity.

I am glad that Chevalier Peter Neuen accepted the office of Grand Prior to rebuild the Grand Chapter of Germany with good Catholic members. Dame Gabrielle Neuen, Chevalier Michael Drebs and Sister Angie Rister also remain loyal to the Grand Master and the Supreme Council.



Grand Prior Chevalier Peter Neuen and Dame Gabrielle Neuen in the Sacred Heart Church in Nadur, Gozo. 28 June, 2017.



Chevalier Michael Drebs and Sister Angie Rister

Helping the needy in Gran Canaria

By Chevalier Michael Drebs

Germany.

Chevalier Michael Drebs and Sister Angie Rister help the needy at the Catholic Parish in San Fernando in Gran Canaria. They collected more than 50 kg of new clothing for poor and distressed people in the community.

Some of them are donations. We have donated another part ourselves.

We have been doing these actions for more than 6 years. The whole thing is headed by Angie, who has good relations with the locals.

This time we passed on the clothing to Senora Carmen Fuentes, which has good contacts to the church and has passed the things to the senior pastor.

At the end of March there is the next action.



Photo: Sister Angie Rister with the donated goods.

Do not forget to visit our website: <http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com/>

Painting by Chevalier Adonai Camilleri Cauchi



Inaugurated the ceiling painting of the dome at the church of St. Mary of Jesus in Rabat Malta. Chevalier Adonai Camilleri Cauchi was commissioned by the Franciscan Friars to paint this opera. This was one of personal challenge and an honour for him to paint such a huge work of art.

Congratulations.

Artistic family



From left: Chevalier Adonai, Dame Veronica and Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi.

Piece of art

This piece of art depicts St. Paul's Shipwreck in Malta, which is venerated at the Collegiate Church in Valletta.

Thanks to Antoinette and Mario Camilleri for donating the picture to the Confraternity.

Hopefully one day this lovely frame finds its place in our headquarters.



Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Piazza S. Pietro

Galatina

Province of Lecce in Apulia, southern Italy



Soaring majestically above the heart of the old historic centre of [Galatina](#), covered with its original basalt, the overshadowing church of St. Peter and St. Paul is among the most important churches in the territory, dedicated to the two patron saints of the town. Built in Lecce stone, the late-Baroque church with its spectacular façade, captivates with its rococo triumph of friezes, niches and stone statues. The interior walls are covered with frescoes, among which stands out the one the vault, of the late 19th century, depicting episodes from the life of St. Peter. The rich sacred furnishings boast splendid altars in polychrome marble, like the one in the large old chapel of the sacrament, from the second half of the 17th century, where stands the statue of the

Virgin Mary. Of particular value are also the paintings in the church and the sacristy, such as the Washing of the Feet, Jesus walking on water, and the Apparition of the Christ to Peter. Not far away from the church stands the ancient chapel of St. Paul, used for the Greek orthodox rites until the late 15th century, with its Miraculous Well, whose water, according to the legend, had the propriety to heal the women bitten by the tarantola spider.

We must become 'new men,' Archbishop Chaput says

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb 4, 2018



[\(CNA/EWTN News\)](#).- At the Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia challenged more than 1,300 men to remember how masculinity was lived in the past by faithful Christian men.

“We’re here to recover what it means to be men, and especially how to live as Christian men of substance and virtue,” he said at the Feb. 3 conference in Phoenix.

The conference was themed “Into the Breach,” after a recent pastoral letter from Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix, who released his new book “Manual for Men” at the event.

Among the event’s speakers were Father Sean Kilcawley, Diocesan Director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Lincoln; Hector Molina, an international Catholic speaker; and Terry Kennedy, former All-Star Major League Baseball catcher.

Chaput said that history plays an important role in Christian culture. “Just as memory anchors each person’s individual story, history plays the same role for cultures, nations and communities of faith. History is our shared memory. ... A community dies when its memory fails,” he said.

Pointing to the Poor Brothers of the Order of the Temple of Solomon, The Knights Templar, Archbishop Chaput expressed the need for men to remember the order's courageous commitment to charity, truth, and chastity.

The Knights Templar began 900 years ago, after the First Crusade recaptured Jerusalem from Muslim rule in 1099. The religious community was established to defend pilgrims journeying on the roads near Jerusalem, protecting them from Muslim raiders and highway criminals who robbed, raped, killed, and kidnapped, Chaput said.

"As warriors, the men had skills," he explained. "The men had taken vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. And their first task, under obedience, was to patrol the roads."

Archbishop Chaput said this was a "new knighthood," different from those medieval knights who were "heavily armed male thugs – men obsessed with vanity, violence, and rape."

The church took knighthood and made it into something holy, he said, noting that while some men didn't live up to Knights Templar ideals, most embraced the prayer, courage, and chastity the order called for.

"[Knighthood] provided the animating ideal at the core of the Templars: to build a new order of new Christian men, skilled at arms, living as brothers, committed to prayer, austerity, and chastity, and devoting themselves radically to serving the Church and her people, especially the weak."

Christianity is still a "fighting religion," said Chaput, borrowing the phrase from C.S. Lewis, because "living the Gospel involves a very real kind of spiritual warfare."

"Our first weapons should always be generosity, patience, mercy, forgiveness, an eagerness to listen to and understand others, a strong personal witness of faith, and speaking the truth unambiguously with love," he added.

The archbishop said "Christian equality" understands "the reality of the differences and mutual dependencies of real men and women."

"As men, we're hardwired by nature and confirmed by the Word of God to do three main things: to provide, to protect, and to lead – not for our own sake, not for our own empty vanities and appetites, but in service to others."

How do men reclaim Christian masculinity?

Chaput said men must become the living proof of what the church teaches: "the personal example of her saints."

"Do love the women in your life with the encouragement, affection, support and reverence they deserve by right. Do be faithful to your wife in mind and body. Do show courtesy and respect to the women you meet, even when they don't return it. Finally, those of you who marry, do have more children, and do invest your time and heart in them."

He condemned the recent sexual harassment scandals involving celebrities as the "symptom of an entire culture of unhinged attitudes toward sex. Women are right to be angry when men treat them like objects and act like bullies and pigs."

But a change in culture will only come through changes of the heart, he said, when a man "discovers something to believe in that transforms and gives meaning to his life; something that directs all of his reasoning and desires. In other words, when he becomes a new man."

"A real reform of male behavior will never come about through feminist lectures and mass media man-shaming by celebrities and award ceremonies. ... A man's actions and words change only when his heart changes for the better."

"So my prayer for all of us today is that God will plant the seed of a new knighthood in our hearts – and make us the kind of 'new men' our families, our Church, our nation, and our world need," concluded Archbishop Chaput.

Conclusion

That is all I have for you today.

As always, I hope that you find this newsletter a good reading.

Remember, it is the duty of each and every one of us to remember the sick and the lonely in our daily prayers, especially our own brothers and sisters in the Confraternity.

St. Peter and St. Paul pray for us and protect the Confraternity.



Painting in the Basilica of Nadur, depicting St. Peter and St. Paul protecting the church in Rome.

The pope who persuaded Attila the Hun to spare Rome

St Leo, Pope Leo I from 440 to 461

Leo's strength of personality was also evident in his confrontations with secular power. In 452 he encountered Attila the Hun near Mantua, and persuaded him not to proceed to the sack of Rome. Again, in 455, he met the Vandal Gaiseric outside the walls of Rome and succeeded in preventing the city's wholesale destruction.

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

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master.