



# Merry Christmas

## Happy New Year 2016



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
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**2016**

Chevalier Rt Hon.  
Guenter A. Rieger, Prior

Dear Confreres and friends of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul, Chapter of British Columbia.

The year 2015 went very fast. As you may remember, the Chapter of British Columbia was just created in April of 2015, and I'm still learning a lot to make our chapter a proud addition of the Fraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul.

I have received excellent support and advice of his H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, Grand Master of the Confraternity.

Today, we have including myself, five members, three Knights and two Dames. I'm very proud that Supreme council approved all nominations.

**HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Chevalier. Jack and Dame Irene McLaughlin

Dear Chev. Jack and Dame Irene McLaughlin.

We wish you all the best on this special day. We're very proud to have you as members in our Confraternity. Thanks for being one of us. May the Lord bless you with many more healthy years together.

Your are an example for everyone of us.  
God bless.





CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the Chapter of British Columbia, I would like to congratulate you, Chev. Jack Gareb, for receiving the Vocational Service Award from the Kalamalka Rotary Club.

Chevalier Jack Gareb is a long time advocate for seniors in the community and has been awarded the Kalamalka Rotary Club's Vocational Award. Chev. Jack Gareb, the manager of the Schubert Centre, has worked at the senior centre for 21 years, often going above and beyond his duties as well as volunteering for many community groups.

Chevalier Jack Gareb has demonstrated his commitment to the community and has worked tirelessly for many years to make it a better place.

Again Congratulations from all of us. God bless.

Christmas Greetings from the Grand Chapter of Melbourne



H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master

Dear Members of the Supreme Council, Grand Prior, Prior and Confreres.

The biggest event of the year is with us. Only few days left for the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You will find my personally and Christmas Greetings from our Chapters on our new website. <http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com/>

Merry Christmas H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master

Facebook : Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and S. Paul Supreme <https://www.facebook.com/Confraternity-of-the-Knights-of-St-Peter-and-St-Paul-121139337925762/>

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CHRISTMAS ROOTES

"We suffer from Christmas creep. For some retailers Christmas begins in September and definitely not any later than November 1. Radio stations begin playing Christmas songs right after Thanksgiving and end them on Christmas Day.

Christmas, the word, has its roots in Christ Mass; it is the Mass in which we celebrate the birth of Christ. We exchange gifts with others to commemorate the same act done by the Magi to baby Jesus.



These days my family intentionally moves through Advent and waits to celebrate Christmas as the Church does.

We make an Advent wreath lighting the candles as we progress through the weeks of Advent. We say special Advent prayers after lighting the candle before we eat supper together. Our Christmas tree is set up near the end of Advent usually only a few days before Christmas Day.

For many people, Christmas sadly ends on Christmas Day. Some people take down their decorations on December 26. Retailers are already moving into the season of returns.

Catholics can rejoice because we know that on December 25 a twelve day celebration of Christmas has just begun! Christmas begins on Christmas Day and ends 12 days later on the Epiphany."

MERRY CHRISTMAS





Left: Chev. Rt Hon. Guenter A.Rieger, Prior – Pastor Rev. Father Dale Normandeau St. James Catholic Roman Catholic Church Vernon, BC – Dame Regina Rieger

*Dear H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master, members of the Supreme Council, Grand Priors, Priors, Confreres and friends of the Confraternity.*

*On behalf of the Chapter of British Columbia I would like to wish you, your family and friends of the Confraternity a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year 2016.*

*I would like to thank H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, Grand Master for his enthusiasm and hard work.*

*On Christmas we're celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Jesus preached to us that the foundation of Christianity is the family. During the Christmas season we're celebrating the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ, but also recognise the holy family, Maria Joseph and Jesus himself.*

*We are praying for those Christian and other families who are not able to celebrate Christmas in their home country, and hope they will be able to return to their home country soon. Let's pray that people around the world will be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in peace and without fear, since Christmas should be a celebration of love and peace.*

*Merry Christmas  
Chev. Guenter Alfred Rieger, Prior*

## O HOLY NIGHT

Oh holy night! The stars  
are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear  
Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin  
and error pining,  
Till He appear'd and the  
soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary  
world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new  
and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees!  
Oh, hear the angels' voices!  
Oh night divine,  
Oh night when Christ was  
born;  
Oh night divine, Oh night,  
Oh night Divine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7uigRCW6I8>

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother  
and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and  
mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the  
sight.  
Glories stream from heaven  
afar  
Heavenly hosts sing  
Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born  
Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure  
light.  
Radiant beams from Thy  
holy face  
With dawn of redeeming  
grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
The best of Silent Night -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Rh1xzoKc-o>





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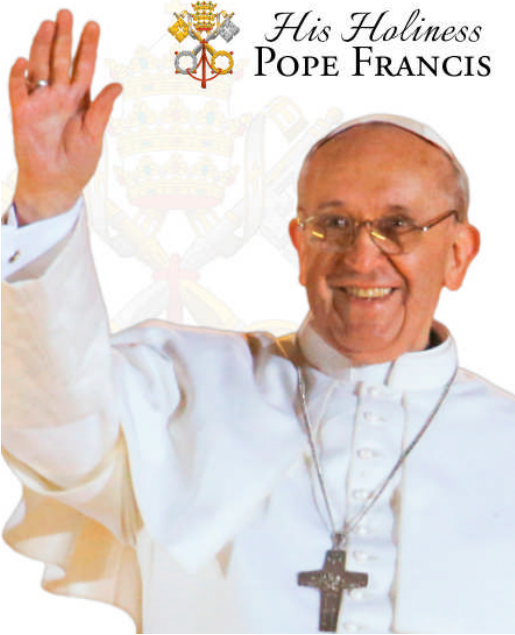
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<p>Chapter of British Columbia</p> <p>“May the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us” -Pope Francis-</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p>	 <p>Pope Leo 10.</p>
	<p>PAPAL KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL IN 1520</p> <p>The Order of the Knights of St. Peter's was made up of 401 men chosen from among the best and most faithful collaborators of the Pope and of the Church. Read more... <a href="http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com/history.html">http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com/history.html</a></p>

LETTER FROM THE VATICAN 13<sup>th</sup>, November 2015

 <p>From the Vatican, 13 November 2015</p> <p>Dear Mr Portelli,</p> <p>I am writing to acknowledge your letter of 28 September last, addressed to the Holy Father, informing him of the foundation and work of the Confraternity of the Knights of Saints Peter and Paul. He is grateful for the devoted sentiments that prompted you to write to him.</p> <p>In regard to your request concerning the venue and manner of the investiture of the confraternity's members, I would invite you to follow the guidelines as suggested by the local bishops in the dioceses where your group is present.</p> <p>Assuring you and your loved ones of a remembrance in the Holy Father's prayers, I am</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>  <p>Monsignor Peter B. Wells Assessor</p>	 <p>His Holiness POPE FRANCIS</p>
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	<p>I have the pleasure to announce that His Holiness Pope Francis has read my letter of the 28 September, 2015.</p> <p>The letter says: I would invite you to follow the guidelines as suggested by the local bishops in the dioceses where the chapter is present.</p> <p>This means that the chapters must liaise with their local bishops how the investiture is conducted.</p> <p>Just a simple prayer and blessing of the candidates after Holy Communion in the Mass.</p> <p>His Excellency Peter Paul Portelli Grand Master Supreme website <a href="http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com">http://www.knightsofstpeterandstpaul.com</a></p>
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