

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

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## Confraternity News

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## Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul 25 years serving God and His People 1997 - 2022

**In Domine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.**

### Grand Master's Message

Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity

Fraternal greetings one and all.

I trust you are all well.

The month of November was a very busy period for the Confraternity in Melbourne. The bigger the Confraternity grows, the busier we become.

In November we had invitations to some very important events, now God willing our next activity will be in February 2023, where we do another fundraising with a BBQ.

Next year the Confraternity should reach new heights, with more people hearing about our institution. Next February, we should have representation at the Reception at Szidónia Castle in Hungary, where other honourable Members from other established orders are meeting under the auspices of Ferdinandus Orden 1561.

### ACT OF KINDNESS

Now that Christmas is around the corner, the Supreme Council and I would like our Members to share something with someone less fortunate than ourselves.

Anything big or small that can bring a smile on someone's face. Perhaps a packet of biscuits for a beggar on the street. Perhaps a Christmas cake to a needy family.

We are not knights and dames for the title or to wear the mantle and the medal. We are here to act and do our duty to help the unfortunate ones, especially at Christmas time.

God bless you in Sts. Peter and Paul.



## ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

The Confraternity in Melbourne had a very busy month with activities almost every week.

On Sunday 6 November, 2022, the Confraternity was invited to take part in the parish feast of St. Martin De Porres in Avondale Heights. This is the parish where we celebrate our yearly feast of our patron saints Peter and Paul.

The celebration was very solemn and the church was packed with worshipers.



Our gratitude to Fr. Nhan Le PP for the invitation.

## Feast of St. Gregory the Great

Sunday 20 November, 2022.



The feast of St. Gregory the Great was celebrated by the Vizzini community of Melbourne.

The celebration started with a Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Coburg with the participation of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

Afterwards the celebration continued at the Vizzini Social Club.

Thank you to our knights and dames for taking part in the celebration.



## PASSING OF A DAME

29 November, 2022



The Confraternity was invited to take part in the funeral of Dame Sarina Ignaccolo. The Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church in St. Albans.

May she rest in peace.

## ACT OF CHARITY

Grand Chapter of Malta

Office: "Dar l-Imnarja" December 13 Street.

Nadur. Gozo. Malta.

Over the past few weeks, the Grand Chapter of Malta collected food stuff to donate hampers to people in need. This was done with the Collaboration with the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur, Gozo and the Town Council.

The food is stored in the Office of the Confraternity in Nadur, a place given to us by the Parish Priest Monsignor Jimmy Xerri.

It takes quite an effort to organize such a collection of food and running around to collect the donated stuff.

Well done to our Chapter in Malta for such an effort.

The Supreme Council wants to see more of this act of Charity, act of kindness by other chapters around the world. Although it is not always possible because of the distance but some chapters have enough Members to organize such a collection for the needy.



**It is important to the Supreme Council to see more chapters do acts of kindness. Act of charity.**



**First hamper was presented to Caritas in Gozo.**

*Photo from left: Grand Prior Chevalier Joseph Meilak with Fr. Michael Borg, Director of Caritas in Gozo, outside St. Paul's Church in Marsalforn, Gozo.*



## Professor Heinz-Peter Platzer

Austria.



The friendship between the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul and Ferdinandus Orden 1561 have an agreement to exchange Members between the two institutions

As part of the agreement the Confraternity appointed the Chancellor of Ferdinandus Orden Prof. Heinz-Peter Platzer with the title of Grand Prior for his country Austria.

Prof. Heinz-Peter Platzer has been following the Confraternity for quite some time and has instigated the friendship between the two Orders.

## Eureka Institute

Platzer is co-founder of the 3rd School of Austrian Economics and Secretary General of EUREKA, Brussels.

His family are main shareholders also of Eureka Institute, Austria.

Welcome to the Confraternity Grand Prior Chevalier Prof. Heinz-Peter Platzer.

Congratulations.

## Zoom meeting

On Monday 28 November, 2022, The Grand Master Chev. Peter Paul Portelli and Grand Chancellor Chev. Joseph Coleiro had a Zoom meeting with Chancellor Professor Heinz-Peter Platzer of Ferdinandus Orden 1561.

The main discussions of the meeting were the Friendship between the two institutions, the possibility to appoint a royal patron and the invitation to the Szidónia Castle in February.



# INVITATION TO A RECEPTION AT SZIDONIA CASTLE ON 25 TH. FEBRUARY 2023

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul is invited to a reception on Saturday 25 February, 2023 at Szidónia Castle in Hungary.

Szidónia Castle is a 4-star spa hotel in a historic castle, The distance from Vienna is about **1 hr 16 min** (104.2 km) via SO Autobahn/A3

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul and Ferdinandus Orden 1561 are in dialogue to start a friendship between the two institutions.

Chancellor Professor Peter Platzer is communicating with the Confraternity on behalf of Ferdinandus Orden 1561.

A meeting between the two institutions took place on Monday 28 November on Zoom. The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli and Grand Chancellor Chevalier Joseph Coleiro spoke on behalf of the Confraternity while Chancellor Professor Peter Platzer spoke on behalf of Ferdinandus Orden.

The Order of Ferdinandus 1561 is accepted by several dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church and has the right to wear the official coat of arms of the regional government of Burgenland, Austria.

Our new Grand Prior of Austria Chevalier Heinz-Peter Platzer feels himself honored to represent and to be enforced to support the interests of the confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.



## INVITATION

under the auspice of

### Ferdinandus Orden 1561

H.E. Grand Master Kommerzialrat Ernst Kugler

H.E. Great Chancellor Mst<sup>in</sup> Silvia Kugler

Reception on 25.2.2023 05.00 p.m.

Castle Szidonia\*

Champagne Reception

Silent Devotion and Honors at Chapel of Castle Szidonia\*

Gala-Dinner on Belle Etage

Dresscode: Uniform or festive evening attire

(Prof. Peter Platzer, Chancellor)

a.a.i.r. bis 15th of December 2022 to: [secretaire.general@era-syndicate.eu](mailto:secretaire.general@era-syndicate.eu)

Together with S.O.S.J. Malta –  
Confraternity of the Knights of St.  
Peter & St. Paul – Royal Order of  
Saint Constantine the Great and Saint



\* more Info att. letter

## ST. PETER BECAME BISHOP IN ANTIOCH



The Church of Saint Peter near Antakya, Turkey, is composed of a cave carved into the mountainside on Mount Starius with a depth of 13 m, a width of 9.5 m and a height of 7 m. This cave is one of Christianity's oldest churches. In the centuries after Peter's death, it was the custom for bishops to celebrate the anniversary of their initial consecration.

The Church appointed February 22 as the anniversary of Peter's elevation to a bishop in Antioch. This was called the "Chair of St. Peter in Antioch," referencing the chair that Peter sat in to teach the people.

Over time this feast was merged with the feast commemorating the "Chair of St. Peter in Rome," and became a single feast on February 22.

### History of the first church of St. Peter

The oldest surviving parts of the church building date from at least the 4th or 5th century; these include some pieces of floor mosaics, and traces of frescoes on the right side of the altar. The tunnel inside which opens to the mountainside is thought to have served the Christians for evacuation of the church in case of sudden raids and attacks. Water which seeps from the nearby rocks was gathered inside to drink and to use for baptism; flow of this water, which visitors drank and collected to give to those who were ill (believing that it was healing and curative), has lessened as a result of recent earthquakes.[1]

Crusaders of the First Crusade who captured Antakya in 1098 lengthened the church by a few meters and connected it with two arches to the facade, which they constructed. Acting on orders from Pope Pius IX, Capuchin Friars restored the church and rebuilt the facade in 1863; French Emperor Napoleon III contributed to the restoration. The remains to the left of the entrance belong to colonnades which formerly stood in front of the present facade.

Atop the stone altar in the middle of the church is a stonework platform placed in memory of Saint Peter's Platform Holiday, which was celebrated every 21 February in Antakya. A marble statue of Saint Peter was placed above the altar in 1932.

The garden of the church has been used as a cemetery for hundreds of years. Graves and burials have also been located inside the church, especially around the altar. The church is the burial place



of Tancred, Prince of Galilee, as well as one of the three final resting places of the remains of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, who died in the Third Crusade.

The church is a museum today, but it is possible to perform worship services inside the church under the inspection of the Museum Management by obtaining a permit from the Office of the Provincial Governor.

## Chevalier Ange Kenos

Chapter of Melbourne



Dear Brothers and Sisters

As we approach Christmas we should not forget those who have suffered in the past year and those whom we have lost.

Many a Victorian, for example, has endured the tragedy of massive floods. I myself volunteered as a community chaplain with the Victorian Council of Churches in Maribyrnong. People in that area are still cleaning out homes, repairing gardens, and considering how to repair/ paint etc.

Overseas and not just Ukraine, we have wars, insurrections, tortures, military dictatorships...

Some DO ask 'Why does God allow such evil' but God is not responsible for each and every act of humankind. He is not malevolent and wishes His best for us BUT do we return His love with respect for others? With peace? With care and concern?

God wants us to learn and so offers guidance through the Holy Bible and particularly the New Testament which tells the story of His son, Jesus the Christ.

Are we paying attention?

This is all I have for you this month.

I hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter.

We will have a Christmas Special newsletter, so I hope that I receive some greetings for the festive season.

**Remember always do an act of kindness with people who are less fortunate than us.**

With every good wish.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli



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