



THE CONFRATERNITY HERALD

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Message from the Grand Master



On Sunday 19 February, the Grand Chapter of Melbourne was invited by our Chaplain Chevalier Fr. Manuel Sunaz, parish priest of St. Paul in West Sunshine, to take part in the feast remembering St. Paul's Shipwreck in Malta.

Bishop Mark Edwards concelebrated the Mass accompanied by Fr. Manuel Sunaz P.P. and Fr. Louis.

Afterwards we took part in the procession with the statue of St. Paul.

Also in February we had our Fund Raising Barbeque, which took place on Sunday 26. This was held at the Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre, Doyle Street, Avondale Heights.

As usual we had a very good crowd and everyone had a good time.

Big thank you to all those who prepared the food and those who donated something to make the event so successful. Also thank you to those who helped with the cleaning afterwards.

It was a team effort. Well done.

Papal Audience



The Confraternity is planning an audience with His Holiness Pope Francis on Wednesday 26 July, 2017.

If all goes well, you are welcome to join us.

Please tell us if you are interested to join us.

Email: grandmaster.knightsstpeterpaul@gmail.com

FROM MONSIGNOR ARCHPRIEST JIMMY XERRI

Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

Nadur. Gozo. Malta.



Dear Peter Paul, thank you very much for the letter you sent me and the photo attached to it. If God willing we meet in summer. Here we are preparing a special program for this year.

My best regards to you all.

Rev. Archpriest Monsignor Jimmy Xerri

Parish Collegiate, Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul

NEW CANDIDATES

New candidates to join our Confraternity.

Mr. Andreas Günther Rademacher is nominated by Grand Prior Chevalier Prof. Dr. Lothar Gellert and Mr. Antonino Giarrusso is nominated by Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli. Mr. Antonino Giarrusso is a close friend of the Members of the Supreme Council.



Andreas Günther Rademacher

Germany



Antonino Giarrusso

Melbourne

Feast of St. Paul in West Sunshine – Melbourne



A group photo with Bishop Mark Edwards and Chaplain Fr. Manuel Sunaz.



The knights and dames of St. Peter & St. Paul during the procession.

Grand Chapter of Melbourne Barbeque Fund Raising



Our beautiful ladies preparing the food



The knights busy cooking the barbeque.



Busy eating



Some of the guest.



Dancing along.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN NADUR DURING OUR CONVENTION



The Basilica from afar.



Young people having fun during the 11.00 a.m. march, on feast day.



The Statue of St. Peter & St. Paul during the procession.



Almost sunset on the feast day.



Fireworks at the end of the procession.

Profile: Grand Prior Chevalier Prof. Dr. Lothar Gellert



Grand Prior Prof. Dr. Dr. hon. (UA) Lothar Gellert was born in Göttingen (Lower Saxony) on September 15th, 1957. At the age of 6 he started his school career in the Primary School in Göttingen-Weende.

After his Abitur (equivalent to the British A-Level exam), Lothar Gellert started his law studies at the Georg-August-University in Göttingen. It was here that he passed the first part of his State Exams. After a preparatory time with different courts and administrations he passed the second and final part of the State Exams in 1984.

Lothar Gellert started his professional career in working as a self-employed lawyer and barrister for five years.

It was in 1991 that he continued his career as a senior government official with the German Federal Finance Administration, in which he worked in different departments of the German Customs Administration as Deputy Head.

From 2005 until 2007 and from 2009 until 2011, Lothar Gellert had the chance to be seconded to the European Commission in Brussels where he supported the legal staff of the European Commission.

During this time, first contacts to the University of Customs and Finance in Dnipropetrowsk (now only Dnipro) in Ukraine could be established. Many lectures and presentations lead to his appointment of an honorary doctor of the said University.

Since 2011 Lothar Gellert has been working as Professor for General Customs Law, Customs Duty Law and German Administrative Law with the Federal University of Science in Münster, where young customs officers are taught.

Besides this teaching at University, Lothar Gellert has published a couple of specialist books and papers and is a frequent speaker on national and international customs conferences.

Lothar Gellert is married and has one adult son. In his leisure time he plays the percussions, the keyboard and the accordion with the Shanty Choir “Original Osnabrücker Windjammer”.

In addition to this hobby, Lothar Gellert has committed himself to charity work and is very busy helping poor and needy people. Since 2014 he has been treasurer and legal adviser of the German Knightly Order of the Archangel St. Michael.

In 2016 he joined the Austrian Order of St. Michael, too.

Due to his membership in the Corps Saint Lazarus International, in the Order of St. Lazarus and in the Order of St. Joachim as well, he could establish excellent contacts between these

and the Grand Chapter of Germany. This will be helpful not only for the work of the German Chapter but also for its Grand Prior's intention of building a network among different organizations.

It has always been Lothar Gellert's aim to help those who are in need.

Monthly report February 2017

Grand Prior Chevalier Prof. Dr. Lothar Gellert meets the Prior of Scotland

During the month of February, most of the Grand Chapter's activity was concentrated on the more precise preparation of its investiture in July.

As some members and friends might have already realized, the invitations together with the program have been sent out. In Lengerich and Brochterbeck, the Grand Prior has come to arrangements with the bus service and some good restaurants, which will serve delicious food to the participants of the investiture. So we hope that many sisters and brothers, to whom we are also going to show some lovely places of the Münsterland, will join us.

On February 17th, the Grand Prior of the Grand Chapter of Germany had a meeting with the Grand Prior of Scotland, Sir Edward Halstead. Both agreed that for their rather young Grand Chapters it is important to become better-known, both in their own surroundings as well as in the perception of other orders and confraternities. This might be realized by using media like leaflets and the internet and by establishing and intensifying contacts to other organizations. Throughout the year, there are many occasions like e. g. conventions. Both Grand Priors parted with the promise to support each other and to meet regularly.



Grand Priors Dr. Lothar Gellert and Sir Edward Halstead

As the time of fasting begins on March 1st, the Grand Prior of the Grand Chapter of Germany reminded all sisters and brothers in his address to our little monthly online-paper "Peter & Paul-Brief" of the fact that fasting does not only mean to withdraw from our life of plenty, but to think of all the needy people. In its deepest religious sense, Lent is also the time of alms and donations. Since the coming weeks till Easter do not expect us to abstain from everything, we are going to join our friendly order "Herzenritter von Tyrol" (Austria) for the 10th anniversary of their foundation with a little delegation. This will be the first time that our new banner will be presented and many occasions will follow throughout the year.

Brigitte Gellert,

Dame of Grace



Bruderschaft der Ritter von St. Peter & St. Paul

Großkapitel Deutschland



Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul
Grand Chapter of Germany

**Invitation to the
Investiture in Brochterbeck und Lengerich
on July 22nd, 2017
❧ Programme ❧**

Dear sisters and brothers, dear friends,

The Grand Chapter of Germany of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul invites all its members and friends as well as guests being interested in our order to take part in our investiture on July, 22nd. We think that not only the official ceremonies will be interesting to join, but that we have worked out a nice programme to show all people present the beauty of the „Münsterland“, the area around Lengerich and Brochterbeck.

To help us to prepare everything as precisely as possible, we ask you to fill in the attached registration form and send it back till April 15th, 2017.

All participants are responsible for the booking of hotels for themselves; there is a list with a few recommendations of houses in the proximity of the venues. Should there be problems in connection with the reservations, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to seeing you in July and already now wish a good journey.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Lothar Gellert

(Grand Prior)





Programme

for the Investiture of the Grand Chapter of Germany of
the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul



Thursday 20th, 2017

- Arrival
- Maybe a relaxed get-together in the evening

Friday 21st, 2017

- 10.00 a.m.: Departure for a sightseeing tour by bus through the Münsterland at the hotel "Zur Mühle" in Lengerich
- 10.45 – 11.45 a.m.: Visiting one of the houses of the famous poetress Annette von Droste-Hülshoff („Burg Hülshoff“ or „Haus Rüschaus“ with museum and baroque gardens)



- 12.30- 13.30 p.m.: Lunch at a traditional inn in Münster, the „Kiepenkerl“



The inn
„Großer Kiepenkerl“



Typical Westphalian
dish





- 14.00 – 16.00 p.m.: guided tour Münster (Town Hall, Cathedral, etc.) in German or
- 14.30 – 16.30 p.m.: guided tour Münster (Town Hall, Cathedral, etc.) in English or



- 16.00 – 17.30 p.m.: „Tatort Münster Krimtour“ (tracing two famous TV-Detectives)



- Before or after the guided tours you will have time at your own disposal for a stroll in the town or to visit the “Friedenssaal” in the Town Hall.



- 17.30 p.m.: return to Lengerich by bus
- 19.00/19.30 p.m.: Dinner and informal meeting at the hotel „Zur Mühle“ in Lengerich





Saturday 22nd, 2017

11.00 a.m.: We all meet at St. Peter- und Paul Church in Brochterbeck/Tecklenburg



- 11.20 a.m.: Solemn entry into the church



- 11.30 a.m.: Beginning of the church service
- 12.45 p.m.: Lunch at the „Historische Gaststätte Franz“ in Brochterbeck



Hist. Gaststätte Franz

- 15.00 p.m.: Investiture in the restaurant „Centralhof“ in Lengerich
- 18.00 p.m.: Dinner together at the „Centralhof“ in Lengerich



Centralhof in Lengerich

Here we say goodbye to all sisters and brothers as well as friends who have to leave early on the following day.





Sunday 23rd, 2017

- 10.00 a.m.: Departure for a sightseeing tour in private cars at the hotel “Zur Mühle“
- 10.15 a.m.: We go to the Castle of Nordkirchen, which is also called the „Versailles of Westphalia“ and visit the building and the wonderful huge gardens.



- We can have lunch there in the castle restaurant.



- Before returning to Lengerich, we stop at Tecklenburg in the afternoon and do a tour through and around the historical old town centre and the ruins of the medieval castle.



- 18.30 p.m.: maybe we have dinner together at the „Hotel drei Linden“ in Tecklenburg
- 20.00 p.m.: we go back to Lengerich



Registration form

for the Investiture of the Grand Chapter of Germany of
the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul

The confraternity, order or other institution

Name:

makes the binding commitment for July 21st, 2017:

- Sightseeing tour by bus through the Münsterland (ca. 15,00 € p.P.) participants
- Guided tour Münster in German (8,00 €) participants
- Guided tour Münster in Englisch (10,00 €) participants
- Münster Tatort Krimtour (14,00 €) participants
- Lunch together at the traditional inn „Kiepenkerl“

(Dish 12,00 – 20,00 €) participants

- Dinner together at the hotel „Zur Mühle“

(à la carte) participants

for July 22nd, 2017:

- Lunch at the „Historisches Gasthaus Franz“ (Dish 10,00 €) participants
- Dinner together at the restaurant „Centralhof“ in Lengerich participants

for July 23rd, 2017:

- Sightseeing tour in private cars to the Castle of

Nordkirchen and to Tecklenburg participants

We bring along our banner () yes, () no.

Please send this registration form by mail or e-mail at the address of the Grand Prior of the Grand Chapter of Germany. Conditions of paying and the addresses of the meeting points will be announced in separate letters.

Looking forward to welcoming many participants in Lengerich,

Dr. Lothar Gellert
(Grand Prior)

Hotels and Addresses

for the Investiture of the Grand Chapter of Germany of
the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul

**Dear sisters and brothers, dear friends,
for your accommodation during the days of our investiture we recommend the:**

Hotel und Restaurant „Zur Mühle“ (single room 69,00 €, double 98 €, breakfast incl.)
Tecklenburger Straße 29
49525 Lengerich
Tel.: 05481-94470
E-Mail: info@lengerich-hotel.de

www.lengerich-hotel.de

Furthermore, there are the following houses situated in Lengerich:

Gasthof Prigge (room without breakfast ca 50 €)
Brochterbecker Str. 60
49525 Lengerich
Tel.: 05482 / 9606
E-Mail: mail@gasthof-prigge.de

www.gasthof-prigge.de

Argentina Steak & More (guestroom ca 20,00 €)
Lienener Straße 45
Tel.: 05481-38405
www.steakhouse-argentina-lengerich.de

At a distance of about 10 km from Lengerich you find:

Hotel-Gasthof Haus Wittmann Lengericher Straße 60
49536 Lienen
Tel.: 05481-6289
info@haus-wittmann.de
www.haus-wittman.de

That is all friends.

I hope that you enjoyed this months newsletter.

God bless you in Sts. Peter Paul



Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli

Grand Master