

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

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## Confraternity News

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**It is not I who built the Confraternity but the Holy Spirit the giver of life**

### Grand Master's Message

Fraternal greetings one and all.

I trust you are all well.

The month of July was a very busy one, for the Confraternity, in the beginning of the month both Chevalier Fr. Joseph Mkinga and Chevalier Fr. Peter Ntayamanja were still here in Malta, during that time, we had a meeting with His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech to present to him volume II of our history.

Also in July we had an audience with His Grace the Most Rev. Charles Scicluna, Archbishop of Malta to present to him the history Volume I and II. Then we had a meeting with His Excellency Bishop Anton Teuma of Gozo to present to him Volume I of our history.

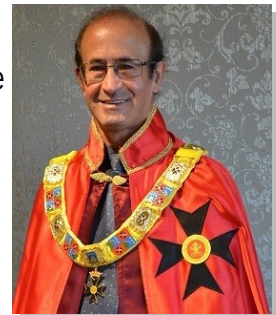
On Thursday 27 July, 2023, we invested Mons Guzeppi Cauchi of the Gozo Cathedral and the Basilica of Nadur respectively, as a Knight Commander of Honour in our Confraternity.

The months of June and July were a very successful period for the Confraternity, especially in Gozo. Even Members of the Order of St. John, congratulated us for our tireless work that we do for the church and the needy.

I am glad to say that although our Confraternity is still young, in the last few weeks, it became very successful here on the Maltese Islands.

Thank you to all those who give their time to make this happen.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul.  
Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli



## GRAND CHAPTER OF MALTA

Nadur, Gozo.

Sunday 2 July, 2023.

The Grand Master His Excellency Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presented the history Volume II to His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech during the opening of the Parish Youth Centre in Kercem.

The Grand Master was accompanied by Dame Mary Portelli, Chevalier Fr. Joseph Mkinga and Chevalier Fr. Peter Ntayamanja.



*Photo from left: Chev. Fr. Joseph Mkinga, His Excellency Chev. Peter Paul Portelli - Grand Master, His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech, Chevalier Fr. Peter Ntayamanja and Dame Mary Portelli.*

## GREAT DAY FOR THE CONFRATERNITY

20 July, 2023.

The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Dame Mary Portelli had an audience with His Grace the Most Reverend Monsignor Charles Scicluna, Archbishop of Malta at the Curia in Floriana.

The Grand Master presented Archbishop Charles Scicluna with copies of the history of the Confraternity. Archbishop Charles Scicluna presented the Grand Master and Dame Mary Portelli with Rosary beads. Archbishop Scicluna gave his blessings.



*Photo: Dame Mary Portelli, His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Scicluna and Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli - Grand Master.*

## Grand Chapter of Malta

Thursday 27 July, 2023.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Malta, Monsignor Guzeppi Cauchi of the Gozo Cathedral and the Basilica of Nadur respectively, was invested as a Knight Commander of Honour in our Confraternity. The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli presided on the ceremony. He was assisted by the Grand Prior Chevalier Joe Meilak and other Members of the Grand Chapter of Malta, based in Nadur Gozo. The ceremony took place at the Office of the Confraternity at December 13 Street in Nadur. This was the second Monsignor to join our Confraternity in just 2 months.



*Photo from left: Chev. Carmel Saliba - Secretary, Chev. Joseph Meilak- Grand Prior, Chev. Peter Paul Portelli – Grand Master, Chev. Mons. Guzeppi Cauchi, Chev. Michael Camilleri Cauchi - Prior, Chev. Peter Said – Treasurer and Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi.*

Saturday, 29 July, 2023.

The Grand Master was accompanied by Chevalier Grand Prior Joseph Meilak, Chevalier Monsignor Guzeppi Cauchi and Dame Mary Portelli.

*Photo from left: Chev. Monsignor Guzeppi Cauchi, Chev. Peter Paul Portelli - Grand Master, His Excellency Bishop Anton Teuma, Chev. Joseph Meilak - Grand Prior and Dame Mary Portelli (took the photo).*

# The Noble Family of the Grand Master



*Palazzo Falson at Mdina, Malta.*

The Falzon family are direct descendants of the Falson/Falzon family which traces back its origins to the 13th century. The Noble family of Falzon moved possibly from Sicily or Spain to Malta and settled in Citta Notabile in Mdina. Federico De Falcone, Baron de Burgio, of the Princely House of Paterno', Augusta Sicilia Italia, born: 1257 died: Dec 6 1286 Messina Sicilia Italia. This was during the reign of **King Martin I and Queen Maria of Sicily and Malta.**

Almost exactly a century later, on 19th July 1399, Antonio Falsone, a citizen of Malta, obtained the grant of Djar il-Chandul, a tenimentum (holding) of thirteen salmas, from King Martin in reward for having greatly assisted in the recovery of the Maltese Islands to his rule, but for which Antonio was expected to pay an annual census of six golden uncie.

On 15th October 1457 Notary Antonio de Falsone was granted a stretch of land at Il-Fiddien described in the grant not to exceed six tuminatas in amount, subject to the annual payment of one tareno per tuminata. The Falzons owned a large amount of land and kept several slaves up till mid 1800. It is recorded that Domenico Falzon was born on February 26th, 1636 and was baptised at the Matrice in Gozo, before Nadur became a parish and died on January 19th 1706 in Nadur. The history of the Falzons is long and many of the family members held high posts such as notaries, judges and some, where elected Capitano della Verga, a position similar to a limited governorship. My great grandfather Pietro Falzon married Margherita Xuereb. His son Michele Falzon married Maria Attard. Their daughter Margerita Falzon married Coronato Portelli. Their Son Baron Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli Falzon – Grand Master of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.



Baron Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli Falzon – Grand Master of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

**Research by: Don Peter Paul Vella and Charles Said-Vassallo.**

## Chapter of Malawi



Chevalier Fr. Joseph Sikwese – Prior celebrated 14 years as  
service of Christ and His church



Chevalier Fr. Joseph Mkinga celebrated 4 years in priesthood.



Chevalier Fr. Peter Ntayamanja celebrated his birthday.

## Helping the needy in Melbourne

*The Sisters of the Resurrection of Essendon in Melbourne, requested the Confraternity for some help to donate homewares to the people in need in Melbourne.*

*The Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto bought some homewares to donate to the needy as requested by the Sisters of the resurrection.*



*Photo: Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto with the goods for charity in Melbourne.*

## Grand Chapter of Malta

### BBQ

The Grand Chapter of Malta based in Nadur, Gozo, is organizing a BBQ for the Members and their families to meet and chat together.

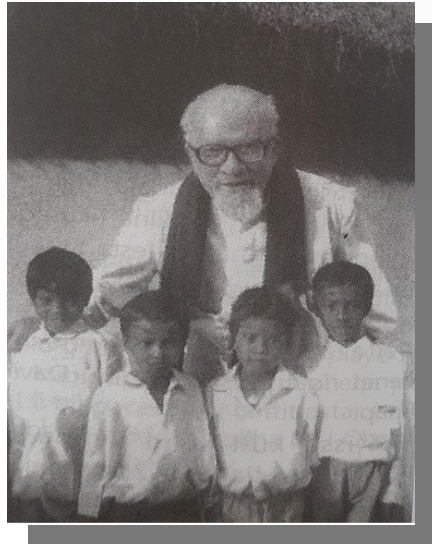
The BBQ is being held on Tuesday 8 August, 2023 at Hondoq Bay, in Qala.

Price: 13 Euros Adults and 9 Euros for children.

## Life of a Missionary

26 November 2005

Fr Karm Attard, a Salesian from Nadur who spent 72 years working among the missions in India, died in India on November 19 aged 94. He had originally gone to Bombay in December 1933 at the age of 22 and his first missionary work was in a village near Himalayan Mountains.

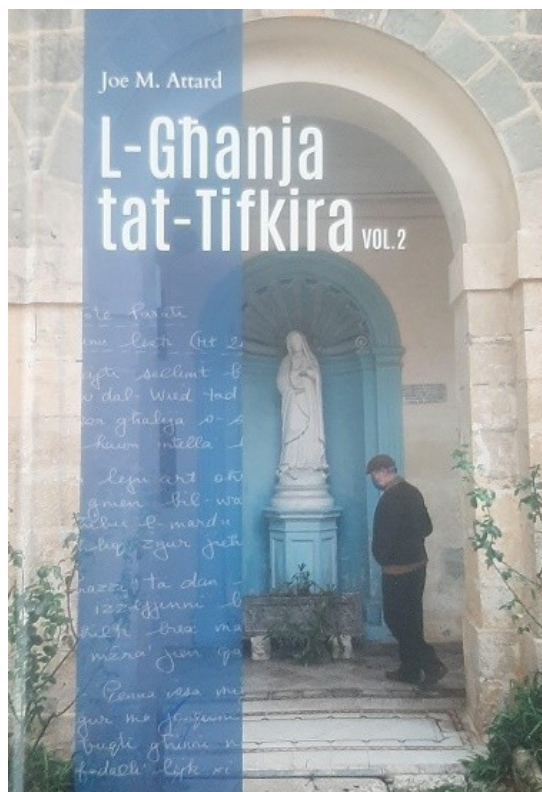


He succeeded in setting up seven parishes with churches, a number of schools and orphanages in Marbisu, Mairang, Nongstoin, Sonapahar, Rangblang, Mawkyrwat and Nongkwar, with the assistance of Maltese and Gozitan benefactors.

In June 2002, he was granted the award Gieh in-Nadur.

*Photo credit to Fr. Joseph Camilleri*

## Donation of books to the Confraternity



Chevalier Joe M Attard of our Confraternity donated a book L-Ghanja tat-Tifkira, to our library in Nadur, Gozo.

Chevalier Joe M Attard is a poet and contributes to many organizations in Malta, Gozo and other countries where Maltese reside.

Thank you very much Chevalier Joe M Attard for your gift to the Confraternity.

The second book Pathways to Holyiness was donated by Fr. Joseph Camilleri a missionary priest in **Guatemala**

## CONFRATERNITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL



### Luncheon

Sunday 13 August, 2023

Venue: Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre  
2 Doyle Street, Avondale Heights. VIC 3034

Time: 12.30 pm.

Music by J&C DUO

3 course meal, wine and soft drinks.

Tickets: \$ 35.00

To book call:

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Mimma Sabatini: 0403528325

Maria Camiolo: 0437667721

## Slavic Mass

Saturday 15 July, 2023

The Confraternity was invited by the Croatian Catholic Centre of Clifton Hill in Melbourne, for the celebration of a Slavic Mass at St. Nikola Tavelic Catholic Church.



*Photo: Members of the Confraternity during the entrance procession.*

This is all I have for you this month.  
I hope that you find the newsletter interesting to read.

**St. Peter and St. Paul Pray for us.**

With every good wish.



H.E. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master

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