



Confraternity Herald



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Greetings One and All

November was a very busy time for the Confraternity with the blessing of the Chapel and the Fund Raising for the Australian Farmers.

On Sunday 18 November, the Confraternity took part in the blessing of the Chapel, dedicated to our Patrons St. Peter and Paul.

The celebration started with the recital of the Holy Rosary by Dame Elizabeth Osegueda, followed by the blessing of the chapel by Fr. Frank Buhagiar.

A procession was held from the chapel to the Grand Masters Hall for the Mass. The Holy Relics of St. Peter and Paul and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima were carried in the procession and placed behind the altar. At the end of the Mass the congregation went up to the altar to kiss the Holy Relics.

The Celebration was concluded with some lovely music by the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society.

On Sunday 25 November, we had a fund raising luncheon to support the Australian Farmers who are going through a very difficult period to put food on the table. There has been no rain for a long time and they don't have food to feed their livestock. The preparations for the luncheon started days before the event, with members of the Confraternity having talks with business people to donate towards the fund raising.

The previous day, some members met at the home of the Archgrand Prior Dame Angela Greto to help prepare the food and setting the tables in the hall.

On Sunday morning many members were at the hall early to help with the cooking to be ready for 12.30pm. The function started with a prayer by Dame Carmela Barbaro and welcoming speeches by the Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli, Chevalier Les Tarczson Chairman and Dame Angela Greto, Archgrand Prior. Chevalier Mario Sabatini was the Master of Ceremonies. It was truly a wonderful day, the food was great and the music was really nice.

Thanks to all who contributed to this event, a wonderful sum of \$5,000 was raised.

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



Blessing of the Chapel

Right - Fr. Frank Buhagiar reading prayers for the blessing



Left - Fr. Frank blesses the chapel

Right - The procession from the chapel to the Grand Master's Hall for the celebration of the Mass



Right - *There was a wonderful attendance by Confraternity members*



Left - *Kissing of the Holy Relics of St. Peter and St. Paul*

Right - *Group photo outside the chapel after the celebration*



Photographs of the Fund Raising Luncheon



Above - Confraternity members with Moonee Valley Mayor, Cr. John Sipek (centre)



Some of the patrons that attended the event

A Small Grace by the Intercession of Bishop Emanuel Barbara

Bishop Emanuel Barbara OFM Conv. was a friend of the Confraternity and the Grand Chapter of Melbourne was supporting his mission in Malindi Kenya, till he passed away on 6 January this year. Some of us in the Confraternity had the opportunity to meet Bishop Emanuel Barbara in Malta last year.



Recently, I misplaced my set of keys and after I searched for quite a while, I almost gave up but I knew that they were somewhere in the house.

Having searched everywhere, I was in the office when I saw a picture frame of the late bishop Emanuel Barbara taken with the members of the Confraternity in Malta last year and I asked him to help me find the keys.

At that moment, something told me to look on the chairs in the dining room and after I checked two chairs, the keys were on the third one. I was amazed by how I was led to find the keys. I thanked Bishop Barbara for helping me find the keys. I would like to ask you, the members of the Confraternity to seek help from Bishop Emanuel Barbara, when you need it.

Major Graces through the intersection of Bishop Emanuel Barbara should be passed onto the Archdiocese of Malta. These can lead to the canonization of Bishop Barbara.

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Grand Chapter of Malta

"I hope this email finds you in the best of health. We will be having our mid-year meeting and dinner at Osteria in Pjazzetta in Nadur on Saturday 15th December at 7.30 pm. I am happy to hear that you will be with us next June.

I like to nominate Joe Meilaq. I would like to seek your approval to enrol him as a Brother with the possibility of the Council accepting him as a Member with his investiture in June by your good self.



His CV makes him qualified to become one of our members. If you agree, I will send him an invitation to attend our function on Saturday 15th."

With every good wishes
Chevalier Eddie Vella
Chancellor

Grand Chapter of Germany

“Congratulations for the realization of the project "Chapel", I was very impressed by the impressive pictures on the homepage. I realize that you have invested a lot of time, heart and money.

In Germany everything is running slow but persistent. I am in contact with another three interested persons for our Confraternity, who live in our area, so that's easier to find joined projects.

Until now we collected some large bags with clothing for the charitable second hand store and from a very good friend I received in January 200 Pounds of noodles which he acquires for a special prize from the manufacturer and which we donate to the local table for needy people in Bad Dürkheim. I'm also waiting for 30 Teddy Bears which we bring to the child department of the Hospital in Bad Dürkheim. But nothing runs fast, sometimes I have the feeling that I have to go the way of the many thousand small steps.

Our best wishes to all Confreres and Conseurs in Australia and around the world.

I will contact you again before Christmas.”

Warmest regards
Chevalier Peter Michael Neuen
Grand Prior



Grand Chapter of Canada

“Greeting from the Grand Priory of Canada. As you know Canadian winters are brutally cold and difficult. For those who endure it on the streets without a home, it is unimaginable.

This year the Grand Priory of Canada will be distributing some winter items to the homeless in the Cambridge area during the Christmas Season. I have already received a good supply of items from a number of sources and we will soon be giving those items away.

I wish you all a blessed December as we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. As we give thanks for our good fortune please keep the less fortunate in your prayers.”

Chevalier Silvio Da Silva
Grand Prior



Grand Chapter of Melbourne

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The commercialisation of Christmas is something that we are all caught up in, buying presents for our family members. Sometimes, very extravagant gifts indeed. I am not suggesting that you change the traditions that families have created over the past few decades.

But remember that wonderful Bishop, Saint Nicholas, after whom Santa Claus is named. Remember, his tradition at Christmas was to give gifts to the poor and the needy.



So may I ask you to think of food donations via the Church; gift donations via stores that operate such things as Christmas Gift Trees. Donating some money to charities such as the Red Cross or even as simply as going down to a Vinnies store (e.g. Keilor Rd, Niddrie or Maribyrnong Road, Maribyrnong) and offer to volunteer.

There are so many ways that we can all add to the Christmas that we have come to enjoy with our families, helping others to have some Christmas cheer as well.

And always remember to keep safe over this period as we do not wish to over burden our wonderful ambulance officers, fire officers, police officers or SES. Let them also have a quiet joyful Christmas, and see you in 2019, with God's blessings.”

Chevalier Ange Kenos

Last words from the Grand Master

“I like to thank our grand priors who contributed to this newsletter. I am glad to see our friend Chevalier Silvio Da Silva back in good health and back on the steering wheel of the grand chapter of Canada.

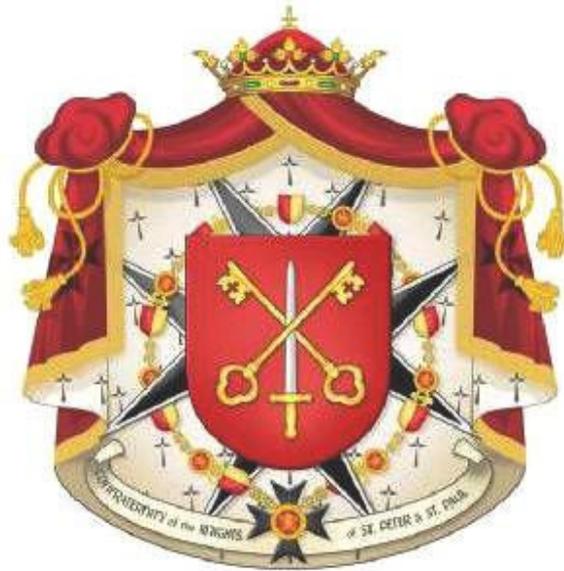
I hope that many of you will contribute with greetings for the festive season to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

With every good wish.”

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master



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