

Confraternitas

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



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In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen

Grand Master's Message

Dear Confrères and Friends of the Confraternity.

Blessing of the Lord Jesus.

I hope that you are well. At the same time, we pray for those who need our prayers.



WHO WE ARE AS A CONFRATERNITY?

Are we different from other order of chivalry?

The answer is YES, we are different because our aim is to serve God and His people. We are more church orientated Confraternity to serve in the parishes. We are here to serve the needy, the poor, the disabled, the sick and thosen who are lonely.

This is our mission, to do what is best for humanity.

Now Christmas is not that far away and we should work with the local parishes to place a box inside the door of the church for the parishioners to place food items to be distributed to the poor in the parish.

This practise has been carried out in the Grand Chapter of Malta for the last few years and it has been very successful.

This year, this practise is taking place at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Ghajnsielem, Gozo.

Already some companies have contributed to this aim with some cooking items. This food will be then distributed as hampers to the poor and the disabled organisation in Gozo.

I hope that many of you ask your local parish to place a box inside your church for food collection to bring a smile to someone who is less fortunate than us during the Christmas season.

STORIES OF CATHOLIC SAINTS

By Chevalier Rev. Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE

Chaplain of the Confraternity

Melbourne. Australia.



Photo from left: Chevalier Rev. Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE with His Excellency The Most Rev. Mons. Anton Teuma, Bishop of Gozo.

Dear Members of the Confraternity of St. Peter & St. Paul and Friends,
My September 2025 reflection is on: Our National Marian Feast Day (Malta-Gozo),
The Nativity of Our Lady (Il-Bambina) Mater Ecclesia (Mother of the Church).
In our Catholic Liturgical Calendar we celebrate three birthdays: The Nativity of the
Lord Jesus, (December 25), The Nativity of St John the Baptist (June 24) and the
Nativity of the Lord's Mother (September 8). Our Mother Church uniquely honours
the three Principal Figures connected to the Incarnation, and the Redemption.
Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the Old Testament and the New Testament –
bringing to an end the stage of expectation and the promises, inauguration of the
year of grace and salvation in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore
The Birth of Mary is ordained in particular toward her Mission as Mother of the
Saviour and as Mater Ecclesia (Mother of the Universal Catholic Church).

In the document on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council "Sacrosanctum
Concilium " promulgated by St.

Paul V1(4/12/63) states that Mary “is inseparably linked to her Son’s saving work.” The mystery of the divine election of Mary as Mother of God is explicitly related to her humility : “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. That sense of humility and lowliness is an indispensable condition for receiving the divine gifts. The Mother of God appeared in the World like a shining Star (Stella Maris).favour
We, Maltese-Gozitans, always celebrate with great joy and devotion the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the Sun of Hope, Justice, Peace and Unity ,Christ Our Lord.
Kind Regards

Fr. Frank Buhagiar PE
Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter & St. Paul
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Chapter of Malta

New Grand Prior for Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.
Nadur, Gozo.



The Grand Master, Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli, appointed Chevalier Carmel Saliba as Grand Prior for the Grand Chapter of Malta, effective from the 3rd of September 2025.

Grand Prior Chevalier Carmel Saliba will be assisted by Dame Veronica Camilleri Cauchi in Gozo and Chevalier Vincent Marshall in Malta as Personal Secretaries.

The Grand Master also appointed Dame Lina Mifsud, Secretary / Chancellor. Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi – Prior and Chevalier Peter Ray Said – Treasurer, will continue to serve in their present role.

Chevalier Carmel Saliba was appointed as a Knight in the Confraternity on the 3rd of August 2011, at a ceremony held at the Nadur Town Hall. Over the years, he served as Acting Prior, Secretary / PR and recently as chancellor of the Grand Chapter of Malta.

In 2012, Chevalier Carmel Saliba served as an Acting Prior. He presided on the investiture ceremony held on Friday 14 December 2012 at the Nadur Town Hall. He was assisted by Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi.

During the ceremony, he appointed Chevalier Paul Callus, Chevalie Eddie Vella, Chevalier James Azzopardi and Chevalier Charlie Xuereb.



Photo: Acting Prior Chevalier Carmel Saliba appointing Chevalier Charlie Xuereb as Prior. He was assisted by Chevalier Michael Camilleri Cauchi.



Photo from left: Chevalier James Azzopardi, Chevalier Paul Callus, Chevalier Eddie Vella, Chevalier Charlie Xuereb and Acting Prior Chevalier Carmel Saliba.

Chapter of Malawi

Central Africa.

Chevalier Fr. Joseph Sikwese visiting Malta and Gozo.



The Prior of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, in Malawi, Chevalier Rev. Fr. Joseph Sikwese is visiting Malta and Gozo for 10 days between the 10th and 20th of October 2025.

Chevalier Fr. Joseph Sikwese studied Theology at the University of Malta from 2012 to 2014.

Fr. Joseph Sikwese is visiting Gozo on Sunday 12th October 2025. He is taking part in the 7 pm Mass on Sunday at the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Nadur. On Monday 13 October, he is taking part in the feast of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima at the parish of Pieta.

Then on Saturday, October 18, Fr. Joseph, will meet with the Knights and Dames of the Confraternity of St. Peter & St. Paul in Malta.

We wish Rev. Fr. Joseph Sikwese a well deserved holiday in Malta and Gozo.

Grand Chapter of Melbourne

Fund-raising Luncheon

The Grand Chapter of Melbourne is having the last fund-raising Luncheon for the year.

Your support in selling the tickets is always welcome.

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

Charity Fund-raising Luncheon



Sunday 26 October 2025

at Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre
1 Doyle Street, Avondale Heights 3034.

Time: 12.00 noon till 5 pm

Music provided by J&C Duo

4 course meal including beer, wine, soft drink and coffee

Tickets: Adults \$45

For more details and to book call:

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We are committed to help the poor and the sick

Collection box

We would like our members to ask their parish priest to place a box inside the main door of the church for the parishioners to place food and other kitchen items to be distributed to the poor at Christmas time.





Thank you Chevalier Nick De Luca for sharing these photos with us.

That is all I have for you this month.

I hope that you enjoyed reading the newsletter.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master

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Melbourne, Australia.

