



CONFRATERNITY OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

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**Welcome** to the first newsletter of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, Chapter of British Columbia.

### Introduction and formation

I was approached by H.E. Chevalier Grand Master Peter Paul Portelli of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul, if I would be willing to let my name stand as a candidate to become a knight



Chev. Rt Hon. Guenter A. Rieger, Prior Chapter of British Columbia

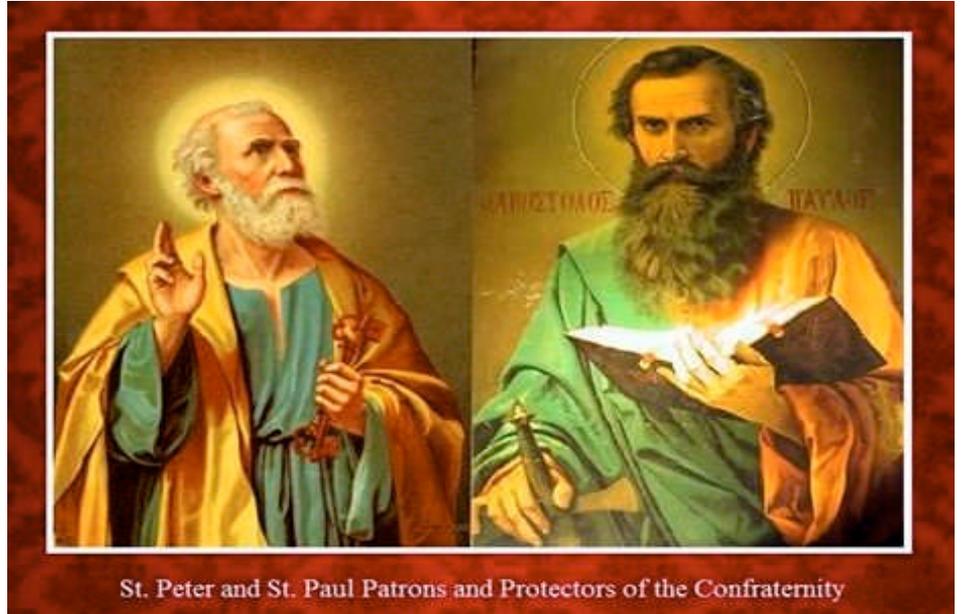
of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Today I'm very thankful to our H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli, Grand Master, for asking me that question.

The order of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul dates back to 1520 and has chapters around the world, with head office based in Melbourne, Australia, see official website at.

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

Since I would like to belong to an organisation based on Catholic and moral principles, which I could see with the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul, I have agreed to let my name stand.



On April 9<sup>th</sup>-2015, I was appointed by Supreme Council of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul as Chevalier Knight Commander of Justice, with the task to form a new Chapter for British Columbia, and I'm very humbled for that honor.

### Supreme Council Announcement.

"The Supreme Council of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul has endorsed a new chapter in British Columbia, The Rt. Hon. Chev. Guenter Alfred Rieger has been appointed prior to build the new chapter."

### Message from Supreme

Dear Prior Rt. Hon. Guenter A Rieger, I like to congratulate you on establishing a chapter of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul in British Columbia.

May God bless you, to build a successful chapter to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.



H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli  
Grand Master  
Confraternity of the Knights of  
St. Peter and St. Paul

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus the Lord.

God bless

H.E. Chev. Peter Paul Portelli,  
Grand Master

### Forming a new Chapter.

Forming the new Chapter of British Columbia, with one goal in mind, "quality not quantity," which is very clearly stated in our constitution of the order. I started searching for



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people who would meet the requirements to be nominated. A maximum of 10 members only are allowed during the first year.

#### Mission of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Confraternity of Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul was formed to recognize the tireless voluntary work that many people do in their tireless voluntary long work hours, day after day of men and woman.

As prior of our new chapter, I'm very pleased that Supreme Council appointed all candidates.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Knights and Dames.

"You were nominated, and Supreme Council appointed you, since you meet all the requirements receiving the honour to be one of our Knights and Dames of the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul."

#### Month of Mary-May Devotions

"It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine



evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular.

Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant

springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of preparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."6



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Chev. Jack McLaughlin

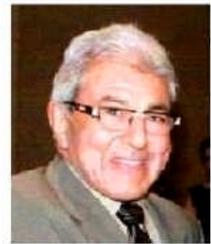


Dame Irene McLaughlin



Dame Regina Rieger

The aims and objectives of the order is to recognize the tireless voluntary work that many people do in their community, dedicating any long ours, day after day.



Chev. Jack Gareb



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In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

### MARIAN READINGS, MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

"When the Blessed Virgin said yes, freely, to the plans revealed to her by the Creator, the divine Word assumed a human nature -- a rational soul and a body -- which was formed in the most pure womb of Mary. The divine nature and the human were united in a single Person: Jesus Christ, true God and, thenceforth, true man; the

only begotten and eternal son of the Father and from that moment on, as man, the true son of Mary. This is why our Lady is the mother of the Incarnate Word, of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, who has united our human nature to himself for ever, without any confusion of the two natures. The greatest praise we can give to the Blessed Virgin is to address her loudly and clearly by the name that

expresses her very highest dignity: 'Mother of God.'" 7 Let us offer to our Mother today:

*"Mother of God, your petitions are most powerful."*

To read more click on link below <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/prayers/devotions/to-the-blessed-virgin-mary/month-of-mary-may-devotions/>

### Web presence: Chapter of British Columbia

**Website: Chapter of British Columbia**  
<http://kofc4949.org/id101.html>

**Facebook: Chapter of British Columbia**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Knights-of-St-Peter-and-St-Paul-Chapter-British-Columbia/768835153230629?ref=hl>

### Supreme Web presence Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofstpeterandstpaul/chapter-of-british-columbia---canada>

### Facebook Supreme

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### History of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Order dates back to 1520. 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.

The Order was given the task of managing the administrative affairs of the Apostolic Camera, and to ensure a body of knights to defend the safety of the person of the Pope and of the same hospitals, used on various sectors of necessity of war.

Pope Clement VII, born Giulio de' Medici, the successor of Pope Leo X in 1522, confirming this Order with a further Bull issued in October of 1526, published at the Chancery of the Pontifical January 3, 1527.

Pope Paul III reaffirmed the Board of the Knights of St. Peter (Papal Bull of 26 February 1534, published in the Papal Chancery on 20 December 1535) with the same forms, methods and content produced by Pope Leo X. He did, however, most, wanted to not duplicate such an order creating another mirror under the name of the College of the Knights of St. Paul, by a Bull of 25 June 1540, which saw the publication in the Papal Chancery July 19, 1541. This new Board was composed of 200 Knights. It was confirmed by Pope Julius III on March 21, 1549. ....read more.  
<https://sites.google.com/site/knightsofstpeterandstpaul/history>

### Scheduled Events: Chapter of British Columbia

**On June 28<sup>th</sup> 2015**, the feast of our Patrons St. Peter and St. Paul will be celebrated and the investiture ceremony will be held for our new Knights and Dames.

**July:** Meeting will be held at the Schubert centre. Date will be announced.

**Pictures of events around the world.** Knights and Dames of the Knights of St. Peter and St. Paul are involved in many events.





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Pictures of events



Grand Chapter of the Vatican City, Italy



Grand Chapter in Melbourne, Australia



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