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Greetings

Message from the Grand Master

Dear Confreres and friends of the Confraternity,



With the grace of God, I hope that this newsletter find you all in good health. Around this time of the year, things are very quiet in our Confraternity. In October, the Confraternity was invited to take part in the feast of Our Lady of Tears in Melbourne. The celebration was held at St. Brendan's Church in Flemington.

The Grand Chapter of Germany is always busy in some kind of, helping other organization for the needy and taking part in events with other chivalric orders.

It is also nice to see some of our members in Malta helping in events to raise money for Puttinu Cares, a cancer support group that was set up in 2002.

I like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to help in activities of this sort. It is our duty as knights and dames to help those in need, even if we are one member only, in a chapter.

NEW MEMBER IN THE SUPREME COUNCIL

In the meeting of 18 October, 2017 the Supreme Council appointed Stephen Buttigieg as a member to fill a vacancy, left by the late Chevalier Salvatore Ignaccolo.

Stephen Buttigieg is the Chief Executive Officer of Nationwide Asset Management Group in Melbourne. With his experience in business, Stephen will help the Confraternity to go to the next level, to achieve greater recognition throughout Australia and the world.

Grand Chapter of Malta

Caring for the sick

By Dame Carmen Cefai



Recently Puttinu Cares Gozo organised various fund raising activities such as the annual Fun Walk/Run and activities relating to Halloween.

We have been organizing the Fun Walk/Run for the past 7 years. This year it was organized on Sunday 15th October 2017; from the Gozo General Hospital to Ta' Pinu Sanctuary and back. All participants were given a T-shirt against a donation towards Puttinu Cares.

The activities related to Halloween were organized for the first time. Two bake sale activities were organized in this occasion. One was organized at the Arkadia Shopping Centre on Saturday, 28th October 2017 and the other was organized at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Square Nadur on Tuesday, 30th October. During the Arkadia activity pieces of a huge Halloween cake were offered to the public against a donation. Cupcakes and pieces of cakes with a Halloween theme were sold in the Nadur activity. The huge Halloween cake and the other cakes as well as the cupcakes involved in these two activities were gently donated by volunteers. A number of volunteers helped in these activities.

A lot of children and people attended for these activities. All activities were successful and a considerable sum of money was collected in aid of Puttinu Cares. Puttinu Cares helps children and adults that suffer from cancer to receive the required treatment in England.



Picture from left: Chevalier Carmel Saliba, Chev. Charles Coleiro and Dame Virginia Coleiro



From right: Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi and Dame Carmen Cefai with other helpers.





Dame Carmen Cefai and Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi selling cakes at the Halloween Party in Nadur, Gozo to raise money for Puttinu Cares.

Grand chapter of Scotland

Prior Chevalier Eddie Halstead meet with His Eminence Cardinal Burke of the USA.



Photo on the right: His Eminence Cardinal Burke is admiring the medal of the Confraternity.

City of Peace

Münster - Germany

The Peace of Westphalia treaties were signed and sealed in Münster and Osnabrück on 24th October 1648. They ended a battle for political and religious supremacy in Central Europe, which had lasted for thirty years and resulted in unimaginable suffering, particularly for the German population. The Peace of Westphalia imposed international law. It was the first time in European history that a war had been ended via diplomatic channels at the negotiation table, as opposed to military actions on the battlefield.

Münster's identity has been influenced by the Peace of Westphalia and the accompanying culture of tolerance. "Tolerance through dialogue" is the city's motto which has been acknowledged by the European Commission, too: In April 2015, the European Heritage Label was bestowed on the historic Town Hall, marking the site a milestone in the genesis of today's Europe, a symbol for European integration, its ideals, values and history.

- ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/actions/heritage-label/discover_en.htm

The city also constituted a stage on the journey towards Cold War conciliation: on 18th June 1990, Foreign Ministers Shevardnadze (Soviet Union) and Genscher (Germany) met in the Town Hall of Westphalian Peace in order to prepare the "Two-Plus-Four Accord", which paved the way for the peaceful reunification of Germany. Peace as a mission:

- Münster underscores its historical responsibility for peaceful co-existence and non-violent conflict resolutions during the annual event series entitled "Westphalian Peace – Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow."
- The Westphalian Peace Prize is awarded bi-annually by the Economic Association of Westphalia and Lippe. One outstanding individual, who is committed to unity and peace in a Federal Europe, and a youth organisation which works in an exemplary manner towards these aims are honoured. The International Space Station was honoured in 2014. Other personalities being awarded were Ex-chancellor Helmut Schmidt, along with the Children for a Better World (2012), Daniel Barenboim and the young musicians of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra (2010) or the former UN General Secretary Kofi Annan (2008). www.westfaelischer-friedenspreis.de
- The message of the Peace of Westphalia endures in the historic Town Hall on the Prinzipalmarkt. The Town Hall is considered one of the Gothic period's most beautiful secular buildings. The council chamber is the oldest part of the building, and is famous as the "Peace Hall". Although the actual peace treaties were not signed here, peace was invoked in advance of the Spanish-Dutch pact, which resulted in the King of Spain's recognition of sovereignty for the Netherlands. Portraits of the envoys to the complex peace negotiations, which lasted for five years, hang on the walls of the "Peace Hall" in testimony to those times.
- A memorial slab in the fireplace in the Peace Hall bears the inscription: "Anno 1648: 'Pax optima rerum, 24. Oct'. Peace is the greatest good. On 24th October 1998, 20 European heads of state gathered in the Peace Hall to mark the 350th anniversary of Westphalian Peace and rekindle this important message. " www.muenster.de/stadt/tourismus/westfaelischer-frieden.html



Images of St. Peter and St. Paul carved in wood in the City Hall.

Churches dedicated to our Patron Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul Church, San Francisco

Saints Peter and Paul Church is a Roman Catholic Church in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood. Located at 666 Filbert Street, it is directly across from Washington Square and is administered by the Salesians of Don Bosco.

During 1926-1927, the church was the target of radical anti-catholic anarchists, who instituted five separate bomb attacks against the building in the space of one year.[1] On March 6, 1927, police shot and killed one man and seriously wounded another, Celsten Eklund, a radical anarchist and local soapbox orator, as the two men attempted to light the fuse of a large dynamite bomb in front of the church.[1] The dead man, known only as 'Ricca', was never fully identified; Eklund died of his wounds some time later without giving any information about his co-conspirators.[1]

In recent years, Saints Peter and Paul has also become the home church for the city's Chinese-American Roman Catholic population, offering weekly masses in Italian, Cantonese, and English. Mass in Latin is offered monthly as well.



This is all I have for you this month, I like to thank those who contributed to this issue.

I hope that you enjoyed reading.

God Bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul.

Yours faithfully.



Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master