

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

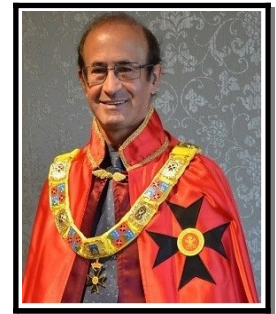
Grand Master's Message

Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity,

Fraternal greetings one and all.

I trust that you are all well

The month of September was an interesting one for the Confraternity with events that happened here in Melbourne and in Malta.



In Melbourne, members of the Supreme Council visited the Peter MacCullum Cancer Hospital and made a donation to the cancer foundation.

Also, in Melbourne we had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency Bishop Giovanni Cefai of the Territorial Prelature of Santiago Apóstol de Huancané Peru.

Bishop Giovanni Cefai a missionary priest of the Society of St. Paul was born in Zebbug, Gozo Malta, and was in Melbourne visiting his family and his brothers, priest of the MSSP.

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne had a get-together for a lunch to share the company of each other. The get-together was very important to stay in touch with the members. The members requested to have another get-together before Christmas.

I would like other chapters to organize a get-together for Christmas, even if the number of members is small.

The Grand Chapter of Malta made a donation to Fr. Mario Cassar a Nadurian who is a missionary priest in Kenya.

Also in Malta Fr. Krystof Buttigieg became the Archpriest of the Parish Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur.

The Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul is the birthplace of the Grand Master of the Confraternity and the Grand Chapter of Malta is based in that parish.

God bless.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

REFLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

By Chevalier Fr. Francis Xavier Buhagiar PE
Chaplain of the Confraternity
Maribyrnong Vic Australia.



Greetings to all our Confraternity Members, Their Families and Our Friends of the Sts. Peter & Paul Confraternity:
My Reflection for September 24.

Dear Friends, during this month of September 24, we have celebrated many heroes in Our Catholic-Christians. Traditions since the Birth of Our Lord Jesus almost 2025 years ago. I will try to write a short note about some of the Saints :

On the 3rd of September we celebrate the life of **St. Gregory the Great(540-604)**.

Gregory was born in Rome in 540, the son of a Roman Senator and administrator of one of the seven regions of Rome. Gregory himself became a Prefect of Rome in 573. He was a devoted Christian, so after the death of his father, he turned the family home into a Monastery. He was the first Monk to become a Pope. He was both a contemplative and a man of action. He was also the First Pope to call himself " Servant of the Servants of God". He had a Pastoral and Missionary Heart, he sent many missionaries to England and other nations. He is also one of the Four Fathers of the Western Church, together with St. Ambrose, St. Augustin and St. Jerome.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

Born on 26th August 1910 to Albanian parents: Her original name was :Gonxha(Agnes) Bojaxhiu> She went to India as a missionary of the Loreto Sisters.

While at prayer, she heard a voice" a call within a call". This spiritual message was clear to her. She gave up her life and left the Loretto Convent " to follow Christ into the slums of Calcutta to be among the poorest of the poor. She invited her Sisters and People of Good Will to see the Face of Jesus in the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5th ,1997, God called her home the Heavenly Jerusalem.

8th September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the 5th Century, on the site of the pool at Bethesda(Jn 5: 1-9) a Basilica was built on the supposed location of the home of Joachim and Ann, it still stands today. The feast that celebrates the Birth of Mary is very old. This feast opens the Liturgical Year in the East. Pope Innocent 1V introduced the Feast in 1243. In Malta and Gozo many parishes celebrate with great devotion Mary's Birth. Our Lady teaches us always to be humble and grateful for all the many Blessings we receive" My soul Proclaims the greatness of the Lord "

St John Chrysostom (344/49-407)

St John was born in Antioch around the year 349. He was educated by his widowed Mother at the age of 20yrs. ,and by the Greek Master Libianus. At 32 years, he was ordained a Priest-Monk. He was a well known Preacher and earned the nickname:

Chrysostom “golden-mouthed”. He became a Doctor of the Church and died in Turkey on September 14th 407 and his body was transferred to the great City of Constantinople in 438.

St Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621)

He was born in Montepulciano, Italy to a noble family and entered the Society of Jesus in 1560. He took his studies at the Roman College in Padua in Italy and the Belgian Catholic University of Louvain. He was so highly esteemed that he became the Theologian for Pope Clement VII at whose request St. Robert composed two Catechisms. These two Catechisms were translated into many languages. He was declared Doctor of the Church in 1931. He died reverently reciting the Creed after he received a blessing from Pope Gregory the XV. His body lies in the Church of St Iganlius in Rome next to that of St, Aloysius Gonsaga S.J.

St Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions Martyrs (+1846)

This Korean First Catholic Priest + 111 Companions(martyrs) were canonized by St John Paul II during his Pastoral Visit to Korea in 1984.Fr. Andrew was martyred on 22nd September 1846. The Korean Catholic Church was started by a group of fervent noble lay people(early in the 17th Century). They usually go once a year to visit and begin to study. There they found Christian Literature translated into Chinese by an Italian Jesuit, Fr. Mateo Ricci [who was well known at the Emperor’s Court in Beijing]

Fr. Andrew knew the Gospel Stories very well. He wrote to fellow persecuted Christians, “ Persecution, therefore, can only be regarded as a command of the Lord“. Thus, the true believer can see the hand of divine providence even in the most violent persecution. (The Beatitudes). The Catholic Faith of the Korean Peninsula is soaked in the blood of martyrs.

There friends, I tried to give you a short overview of Our Catholic heroes that we celebrate during the month of September. Please remember that, even to this day, there are many Christians and People of Goodwill who are persecuted because they are trying to promote the “good combination of justice and peace “.

May the Good Lord Jesus bless you all today and always.

Editorial:

Thank you, Chevalier Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier Buhagiar, PE Chaplain of the Confraternity for the stories of the saints, we celebrated in the month of September.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne is having a fundraising luncheon on Sunday 27 October 2024.

This is the last fundraising for the year.

Bring a friend, have a lovely time with us and help us raise money for the needy.

This year the Confraternity donated a considerable amount of money and goods to the needy and the year has not ended yet.

Thank you for your support.





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ST. PETER & ST. PAUL**
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*Fundraising Luncheon
Sunday 27 October 2024*

Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhoods Centre

2 Doyle St Avondale Heights 3034
Time 12: 5 pm

4 COURSE MEAL

All inclusive Beer, wine, soft drink & Coffee
Book Tickets \$45

Angela Greto 0412 447 321
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Peter MacCullum Cancer Foundation

Saturday, 14 September 2024.

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul visited the Peter Mac Cancer Hospital in Melbourne and made a donation to the Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Michael Moyzes gave us a brief history of the hospital.

Mr. Michael Moyzes said that the patients at the hospital have treatment second to none.

The best that there is.



MEETING WITH BISHOP GIOVANNI CEFAL

Saturday 14 September 2024.
Grand Chapter of Melbourne

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul was honoured to attend the Mass at St. Bernadette's Parish in North Sunshine celebrated by His Excellency Monsignor Bishop Giovanni Cefai MSSP of the Territorial Prelature of Santiago Apóstol de Huancané Peru.

Bishop Giovanni Cefai was assisted in the Mass by Fr. Silvio Bezzina MSSP Parish Priest of St. Bernadette in North Sunshine.

After the Mass, the members of the Supreme Council presented a donation to Bishop Cefai and a copy of the history of the Confraternity Volumes I and II.

The Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli was asked to say a few words at the presentation. Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli said that the aim of the Confraternity is to help the poor, the sick and the needy, and we are honoured to support the mission of Bishop Cefai. Chevalier Portelli added that the Confraternity follows the example of the first missionaries of Christ, St. Peter and St. Paul.

Dame Mimma Sabatini presented the donation to Bishop Cefai and Dame Angela Greta presented a copy of the history of the Confraternity Volume I & II.

This was another great opportunity for the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul to present a donation to the poor. Thanks to all those who support us.





Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Get together for lunch at Watergardens Hotel.

Thank you to Dame Antoinette Camilleri who organized the get-together and thank you to those who attended. It was a lovely get-together.



MISSION TRIP TO ZAMBIA

By Chevalier Carmel Saliba



From 2nd to 25th October 2024, MISSIO Malta is sending five volunteers to help in Lumesi Zambia. They are France Saliba, Mary Debrincat, Chev Carmel Saliba, Jane Saliba and Joseph Buhagiar. After several meetings held monthly during last year, finally on 25th September 2024 the last meeting was held with Robert Farrugia to finalize this experience. Fr Victor Agius celebrated mass.

Missio Malta has been actively engaged with the diocese in Zambia for the past two decades. The projects ranged from borehole projects to constructing houses, building of farms and, most recently, a school

was completed in Lumesi village.

The group, which includes two nurses, will do voluntary work in the hospital, Children's Ward and Waiting Mothers' Shelter. They will help in the Lumesi Primary School and in the schools of nursing and secondary school.

The group will visit the projects done by those who volunteered in previous experience, including some boreholes.

The group will meet the bishop and lunch with him. They will visit the Cheshire Homes for the disabled.

Chev. Carmel Saliba PRO Secretary.



Photo from L to R. Fr Victor Agius, Sandra Moreira, France Saliba, Mary Debrincat, Chev Carmel Saliba, Jane Saliba, Joseph Buhagiar and Robert Farrugia.

Grand Chapter of Malta

Thank you message from Fr. Mario Cassar a missionary priest in Kenya.



I received from the Grand Prior, Chev. Joseph Louis Meilak a donation of 300 euros collected from members of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul. All this money, together with other funds, will go to feed the hungry, to pay school fees to a large group of poor students and, also, to help the sick with buying their medicine and taking them to hospital. Any donation is so much appreciated because without that we cannot work in such a missionary place where everything depends on the generosity of kind people like you of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

But money is not everything. I also need your prayers. Let us pull together the same rope, for where there is solidarity

there is hope of a better future to these very poor people of my mission .

May the Lord protect and bless you.

Rev. Fr. Mario Cassar missionary priest in Kenya

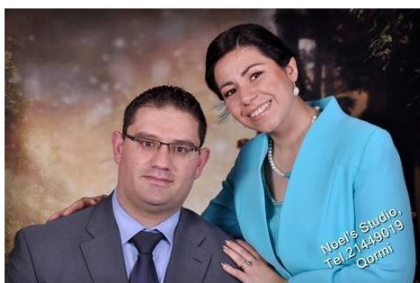
NEW CANDIDATES IN MALTA

In the September meeting of the Supreme Council of the Confraternity, 5 new candidates were approved for the Grand Chapter of Malta.

Josef and Olivia Anne Camilleri of Qormi, Mario Calleja of Hamrun and Kenneth and Vanessa Mangion of Zurrieq.

These candidates will be invested in the Confraternity on the 28 June 2025 during the festivities of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur Gozo, Malta.

Congratulations to all the candidates.



Josef Camilleri - Olivia Anne Camilleri



Mario Calleja



Kenneth Mangion



Vanessa Mangion

NEW ARCHPRIEST PRIEST IN THE PARISH OF NADUR

Nadur, Gozo. Malta.

Saturday 28 September 2024

The Rev. Fr. Can. Krystof Buttigieg, has been appointed as the new Archpriest of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur, Gozo.

Can. Krystof Buttigieg has served as the Parish Administrator since April 2024, and now he assumed full pastoral leadership of the community.

Can. Krystof Buttigieg is taking over from Mons. Jimmy Xerri who served as Archpriest of the parish for 14 years.

The Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul wishes to thank Mons. Jimmy Xerri for his support during his term as Archpriest of the parish.

The Confraternity wishes to congratulate Can. Krystof Buttigieg on his appointment as the new Archpriest of the parish of St. Peter and St. Paul and is looking forward to collaborating with him to help those in need.



Photo by Mario Muscat.

From left: Can. Krystof Buttigieg – Archpriest, Mons. Anton Teuma - Bishop of Gozo and Mons. Jimmy Xerri.

Grand Chapter of Germany

By Chevalier Michael Drebs
Prior of Berlin



Thanks to God we are doing well, and we give something back every day. I have been doing a new voluntary job for a few weeks now.

Every day, many old lonely people call our association. They are put through to me by phone and I speak to them and take away some of their loneliness.

Because I worked as a psychotherapist for 40 years, I am very good at this.

I will be in touch with Chevalier Jandoucheff in the near future.

Unfortunately, I have not had contact with Peter Neuen for some time. But I know from him that his job is very stressful and he has a lot to do. We are all no longer the youngest and the professional world is becoming more and more difficult.

As a Prior, I try to carry out my task every day. But I can tell you that it is difficult to bring people in Germany into contact with the church. So I have been pursuing a different approach for some time.

I gather 2 or 3 people around me and we do good things. Because I know that where 2 or 3 have gathered in HIS name, he is in our midst.

I see your activities on Facebook and am impressed by everything the Confraternity is doing. God bless and stay healthy.

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank you all for your kind messages on my birthday. You made my day extra special.



I also would like to thank you all for your phone calls and messages to give me and my family your condolences on the passing of my dear sister Salvina Faruggia.

God bless you all.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

