



THE CONFRATERNITY HERALD

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Greetings.

Message from the Grand Master

Dear Confreres and friends of the Confraternity,



September was a very quite month for the Confraternity. In Melbourne we had our first meeting since we all came back from Europe. Now everyone here has settled to their normal way of life, so we can start planning ahead for the coming year and beyond.

In our next meeting we will plan a fund raising event that could be our annual barbeque in February. Remember that while most of you are approaching the cold weather, here in Melbourne Australia, we are heading to the warm weather.

My message is that as knights and dames we need to perform our duties to reach out to others, especially the poor and the sick. For most of the chapters who are still very small, it is difficult to organize a fund raising event but by visiting the sick in a hospital you will be doing your part.



Christmas is just around the corner and it will be a very nice thing if we can make time to do an act of good to help others like St. Martin.

One of our duties as knights and dames is to pray especially for our church. Many people today have time for everything but no time for God. Today people find all the excuses in the world and blame the priest so they don't go to church.

Painting of St. Martin in the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur Gozo.

New appointees

The Confraternity has the pleasure to announce the appointment of a brother and a sister to the Confraternity.



Chevalier Joe M. Attard of Victoria, Gozo has been appointed as a Brother for the Grand Chapter of Malta. Chevalier Joe M. Attard is a poet and takes part in many activities in the parish of St. George and many other parishes and organizations in Gozo. He is already a knight of another order.



Angela Rister has been appointed Sister of the Confraternity for the Grand Chapter of Germany. Angela Rister help the needy in the Canary Islands with her husband Chevalier Dr. Michael Drebs.

They will take a vow to become a knight and dame of the Confraternity in June next year.

Congratulations and God Bless.

Chevalier Salvatore Ignaccolo Passed away



In the early hours of Sunday 24 September, 2017 our brother Chevalier Salvatore Ignaccolo passed away to eternal life. He went to a better place in the house of God.

Salvatore Ignaccolo had the Italian community at heart, he was president of the Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Essendon for 20 years.

In June 2007 he was admitted to the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul with the title of Knight Commander of Grace.

Salvatore Ignaccolo was a Member of the Supreme Council of the Confraternity.

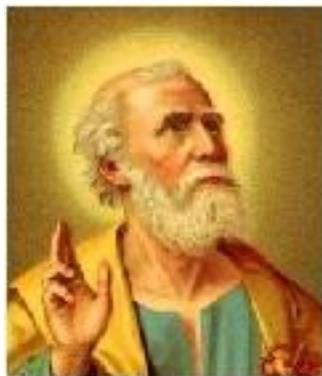
The funeral took place on Monday 2 October, 2017, we said goodbye to our brother and friend Chevalier Salvatore Ignaccolo at his funeral which was held at the Sacred Heart Parish

Church in St. Albans. Melbourne. The Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul took part in the funeral.

Rest in Peace Chevalier Salvatore Ignacolo in the presence of your friends St. Peter and St. Paul.



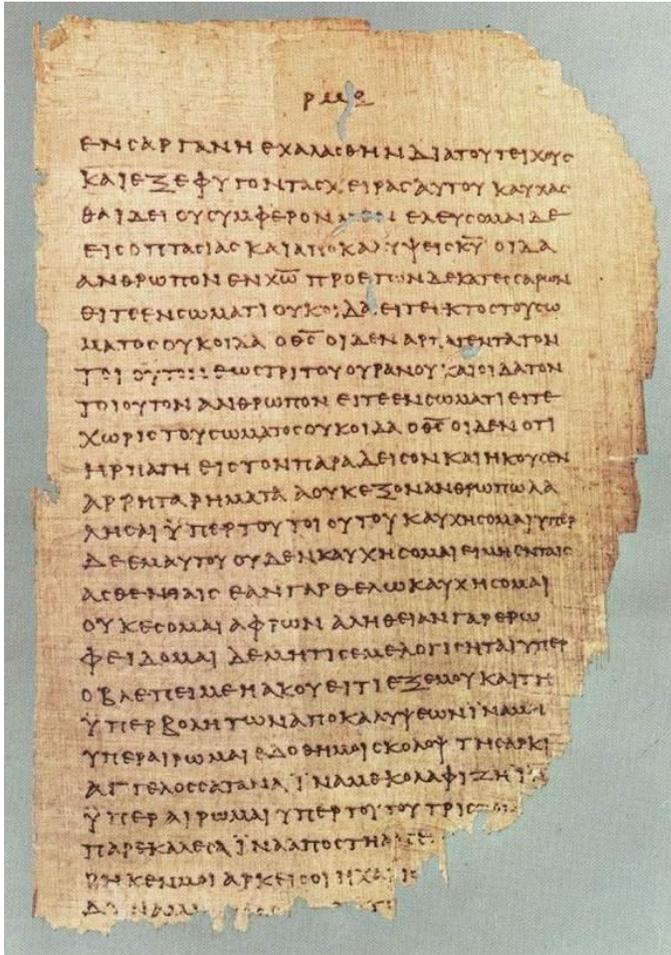
The First Letter of St Peter the Apostle.



St Peter, who was chosen by Jesus to become ‘The Prince of the Apostles’, wrote this letter to the Christian communities in Asia Minor who were being distressed by the enmity of their pagan neighbours. By their acceptance of Christianity they had become separated from their own countrymen, who abused and persecuted them. The Apostle therefore instructs his readers that, in spite of their trials and sufferings, Christianity is the true religion, and exhorts them to lead good Christian lives.

Looking Forward in Hope.

1. Even in times of suffering, there is so much to gladden the heart and to thank God for: his gift of new life; the resurrection of Jesus which gives us ‘living hope’; a legacy we will one day possess, which is ‘kept safe’ for us by God himself. Trials have a purpose: they test faith out and prove it genuine. The dark days are short in comparison with the joy to come. The prophets spoke of this gift of salvation, predicting Christ’s suffering – and glory. These are the things ‘you have now heard’ from the messengers who brought God’s Good News – things that the angels themselves longed to catch a glimpse of. With such a ransom price paid, the new life must be different from the old. It demands ‘holy living’, purity, love from the heart. 1 Peter 1:1-25.



Living as God's People.

2. Don't get stuck at the baby stage, Peter says to his readers. Grow up in faith! Remember who you are: God's own people, chosen to make known the wonderful things he has done; living stones being built into a spiritual Temple that rests on the foundation stone of Christ himself. 1 Peter 2:1-10.

Live Exemplary Lives.

3. Make sure there are no grounds for any accusations brought against you. (Christians in Peter's day had to live down unsavoury rumours that they practiced incest, held sexual orgies – even that they were cannibals.) Obey the civil authorities. (Peter writes this with Nero ruling the empire!)

1 Peter 2:11-17.

Christ Endured Suffering.

4. Slaves, harshly treated, find their model in Christ, who endured undeserved

suffering without threat or argument in his own defence. As God, 'the righteous Judge', brought blessing for all from the suffering of Jesus, so he will bless those who suffer because they want to do his will.

1 Peter 2:18-25.

Husbands and Wives Are Equal.

5. Wives, too, are to submit to their husbands' authority, and win over unbelieving husbands by their conduct. They are to take as their examples, not fashion models, but women of faith – women like the matriarch Sarah, who radiate inner beauty. They are not only to live good lives, but to be free of fear and worry. Christian husbands, for their part, will show consideration to their wives. In terms of God's gift of new life, husbands and wives are equals. A good relationship is vital, not only for their happiness but for spiritual health too, for prayer withers in an atmosphere of friction. 1 Peter 3:1-7

Pay Back Good for Evil.

6. Be loving, be kind, be humble. Pay back good for evil. Do good: keep a clear conscience. There is no need to be anxious or afraid. It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. Christ suffered death, the blameless for the guilty, in order to bring us to God. The risen Jesus, now at God's right hand, enables us to stand before him in good conscience, washed clean of sin. 1 Peter 3:8-22.

When Suffering Comes.

7. Peter anticipates a time of suffering and persecution for his readers. When it comes, they will need to be ready – level-headed, alert, prayerful and unfailingly loving to others. The life of the past is done with. Now each of Christ's followers is given grace for some special service. It should come as no surprise to Christians to suffer for Christ's sake. It is a cause for joy, not discouragement! Christ's suffering led to glory – a glory Christ's faithful followers will share. 1 Peter 4:1-19.

For the Ministry.

8. As a leader himself – and a witness of the crucifixion – Peter appeals for a real 'shepherd spirit' in all church leaders. The younger people must respect their authority. Christians need to acquire a genuinely humble spirit. They also need stout hearts to face formidable and unrelenting opposition. But God never ceases to be concerned for his people. Suffering is only for a little time: God's strength and power are endless.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the August issue of the newsletter we started connecting with churches dedicated to our Patron Saints Peter and Paul.

Today I have the pleasure to present to you the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul of Philadelphia

Watch the film here: https://youtu.be/0tMUTE_KUA4

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, head church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is located at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, on the east side of Logan Square in Philadelphia. It was built from 1846-1864 and was designed by Napoleon LeBrun – from original plans by the Reverend Mariano Muller and the Reverend John B. Tornatore – with the dome and Palladian facade designed by John Notman added after 1850.[2] The interior was largely decorated by Constantino Brumidi.



The cathedral is the largest Catholic church in Pennsylvania, and was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1971. The cathedral has been the site of two papal Masses, one celebrated by Pope John Paul II in 1979, and the other by Pope Francis in 2015. The current rector of the cathedral is the Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill.[3



Black Crosses and Lapel pins for sale in Germany



I recently purchased the beautiful lapel pin from our German chapter. I recommend all confreres buy one. The price is very reasonable and it makes a good talking point when inviting prospective members to apply for membership of the confraternity. Chevalier Nick Pacey (NZ)

This is all I have for you this month. As always I hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter.

If you have any news about your chapter or a church of St. Peter and St. Paul near you, please share it with us.

God Bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul



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