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*Coat of Arms*



## **Dedication**

To all the members of the Confraternity and  
their tireless work in helping the poor and  
needy, with social mention to the clergy in  
particular His Excellency Monsignor  
Emanuel Barbara OFM Cap. Bishop of the  
diocese of Malindi, Kenya.

To our patron Saints, Peter and Paul and the  
Virgin Mary; pray for us and our work.

## **Preface**

In Melbourne in June 1997, Peter Paul Portelli formed a group of people dedicated to helping the sick and needy. He named it after the patron saints of his former parish of St Peter and St Paul in Nadur, Gozo. Over the past twenty years the group has grown from humble beginnings in the West of Melbourne, to having Chapters in Australia, America, Canada, Africa, and Europe. The Confraternity members, or confreres, do not seek titles, albeit the Confraternity is organised around levels of membership. Similarly, it is a not for profit organisation, and does not raise funds for itself and every dollar raised passes entirely to charitable causes.

Twenty years have passed quickly and Peter Paul Portelli, with the support and encouragement of the Supreme Council of the Confraternity, brought about this gathering of confreres in Malta. Described as a convention, it occurs historically in the month of June 2017 marking the twentieth anniversary of the Confraternity. It coincides with other anniversaries in June 2017 such as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of St Peter & St Paul at Nadur, Gozo, Malta. Peter Paul Portelli assisted by his Personal Secretary in the Confraternity, Joseph John Coleiro, has been eager to record the history of the Confraternity for the past twenty years. This had the full support of the



Confraternity's management body, the Supreme Council, based in Melbourne Australia.

To further that project which is now this book Peter Paul Portelli provided access to the Confraternity's records including submissions from the various Chapters, articles, and newsletters. These have been brought together in this book, with small changes. They track the history of the Confraternity on a year-by-year basis, as well as the history of the Grand Chapters.

The growth of the Confraternity has been a blessing in providing for the needy, and infirm, and its growth that can be described as a blessing. It has been an encouragement to read through the materials and gather how this body grew from 1997. It is hoped this text will provide not only a record of the Confraternity to all confreres present and future, but also be inspirational to bolstering their ongoing philanthropic work and that of others. May it also inspire those who themselves are forming groups to help the disadvantaged.

Thanks goes to all members and others who have over the past 20 years assisted in so many varied ways and by their effort, have contributed to the support of others.

Chevalier Joseph J Coleiro

20th Anniversary

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# Prayer

The official prayer of the Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter & St Paul is below.

This prayer is recited before every meeting of the Supreme Council. Every Priory / Chapter meeting is encouraged to also recite the prayer.

*O Lord, we humbly pray, as we gather here today, through the intercession of our most venerated Apostles Peter and Paul who we are pleased to count as our very own Patrons, for guidance and direction, that in our deliberations, we are mindful of each other and that the decisions we make are in the best interests of our Confraternity.*

*We make this Prayer  
through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



## **The Coat of Arms**

This Coat of Arms had input from several persons including Luis Soveral Varella, Paul Portelli, Ross Sabattini, and Chev Nicola Mongelli Grand Prior of Italy.

It exhibits a black Maltese Cross and a shield with the symbols of Saint Peter – the keys, and Saint Paul – the sword and serpent.



## The Crest

This design of the crest was by Luis Soveral Varella.

The Maltese Cross reflects the Maltese heritage of the Confraternity. Its eight points represent the eight beatitudes. The black for the Maltese cross reflects the colour of the original Malta Cross, the Cross of Amalfi, being black.

The centre medallion the symbols of Saint Peter – the keys, and Saint Paul – the sword and serpent.

# The Supreme Council, May 2017

## Members of the Supreme Council in May 2017:

H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli - Grand Master

H.E. Chev. Vincenzo Galtieri – Deputy Grand Master

Chev Joseph J Coleiro, Grand Chancellor and Personal Secretary to the Grand Master

Dame Angela Greto – Grand Prior International

Chev. Les Tarczon - Chairman

Dame Gail Vas, Secretary

Dame Domenica Sabatini – Treasurer

Chev. Rev. Fr. Manuel Sunaz - Chaplain

Chev. Mario Sabatini – Assistant Treasurer

Chev. Sydney Vas

Dame Teresa Mamone

Chev. Ange Kenos

Chev. Sam Ignaccolo



Dame Teresa Mamone; Chev. Sydney Vas; Chev. Rev. Fr. Manuel Sunaz;  
H.E. Chev. Vincenzo Galtieri; H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli;  
Dame Angela Greto; Chev Joseph J Coleiro; Dame Domenica Sabatini,  
Chev. Mario Sabatini; Dame Gail Vas, Chev. Ange Kenos



# Office Holders, 2017

## Grand Priors:

Chev. Silvio Da Silva - Canada

Chev. Prof. Dr. Lothar Gellert - Germany

Chev. Dennis Mifsud - Malta

Chev. Archbishop Andrew McMenamin – North Carolina, USA.

Chev. Dr. Cav. Nicola Mongelli - Italy

Chev. Rev. Prof. Don Alexey Yandushev – Rummyantsev – Russia

## Grand Prior – International:

Dame Angela Greta – Melbourne, Australia

## Priors:

Chev. Skvortsov Mihail Aleksandrovich - Belarus

Chev. Sahak Antanesyan - Armenia

Chev. Fr. Stephen [Adeola Balogun](#) - Nigeria

Dame Frances Behrens – Florida, USA

Chev. Bishop Mons. Mile Bogovic - Croatia

Chev. Dr. Zef Bushati - Albania

Chev. The Very Rev. Monsignor Joshua Copeland – Louisiana, USA

Chev. Nick De Luca – Western Australia

Chev. Ricardo Dib - Argentina

Chev. The Right Rev. Bishop Kyrill Esposito – Illinois, USA

Chev. Alfred Flask – Canberra, Australia

Chev. Eddie Halstead - Scotland

Dame Sarwat Iqbal - Pakistan  
Chev. Fr. Joao Kambayala - Angola  
Chev. Cryspin Kayitare - Rwanda  
Chev. Oleg A Kravtsov - Belgium  
Chev. Andres Salvador Soto Martinez - Spain  
Chev. François Maurice - France  
Chev. Sam Mifsud – Sydney, Australia  
Chev. Paul Thaddeus Mwanzia - Kenya  
Chev. H.G. Bishop James Mills – Pennsylvania, USA  
Chev. Nick Pacey – New Zealand  
Chev. Hans Georg Pesch – Hamburg, Germany  
Chev. Rt. Hon. Guenter Alfred Rieger – British Columbia,  
Canada  
Chev. Frank Scicluna – South Australia  
Chev. Professor Antonio Sciortino - Sicily  
Chev. Ramon Jose Sebastia-Moreno - Philippines  
Chev. Mato Verkic – Melbourne, Australia  
Chev. Boyan Vasilev Vladimirov - Bulgaria  
Chev. William Weiss – Washington State, USA  
Chev. Bob Westhaver – Cambridge Canada  
Chev. Matthew Whisman – Kentucky, USA  
Chev. Ralf Wegner - Bavaria, Germany  
Chev. Charlie Xuereb - Malta  
Dame Pauline Żahra – Toronto, Canada  
Chev. Anthony Żammit - Peru

## **Grand Chancellor:**

Chev. Joseph John Coleiro – Melbourne, Australia

## **Chancellors:**

Chev. Dr. Gerhard Ficker, Germany  
Chev. Eddie Vella – Gozo, Malta

# **Confraternity Chaplains, 2017**

## **Grand Chapter of Melbourne**

Chevalier Fr. Manuel Sunaz CMF



Fr Manuel Suñaz CMF is a member of Claretian Missionaries, a religious congregation officially known as Missionaries Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

With two other Claretian priests he came to Australia in 2009 and was assigned as Parish Priest in St Peter Chanel Parish, Deer Park, Victoria. In 2014, he accepted the invitation of the Grand Master of the Confraternity of the Knights SS Peter and Paul to be the Melbourne Chaplain of the Confraternity.

Fr Manuel Suñaz CMF was born and raised in the Philippines and joining the seminary at 13 years of age.

After finishing his Bachelor in Psychology he proceeded to Philosophy and Theology in the University of Santo Thomas, Manila. In 1983 he was ordained in his home town of Zamboanga City. He spent his first two years working as a Spiritual Director at the Claretian School in the same town and as parish youth organizer. Later he was assigned to Metro Manila as a Parish Priest of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at the University of the Philippines Village, Quezon City.

Fr Manuel Suñaz CMF volunteered to go to Africa but was instead sent to join the new Claretian mission in South Korea, later moving Japan. In 1990, he was sent to East Timor with two other Claretians to start a new mission in the mountainous area of the frontier with West Timor. The Lord blessed them with many vocations, and now the local Claretian Missionaries are continuing responsibilities in the mission.

Fr Manuel Suñaz CMF returned to the Philippines and took up works as Rector of seminary, School director, Parish Priest and was sent to Vietnam for three years to join two other Claretians in the new mission in the south.

Like Timor the Vietnam mission flourished with the blessings of the Lord. The young vocations that came not long ago are now ordained and are the ones responsible in running the place. From the human and spiritual perspective it is so fulfilling and consoling to experience the Lord working through those who are willing to be his disciples.



# **Grand Chapter of Portugal**

Chevalier Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins



Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins was born in 1955 in São João da Pesqueira, Portugal, which located in Alto Douro where port wine is produced.

Fr. Martins is a Vincentian missionary ordained in Porto, Portugal, on July 27, 1980. He has worked as a missionary in Alentejo, Beira Alta, Trás-os-Montes and now in a parish in Oporto. His experience of pastoral life has been enriched by the variety of towns and little villages across the country.

Fr. Martins professes that to proclaim Jesus Christ in the joy of the Gospel and to live according to the charism of St. Vincent de Paul is his life and ministry.

## **Seat of the Confraternity and the Supreme Council**

The Seat of the Confraternity is located in Melbourne, Victoria. Australia.

Melbourne is where the Confraternity was created in June 1997 and is metropolis where the Supreme Council is located; and where the Supreme Council Members meet. It is also where the Grand Master HE Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli resides.

### **AUSTRALIA**



# **The Aims of the Confraternity**

The Confraternity is a Roman Catholic philanthropic association of men and women who are designated as Knights and Dames respectively. Their goal is to raise funds and assist the poor and needy, such as church communities in persecuted areas. The aims in its Constitution are:

1. To operate as a charitable institution.
2. To bring people of all nations to pray and socialize together.
3. To commemorate the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul.
4. To appoint knights and dames on commemoration day.
5. To encourage the younger generations to continue with our traditions and cultures.
6. To honour members of the Catholic faith for their tireless benevolent work in the community.
7. The primary purpose of the Knights and Dames is to serve God and His people.
8. The Confraternity places itself under the protection of the Virgin Mary Queen and Mother and the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.



# **Rules of the Confraternity**

The Confraternity as an incorporated association has a set of rules called a Constitution. This is registered in the State of Victoria and sets out the body's legal personality in compliance with the requirements for such bodies under Victorian and Australian laws.

In addition, there are rules governing the members. In essence, a membership is open to members of the Catholic community who prove to be humble, honest and caring leaders of the community, and who are nominated for membership. If successful, such persons may be admitted to the Confraternity on his/her merits.

Membership rules include that:

1. Members of the community who work tireless to serve other people in arts, music, religion, social, cultural and welfare may be eligible to be admitted to the Confraternity.
2. A person can only be admitted to the Confraternity, if nominated by a knight, a dame or a prior.
3. The Supreme Council of the Confraternity will carefully consider all nominations.
4. The Confraternity shall have no financial obligations or joining fees on its knights and dames.

5. A person who is nominated to the Confraternity, will be required to submit a brief history of his/her community work.
6. People who seek personal honours and glory will not be admitted to the Confraternity.
7. The knight and dames will have an obligation to attend the annual celebrations.
8. The Confraternity of St. Peter and St. Paul has no affiliations with any other Order.
9. Knights can use the post-nominal KSPP; Dames can use the post-nominal DSPP.

Further details can be sought from:

- the Secretary to the Confraternity, who in 2017 is Dame Gail Vas
- the Grandmaster, HE Chev Peter Paul Portelli, or
- the Personal Secretary to the Grandmaster and Grand Chancellor, Chev Joseph Coleiro.

# The Vow for the Knights and Dames

At investiture, all Knights and Dames take a vow of service to charity:

***Upon** the true faith of a Christian,  
may God witness that I hereby Vow to dedicate myself  
as a servant to Him and His people.*

***As** a Knight / Dame,  
I promise to imitate St. Peter and St. Paul in the true  
Christian values:  
to be Honest, Humble and Caring Leader of the community.*

***I** therefore ask God  
to send upon me the blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
to give me wisdom and strength to serve Him and His  
people.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

***So** help me God. Amen.*

# **Grand Master and Founder of the Confraternity**



**H.E. Peter Paul Portelli  
Grandmaster**

Peter Paul Portelli was born in Nadur, Gozo, Malta on the 26 September, 1952. His father was Coronatu Portelli, son of Paul Portelli and grandson of Gamm Maria Portelli. H.E.

Portelli's mother was Margaret née Falzon daughter of Marija and Mikiel Falzon, ancestor of Majsi Falzon who lived in Gozo after the 1565 Great Siege of Malta.

The Maltese local family name is "*tas-Sultan*". The family lived in Ramla Road, Nadur, Gozo. Peter entered the elementary school of Nadur at six years of age. At the age seven, and every year thereafter, he was selected as prefect of his class or as a class spokes-person.

At the age of fourteen years, H.E. Peter Portelli was already a community leader, involved in music, dancing, singing and football in his home town of Nadur. He was a member of the Mnarja Philharmonic Society, was a member of the local dance group, sang in the local choir and solo and coached the Catholic Action soccer team.

At 19 years of age, Peter emigrated to Australia where he settled in Melbourne, in the State of Victoria. As soon as he arrived in Australia he formed a soccer team at the work place. That went on for a number of years.

In 1979 H.E. formed the Australian Nadur Association to organize the feast of Sts Peter and Paul and became its first president. He ordered the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul that was made in Nadur, Gozo by Michael Camilleri Cauchi, now a Chevalier with the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Bishop Nikol Cauchi blessed the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul before it was sent to Australia in 1981.

The statue arrived five days after the feast of Sts Peter and Paul celebration of 1981 and was used for the first time for that feast in June, 1982. This coincided with 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of that the original statue of Sts Peter and Paul located in the Basilica of Nadur.



*Bishop Nikol Cauchi blessing the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul before it was sent to Australia in 1981.*

## Peter Paul Portelli and Local Council Elections

In 1986, Peter Paul Portelli was elected Councilor of the City of Sunshine. During his term in office of Councilor, the council named a street after Peter's home town of Nadur, Gozo. The street is "*Nadur Court*" in St Albans, a suburb of the City of Sunshine.



*Seal of the City of  
Sunshine*

In 1987 the council of the City of Sunshine chose Nadur, Gozo, as its Sister City. On New Years Eve of 1987 during Monsignor Archpriest Sam Muscat visit to Melbourne, the Mayor of the City of Sunshine Cr. Gerry O'Connor officially invited him at the Town Hall together with Cr. Portelli and Mr. Guzi Muscat from Nadur.

In 1988 Councillor Portelli represented the City of Sunshine at the tri-centennial celebrations of the parish of Nadur.

Councillor Portelli presented the flag of the City of Sunshine to the Mnarja Philharmonic Society. He also presented a flag to the Mnarja Philharmonic Society that was paid for by the Nadurin living in Melbourne, Australia.



*Councillor Peter Paul Portelli presenting the flag of the City of Sunshine.*



## Peter Paul Portelli's work as Founder of Associations

In 1991, H.E. founded the Maltese Cultural Association Inc. In 1992 he acquired an old railways building and established the Maltese Cultural Centre, in Albion. T

he Hon. Ian Baker State Member for Sunshine officially opened the Maltese Cultural Centre and was blessed by the Rector of Ta' Pinu Sanctuary in Gozo, Malta, Mons. Benedict Camilleri on the 23 December, 1993.



*The late Bishop of Gozo Mons. Nikol Cauchi visited the Maltese Cultural Centre in 1995.*

H.E. also founded many Associations which some of them are still very successful today. including the:

- St. Albans Christmas Festival of All Nations
- Rabat Malta Seniors Citizens Association
- St. Albans branch of the Liberal Party

### **Website: Nadurjana.com**

On the 12 February 2006, Peter Paul Portelli started the Confraternity website:

[www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com](http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com).

The website has been running ever since and continues to provides a lot of interesting programs to the visitors. Every day people from all over the world, such as Germany, Russia, Vietnam, visit this website

# Deputy Grand Masters of the Confraternity

## Australia



*Chev Vince Galtieri, Melbourne*

Vincenzo Galtieri (Vince) was born on 6 January, 1943, in the town of Bruzzano Zaffirio, in Reggio Calabria, Italy. Vince is the oldest of four siblings. He migrated to Australia with his brothers and sisters when Vince was ten years old; they arrived by the ship called Sydney at Port Melbourne on the 28 August, 1953.

In 1964 Vince met Carmen Meilak who moved to Australia from Malta for a new life in Australia.

Vince and Carmen married in 1965 and have four children and eight grand children.

Vince is very passionate about his heritage and has been involved with many different clubs and community associations over the years.

Vince's love for bringing people together to celebrate festivals of saints and to organize functions to raise money for different charities to support cancer foundations.

Vince has been associated with Calabria Club in Bulla since 1980, he was treasurer with the [Associazione nazionale artiglieri d'Italia.](#)

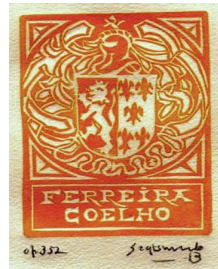
During his commitment and involvement he received recognition awards from the Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence, Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

On the 1 July, 2007, Vince Galtieri was appointed Knight Commander of Grace in the Order of St. Peter & St. Paul during the Mass in honour of the patron saints at the parish of Resurrection in Kings Park, Melbourne. Now Chevalier Galtieri holds the honour of Deputy Grand Master.

# Europe



*José Manuel Martins Ferreira Coelho,  
(MD; PhD; FACS; HE; KL-J)*



*Family Crest*

José Manuel Martins Ferreira Coelho, was born in Lisbon on May 7, 1943.

He attended the Queen Elizabeth's School from 1947 to 1953, followed by the Normal High School of Pedro Nunes from 1953 to 1960.

He graduated in Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon in 1967 and obtained his doctorate from the same University in 1999.

Chev Coelho held such roles as officer of the Portuguese Navy, Naval Reserve (13th CFORN) from 1968 to 1971; Chief of Health Service, Company No. 1 of Marines and Head of Health Service of the Lake Niassa Circumscription; Delegate of Health of the Circumscription of Lake Niassa from 1969 to 1970; and lecturer in the FML Human Anatomy Chair at the University of Lisbon from 1972 to 1984 .

Chev Coelho completed his career in medicine as General Surgery and Urology of the Civil Hospitals of Lisbon, as specialist in both areas and Head of General Surgery.

He is a member of the College of Specialties of General Surgery and Urology, of the Order of Physicians; of several National and International Medical Societies; Fellow of the prestigious College of American Surgeons and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons (USA), and various other internationally renowned societies. Apart from being appointed by the Grand Master as the Confraternity's Deputy Grand Master for Europe, Chev Coelho is also a Knight of Justice of the Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Chev Coelho is also the author of several written papers and scientific videos in the field of medicine, and various books on other subjects.

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

In November 1996, H.E. Peter Paul Portelli formed the Confraternity of the Knights St Peter & St Paul to honor members of the Catholic faith for their tireless work in the community. Originally, it was called the Order of St. Peter and Paul. The name Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul was changed in 2009 to comply with a request from the Catholic Church.

The first chapter and seat of the Supreme Council is in Melbourne. In 2000, the chapters of Western Australia and Malta were added.

*Chev Eddy M. Abraham  
being congratulated by the  
Mayor of the City of  
Brimbank, Cr. Ciro  
Lombardi.*



The first investiture took place at St. Bernadette's parish church in North Sunshine in 1997.

Over time, to 2017, other chapters, in Australia were added - Sydney - Canberra - South Australia, and in other countries - Austria – Germany – Canada (Toronto, Cambridge, British Columbia) - Italy (Bari, Sicily) - Spain – Portugal - Croatia - Angola - Cameroon - Peru – Argentina - Russia.

*The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul in Melbourne in June. 2013 with the*



*Very Rev. Fr. Tony Kerin Parish Priest of St. Martin De Porres in  
Avondale Heights after the Solemn Mass.*



# History

## **Ordo St. Petri Pontificius 1521**

### **Papal Order of the Knights of St Peter in the Papal States 1521**



*Pope Leo X*

In 1521, the Pope Leo X by a Papal Bull, established The Order of the Knights of St Peter.

The Order 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 the presence of a body of knights to defend the safety of the person of the Pope and of the same hospitals used on various sectors by necessity of war.

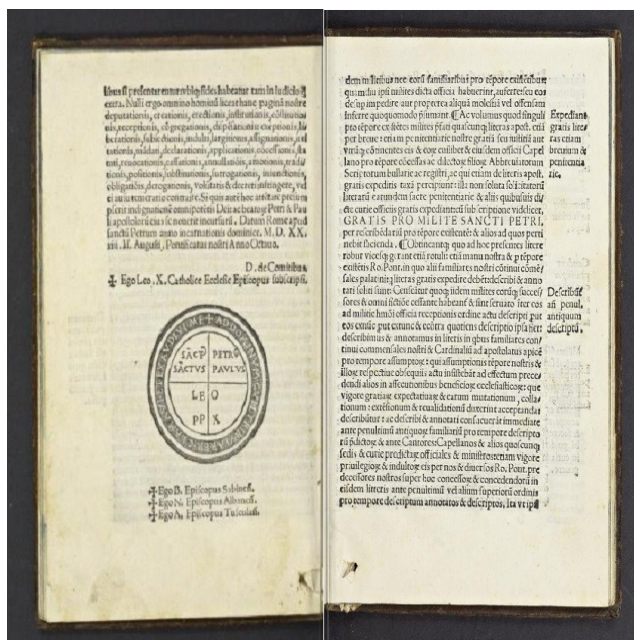
Pope Leo X instigated in 1521 a Collegium of 42 officials under the title of the *Equestrian Order of St. Peter* as a precautionary measure that works of Tulfa (Forum Clodii) would not be supplied to the Turks, and with the income of these works deception would be carried out. Members were appointed to this Order; appointed members were 'Participantes' and the Order took from every member 1000 gold florins as an entrance fee, of which 5 percent were given to the members as annual income.

Every knight was taken with his eldest son into the higher nobility and into the number of Palatines from the Lateran. Later, Pope Paul V detracted some other privileges hitherto granted to the Order.

Knights had to wear black on the day of death of a Pope and red at every coronation. As a religious symbol a gold medal on a gold chain was worn on the Knight's chest, on one side

with an image of St. Peter and on the other side the Papal coat of arms. The Order was later attached to the possession of some Chancellery posts, and continues to exist today by its name.

Pope Clement VII, the successor of Pope Leo X in 1522, was born Giulio de 'Medici. As Pope, he confirmed this Order with a further Papal Bull issued in October of 1526. This was published at the Chancery of the Pontifical on January 3, 1527.



*Papal Bull by Pope Leo X*

## **Ordo S. Pauli Pontificius 1540**

### **Papal Order of the Knights of St Paul in the Papal States 1540**



*Pope Paul III*

In the mid sixteenth century, Pope Paul III reaffirmed the Order 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.

He wanted to not duplicate such an order by creating another, and so created a Board under the name of the College, known as the Knights of St. Paul. This was by a Papal Bull of 25 June 1540, which saw the publication in the Papal Chancellery July 19, 1541. This new Order was composed of 200 Knights. It was confirmed by Pope Julius III on March 21, 1549. The driving thought was to help the then impoverished household of the Papal State. For a sum of 200,000 Scudi, this ‘Knight Club’ called St. Pauli was set up for, as noted, 200 members. They received such benefits as:

- to be “*Participantes*” and “*Perpetui Commensales*” and had the right to obtain, in the palace of the Lateran, a daily free meal.
- to be included with the noble families,
- allowed to decorate their coat of arms with the “Lily of the Farnese” coat of arms.



*Royal House of Farnese coat of arms*

- receive a pension of year 200 Scudi from the Church.

At the coronation day of a pope they had to appear in the red suit with a bare arm with naked sword on the left breast as a religious sign. On funeral day of the Pope they had to mourn in black.

For a long time, these two separate Orders were completely equalized by Pope Paul III by having them as Boards or Chapters of the one College. It allowed the Knights to decide to belong either to one or the other Order, yet, although equalized, the two Orders were never merged. Each maintained its own identity.

In addition to being Knights of these two aforesaid Orders leading to each member being declared “Diners” and “Family of the Pope”, members were at the same time, Knights of the Golden Militia, as well as members of the House Lateran, and thus ascribed to the highest degree of Pontifical Nobility.

The two Orders received further confirmation in 1561 by Pope Pius IV. However, by the late sixteenth century, they lost their vitality.

In summary it is certain that when in 1520 Pope Leo X established the Knights of St. Peter, he intended to create a

College of trusted men, clergymen and at the same time they had the dual task of lifting the Apostolic Chamber administrative burdens, constitute a 'wide assembly of expert advisors, ready to provide its expertise to the discussions within the State. Pope Paul III at the time of the creation of the Knights of St. Paul, wanted to strengthen that Order set up by Pope Leo X, and introduce the new Order with the appearance of a Chivalric Army Military Company that the first Order lacked. Such a character meant members could not contravene a Papal command, whether in sessions of the Council or in bearing arms as in holy wars, according to the needs of the moment.

# **The ‘new’ Order of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul 1997**

The then President of the Nadur Association in Victoria, Australia, Mr Peter Paul Portelli, later appointed Grandmaster of the new Order, was the founder of the then so-named Order of St. Peter & St. Paul.

## **1997 - Year 1**



*The first investiture in July 1997, North Sunshine, Victoria, Australia*



The then so-named Order of St. Peter and St. Paul was established in the Roman Catholic parish of St. Bernadette in North Sunshine, Melbourne, Australia, under the banner of the Australian Nadur Association who was the organizer of the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. The first ceremonial investiture ceremony was held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1997, during a Mass in honour of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul.

The mass commenced at 2.00 p.m. It was a High Mass, for the Solemnity of the two apostles Saints Peter and Paul. After the panegyric, Mr Peter Paul Portelli, Founder and head of the Order read a message from the Honourable Jeff Kennett MP, the then Premier of Victoria on behalf of the Victorian Government and a message from the Most Rev. Mgr. Sam Muscat, Archpriest of the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul of Nadur in Gozo, Malta.

Mr. Portelli then presented the first members and made a testimonial about the aims and objectives of the new Order. Mr. Portelli said that there was a need to recognize the tireless voluntary work that many people do in the community, dedicating many long hours, day after day. As part of his address to the inaugural members, Mr. Portelli said:

*“Today we are honouring two great Christian leaders followers of Christ, St. Peter and Paul, so it is*

*appropriate that we are recognizing these living community leaders here today. These living leaders will today take a vow that they will continue to serve God and His people and to imitate St. Peter and Paul in their Christian values.”*



*Peter Paul Portelli presenting the investees: July 1997*

This historic event wouldn't have been achieved without the support of the Parish Priest, Fr. John Taliana MSSP. There was opposition, such as a person called Fr. John who, on the telephone, tried to persuade the parish priest to not let the first ceremony take place in the parish; Fr. John ignored the caller. Opposition to, and persecution of, Christianity was a feature of the Church's developmental history especially in

its early years, and from those energies, it grew, as has the Confraternity.

Fr. John Taliana MSSP. Parish Priest of St. Bernadette read the vow and the candidates repeated after him. Fr. John Taliana blessed the first members with the Holy Water. The Head of the Order Mr. Peter Paul Portelli placed the medal on the members while the Mayor of the City of Brimbank, Cr. Ciro Lombardi placed the mantle on the shoulder of the members.

Chev Bruno Rabensteiner became Deputy Head of the Order.

The first members that took the vow were Mr. Ernest Sigley,  
Mr. Bruno Rabensteiner,  
Mr. Jairo Nascimento,  
Mr. Mato Verkic,  
Mr. Andreas Kratsis,  
Mrs. Lillian Calleja,  
Mr. Charles Camilleri,  
Rev. Fr. Karm Borg MSSP,  
Mr. Joseph Vella,  
Mr. Eddy Marcel Abraham and  
Mrs. Remy Sarmiento.



*Dame Remy Sarmiento*



*Chev Eddy M. Abraham with the Mayor of the City of Brimbank Cr.  
Ciro Lombardi*

After the Mass the inaugural members of the then new Order, now Confraternity, took part in the procession of which was led by the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul, and accompanied by the Maltese Own Band, and representatives of the Maltese Associations. This was followed by refreshments in the church hall.

## 1998 - Year 2

Sunday, 12 July, 1998 was the second investiture for the new Order. The investiture ceremony took place during a mass celebrated in honour of St. Peter and St. Paul at St. Bernadette Church, in Westmoreland Road in North Sunshine. The Mass commenced at 2.30 p.m. After the panegyric, Bruno Rabensteiner Deputy Head of the Order read a testimonial on the aims and values of the Order.

New members were Peter Paul Portelli (the Founder), Suzi Fanjek, Ivan Skratulja, Fred Wolske, Leonard Harkin, Tomasso Diele, George Saliba, Norma Angelini, David Connolly and Victor Aquilina. Fr. Karm Borg MSSP, a member of the Order guided the new members through the Solemn Vow. The deputy Head of the Order placed the medal on the new members while Cr. Sam David, Mayor of Brimbank, placed the mantle on their shoulder

The Founder of the Order, a former Consul of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Peter Paul Portelli took the vow of a Knight and Grand Prior.

Afterwards a procession with the statue of St. Peter and Paul took place accompanied by the Maltese Own Band from the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Incorporated, with representatives of Maltese and Gozitan Associations with their banners, the Mayor of Brimbank dressed in his mayoral robes, and members of the Order.

## 1999 - Year 3

This was the third investiture – Sunday 3 July 1999. This year the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul was held in the parish hall of St. Bernadette while the church was being renovated.

The Mass began at 2.30 p.m. The new members where: Josip Petruzalek, Dieter Bajzek, Bernard O'Connor, Alfred Asciak, Bruno Klepp and Reno Ćini.

Fr. Alfred Farrugia MSSP delivered a nice panegyric. Fr. Victor Bonello was the prime celebrant and guided the new members through the vow.

Cr. Sam David representing the City of Brimbank placed the mantle on the shoulder of the new members while Chev Bruno Rabensteiner placed the medals on them.

After the Mass a procession was held around the neighbourhood with the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul, accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Incorporated, together with members of the Order and representatives of Maltese Association.

## **2000 - Year 4**

### **2000 - First Council of the Order**

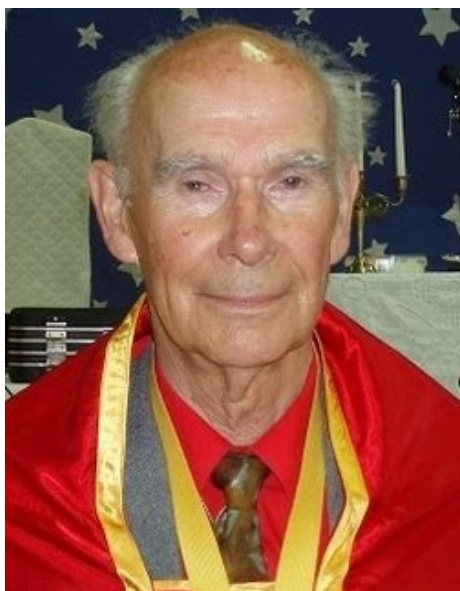
The First Council was:

*Head of the Order:* Chev Peter Paul Portelli  
*Deputy Head:* Chev Bruno Rabensteiner  
*Hon. Secretary:* Chev David Connolly  
*Members:* Dame Lillian Calleja, Chev Eddy Abraham

The Investiture for 2000 took place on Sunday 18 June. The feast was held earlier than usual so members of the committee could go to Malta for the celebrations in Nadur, Gozo. The venue also was changed because the statue of St. Peter and Paul was now placed in the parish centre in Cooke Ave, Sunshine.

In this year the Mass began at 2.00 p.m. After the panegyric, the ceremony of the investiture took place. Peter Paul Portelli, Grand Prior of the Order said a few words about what was expected from the candidates of the Order.

He told the candidates it was expected they would serve God and His people. Fr. Victor Bonello the guided the new members through the vow. The new candidates were Sam Vella and Dominik Vogl.



*Chev Dominik Vogl*

The mayor of the City of Brimbank and member of the Confraternity Cr. Charlie Apap placed the mantle on the new members while Mato Verkic and George Saliba, both Deputy Grand Priors, placed the medals on them. After the Mass the procession with the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul was held around the car park accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Incorporated, and members of the Order, the Mayor of Brimbank dressed in the mayoral robes, plus representatives of the Maltese association and the Croatian community.



## **2000 - New Priory in Malta**

In the year 2000, the Order of St. Peter & St. Paul opened its first Priory outside Melbourne, Australia. The new priory was established in the town of Nadur, Gozo, Malta under the patronage of the Nadur Local Council. The investiture ceremony took place in the Basilica of St. Peter & St. Paul in the parish of Nadur. The mass commenced at 7.00 pm. in a day that was dedicated to the migrants.

The prime celebrant was Mgr. Sam Muscat Archpriest of Nadur, assisted by a large number of priests. After the panegyric, the Grand Prior who was visiting the islands, made a short speech on the aims of the Order and the need to honour local members for their dedications and tireless work in their locality.

The Grand Prior then called the first candidates to the new priory on the Maltese Islands to take their vow: Dr. Chris Said - Mayor, Mgr. Salv Pace, Can. Carmel Portelli, Joseph Żerafa, Peter Paul Camilleri, Andrew Muscat, and Joe Curmi.

On Friday 28 June three members of the Order took part in the procession of “Translazzjoni” around St. Peter and Paul’s Square before the service in the Basilica.

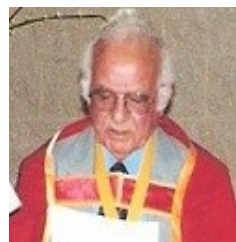


*The inaugural Priory of Malta, in Nadur Gozo from left: Chev. Can. Karm Portelli, Chev. Joseph Curmi, Chev. Andrew Muscat, Grand Prior Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, Chev. Dr. Chris Said, Chev. Guzi Zerafa, Chev. Peter Paul Camilleri and Chev. Mgr. Salv Pace.*

## **2000 - New Priory in Western Australia**

Also in 2000, a new priory was established in Western Australia (WA). Chev Bruno Rabensteiner, former deputy grand Prior who had moved to Western Australia was installed as Prior for that Australian State.

The Order's Council in Melbourne nominated Reno Aquilina, a Maltese community activist in WA to the Order. Mr Aquilina accepted the nomination and was elected Deputy Prior to assist Prior Bruno Rabensteiner.



*Chev. Reno Aquilina.*

## **2001 – Year 5**

### **2001 – Blessing of Cardinal A. Stepinac**

On Saturday 10 February 2001, the Confraternity had been invited to, and attended the celebration at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne for the blessing of Cardinal Stepinac.

A solemn Mass was celebrated by Archbishop George Pell (now Cardinal Pell), assisted by some Croatian priests. The members took part in the procession from the sacristy to the Cathedral.

After the Mass, a bust of Cardinal Stepinac was unveiled outside the Cathedral. Afterwards the members attended dinner at the Croatian Centre in Clifton Hill.

A number of members attended this solemn occasion and were robed. They were warmly welcomed by the community, at this historic occasion.



*Knights of the Order of St. Peter and St. Paul with Archbishop Dr. George Pell, after the celebration. Today Archbishop Dr. George Pell is the Cardinal for Australia.*

In the above image, the members of the Confraternity are wearing the original style mantle and medal.

## **2001 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 1 July 2001 was the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. It was again celebrated in the parish centre in Cooke Avenue, North Sunshine, Victoria.

The Mass started at 2.00 pm. Celebrated by Fr. Raymond Bugeja MSSP with the blessing of a new bell and the banner. The panegyric on was delivered by Fr. Victor Buhagiar. After the panegyric Peter Paul Portelli spoke

about the Order while Fr. Buhagiar read the vow to the new members. Chevs Mato Verkic and George Saliba placed the medal on the new members and the Mayor of Brimbank, Cr. Natalie Suliman placed the mantle on the new members.

The new members were Joseph Caf, Vincent Calleja, Sergio Marusic, Stefan Romaniw and Theresa Straubinger.

After the Mass the procession with the statue took place accompanied by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Incorporated, members of the Order, representatives of Maltese Associations, representatives of the Croatian community of Geelong and children in Maltese costume. Afterwards the members had some refreshments together.

## **2001 – Consecration of the Croatian Church**

The Confraternity was incited to participate in, and attended the consecration of the Croatian Church held on Saturday 17 November 2001. The celebration began at 11.00 am. A number of members attended the consecration of St. Leopold-Bogdan Mandic Church in Ardeer, Victoria, Australia.

The service was attended by thousands of worshipers that came from across Melbourne, Victoria and other States in Australia.

The celebration was officiated by the Most Rev. Archbishop of Melbourne His Excellency Denis Hart and the Most Rev. Bishop His Excellency Mile Bogovic of Gospic Croatia.



*Group photo with Archbishop Denis Hart on the left and  
Bishop Mile Bogovic of Gospic Croatia*

## 2002 – Year 6

### 2002 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul

The feast was celebrated on Sunday 28 June 2002, at St Bernadette Community Centre, North Sunshine, Victoria.

The High Mass was presided by Fr. Saviour Micallef Parish Priest of Naxxar in Malta, assisted by Fr. Denis Carabott, MSSP. Fr. Micallef blessed the new altar on the side of the church dedicated to St. Peter and Paul. After the panegyric Fr. Micallef officiated the investiture of the new members to the Order.



The candidates were Marie Louise Anastasi from the Maltese Community, and Luise Breier from the German community. After the mass, the procession with the statue took place around the church.

*Luise Breier*

## **2003 – Year 7**

### **2003 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The feast was celebrated on Sunday 29 June 2003, at St Bernadette Community Centre, North Sunshine, Victoria. The High Mass was officiated by His Grace Bishop Mark Coleridge, assisted by Fr. Ray Bugeja.

The church was richly decorated with damask and light fittings. The side altar was well decorated with large candle holders.

A new chair was made for the bishop and a velvet canopy above the main altar completed the decorations.

The new candidates invested into the Order were Rita Saliba from the Maltese community, Lyilyana Goja and Lucy Fiamengo from the Croatian community and Hans Roleff from the German community.

The procession with the statue did not take place as it was raining. The bishop Mark Coleridge commented favorably about the church decorations.





*Dame Lucy Fiamengo*

## **2003 – New member for the WA Priory**

The priory of WA nominated Colin Caputo from the Italian community for his work in the parish of St. Joseph in Bassendean, as its new member for 2003.

The celebration was held on Sunday 29 June 2003.

## **2004 - Year 8**

### **2004 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The feast was celebrated on Sunday 4 July 2004, at St Bernadette Community Centre, North Sunshine, Victoria. The Mass was officiated by His Excellency Denis Hart Archbishop of Melbourne. This was the first occasion that the Archbishop of Melbourne officiated in Confraternity celebrations. This year the Confraternity also celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blessing of the Nadur Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, Gozo.

The Archbishop made a mention of the occasion during the panegyric. The Archbishop was assisted by Fr. Sam Buttigieg and Fr. Tran.

After the Holy Communion the Archbishop officiated in the investiture of the new candidates into the Order. The new members were Vinko Mlikota from the Croatian Community, George Aquilina a folk singer from the Maltese community, Ian Gawler from the Australian community, and Zoltan Tuz from the Hungarian community. The procession was held around the church.

## **2004 – Priory of Western Australia**

The priory of Western Australia held its celebration on Tuesday 29 June 2004. Prior Reno Aquilina officiated on the ceremony. Nick Deluca of the Italian community was invested as a new knight.

## **2004 – New Priory for New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**

Prior Reno Aquilina nominated and ordained Alfred Flask as a Knight for the Australian Capital Territory in Canberra. Chev Alfred Flask became Prior for Canberra. Sam Mifsud of Blacktown in Sydney was admitted to the Order for his commitment in the Maltese community in NSW.

## **2004 – Sad news**

2004 took away three members of the Order and the dear wife of our Deputy Grand Prior. Peter Paul Camilleri from our priory of Nadur in Malta, Sam Vella of our priory in Melbourne and Reno Aquilina the prior and Consul of WA. The wife of Deputy Grand Prior, Georgina Verkic, also joined almighty God in heaven. May they all rest in peace under the protection of St. Peter and St. Paul.

## **2005 and 2006 – Years 9 and 10**

In 2005 and 2006 no activities were held as the Order started the process to break away from the organizers of the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul to become an independent body.

## **2007 – Year 11**

### **2007 – Independent body**

This period saw the Confraternity becoming independent. The Order of St. Peter and St. Paul became registered under the Association Incorporations Act as an incorporated association, with its own corporate identity, under the laws in the State of Victoria, Australia. This body is recognized nationally as an incorporated body, incorporated in Victoria, and it is regulated by Consumer Affairs in the State of Victoria; its name became Order of St. Peter and St. Paul Incorporated.

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## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

This is to certify that

ORDER OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL INC.

is on and from the 28 May 2007

incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

Given under my hand at MELBOURNE, this 28th day of May 2007



Registrar of Incorporated Associations

## 2007 - Feast of St Peter and St Paul

The Order celebrated the feast of St. Peter and Paul on Sunday, 1 July, 2007 at the Resurrection Parish in Kings Park, west of the city of Melbourne. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Raymond Bugeja. After the homily Fr. Bugeja presided on the investiture ceremony.

*Investiture ceremony in 2007, presided by Rev. Fr. Raymond Bugeja.*



The candidates were:

Vincent Galtieri (as at 2017, a Deputy Grand Master)  
Angela Greto (as at 2017, Grand Prior International)  
Saverio Greto (as at 2017, The Macer)  
Les Tarczon (as at 2017, Chairman, Supreme Council)  
Salvatore Ignaccolo  
George Aquilina and  
Robert Mammarella.

Grand Prior Chev. Peter Paul Portelli made a short speech about the aims and values of the Order. Chev. Mato Verkic, Deputy Grand Prior and Dame Lucy Fiamengo assisted in the ceremony.

Chev Sydney Vas and Dame Luise Breier also attended the celebration.

The Wyndham Maltese Choir accompanied the Mass, after which the St. Albans Melita Band played some marches in the parish hall.

## 2008 - Year 12

### 2008 – Dinner Dance

The 2008 dinner dance was held on Saturday 28 June 2008, at the Icka Club, Keilor Park Drive, East Keilor, Victoria, Australia. This was the Confraternity's first dinner dance since its formation, and held as part of the celebrations of the feast of St Peter and St Paul.





## **2009 – Year 13**

### **2009 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The church service for the feast-day was held on Sunday 28 June 2009. It was preceded by a dinner dance on Saturday 20 June 2009.

The Dinner Dance this year was held at the Club Italia in Furlong Road, North Sunshine. 430 guests attended the Dinner Dance. The music was provided by DJ. Moods music and the Mario Sammartino orchestra. The Maltese United Brass Band took part in the merriment with flag waving and dancing to the lively marches.



*The feast Dinner dance in 2009*

The Mass in honour of St. Peter and St. Paul was celebrated at the Holy Eucharist Parish in St. Albans. Fr. Manuel Adami MSSP presided on the investiture.

The candidates, Joe Żammit and Frank Di Blasi, were admitted to the Order. The Mayor of Brimbank, Cr. Troy Anatasovski was a guest in the celebrations.



*Group photo after the Solemn Mass on 28 June, 2009*

## 2009 – Change of name from Order to Confraternity

The Archdiocese of Melbourne suggested that the name should be changed to Confraternity. The Supreme Council of the Order agreed and a change was made in 2009.

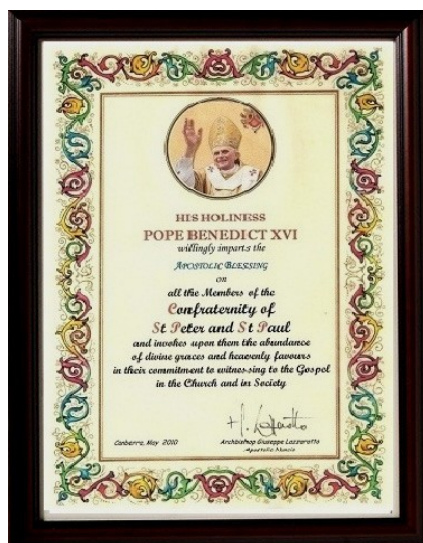


## 2010 - Year 14

### 2010 – Papal Blessing

In the meeting of March 2010, the Council of the Order, accepted to change the name to Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. In May 2010 the Council of the Confraternity wrote to the Archdiocese of Melbourne, informing the Archbishop of the name change and requesting support for the Papal Blessing. The Archbishop replied with a letter of support. On 26 May 2010, the Papal Blessing arrived from the Nuncio Apostolico (Apostolic Nuncio) in Canberra.

This Papal Blessing is not like the blessings given to people or couples but is a special blessing bestowed on a Confraternity following a request by the local Bishop.



## 2010 - Feast of St Peter and St Paul

The feast in honour of St Peter and St Paul was celebrated by a dinner dance and a church service.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June the dinner dance was held at the Melrose Reception Centre, in Tullamarine, Melbourne. 350 guests attended the function. The Confraternity made a facade of a church with lights and the picture of St. Peter and St. Paul, plus a banner of the Confraternity, which were presented at the function.



*The new church façade presented at the function*

The music was provided by DJ. Moods music and the Mario Sammartino Band.

The Maltese United Brass Band took part in the merriment with flag waving (the colours of the Confraternity are Red and Yellow as per the flags) and dancing to the lively marches.



*Dinner dance guests at Melrose receptions*

## **2010 – The Mass celebrating the feast of St. Peter & St. Paul**

The Solemn Mass in honour of St. Peter and St. Paul, was held at St. Martin De Porres, in Avondale Heights, Victoria, Australia. The Very Rev. Tony Kerin EV PP Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Social Service, was very welcoming. Fr. Kerin was assisted by Francis Dalton and Luigi Buccarelli the Master of Ceremonies.

Retired Fr. Ron Merrick who celebrated 60 years as a priest was also present. The ceremony commenced with the bells of the Nadur Church playing on CD and then the Antifona ‘Petrus Apostolus’ was played before the entrance hymn.

Chev. Les Tarczon carrying the Vatican flag, led the procession in the church, followed by Cav. Saverio Greto with the Mace. The Mass was in Italian and English. After the Holy Communion the investiture of the new Knights and Dames in the Confraternity took place. Fr. Tony Kerin read the prayer and blessed the candidates.

The new Knights and dames were Maria Andronaco, Teresa Di Mauro, Teresa Mamone, Domenica Sabatini, Mario Sabatini, Ante Grasic, Catherine Portelli, Rosa Tornese and Emilio Tornese.



After the Mass a procession took place around the church car park and ended up in the parish hall, where the Maltese United Brass Band played some popular marches.

A concert by the orchestra of Chev. Emilio Tornese also took part in the hall.



*Procession after the Solemn Mass*



## 2011 - Year 15

### 2011 – Fundraising for the Hear Foundation

The Confraternity organized a Dinner Dance to raise money for the Heart Foundation in Melbourne. This dinner dance took place on Sunday, 13 March 2011 at Club Italia in North Sunshine, Victoria. A sum of \$1000.00 was donated to the Heart Foundation.



*Knights and Dames of the Confraternity  
at the fund raising dinner dance*

## **2011 – Decision to have 21-member Supreme Council**

The Minutes of the Confraternity meeting of 4 April 2011 record a decision to select a Supreme Council of 21 members. In the event that the Grand Master will retire or pass away, the Supreme Council will elect a Grand Master, with two thirds of the votes. The option remained to increase the number of members on the Supreme Council as the Confraternity grows. Further, the Grand Prior or Prior of any Chapter can be a member of the Supreme Council.

## **2011 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The celebrations for this feast took place on Saturday, 25th June being a dinner dance, and Sunday, 3rd July 2011 with a solemn mass.

The Dinner Dance was held at the Club Italia, North Sunshine, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Chev. Alfred Flask of Canberra came to Melbourne to enjoy the festivities. The Grand Master Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, was in Malta.

The Solemn Mass was celebrated at St. Martin De Porres, in Avondale Heights.

The candidates who were admitted to the Confraternity were Serena Ignaccolo, Joe Foca and Maria Colombo.



*Knights and dames after the Mass at St. Martin De Porres Church*

## **2011 – Grand Chapter of Malta Investiture**

The Malta investiture took place in Nadur, Gozo, on Wednesday evening at the Nadur Town Hall. The Grand Master of the Confraternity, HE Peter Paul Portelli started the ceremony by elevating the branch in Nadur to Grand Chapter of Malta.

In his opening speech the Grand Master said the seat of the priory on the Maltese Islands is in Nadur, which is his birthplace.

The Grand Master advised he wanted to raise the priory to status of Grand Chapter. He also thanked the Nadur Local Council for providing the Town Hall for the investiture.

The candidates for the investiture were the Minister for Gozo, Giovanna Debono; a local Pharmacist, Ms. Maria Natoli; local artists Michael Camilleri Cauchi and Adonai Camilleri Cauchi; Andrew Muscat a tireless local community leader, Carmel Saliba of Victoria Public Relation Officer of the Emergency Response and Rescue Corps (ERRC) and Charlie Borg of Fontana who resides in Melbourne and is the Coordinator of the Marian Centre of Ta' Pinu in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, Australia.

The ceremony was attended by Chev. Joseph Żerafa and Chev. Andrew Muscat Pisani.

After the investiture the Minister for Gozo, Dame Giovanna Debono, made a speech noting “*Peter Paul Portelli left Malta many years ago but his heart is still here in Nadur.*” The Minister then thanked him for his initiative “*to keep us close with the Maltese and Gozitans especially Nadurin in Australia and other parts of the world by establishing the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.*”

Dame Maria Natoli a local Councillor and Pharmacist spoke on behalf of the Nadur Local Council. She said that *“through the twinning with the towns of Cicciano and Bevano we could establish priories in Italy.”*

The Grand Master, Peter Paul Portelli, closed the ceremony by congratulating the new Chevaliers and Dames and thanking the audience for their attendance.



*Group photo after the investiture ceremony in Nadur - Gozo*

## 2011 – Feast of Madonna Delle Lacrime

The feast of the Madonna Delle Lacrime - Our Lady of Tears of Siracusa was held in Melbourne on Sunday, 20 November, 2011, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The celebration was presided by H.E. Mgr. Salvatore Pappalardo Archbishop of Siracusa and H.E. Mgr. Denis Hart Archbishop of Melbourne.

The celebration was followed by a procession around the Cathedral grounds. The Confraternity was invited to take part in the celebrations.



*Knights and  
Dames of the  
Confraternity  
with  
Archbishop H.E.  
Mgr. Salvatore  
Pappalardo of  
Siracusa*

## 2011 – Christmas Party

This year heralded another historic moment of the inaugural Christmas Party for the Confraternity.

The Christmas Party was held for the members of the Supreme Council as an appreciation for the work that the members did during the year. It took place on 1st December 2011, and the members shared the cost of the meal.

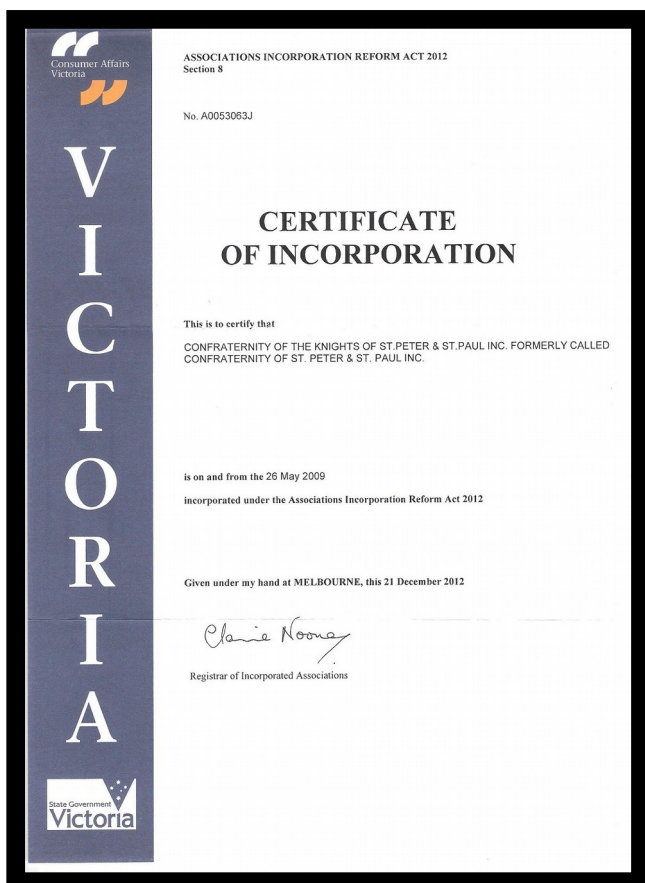


*2011 inaugural Christmas party*

## 2012 – Year 16

### Change of name

The Confraternity changed its name to the *Confraternity of the Knights of St Peter & St Paul Inc.*, and a new certificate was issued to it.





## **2012 (February) New Priory in Toronto – Canada**

A new Chapter, in Toronto, Canada, was established in February 2012.

Through the Supreme Council, the Grand Master H.E. Peter Paul Portelli, appointed Pauline Żahra as Dame and Prior to the Confraternity in this new Chapter of Toronto, Canada.

Prior Pauline Zahra was an active member of the Maltese Cultural Group in Toronto.

The investiture ceremony was held on Friday, 17 February 2012, at the Office of the Maltese Consulate in Toronto.

Also invested as new members to this Chapter were Dame Carmen Galea, Chev Frank Attard, Chev Joe Sherri. In attendance was Rev. Fr. Frank Portelli, who assisted with the investiture and taking of vows by the new members and the Prior.



*From Left: Prior Dame Pauline Zahra - Prior, Chev. Frank Attard,  
Dame Carmen Galea, Ms. Ruth Farrugia Consul of Malta, Chev. Joe  
Sherri and Rev. Fr. Frank Portelli*

## **2012 (July) - New Chapters in Italy and Peru**

In July, 2012, the Supreme Council opened two new chapters; one in Italy and the other in Peru. Professor Ciro Romano was appointed prior of Italy, and Rev. Fr. Anthony Żammit was appointed Prior in Peru.



*Chev. Prof. Ciro Romano*

*Żammit*

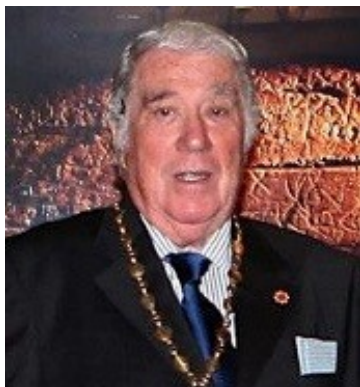


*Chev. Rev. Fr. Anthony*

## **2012 (September) - New chapters in Germany and Portugal**

On the 22 of September 2012, the Supreme Council established two new Chapters, one in Germany and the other in Portugal. Professor Jose Manuel Ferreira Coelho was appointed Grand Prior in Portugal, while Ralf Wegner was appointed Grand Prior of Germany.

Chevalier Ralf Wegner was the Grand Master of the Order of St. Michael in Germany.



*Chev. Ralf Wegner*



*Chev. Prof. Jose M. Ferreira Coelho*

## **2012 – Investiture Ceremony, Grand Chapter of Malta, Nadur, Gozo**

The investiture ceremony for the Grand Chapter of Malta took place in Nadur, Gozo, on Friday, 14 December 2012. Chev. Joe Żerafa was the MC for the occasion.

The Mayor of Nadur, Cr. Charles Said, made a welcoming speech. Cr Charles Said also assisted in the ceremony.



*The Mayor Cr. Charles Said is presenting the Diploma of knight to Chev. Eddie Vella. Chev. Carmel Saliba on the right, was Acting Prior*

Below is a group photograph of this investiture:



*From left: Chev. Eddie Vella, Chev. James Azzopardi, Chev. Paul Callus - Safi Malta, Chev. Prior Charlie Xuereb, Mayor of Nadur Cr. Charles Said, Chev. Carmel Saliba - Victoria Gozo, Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi, Chev. Guzi Žerafa and Chev. Adonai Camilleri Cauchi.*

## **2012 – Inaugural investiture in Peru**

The first investiture ceremony in Peru took place on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2012.

The first knights and Dames held a Christmas Lunch for the elderly of the parish of Santa Rosa.

Fr. Anthony Żammit, a missionary priest from Gozo, Malta was appointed Prior for Peru.



*Christmas lunch for Peruvians assisted by the Confraternity*

## **2012 – Grand Chapter of Malta presentation of donation to Peru mission**

On Saturday, 21 January, the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur, Gozo, donated a sum of 300 dollars raised by the Grand Priory of Melbourne, to the mission of Fr. Raymond Portelli.

Fr. Raymond was a missionary priest at St. Martin De Porres in Iquitos, Peru. Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi presented the money on behalf of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, acknowledging it was raised by the Grand Priory in Melbourne.



*From left: Chev. Adonai Camilleri Cauchi, Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi, Fr. Dr. Raymond Portelli and Acting Prior Chev. Carmel Saliba*

## **2012 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The feast of St Peter and St Paul was, in 2012, celebrated on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (dinner dance) and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July (solemn mass) 2012.

The Dinner Dance was held at the Club Italia, North Sunshine with 400 guests attending a lovely evening. Once again, music was provided by DJ. Moods Music and the Maltese United Brass Band, played some marches during the merriment. The special guest of the evening was Mr. Bernie Finn Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Victoria Government.





The Solemn Mass was celebrated at St. Martin De Porres Parish in Avondale Heights, Victoria, by the Very Rev. Tony Kerin EV PP. Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Social Service, and Parish Priest.

The investiture was held after Holy Communion. H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli presided over the ceremony. Fr. Tony Kerin blessed the candidates Concetta Domma and Carlo Domma.



*The Grand Priory Investiture 2012*

Following the ceremony, members and friends attended the parish hall, entertained by the Maltese United Brass Band:

The event was reported in a major local Italian newspaper, Il Globo:

44 **IL GLOBO** Cronache di Melbourne Lunedì  
23 luglio 2012

Quasi 400 persone non solo italiane alla serata annuale, con allegria e amicizia ma tanta solidarietà

## Confraternita di S. Pietro e Paolo

I proventi della festa a favore di progetti umanitari in Russia, Camerun e Perù

Sabato 23 giugno oltre 370 persone fra soci, cavalieri e dame della Confraternita di San Pietro e San Paolo, che raggruppa noti esponenti locali di parrocchie cattoliche (italiane, maltesi, sloveni, croati, polacchi, rusciani, cileni, argentini e originari dalle isole Mauritius, ecc.) impegnati in progetti caritatevoli in paesi del Terzo Mondo, e molti simpatizzanti, si davano convegno presso l'elegante Club Italia, di North Sunshine, e registravano un "Tutto esaurito" per celebrare in modo vivace, con tanta allegria, amicizia e spirito di solidarietà, la 13ma ricorrenza della festa annuale a SS. Pietro e Paolo.

Il Gran Master della confraternita Peter Paul Portelli e la sua consorte Mary, e la Gran Prior Dame Angela Greto e il consorte cav. Saverio, insieme a parecchi altri cavalieri e dame nei loro tipici mantelli rossi, simbolo del martirio subito dagli Apostoli Pietro e Paolo, erano all'ingresso dell'elegante salone di ricevimenti, a dare il benvenuto a tutti i partecipanti.

Fra i numerosi partecipanti alla ben riuscita festa si notavano parecchi presidenti di società, circoli peninsulari ed enti locali della vasta zona ad ovest di Melbourne, che da anni sostengono ed apprezzano tanto gli scopi e gli obiettivi di solidarietà della Confraternita. Fra gli ospiti il parlamentare statale del seggio di Western Metropolitan Region, Bernie Finn, in rappresentanza del ministero per gli Affari del

altreanno e solidarietà che anela nella Confraternita.

Mentre il reverendo Jordan invitava i presenti a partecipare ai prossimi festeggiamenti annuali in onore alla Madonna delle Lacrime di Sinacua, il parlamentare Finn, nel farsi portavoce del Premier Baillieu, concludeva così: "Siete un gruppo meraviglioso e il vostro lavoro di beneficenza è molto apprezzato e riconosciuto non solo nella comunità, ma anche da noi del governo statale e da tanti credenti Cattolici come me".

A provvedere i ritmi da ballo era il

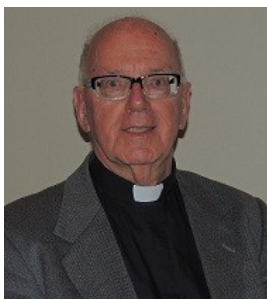
di rito, il maestro di cerimonie Di Blasi invitava a far ingresso in sala la *Maltese United Brass Band*, che eseguiva caratteristiche e vivaci marce inneggiate ai Santi ai quali la Confraternita è intitolata e che in tempi recenti ha annunciato di aver approvato nuovi priorati in Malta, Canada, Sicilia, Roma, Russia, Svizzera, Camerun, Angola, Austria, Croazia, oltre agli stati australiani del Western Australia e South Australia, Sydney, Canberra.

Decine e decine di persone sventolando bandierine bianco-rosse (colori della confraternita) con il Re-Armstrong-Adams




## **2012 – Appointment of the Chaplain of the Confraternity in Melbourne**

In September 2012 the Rev. Fr. Dr. Bill Jordan accepted the invitation from the Supreme Council to become the first chaplain of the Confraternity in Melbourne.



*Chev. Dr. Rev. William Jordan*

## **2012 – End of Year dinner**

To celebrate the work of the Supreme Council for the year, an end of year Christmas dinner was held on 6 December 2012.



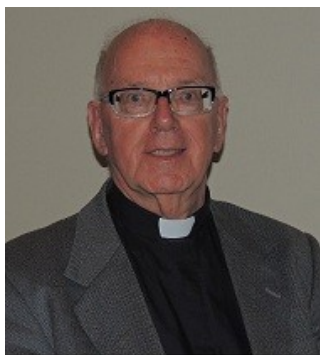
*Christmas Party on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 with Fr. Bill Jordan*

## **2013 – Year 17**

### **2013 – Vale Fr. William (Bill) Jordan**

Father William ‘Bill’ Jordan died on 8 August, 2013 on the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross after a short illness at Melbourne Private Hospital.

Fr Bill was born on 31 August 1935. He studied for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College, Werribee, Australia,



and Propaganda Fide College, Rome, Italy where he was ordained on 21 December 1960 by Cardinal Agagianian. Fr Bill remained in Rome gaining his Licentiate in Theology in 1961, followed by doctoral studies at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred

Music, graduating in 1967.

On his return to Melbourne Fr. Jordan served as assistant priest at Carlton (1967), Caulfield South (1969), and West Melbourne (1971).

In 1984 he was appointed Director of Sacred Music. On 26 January 1985 he was appointed Parish Priest of St Brendan's, Flemington which in 1993 was partnered with Holy Rosary, Kensington.

Fr Bill retired as *Pastor Emeritus* on 12 January 2011.

In September 2012, Fr. Bill Jordan accepted the invitation of the Grand Chapter of Melbourne to become Chaplain of the Confraternity.

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul deeply regretted the passing of Chev. Dr. Rev. William Jordan. He was a nice priest, loved and missed by many, especially the Italian community of Melbourne. Indeed, in the Confraternity's view, Fr. Bill Jordan was a saintly priest.

Fr. William Jordan, please pray for the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

## **2013 - New Chapters in Spain and Sicily**

At its meeting of 11 September 2013, the Supreme Council approved to open chapters in Spain and Sicily. Andrés Salvador Soto Martínez was appointed prior of Spain while Professor Antonio Sciortino was appointed Prior of Sicily.



*Chev. Andrés Salvador Soto Martínez*  
*Prior of Spain*



*Chevalier Antonio Sciortino*  
*Prior of Sicily*

## **2013 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The feast of St Peter and St Paul was celebrated in July 2013 with a dinner dance (Saturday, 22 July) and a solemn mass (Sunday, 30 July), which have by now become traditions of the Confraternity in its Grand Priory in Melbourne.



The annual Dinner Dance was held at the Club Italia, North Sunshine. Once again, music was provided by DJ Tony and the Maltese United Brass Band played some marches during the merriment

The solemn Mass and investiture for 2013 took place at St. Martin De Porres Parish. It was conducted by the Very Rev. Tony Kerin EV PP. Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Social Service, and Parish Priest, assisted by Fr. Anthony Żammit OFM, Prior for Peru.





After the Holy Communion the investiture of two candidates was held. H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli resided on the ceremony. Fr. Anthony Żammit OFM and Tony Kerin blessed the candidates: Elaine Cotter and Gail Vas.

This was followed by a procession with the statue of St. Peter and St. Paul around the car park of the church, accompanied by the Maltese United Brass Band.

The Knights and Dames of the Confraternity and their friends attended the parish hall, where the Maltese United Brass Band played some marches.

## **2014 – Year 18**

### **2018 - New Chapter in New Zealand**

At its meeting of 17 February 2014, the Supreme Council approved to open a chapter in New Zealand. The Supreme Council endorsed Nick Pacey as the inaugural Prior.



*Nick Pacey*

### **2014 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul was celebrated in the now tradition of started of a Dinner Dance on Saturday 21 June 2014 at the Icka Club, East Keilor, Victoria. Music was again provided by DJ. Tony and the Maltese United Brass Band.

The feast continued with a Solemn Mass on Sunday 29 June at St. Martin De Porres in Avondale Heights.

Fr. Nhan Le celebrated the Mass. After the Holy Communion the investiture ceremony took place and the following members were admitted:

Chev. Tony Camiolo,

Chev. Ange Kenos,

Chev. Michael Meilak,

Chev. Paul Cutajar,

Dame Domenica Centofanti and

Dame Mary Camiolo.



*The Investiture*

## **2014 - Grand Chapter of Malta investiture ceremony**

The investiture ceremony took place at the Nadur Town Hall on Monday 23 June 2014.

The ceremony was presided by the H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli, who was in Malta at the time. The Grand Master welcomed everyone to the ceremony and thanked the Knights and Dames for their commitment to help those who are less fortunate than us.

The Grand Master was assisted by Chev. Charlie Xuereb, Prior for the Maltese Grand Chapter.

After the investiture ceremony at the Town Hall the Knights and Dames attended the novena Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter & St. Paul in Nadur.



The following members were admitted to the Grand Chapter of Malta:

Dame Sue Ellen Bugeja

Chev. Charles Said (Mayor of Nadur) and

Chev. Dennis Mifsud (Ambassador for Europe ).

*From left: Dame Sue Ellen Bugeja, Chev. Dennis Mifsud - Grand Prior,*



*Chev. Charlie Xuereb - Prior, H.E. Peter Paul Portelli - Grand Master, Chev. Charles said, Chev. Guzi Zerafa, Chev. Carmel Saliba and Chev. Eddie Vella.*

## **2014 – Pilgrimage to Portugal**

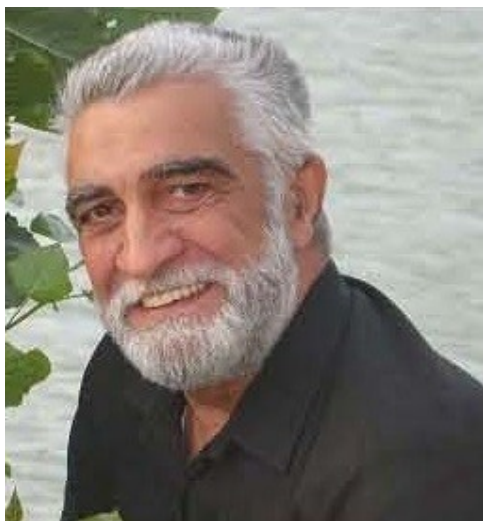
On Tuesday 29 July 2014, Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli represented the Confraternity in a Pilgrimage to Portugal Portugal, which linked Australia and Europe in the common humanitarian goals and moral principles embraced by the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul, a Confraternity with its World Headquarters in the City of Melbourne, Australia.

The visit included a ceremony of great dignity at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, to grant the Insignia to the Portuguese Knights and Dames of the Confraternity. The ceremony was reported on by Cav. Dr. Pedro Laranjeira, Secretary/ Public Relations.

The Chapel of Apparitions, a place usually reserved for high dignitaries, bishops and popes, where the Grand Master and the Portuguese Knights took part in the celebration.

The Confraternity's Grand Master and his wife were initially received with a lunch in Lisbon Geographical Society, organized by the Group of Côte-Real Studies, followed by a Solemn Session in English in the noble space of "Sala Portugal".

After a warm welcome by President Luís Aires-Barros, the Pilgrims heard lectures by various delegates.



*Chev. Dr. Pedro  
Laranjeira*

The speakers were Deputy Grand Master of the Confraternity, Professor Doctor José Ferreira Coelho, Eng. António Mattos e Silva, Architect Luis Soveral Varella and Vice Admiral Alexandre da Fonseca, Director of the Navy Magazine. Prior to the message by H.E. the Grand Master, Peter Paul Portelli, Pedro Laranjeira spoke on the history of the discovery of Australia by the Portuguese Navigator Cristóvão de Mendonça in 1522, a century before the arrival of the first Dutch and 248 years before Captain James Cook RN.

Gifts were exchanged and the Foundation Luciano da Silva offered the visitors some relics and important documents on

the History of Portugal, from the Museum in Cavião. Chev. José Ferreira Coelho guided the visitors on a tour of some of the most emblematic monuments where Lisbon illustrates the many centuries of Portugal's history. The following day, the pilgrims travelled to pay devotion to the Mother of Christ where her apparitions in 1917 took place, in a rural countryside called Cova da Iria. The Knights and Dames of St. Peter and St. Paul were honoured with a highly dignified ceremony and the celebration of a dedicated Eucharist, in the inner circle of the Chapel of Apparitions, a place usually reserved for high dignitaries, bishops and popes, where the Grand Master and the Portuguese Knights and Dames took part in the celebration.

For nearly one hour and before thousands of devotees, the Chapel received this new generation of Lusitania Paladins, in a special Mass celebrated by Rev. António Martins, himself a Knight of the Confraternity. Medals and Certificates were blessed for the appointing of the eight Portuguese Knights distinguished by the Confraternity.

After the celebration, Chev. Professor Doctor José Ferreira Coelho was invested as Knight and in the position of Deputy Grand Master, and Chev. Pedro Laranjeira as Knight and as



Secretary of the Priory of Portugal and Public Relations Officer of the Confraternity.

Professor José Ferreira Coelho offered H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli a beautiful image of Mary, to be held in a place of honour at the Headquarters of the Confraternity in Australia. The Australian pilgrims visited the exhibition "Fatima Light and Peace" and some of the most emblematic national monuments, including the Monastery of Batalha and some of the *ex-libris* of Portugal's History around the country's capital.

H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli presided on the investiture ceremony in Fatima in the same spot where the Virgin Mary appeared to the three young children Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Lúcia de Jesus dos Santos.

This was a momentous occasion and privilege for the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. Fr. Manuel Martins celebrated the Mass and blessed the medals, before hundreds of pilgrims.



*Investiture ceremony in the chapel of the  
Apparition in Fatima*

After the ceremony, H.E. Chev Peter Paul Portelli addressed the gathering.



*Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli addressing  
the congregation after the ceremony*

The Portuguese Knights also presented H.E. Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



*From left: Chev. Dr. Pedro Iaranjiera, Chev. Fr. Antonio Manuel Martins, Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli and Vice Grand Master for Europe Chev. Professor Jose M. Ferreira Coelho.*

## **2014 - New Chapter in Cambridge, Canada**

At its meeting of 20 January 2014, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity approved a new Prior for the City of Cambridge, in Southern Ontario, Canada.

Mr Silvio Neves da Silva, a Division Fire Chief was invested as a Knight and appointed as the inaugural Prior to open and head this new Chapter in Cambridge.

The Chapter was officially inaugurated on Friday 18 July, 2014. Chev. Da Silva was been appointed by the Supreme Council to the position of Grand Prior for the Toronto and Cambridge Priories, and as such Chev De Silva was also appointed Grand Prior for the Chapter of Canada.

At its inception, the Cambridge Chapter consisted of Chev. Silvio Da Silva - Grand Prior for the Chapter of Canada; Chev. Francisco (Frank) Monteiro, retired Police Sergeant and City Councillor, Chev. Keith Clarke, Fire Fighter; Chev. Richard Fernando Martins and Chev. Bob Westhaver.



*From left: Chevs. Keith  
Clarke, Francisco ( Frank  
) Monteiro, Richard  
Fernando Martins, Silvio  
Da Silva - Grand Prior  
and Bob Westhaver.*

## **2015 – Year 19**

### **2015 – Celebration Walk with Mary**

This activity took place on Sunday 22 March 2015. It started with the recitation of the Rosary, and Mass, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne.

The Most Rev. Auxiliary Bishop Peter Elliott was the main celebrant in the Mass. Anglican bishop The Most Rev. Graeme Rutherford and the Very Rev. Dean Dr. Andreas Loewe also attended the Mass.



After the church services, a procession took place from St. Patrick's Cathedral to St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne for the final prayers.

## **2015 - New Chapter of British Columbia**

At its meeting of 9 April 2015 the Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul approved to create a Chapter in British Columbia, Canada.

The Supreme Council invested Mr Guenter Alfred Rieger as Knight of the Confraternity and appointed him as the inaugural Prior to head this new Chapter.



*Chev. Prior Guenter Alfred Rieger*

## **2015 - New Chapters of the Philippines and Belarus**

At its meeting of Thursday, 17 May 2015, the Supreme Council approved two new Chapters - the Philippines and Belarus.



The Supreme Council invested Mr Roman Moreno as Knight of the Confraternity and also appointed him as the inaugural Grand Prior for the Chapter in the Philippines.

*Chev. Ramon Moreno*  
*Grand Prior of the Philippines*

The Supreme Council invested Mr Cvetelin Ivanov as a Knight of the Confraternity and appointed him as the inaugural Prior for the Chapter in Belarus.

*Chev. Cvetelin Ivanov*  
*Prior of Belarus*



## **2014 – Appointment of the Private Secretary to H.E. the Grand Master**

In November 2014, with the approval of the Supreme Council, H.E. the Grand Master offered to Mr Joseph Coleiro, Lawyer and Notary Public, which was accepted, the position of Private Secretary to the Grand Master.

In February 2015, Mr Coleiro was invested as a Knight of Grace. He was later elevated to Knight Commander of Justice and Chancellor and later to Grand-Chancellor, for his work to the Confraternity, and support and guidance to H.E. the Grand Master. With the Grand Master and Dame Angela Greto, he was also instrumental in the design and production of the Confraternity neck medal.



Chev Coleiro is also a Knight of Grace in the Order of St John of Jerusalem - Knights Hospitaller (OSJ) and has organised a number of functions bringing together members of both the Confraternity and the OSJ.  
*Chev. Commander Joseph Coleiro*

*The Grand Chancellor  
Secretary to H.E. The Grand Master*



## **2015 - Grand Chapter of Malta Investiture**

The Grand Chapter of Malta's 2015 investiture was in June. Three new Dames were added to the Grand Chapter.



*Group photo of the Grand Chapter of Malta*

Chancellor Chev. Eddie Vella presented the reading in the Mass that accompanied the investiture.



## **2015 - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Melbourne**

The feast of St Peter and St Paul was celebrated, with an investiture, on Sunday, 5 July, 2015 at St. Martin De Porres Parish in Avondale Heights, Victoria. Three Italians and a Gozitan were admitted to the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

The investiture ceremony was held during the Mass. After the Holy Communion the Very Rev. Fr. Denis Stanley presided on the investiture ceremony.



In a short message H.E. the Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli introduced the candidates and explained to the parishioners

the role of the Confraternity around the world. He continued to observe that the Knights and Dames of St. Peter & St. Paul are following the values of their patron saints to continue on the mission that was given to them by Jesus.

H.E. the Grand Master also said that for the first time, three chapters of the Confraternity made up 1100 Euro's to give to the Christian Refugees in Northern Iraq on the feast of St. Peter & St. Paul last week, in Malta.



*July 2015 investiture at St Martin de Porres*

## **2015 – Establishing the Chapter of Florida**

At its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015, the Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul gave Frances Behrens the approval to open a chapter in Florida, in the United States of America.

The Supreme Council appointed Frances Behrens who lives in Melbourne Florida, as Dame and Prior. Dame Behrens organizes rosary rallies for world peace every October 13, which draw good crowds. She is a servant to Our Lady and Jesus. She also hosts a large rosary at her home every Saturday night starting at 7:30 pm till 9:10 pm. The group hosts many students from Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) college mostly young men, praying on a Saturday night three plus chaplets of divine mercy, and reading bible scripture preparing for Sunday Mass. Dame Behrens also



helps as a sacristan at FIT College. Every March 25th Dame Behrens hosts about 30 or more people to her home to pray 1000 Hail Mary's in honour of Our lady's Annunciation.

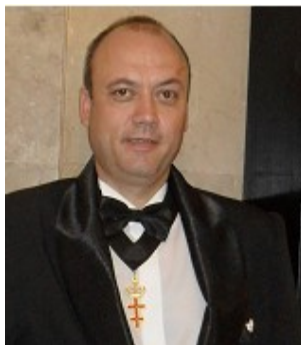
*Prior Dame Frances Behrens*

## **2015 – Two New Chapters - Kenya and Bulgaria**

At its meeting of Wednesday, 7 October 2015, the Supreme Council officially established the Chapters of Kenya and Bulgaria. The Supreme Council appointed Mr Paul Mwanzia as Prior of Kenya and Mr Boyan Vladimirov as Prior of Bulgaria.



*Chevalier Paul Mwanzia , Prior of Kenya*



*Chevalier Boyan Vladimirov, Prior of Bulgaria*

