GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings one and all.

I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health.

The month of May was the quiet one ever in the history of the Confraternity because of the isolation from the coronavirus.

Today we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, the birth of the Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will descent on us and keep us safe from the coronavirus and deliver us from evil.

May we too do our bid to help in building the church of Jesus Christ like the apostles and His other followers by helping Catholic missions who teaches the word of God.
The God's Spirit stay with us.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Gift of God to all believers, the Spirit gives life, renews, transforms, builds community and gives birth to the New Man.

The Gospel presents us with the Christian community, gathered around the risen Jesus. For John, this community becomes a living community, recreated, new, from the gift of the Spirit. It is the Spirit that allows believers to overcome fear and limitations and to bear witness in the world to this love that Jesus lived to the end.

With Luke we know that the Spirit is the new law that guides the walk of believers. It is He who creates the new community of the People of God, who makes men capable of overcoming their differences and communicating, who unites in the same community of love, people of all races and cultures.

And with Paul we know that the Spirit is the source from which the life of the Christian community flows. It is He who bestows the gifts that enrich the community and that fosters the unity of all members; therefore, these gifts cannot be used for personal benefit, but must be put at the service of all.

Happy feast of Pentecost.

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P. Manuel Martins

WHO IS WHO

Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen - Grand Prior
Grand Chapter of Germany

Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen was appointed Grand Prior of Germany on the liturgical Feast of the Chair of St. Peter on the 22 February.

Born in Kettwig, Germany.

From 1966 to 1971 he attended the Primary School in Mannheim and from 1971 till 1981 the High School in Mannheim.

Between autumn 1981 and spring 1985 he worked as Civil
Component with the US-Forces in Germany and ended his career as Deputy Head of the Security Department within the Civilian Support Center in Mannheim.

In autumn 1985 he started to study law at the University of Mannheim and next to that from autumn 1987 he studied operational economics.

After having finished his studies he worked in a property company and became real estate manager.

Since then he worked as professional broker for commercial properties as property expert.

He is married to Chancellor Dame Gabriele, nee Salzmann and have a son, Chevalier Alexander Michael Neuen.

His work in the Confraternity

Grand Prior Peter Michael Neuen and Chancellor Dame Gabriele has the Confraternity at heart and when the other German members resigned back in 2018, they stayed.

Dame Gabriele works very hard to put together large bags of clothing for the "Fairkauf" a social department store and Grand Prior Peter have donated around 100 books. However, donations in kind will only be accepted in June due to the restricted customers due to the Coronavirus.

I support a priest seminary in Southern Germany with modest donations and visit people in a nursing home in Mannheim every week after my office service. I just listen to their problems and try to support them with objective advice. Sometimes listening is worth more than financial support.

Gabriele and I try to do what is possible with our modest possibilities. And we pray that the incisive restrictions from the Corona crisis will finally be eased again, because personal social contacts and meetings are almost impossible.

But it is very positive that the churches are open again and the Holy Mass can be held again under severe restrictions. This is at least a consolation for older people who have little other than their faith and religion.

I visited several Catholic churches in Mannheim and our church in Deidesheim and I am happy that life is returning there, so at least here we have a ray of hope!

I have planned to hold our investiture of our confraternity in Mannheim at the end of May, but all private and public events are prohibited or subject to strict conditions, so that I plan to held it in autumn.

This year, unfortunately, we have not yet been able to win a new member for our confraternity because personal contacts and conversations were been possible in the past few months. For me it is very important to have a close look at the postulant and to determine whether they are able to integrate into our Confraternity. Because in the last years I learned, what grows fast can also quickly collapse again. So I hope that everything will run in the right direction and I will do my best that we are successful.

Best wishes, stay healthy and our Lord may protect you, your family and all our Conseurs and Confreres of our Confraternity and also best wishes from the Chancellor Dame Gabriele Neuen.
Beautiful Jesuit Church in Mannheim

The church was built between 1733 in 1756 as the Court Church of the Mannheim electors Charles Philip III and Charles Theodore to a design of the Italian architect Alessandro Galli da Bibiena. It was completed in 1760 and consecrated to St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier by the Prince Bishop of Augsburg, Joseph of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Chevalier Michael Drebs
Grand Chapter of Germany

First of all, we would like to inform you that we used the Corona crisis to move our permanent residence from Spain back to Germany.

Although there are people and organizations that we continue to strengthen with money and things. We have better options here to put our actions into practice.

As every month, you ask us to contribute to the newsletter, here are a few of our commitments.
We just don't want all things "hanging on the bell" as they say in Germany.

In the name of our Lord we do the following:

1. We support very specifically and monthly a Spanish family where the father is very sick and the mother cannot work much because of the children. The situation in the family has increased even more since the beginning of the crisis.

2. We support a monthly association of our friends from Baden-Württemberg who take care of health problems for African women. As soon as the crisis is over, we will fly personally to Africa with our friends and help there.

3. I have moved my medical practice back to Germany and help people in need with psychotherapeutic help free of charge.

4. In the house where we live, we took care of an old man because he can no longer leave the house.

5. In October we fly back to Spain, where we keep our house and regularly provide the parish there with clothes that we organize every month.

As you can see, we are doing a lot of necessary help to show what it means to live as a Christian in this time.

We will also use our presence here to intensify our commitment to the German brotherhood.

Greetings to everyone. Although we are all in Gods hand, please be careful that you stay healthy.

Yours Michael and Angie.

HELPING CATHOLIC MISSIONS

The Confraternity of St. Peter & St. Paul is a regular sponsor of the mission of Fr. Dr. Raymond Portelli

By Claudia Calleja

Father Raymond Portelli runs a clinic in poverty-stricken Iquitos, Peru, where he is buying medicine and oxygen for hundreds of people diagnosed daily with coronavirus thanks to generous donations.

Mqabba parishioners raises €30,000 for the Gozitan priest-doctor living in Peru
Mqabba parishioners have collected over €30,000 to send to a Gozitan priest-doctor who is based in the poor village of Iquitos, Peru, which has been overtaken by the coronavirus that is killing about 30 people daily.

The money is going towards buying much-needed oxygen tanks and basic medicine apart from protective gear for healthcare workers – many of whom are also contracting the virus due to the lack of protection.

“The Maltese are generous even during these trying times. We might be suffering in Malta due to coronavirus, but we are also very lucky because, in Iquitos, where poverty is the order of the day even without coronavirus, people are dying because there are no basics like medicines and oxygen,” said Mqabba parish priest John Curmi, who is leading the fundraising.
He said that over the past month, the parishioners had started collecting the money following an appeal made by **Nadur-born** Father Raymond Portelli – a missionary in Iquitos who is also a doctor and runs a clinic there.

*This week we attended 408 patients here in the parish*

**You are invited to visit our website and leave a message in our Guest Book.**

This is all I have for you for May, 2020. Thank you to the contributor to this newsletter.

Thank you to those who acknowledge the receipt of the newsletter.

I wish you a very happy Pentecost Sunday.

God bless you in St. Peter and Paul.

With every good wish.

Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master
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