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

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#### Confraternity News

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In Nomine 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.

October was a very exciting month for the Confraternity, we had a busy period for this time of the year and November is even going to be more eventful.



This is a good sign for the Confraternity because the more active we are, the better to help our fellow men.

Being active means we are taking part in church functions, which also means we are serving our purpose to Serve God and His people.

In October apart from the fundraising event that we had early in the month, we took part in a funeral service of the beloved mother, of Dame Rita Santi and the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

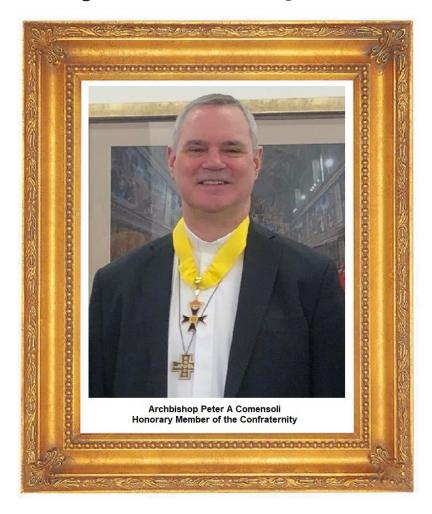
The Confraternity was very honoured to be invited to take part in such a historic celebration of our Cathedral. Thank you to His Grace Archbishop Peter Comensoli and the staff of the Cathedral for the invitation.

In November, we have 3 invitations in the first 3 Sundays at different churches.

This is an exciting time for the Confraternity to serve in different churches.

God bless you in Sts. Peter and Paul.

## Message from the Archbishop of Melbourne



My dear friends,

It was with great joy that our local Church gathered recently to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's Cathedral. Those present came from every walk in life, and from every age group. Our Body of Christ is truly a blessing and a great grace.

Among the worshippers were of course the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. May I share my gratitude to the Knights and Dames for your presence, and for your ongoing support and commitment to the life of the Church - particularly to those most marginalised and in need.

Please be assured of my prayers.

With every grace and blessing, I remain, Yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne

# Celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral

Archdiocese of Melbourne

Thursday 27th October, 2022.

A joyful day for the Confraternity as the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrated the 125th anniversary of the consecration of our Cathedral.

The Confraternity was invited to take part in the celebration. Thank you to the Archbishop His Grace Peter Comensoli and the staff of the Archdiocese for inviting us to this joyous celebration.

The rain didn't dampen our will to travel to the Cathedral to be part of the celebration. Many priests joined Archbishop Peter to commemorate this special anniversary.

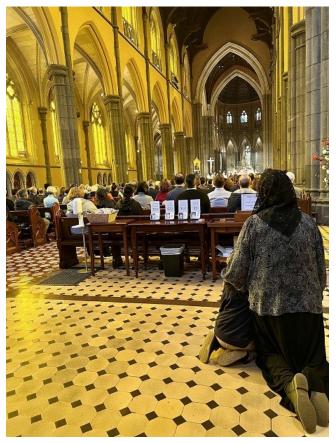
Thank you to our Members for their attendance.

Photos: Courtesy of Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Dame Suzana Fentov.



The Most Rev. Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli









Group photo after the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

#### Watch the videos of the celebration below:

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Celebration of the 125th. Anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Melbourne.

The Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul are mentioned during the introduction.

Watch the celebration here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IavwP\_vfzes">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IavwP\_vfzes</a>

### Fundraising Lunch

Sunday 2 October, 2022

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul organized a fundraising Lunch at the Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre in Avondale Heights.

We had a full house of patrons from several nationalities in the presence of the Consul Counsellor of Croatia, Mrs. Marina Rogina, Monsignor Fr. Bosiljko Rajic and Fr. Velimir Maglica.

For the first time in the history of the Confraternity the function started with a procession of flags of nations that represented our Members on the day.

Everyone had a lovely time.

Thank you to Dame Maria Camiolo for helping with the raffle tickets and the whole team of volunteers who helped setting up the hall on Saturday and cleaning after the event.

Thank you to Ferraro Wines of Assembly Drive in Tullamarine for their generous donation. Thank you to all who donated a present for the raffle and thank you to the musicians.

But most of all thank you to everyone who attended the event.

Photos credit to Zlatko Kozlevčar.



Flags that represented Australia, the Vatican, Maltese, Italian, Croatian, German and Pakistan.



Knights and dames who attended the function



Photo From left: Mons. Fr. Bosiljko Rajic.Fr. Velimir Maglica, Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli, Consul Counsellor of the Croatian Consulate Mrs. Marina Rogina and Grand Chancellor Chevalier Joseph Coleiro.



Normally we wave the flags during the merriment of the feast but this was something different. It was great to see so many new faces and people having fun.

#### PARISH OF MELTON

Melbourne. Vic.

The parish of Melton which consist of the churches of St. Catherine of Siena and of St. Dominic has offered to to receive notices of our events to pass on the information to their parishioners.

This could help in more people attending our fundraising events.

Thank you to the parish priest Fr. Michael Moody and the parish secretary Magaret Cassar for their support.



Fr. Michael Moody Parish Priest



Church of St. Catherine of Siena in Melton West.

## Grand Chapter of Germany

By Chevalier Peter M Neuen

Deputy Grand Master in Europe



Your Excellency,

October also flew by and there is nothing substantial to report from Germany.

I hope that the stagnation caused by Corona and the international crisis situation will finally pass and that it will be possible again to win people over to our Confraternity.

We are again planning a larger donation of clothing for the social department store in Neustadt and a small fundraising campaign for the Tafel in Bad Dürkheim.

Today is the first of November, a day to think of all our dear departed ones and I also pray for all the departed brothers and sisters of our confraternity.

I send you a light that should always show us all the right way in this bad time.

With sincere regards.



#### Events of the Confraternity in November

#### 60th Anniversary of St. Martin De Porres Parish

Sunday 6 November, 2022: The Confraternity is invited to take part in the 60th Anniversary of St.

Martin De Porres Parish in Avondale Heights.

The Mass starts at 10.00 am. We need to be at the church at about 9.45 am.

After the Mass, there will be a BBQ to celebrate the occasion.

Address: St. Martin De Porres Church. 158 Military Road, Avondale Heights, Vic 3034

#### Feast of St. Nikola Tavelic

<u>Sunday 13 November, 2022:</u> The Confraternity is invited to the feast of St. Nikola Tavelic and the Grand Reopening of the Croatian Church in Clifton Hill.

The Mass starts at 11.30 am. We need to be at the church by 11.15am

There will be Lunch and entertainment afterwards.

Address: Croatian Catholic Centre Clifton Hill. 69 Hodgkinson St, Clifton Hill VIC 3068

#### Feast of St. Gregory the Great

<u>Sunday 20 November, 2022:</u> The Confraternity is invited to the feast of St. Gregory the Great at St. Paul's Church in Coburg.

Mass starts at 10.30am

Chevalier Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE Chaplain of the Confraternity is celebrating the Mass.

Address: St. Paul's Catholic Church. 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg VIC 3058

If anyone wishes to stay back for lunch and entertainment, Please contact Cav. Frank Di Blasi

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF MALTA

Office: "Dar l-Imnarja" Triq Dicembru 13. Nadur, Ghawdex.

The Grand Chapter of the Confraternity, based in Nadur Gozo, is doing a collection of goods to present as hampers to the needy at Christmas time.

This is done in collaboration with the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul and the Local Council in Nadur, Gozo.

The Grand Chapter of Malta is also organizing a charity Christmas Dinner on Friday 9th December 2022.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Help us to help others in need.



Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul **Grand Chapter of Malta** 

## Charity Christmas Dinner

Friday 9th December 2022 - At St. Anthony's Centre St. Anthony Str., Ghajnsielem - Time: 7:30 pm onwards Adults 28 € - Children 4-12 years 14 €

Pumpkin soup

Lasagna

Or

Fried ravioli

Penne al salmone

Ribeye 250gr with mushroom or gravy sauce

Stuffed turkey with cranberry sauce

Salmon fillet

Roast potatoes, roast vegetables and salad

Dessert

Wine and water

Book Now Jonathan J. Vella 7944 8921 Carmel Saliba 7905 1610 Joseph Louis Meilak 7955 7681

#### DONATION OF GOODS TO THE NEEDY

Office: "Dar 1-Imnarja" Triq Dicembru 13. Nadur. Ghawdex.

Goods that are collected at the door of the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur, Gozo and at the Nadur Local Council.

Thank you to the Rev. Archpriest Monsignor Jimmy Xerri for his support.

Thank you also to the Nadur Local Council and the donors.





#### FEAST OF ST. NIKOLA TAVELIC

Croatian Catholic Centre Clifton Hill. 69 Hodgkinson St, Clifton Hill VIC 3068 Sunday 13 November, 2022.

Mass at 11.30am

By Chevalier Alexander McPherson

The Croatian Catholic Community "St. Nikola Tavelić" Clifton Hill invites the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul to the solemnity of our community patron.

The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Fabijan Svalina, Coadjutor Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Srijem. He is a former Director of the Croatian Caritas International and former Deputy Secretary General of the Episcopal Conference of Croatia. He will be assisted by Mons. Tomislav Markić, Director of the Directorate of pastoral care for



Croats abroad and Mons. Bosiljko Rajić, the parish priest. The concelebrants will be the number of other Croatian Priests from Melbourne.

The Mass will be in thanksgiving to the Patron Saint, the sacrament of Confirmation and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Croatian Catholic Community in Victoria at Clifton Hill.

The Mass will be sung by the Croatian Choir of Clifton Hill, assisted by Croatian Folkloric Group "Mladi Hrvati".

Nikola Tavelić was a Croatian Franciscan friar and missionary who died a martyr's death in Jerusalem on November 14, 1391. He was beatified as part of Nicholas Tavelic, O.F.M. and companions, which included friars from Italy and France. All four members of his group have been declared saints by the Catholic Church, making Tavelic the first Croatian saint.

In 1384, Tavelic went to serve in the Custody of the Holy Land and lived at the Monastery of Mount Zion, the ancient friary maintained by the Friars Minor in the city, where they spent several years learning Arabic and serving at the holy sites connected to Jesus' life, which had been entrusted to the care of the Order of Friars Minor and which still drew pilgrims from Christian Europe.

After having seen few, if any, conversions from the Muslim populace of the city resulting from their quiet pastoral work at the holy sites of Christianity, Tavelic and his colleagues decided to take the option given to them in the Rule of Life of their founder, Francis of Assisi, and to preach openly the Christian faith to the Muslim populace. They went to the regular gathering before the Qadi of Jerusalem and began to preach. Following their arrest for this, they refused the option to convert to Islam and were imprisoned. After again refusing to convert several days later, the group were all sentenced to death. These missionaries were executed near the Jaffa Gate on November 14, 1391, and their remains completely burned.

#### PATRON TO THE CONFRATERNITY

Few years ago, correspondence with a Duke and Duchess took place to appoint a royal patron to the Confraternity but the idea was shelved.

A discussion with the same royal couple took place just recently. The idea will be discussed at a meeting of the Supreme Council in the coming weeks.

It will be of interest to the Confraternity to hear your views before a decision is made by the Supreme Council.

Do you think that we need a patron?

Should a patron be a church person or a royal person?

Perhaps you like to suggest someone who would be of great value to our Confraternity.

Please send your opinion to the grand master. Email: grandmaster.knightsstpeterpaul@gmail.com

#### **MEETING IN MALTA JUNE 2023**

The Grand Chapter of Malta is planning for the meeting in June 2023.

It will be a great occasion to meet with as many knights and dames during the festivities of our Patron Saints Peter and Paul.



Basilica of St. Peter and Paul in Nadur. Gozo.

This is all I have for you this month.

As always, I hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter.

With every good wish.

God bless you in St. Peter and Paul.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

**Grand Master** 

**CKSPP** 

