

# 2015

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Thank you for your wonderful contribution of  
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Anne Randall  
Executive Director

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## **Presentation to Fr. Douglas Youssif Bazi of Iraq, 2015**

On Monday 29 June 2015, the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur, Gozo Malta. The Chancellor Chev. Eddie Vella presented a generous donation of 1,100 Euros to Fr. Douglas Youssif Bazi of Erbil, in Northern Iraq. The presentation was made on behalf of the Grand Chapters of Melbourne, Austria, Malta, the family of Chancellor Eddie Vella and the Grand Master H.E. Peter Paul Portelli. Fr. Douglas Youssif was a guest of the Parish of Nadur for the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.



*Photo: Chevalier Chancellor Eddie Vella presenting a donation to Fr. Douglas Youssif Bazi after the Pontifical Mass.*

## 2015 - New Chapter of North Carolina - USA

At its meeting on Monday, 28 December 2015, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul officially approved establishing a new Chapter in North Carolina.

The Supreme Council appointed Chevalier H.G. Archbishop Andrew McMenamin as Grand Prior for the Grand Chapter of the USA.



*Chev. H.G. Archbishop Andrew  
McMenamin*

# Letter from the Vatican



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

From the Vatican, 13 November 2015

Dear Mr Portelli,

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of 28 September last, addressed to the Holy Father, informing him of the foundation and work of the Confraternity of the Knights of Saints Peter and Paul. He is grateful for the devoted sentiments that prompted you to write to him.

In regard to your request concerning the venue and manner of the investiture of the confraternity's members, I would invite you to follow the guidelines as suggested by the local bishops in the dioceses where your group is present.

Assuring you and your loved ones of a remembrance in the Holy Father's prayers, I am

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor Peter B. Wells  
Assessor

Mr Peter Portelli  
49 Botanic Drive  
Hillside  
Melbourne, Vic 3037



# 2016

## 2016 – Year 20

### The beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Year

Having been formed in 1997, 2016 marked the beginning of the year leading to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confraternity in June 2017. HE the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli, and the Grand Chancellor and his Personal Secretary Chev Joseph Coleiro commenced planning for the Convention of the Confraternity to take place in Nadur, Gozo, Malta in late June (23<sup>rd</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> see below) 2017.

As part of those preparations, travelling to Malta in September 2016, Chev. Coleiro met with members of the Confraternity including Chev. Eddie Vella, the Grand Prior for Malta, and visited key sites to be visited by members of the Confraternity attending the Convention in 2017.



These included the Grand Hotel, then planned as a venue for parts of the Convention and the basilica in Nadur, and met with some aspirants.

*L to R: Chev. Eddie Vella and Chev. Joseph Coleiro on ferry to Gozo*

**2016 - The new Neck Medal** After considerable work and research, including into the colour of the ribbon, carried out by H.E. the Grand Master Peter Portelli, and the Grand Chancellor Chev Joseph Coleiro, the design for the new neck medal that had started in 2015, was finalized. Following a global search, a manufacturer was selected. One candidate company for the manufacture of the medal who is a long-experienced maker of the official State medals issued by government, described the medal as the most intricate and challenging medal in his experience. The medal production started in, and it was launched in, 2016.



*L to R Chev Joseph Coleiro, Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto, and the Grand Master H.E. Peter Portelli checking the prototype*

## 2016 – The Grand Master new neck chain

As part of changes to the regalia worn by members, the decision was made the Grand Master should wear a chain of office. This is a personalized chain.

The design includes the neck medal with a chain having alternate shields one bearing the crest of the Confraternity and one being quartered with the Confraternity Cross and the Maltese family name crest for Portelli – being the crest of H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli.



*HE Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli with the Chain of Office*

## 2016 – Changes to tunic for Grand Chancellor

In 2016, H.E. the Grand Master decided to change the tunic of the Grand Chancellor and set out with Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto (the seamstress who attends to all the robes in Australia) to design and issue a one to the Grand Chancellor and his Personal Secretary who was also elevated to Knight Commander of Justice, in advance of the 2017 Malta Congress. This was first worn at the 2017 Congress in Malta.



The Grand Chancellor at the Malta Congress with two newly admitted members of the Confraternity in Malta in June 2017:

L to R – Dame Virginia Coleiro, Grand Chancellor Joseph Coleiro, and Chev Carmel Coleiro outside the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Nadur, Gozo.

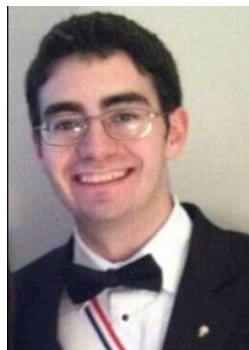
## **2016 – Four New Chapters in the United States of America**

At its meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul officially approved the new chapters for the USA States of Louisiana, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

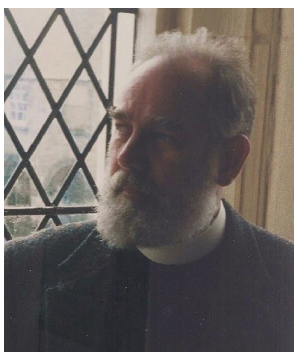
The Supreme Council appointed Mgr. Copeland, Mr Whisman, Bishop Espositio, and Bishop Mills to these Chapters, respectively.



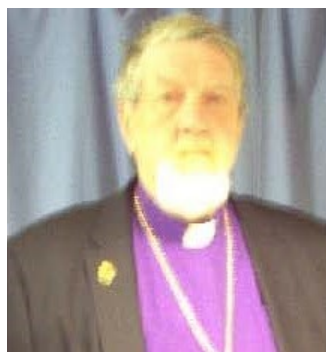
*V.R. Msgr. Joshua Copeland  
Prior of Louisiana*



*Matthew Whisman  
Prior of Kentucky*



*H.G. Bishop Kyrill Esposito  
Prior for Illinois*



*H.G. Bishop James Mills  
Prior for Pennsylvania*

## **2016 - New Chapter of Armenia**



At its meeting on Monday 1st February 2016, the Supreme Council also officially approved the new Chapter of

Armenia. The Supreme Council appointed Mr Sahak Antanesyan as Knight and Prior.

*Chev. Sahak Antanesyan, Prior.*

## **2016 – Holy Relics of St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday, 10 April 2016 was a most historic day for the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul when the Holy relics of St. Peter and St. Paul arrived at the Seat of the Confraternity Melbourne, Australia.

The historic presentation of the Holy Relics of St. Peter and St. Paul took place at the Parish Church of St. Peter Chanel in Deer Park, Melbourne, Victoria. Many Knights and Dames took part in the celebration of the Mass.

The church was full of worshipers for the occasion. After the Holy Communion Fr. Manuel Sunaz, Parish Priest of Deer Park, was invested as Knight of Honour and Chaplain of the Confraternity in Melbourne.

After the blessing everyone was invited to kiss the Holy Relics of St. Peter and St. Paul. The Holy relics of St. Peter & St. Paul were obtained through the kindness of the good Franciscan Nuns, the Poor Clares of St Francis. The Grand Chapter of the Philippines and the Grand Prior Chev. Ramon Moreno have been helping them rebuild and repair their old monastery and in gratitude they obtained the Holy Relics through their Monastery in France.

God has his ways for the hundreds of years old relics to be given as a gift to the Seat of the Confraternity in Melbourne.



*Fr. Manuel Sunaz. CMF (on left)*

500 dollars (Australian) were collected for Caritas in the Philippines. The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul donated further money.

Our gratitude to Grand Prior Chev. Ramon Moreno for this gift.

Chev. and Confraternity Chaplain Fr. Manuel Sunaz said afterwards:

***I am happy to be your Chaplain and Knight in the  
Confraternity.***

***Please guard well the relic of St. Peter and St. Paul as it  
carries with it a great history and traditions through the  
hands of many holy men and women.***

***May its presence in the Confraternity wake up the zeal in  
each one of the members.***

***May the Risen Lord bless you all.***





*Group photo with Chev. Fr. Manuel Sunaz Chaplain of the Confraternity.*





## 2016 – New Chapter for Scotland



At its meeting of 5th May 2016, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul approved to open a chapter in Scotland. The Supreme Council appointed Mr Eddie Halstead as Knight and as *Prior Chev. Eddie Halstead* Prior

for Scotland.

## 2016 – Investiture for the Chapter of Spain



At its meeting of Thursday, 5th. May, 2016 the Confraternity's Supreme Council approved to admit Jose Luis Trillo of Barcelona as a Knight in the Chapter of Spain. His role will

*Jose Luis Trillo*

be to build the Chapter of Spain humble and with honest, caring leaders of the community.

## **2016 - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul**

The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul was commemorated by the Grand Chapter of Melbourne on Saturday, 2nd June with a Dinner Dance.

The celebration was held at Club Italia, North Sunshine, Victoria. The program commenced with a procession in the hall by:

- Knights of the Black Cross represented by Chev. Vincenzo Schirripa and Pasquale Barbaro,, followed by
- Knights of the Order of St John of Jerusalem - Knights Hospitaller (London) represented by Chev Dino De Marchi KCSJ RFD, Vice Chancellor of the Victorian Priory followed by
- Knights and Dames of the Confraternity of the Knights of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Music was provided by DJ Reno Spiteri and the Maltese United Brass Band.

In recognition of his service to the needy, H.E. Chev Portelli was installed as a Friend of the OSJ by Chev De Marchi RFD KCSJ.



*Photo of the Dinner Dance with on the left the Grand Chancellor Chev Joseph Coleiro and next to him, the guest from the OSJ (Chev De Marchi) and on the right, the HE Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli and two members of the Order of the Black Cross.*



*The Knights and Dames of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul with Chevalier Dino De Marchi KCSJ on the left of the picture, Dame Patricia Coleiro DSJ third from left, HE the Grand Master Peter Portelli fourth from right and the Grand Chancellor Chev Joseph Coleiro KCJ CKSPSP, second from right.*

On Sunday the Knights and Dames of the Grand Chapter of Melbourne attended a Solemn Mass at St. Martin De Porres in Avondale Heights, Victoria.

Fr. Ivano Burdian (Provincial Superior) of the MSSP celebrated the Mass. After Holy Communion Paolo Tartaglia President of the feast of *Madonna delle Lacrime* was invested as a Knight in the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul.



*Group photo with Fr. Ivan Burdian after the Mass*

## **2016 – HE the Grand Master made a Friend of the Order of St. John**

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller (London)'s Priory of Victoria represented by its Vice-Chancellor Chev Dino De Marchi RFD KCSJ, presented the Grand Master of the Confraternity H.E. Peter Paul Portelli with a certificate and lapel pin installing him as a Friend of the OSJ, recognizing his service to the needy and signaling the growing cooperation between the Confraternity and OSJ.



*Pinning the lapel pin*



*Left - HE Peter Portelli and Chev. De Marchi KCSJ*





*From L to R:*

*Chev. Joseph Coleiro Grand Chancellor KCJ CKSPSP;  
Chev. De Marchi RFD KCSJ Vice-Chancellor OSJ Priory of  
Victoria, Australia; and H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul  
Portelli*

# Grand Chapter of Malta

## DONATION TO CARITAS

Nadur Gozo.

The Grand Chapter of Malta had its annual meeting in the Town Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016. Afterwards they attended the Novena Mass of the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Basilica of Nadur, Gozo. After the Mass, Chancellor Chevalier Eddie Vella presented a donation of 500 Euros to Fr. Michael Borg of Caritas in Gozo.



Photo from left: Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi, Chancellor Chev. Eddie Vella, Fr. Michael Borg, Chev. Carmel Saliba and Dame Carmen Ċefai



**2016**

## **Fund raising for earthquake appeal**

Bishop Giovanni D Ercoli of Ascoli Piceno visited the area



ruined by the earthquake in Central Italy in August 2016.

On 25 September 2016, the Confraternity held a luncheon to raise funds to support the victims of the earthquake, in Italy. A substantial sum, \$16,500 Australian Dollars was raised and for its efforts, the Confraternity received a letter of appreciation.



GIOVANNI D'ERCOLE  
Vescovo di Ascoli Piceno

Ascoli piceno, 3 aprile 2017

Carissimo Mario Sabatini,

desidero esprimere il mio "grazie" più vero e sincero per questa manifestazione di vicinanza in questo momento di prova per la mia Diocesi e per la mia gente.

Il sisma del 24 agosto che ha distrutto diversi paesi e frazioni e lesionato diverse strutture è stato aggravato da quello del 26 e del 30 che sommato all'emergenza mal tempo dei mesi invernali ha reso la situazione ancora più precaria e davvero complessa. A tutti voi che siete lontani fisicamente ma vicini con il vostro affetto, chiediamo di accompagnarci con il ricordo e di aiutarci ad *"organizzare la speranza"* che è per tutti una modalità di gratitudine.

Continui ad accompagnarci con il suo ricordo, con la sua vicinanza e la sua preghiera che mi sono e ci sono indispensabili.

Nel ringraziare ancora lei e tutta la sua Confraternity of the knights of St. Peter e St. Paul, le auguro ogni bene.

† Giovanni D'Ercole  
Vescovo di Ascoli Piceno

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Chevalier Mario Sabatini and Dame Mimma Sabatini visited Bishop Giovanni D Ercoli in July 2017 in his diocese of Ascoli Piceno

## **2016 - Investiture ceremony in Cambridge – Canada**

On Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the Grand Chapter of Canada held its investiture ceremony in the City Hall of Cambridge.

The ceremony was presided by Grand Prior Chev. Silvio Da Silva. The Supreme Council congratulated the new Knights and Dames on their appointment to the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Chev. Silvio Da Silva - Grand Prior of Canada and Chev. Bob Westhaver - Prior of Cambridge have built and led a strong chapter in both Cambridge and Toronto. The Confraternity greatly appreciates the support of the local city council led by His Worship Cr. Doug Craig Mayor of Cambridge.

May God increase their work abundantly for the support and benefit if the needy in our communities.



*Group photo: from left: Chev. John Deus Raposo, Chev. Bernardo Recine, Chev. Frank Monteiro, Chev. Rick Martins, Dame Fatima Machado Pinheiro, Chev. Andrew Munro, Chev. Silvio Da Silva - Grand Prior. Chevalier Bob Westhaver - Prior, Dame Nada Offak and Chev. Keith Clarke.*



*from left: Grand Prior Chev. Silvio Da Silva, Prior Chev. Bob Westhaver and  
Mayor of Cambridge Cr. Doug Craig*

## **2016 - Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Swan Hill – Melbourne**

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul on Saturday 16 July 2016 travelled to Swan Hill in the northwest of Victoria, Australia for the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The feast was celebrated on Sunday, 17 July, by the Italian community of Swan Hill. His Grace bishop Paul Bird of the diocese of Ballarat was the prime celebrant, he was assisted by Fr. Marcello Colasante, the Parish priest.



*Group photo with Bishop Paul Bird of the Diocese of Ballarat -  
Melbourne. Victoria.*

The Confraternity participated in a procession with the statue in the streets around the church.



*Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

## **2016 - Meeting the President of the Republic of Malta**

On Saturday, 23 July, 2016, the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul in Melbourne had the opportunity to meet the President of the Republic of Malta, Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca during her visit to Melbourne.

The President visited the Maltese Cultural Centre in Albion, Victoria. On arrival, she was greeted by the President of the Centre, Mr Peter Paul Portelli, who is also the founder and



leader of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, being H.E. the Grand Master of the Confraternity.



*Group photo with the President of the Republic of Malta (centre with red jacket) and Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli – Grand Master of the Confraternity and Mrs Mary Portelli (right of Her Excellency)*



## **2016 - Clerical Tonsure to Grand Prior Chevalier Mifsud**

Chev. Dennis Mifsud, Grand Prior of the Chapter of Malta, was conferred with the Clerical Tonsure, instituted Lector and ordained Sub-Deacon by H.G. Mgr. Manuel Nin O.S.B. – Apostolic Exarch of Greece and Titular Bishop of Carcabia. The Ordination was held in the Greek Catholic Church of Our Lady of Damascus in Valletta, Malta on the 18 December 2016. Eventually, as a thanksgiving to God for this gift, on the 14 January 2017 a Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom was held in the Basilica of Nadur where Sub-Deacon Dennis Mifsud served the Mass for the very first time in his native parish.





*From L: Mrs. Vella, Chancellor Chev. Vella, Chev. Saliba of the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter & St. Paul in Malta, Deacon Prof. Martin Żammit, Mons. Arcimandrita George Mifsud Montanaro, Sub-Deacon Grand Prior Chev. Mifsud and Rt Rev. Archpriest of the parish of Nadur Mons. Jimmy Xerri.*

## 2016 – December in the Grand Chapter of Germany

A small delegation of the German Grand Chapter of CKSPP attended the Christmas mass in the Sts. Peter- and Paul's Church in Brochterbeck, where Father Abraham Manalil and us prayed for all those people deceased, in danger or in need.

A little orchestra, the organ und the church choir inviting us to sing traditional and modern Christmas carols with them as well as the wonderful decoration of the church itself created a solemn atmosphere and made the mass an unforgettable event.



*Grandprior Dr. Lothar Gellert in front of the manger*



*St. Peter and Paul's Church, Brochterbeck*

## **2016 – December charity work in Germany**

Charity work was done on December 12<sup>th</sup> by the Prior of Lower Saxony, Hans-Georg Pesch, and Dame of Grace Brigitte Gellert. This was in the old people's home near Hamburg, where Hans had been working. Many attended the "Medieval Afternoon" which these two members of the Confraternity arranged. Brigitte read out legends and tales of the Middle Ages and Hans presented the project and organized contemporary music.

The afternoon ended with the singing of traditional Christmas carols, which the older people appreciated a lot.

Before retiring to their rooms, all residents received a little present which Brigitte had prepared for each person. Hans and Brigitte, who also enjoyed the afternoon with the elderly,

decided to continue this project with different activities in 2017.

This is the spirit of giving and support of the Confraternity.



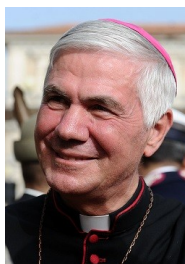
*Dame Brigitte Geller & Chev. Hans-Georg Pesch*

## 2016 – A Christmas Greeting

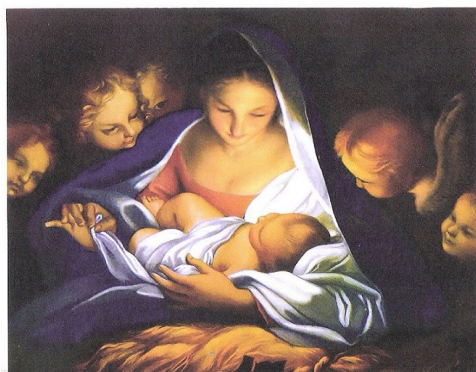
2016 Christmas greetings also came from H.E. Msgr. Mario Grech, Bishop of Gozo and H.E. Bishop Mons. Giovanni D'Ercole of Ascoli Piceno.



*H.E. Msgr. Mario Grech  
bishop of Gozo*



*H.E. Bishop Mons. Giovanni D'Ercole  
of Ascoli Piceno*



"Natale, festa della fiducia e della speranza, che supera l'incertezza e il pessimismo. Gesù viene a stare con noi, e la terra che trema non è più soltanto 'valle di lacrime', ma luogo dell'incontro e della solidarietà di Dio con gli uomini, radice e sostegno della nostra speranza. Buon Natale!".

*+ Giovanni D'Ercole*

As every Christmas arrives, let's all be encouraged to keep up the great work of helping the needy.

# 2017

## **Grand Council, Melbourne, Australia**

In short, there was much planning and preparation for the conference in Malta for June 2017, spearheaded by the Grand Master H.E. Peter Paul Portelli. All Council members were most active in the planning, with the groundwork having been set by H.E. the Grand Master in previous years and visits to the Islands, and the visit by the Grand Chancellor Chev Joseph Coleiro to the islands in 2016 for that purpose.

On arrival in Malta in early June 2017, ahead of the conference and with time to attend to last minute planning and administrative matters on site, H.E. the Grand Master and the Grand Chancellor spent many hours and days in meetings reviewing the draft book on the History of the Confraternity, attending to updates and formatting for printing. They met



with the printer in Nadur, Gozo, overseeing the trial print runs ensuring the first print of the history was properly set, readied and available for the conference and the historic investiture at the City Hall in Nadur.

## **Congress in Malta**

On Saturday 24 th. June most delegates arrived to attend the conference of the Confraternity, a historical occasion celebrating 20 years of the foundation in 1997. The first meeting was a Pontifical Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur celebrated by HE Bishop Emanuel Barbara OFM Cap. Bishop of Malindi in Kenya.





Group photo with Bishop Emanuel Barbara OFM Cap. in the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur. Gozo

## **Mass at Ta' Pinu Sanctuary**



Sunday 25 June 2017 was celebrated with a Mass in the pilgrimage church of Ta' Pinu, officiated by Fr. Manuel Sunaz Chaplain of the Supreme Council.

Wednesday 28 June another Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of Ta' Pinu by Chevalier Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins for the Portuguese delegation.

The conference of the Confraternity took place at the City Hall of Nadur on Wednesday 28 June, 2017.

The Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presided over the conference. This was the first time in the history of the Confraternity to have members from

several countries including Melbourne Australia, Portugal, Germany, Bulgaria and Malta meeting under one roof.

At the conference, the Grand Priors were introduced to the delegates.

During the conference the investiture of new members took place while all the members present renewed their vow.

This was followed by a procession from the Sacred Heart Church to the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul.



*Procession from the Sacred Heart Church to the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul 28 June, 2017.*



*Photo: Bishop Mario Grech of Gozo greets the Grand Master Chevalier  
Peter Paul Potelli*

This was followed by partaking in the Nadur celebration of the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul, with the citizens making all delegates most welcome, joining in the grand festivities in the square in front of the Basilica: fire-works, local food and drink, music and dance (traditional and modern), all making for a great and a late evening. Great friendships were forged.



*Group photo in the Savcred Heart Church in Nadur 28 June, 2017.*



*Members of the Confraternity saying their goodbyes at the end of the celebrations*

There was also a procession in Nadur, in which the statue of our patrons (see above) was carried through the town, as is the tradition.

The Confraternity knights and dames also attended several masses at the Basilica and enjoyed the wonderful choir, notably music dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul called Petrus Apostolus.

Over their stay on the Islands of Malta and Gozo, and a part of cultural tours of the Islands, there were several trips and church services.

Confraternity members also visited the old capital, “Mdina”, the old capital of Malta, with a focus on its St. Peter and St.



Paul Cathedral, and the present-day capital, Valletta, and its Co-Cathedral, St John's.

During his stay in Gozo the Grand Master and Dame Mary Portelli visited HE Bishop Mario Grech at the Curia Office in Victoria Gozo.





The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presented a Certificate of Participation to Mons. Bishop Mario Grech at the conference in Nadur, Gozo, Malta June 2017.



# Certificate of participation at the conference in Nadur, Gozo, Malta June 2017



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



by Chevalier Paul Callus – Safi, Malta

Noble aims and understanding  
a commitment to be fair  
rules by which we are united,  
inspiration, trust, we share.

**Under the protection  
of the Saints Peter and Paul,  
Humble, honest, caring  
yet in faith we're walking tall.  
Working to serve others  
who are helpless and in need  
Striving to be caring,  
with God's help we shall succeed.**

Notwithstanding place and distance  
we are reaching far and wide  
race or language are no hindrance  
Christ will be our trusted guide.

**Under the protection  
of the Saints Peter and Paul,  
Humble, honest, caring**

**yet in faith we're walking tall.  
Working to serve others  
who are helpless and in need  
Striving to be caring,  
with God's help we shall succeed.**

Let us strive and be inspired  
by our mutual Christian aims,  
being loyal to ideals  
of true love spreading the flames.

**Under the protection  
of the Saints Peter and Paul,  
Humble, honest, caring  
yet in faith we're walking tall.  
Working to serve others  
who are helpless and in need  
Striving to be caring,  
with God's help we shall succeed.**

May, 2017

## Convention Poem

### **“The Gozo Convention”**

by Chevalier Paul Callus – Safi, Malta

We have gathered here in Gozo  
Where it is our main intention  
To be meeting, get acquainted  
And be part of the Convention.

There are members from Australia,  
German, also Portuguese,  
Some are hailing from Bulgaria  
And of course, local Maltese.

At Imġarr we are residing;  
The Grand Hotel faces the sea.  
A full programme is awaiting  
The threat of boredom there won't be.

After speeches down to business  
Points presented and compared,  
All are open to discussion  
Members' views then wisely shared.

At the sanctuary, Ta' Pinu,  
Mass is offered – a thanksgiving.  
Ample time for cruise and folk shows  
Relaxation and sightseeing.

Nadur next for the church service  
For the feast to Peter-Paul  
Taking part in the procession:  
An experience to enthrall.

## Grand Master's visit to Germany



*Saints  
Peter's*

*and Paul's Church, Brochterbeck*

The Grand Master HE Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Dame Mary Portelli were joined by Chevalier Mario Sabatini and Dame Mimma Sabatini in Germany to take part in the investiture ceremony held on Saturday 22 July, 2017.

The guests were welcomed at the airport by the Grand Prior Chevalier Lothar Gellert.

A Mass was celebrated at the church of Saints Peter's and Paul's in Brochterbeck, which is a little town in the neighborhood of the Grand Prior's home.

Other friendly orders of knights from Germany took part in the Mass and the investiture afterwards.

**2018**

## **Solemnity of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter**

22 February, 2018.

### **New Grand Prior for Germany**

The Grand Master H.E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli chose the liturgical feast of the Chair of St. Peter to appoint Chevalier Peter Neuen as the new Grand Prior of Germany, succeeding Professor Lothar Gellert who resigned on the 20th. of February, 2018.



Grand Prior Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen and Dame Gabriele Neuen during the celebrations in Gozo 28 June, 2017.

# Grand Chapter of Germany

## Feast of Corpus Christi

Thursday, 20. June 2019.

The Grand Prior Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen and the Chancellor Dame Gabriele Neuen took part in the celebration of Corpus Christi In Deidesheim on Thursday, 20. June 2019.

An altar was built in a beautiful park and then the priest blessed the participants. It was a nice and worthy event that the Grand Prior and the Chancellor will be attending again next year."





## Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul in Melbourne  
Sunday 30 June, 2019

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne celebrated the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul on Sunday 30 June, 2019 in the parish of St. Martin De Porres in Avondale Heights.

Fr. Victor Shields MSSP celebrated the Mass.



Group photo with Fr. Victor Shields after the Mass.

# Grand Chapter of Malta

Seat in Nadur Gozo.

Monday 24 June, 2019.

The Grand Chapter of Malta had its investiture ceremony on Monday 24 June at the City Hall in Nadur. Candidates Joe Louis Meilak and Joe M Attard were ordained new knights of the Confraternity.

The Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presided on the ceremony.

After the investiture ceremony, the Members attended the Novena Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul. After the Mass the Confraternity donated money to the mission. of Fr. Dr. Raymond Portelli MD a missionary priest in Peru.



Photo Carmel Saliba © 2019.



On Friday, 28 June, the Grand Chapter took part in a procession accompanied by the clergy and Bishop of Gozo H.E. Mario Grech and afterwards in the Pontifical Vespers.



On

Saturday 29 June, the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul the Confraternity attended the Pontifical Mass in the Basilica of Nadur.

After the Pontifical Mass, the Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli, accompanied by Chevalier Charlie Xuereb and Chevalier Eddie Vella presented a medal to His Excellency Bishop Mario Grech and the Archpriest Mons. Jimmy Xerri.



## Grand Chapter of Malta

Office address: Nadur Gozo.

Thursday 15 August, 2019

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul Grand Chapter of Malta is based in Nadur, Gozo.

The summer of 2019 was a very busy time for the grand chapter, on two occasions we donated money to missions in Peru.

On Thursday 15 August, feast of the Assumption of Our Lady the Confraternity donated money to the mission of Bishop Giovanni Cefai MSSP a Maltese prelate who heads the Territorial prelature of Santiago Apóstol de Huancané, Peru.



Group photo with Bishop Giovanni Cefai MSSP in the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur.

## Office of the Confraternity in Nadur Gozo

Thanks to the Archpriest of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur the Rev. Monsignor Jimmy Xerri, now we have a meeting room in Nadur, that we can use for our memorabilia.



# Grand Master's visit to Portugal

Wednesday 3 July, 2019.

The Deputy Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Professor Jose Ferreira Coelho and his Lady welcomed the Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Dame Mary Portelli in Lisbon on Wednesday 3 July, 2019.

After a short sight seeing trip around Lisbon, the group attended a book presentation by Professor Jose Ferreira Coelho at the Academia de Marinha.

Afterwards the group mingled with other guests over some beautiful Portuguese wines.

During the week long visit, the group visited many places of interest including Sintra, Mafra, Fatima and Porto.

In Mafra the group attended the Wine Fraternity convention and a concert at the Cathedral.

On Monday 8 July, the group met in Fatima with Chevalier Padre Antonio Manuel Martins for lunch and a tour of the Holy Sight where the Virgin Mary appeared to the three children Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lúcia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos.

The group visited the home of Francesco and Jacinta Marto before Chevalier Padre Antonio Manuel Martins celebrated Mass for the occasion at the Chapel in Valinhos.

The trip in Portugal ended with a tour of the river and the city

of Porto.

Thanks to the Deputy Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Jose Ferreira Coelho and Chevalier Padre Antonio Mnauel Martins for their warm welcome.



Photo from left: Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli, Chevalier Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins – Chaplain and Chevalier Jose Ferreira Coelho Deputy Grand Master



## 2019

### Donation to the Women's Hospital

In 2019 the Confraternity also donated money to the Royal Melbourne Women's Hospital , the Gippsland farmers ravaged by the drought and the bush fire victims.





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11 December 2019

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Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul Incorporation  
C/- Ms Silvana Favorito  
797 Old Calder Highway  
KEILOR VIC 3038

Dear Silvana,

On behalf of the Royal Women's Hospital Foundation and the Neonatal unit, I would like to thank the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul Incorporated for their very generous donation of \$10,000 for our Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

It is only with the support from donors, such as the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter and St Paul Incorporation that we are able to provide high quality care for babies and families in the NICU and continually work to support babies to grow and develop as well as possible.

In due course I look forward to discussing with you how the funds will be used.

Thank you once again on behalf of all staff at the Women's.

Laura Bignell  
Chief Midwifery & Nursing Officer, &  
Director (Nursing) Neonatal Services

THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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TAX INVOICE

Confraternity of the Knights of  
St Peter and St Paul Incorporation  
Melbourne, VIC

DATE: 11/12/2019  
RECEIPT NO: 357992  
PAID: \$10,000.00  
RECEIPT FOR: DONATION

All Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible

## **Donation to the Drought-stricken farmer**

On Saturday 9 March, 2019 the Members of the Supreme Council travelled to South Gippsland to donate money to the drought stricken farmers.



Photo. Members of the Supreme Council met with the farmers in Giffard West to give them much needed financial support with the drought.



# 2020

## The Supreme Council



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



Dame Minna Sabatini  
Treasurer  
Grand Cross



H. E. Chevalier Vincenzo Galtieri  
Deputy Grand Master



H. E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master



Dame Angela Greto  
Archgrand Prior  
Grand Hospitalier



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 Mario Sabatini  
Grand Commander



Chevalier Fr. Francis Buhagiar  
Chaplain



Dame Eliza Pellicano  
Grand Dame of Justice

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

The Members are elected by the majority of the sitting councillors. The elected Members hold their office for life or retirement.

## **January 2021 - New Chapter in Puerto Rico**

This month marked the start of a Confraternity chapter in Puerto Rico.

After review and research, and deliberation, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity accepted a request by Mitered Archimandrite His Excellency The Rt. Revd. Dr. Andrew Vujisic to open a chapter in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

This is the first chapter run by a church. It is in the Archdiocese of Puerto Rico, centered in the capital of that nation, San Juan. It will be centred at the Church of St Spyridon:



*St. Spyridon Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico*

This parish of St Spyridon:is in union with the Vatican.

The founder of the chapter is the Mitered Archimandrite His Excellency The Rt. Revd. Dr. Andrew Vujisic of the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church.



*Mitered Archimandrite His Excellency  
The Rt. Revd. Dr. Andrew Vujisic  
Knight Commander of Honour - Grand Prior.*

**His Excellency Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves -  
Archbishop of San Juan**

HE Archbishop Roberto González Nieves is the *Metropolitan Archbishop* at the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Puerto Rico. Metropolitan Archbishop or ‘*Metropolitan*’, in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican churches, is the head of an ecclesiastical province, originally resided in the chief city, or metropolis, of the province. The first known use of the title was at the Council of Nicaea in 325.

On March 26, 1999, Pope John Paul II appointed His Excellency Archbishop Roberto González Nieves as Archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prior to then, HE Archbishop Nieves had served in United States diocese, particularly in New York and Boston. HE Archbishop Roberto González Nieves was installed as Archbishop on May 8 1999.

## Registration of the Logo

Beginning in 2019, and culminating in 2020, H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli and his Personal Secretary and Grand Chancellor, Chev Joseph Coleiro KCJ CKSPSP attended to all the steps to make a reality the registration internationally of the Confraternity Logo, being the Crest of the Confraternity and its Flag design.

This step provides protection for the crest and flag which were designed after much deliberation by H.E. the Grand Master Peter Portelli, the Grand Chancellor Chev Joseph Coleiro, and the Arch Grand Prior Dame Angela Greto in consultation with the Supreme Council with input on the artwork also by various gifted members of the Confraternity.



The grant of that protection was conformed in 2020:

The flag of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul is now a registered Trade mark.

The flag colours are red and yellow, being the colours of Nadur, Gozo which parish is the birthplace of the founder H.E. Grand Master Peter Portelli, and is dedicated to St Peter and St Paul. Central to the flag is the crest of the Confraternity being:

- a Maltese Cross reflecting the roots of the Confraternity in the Islands of Malta
- the colour of the cross is black, distinguishing it from the red, white and green used by various Orders of St John
- a prince's crown in red
- St Peter and St Paul badge of the Confraternity at its center
- yellow ribbon reflecting one of the colours of the flag, and red being in the Crown

The flag and the crest of the Confraternity can only be used with the written permission of the Confraternity through the Supreme Council represented by H.E. the Grand Master sealed with the official seal of the Confraternity, applied in accordance with its Rules.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION  
**TRADE MARK**



**TRADE MARKS ACT 1995**

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# 2021

## **550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

2021 is the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first knights of St. Peter, established by Pope Paul II in 1471.

### **Pope Paul II**

In 1471 Pope Paul II conferred the first investitures of "Knights of St. Peter" or "Cavaliere di San Pietro", which was an honorific title conferred by the Holy See. This honorary chivalrous investiture from the Holy See is sometimes called the "Speron d'Oro", quite distinct from the Cavalry Knighthoods conferred by various Sovereigns.

### **Pope Leo 10**

By the time of Pope Leo 10, the Order of the Knights of St. Peter's was made up of 401 men chosen from among the best and most faithful collaborators of the Pope and of the Church.

The Order was given the task of managing the administrative affairs of the Apostolic Camera, and to ensure a body of knights to defend the safety of the person of the Pope and of the same hospitals used on various sectors of necessity of war.

### **Pope Clement VII**

Pope Clement VII was born Giulio de 'Medici. He was the successor of Pope Leo X in 1522.

He confirmed this Order with a further Bull issued in October of 1526, published at the Chancery of the Pontifical January 3, 1527.

### Pope Paul III

Pope Paul III who succeeded Pope Clement VII reaffirmed the Board of the Knights of St. Peter (Papal Bull of 26 February 1534, published in the Papal Chancellery on 20 December 1535) with the same forms, methods and content produced by Pope Leo X.

Pope Paul III however, most wanted to not duplicate such an order, creating another mirror under the name of the College of the Knights of St. Paul, by a Bull of 25 June 1540, which saw the publication in the Papal Chancellery July 19, 1541.

### Treaties

The year saw the formation of treaties of friendship and mutual recognition for charitable work. The first was with the OSHMT:

**OSHMT - *Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani* - Knights Templar**

January 2021 saw an invitation from the Order of the Knights Templar - OSHMT “*Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani*”, from the Grand Chancellor Cav. Marco Pirillo inviting the Confraternity to join in establishing a friendly relationship between the Order and the Confraternity.

The Supreme Council voted in favour of pursuing and entering this most historical step with OSHMT.

This was recognised with a Certificate, which scan is below.



# Prayer for our sick confreres

In our prayers let us make some time to remember our brothers and sisters who may be unwell, or facing difficulties in their lives or those of their loved ones.

*Dear Jesus,  
Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we  
turn to You in this time of illness.  
O dearest Comforter of the Troubled,  
alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your  
gentle love, and grant us  
the grace and strength to accept this burden.*

*Dear God,  
We place our worries in Your hands.  
We ask that You restore Your servants to  
health again.  
Above all grant us the grace to acknowledge  
Your holy will and to know that whatsoever  
You do,  
You do for the love of us.*

## The authors:

H.E Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, the Grand Master of the Confraternity, was born in Gozo, Malta and now resides in Australia. He has been heavily involved in migrant issues and philanthropic work. He is President of the Maltese Cultural Centre in Albion, Melbourne where such groups as the Maltese Ghana meet. He was made a Friend of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller for his work in charity.



*H.E. Chev Peter Paul Portelli and Chev Joseph John Coleiro*

Chev. Joseph John Coleiro was born in Malta and now resides in Australia. He is also heavily involved in migrant issues and philanthropic work. He has held several roles and is currently the Personal Secretary to the Grand Master, H.E. Peter Paul Portelli, and is also a Knight of Grace in the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller.



# Investiture Certificate, 2017



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

Seat of the Confraternity: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Est. 1996

### Certificate

#### Solemn Vow

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life.

May God help me to serve Him and His people well. Amen.

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

Incorporated in the State of Victoria, Australia.

Do hereby recognise the qualifications and confer upon

**Mary Portelli**

the dignity of

**Dame of Grace**

for the

**Grand Chapter of Melbourne**

With all its Rights, Privilege and Honours

The deed we have delivered under the seal of the Confraternity.

Given on this day of the Lord twenty ninth of June, 2017.



H.E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master

# Convention Certificate, 2017



