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Dr. Raymond Xerri

(see page 14)
Our health care systems and knowledge of this virus is much more advanced than in 1918-20. Our governments in both Canada and the United States have been more proactive and earlier.

Of the 1,015,877 cases worldwide mentioned earlier, 212,993 of those individuals have recovered.

Funeral directors are reporting that owing to the self-isolating measures being undertaken they are seeing the death rate over the past couple weeks as lower than normal for this time of year. Social distancing is stopping regular colds and the “common” flu dead in their tracks!

Currently in China far fewer people have died of COVID-19 than would have commonly been the case owing to smog and other forms of pollution. More people are alive in China during the past few weeks because of the shut down of factories, etc.

Fr. Mike Prieur’s “Planetary Sabbatical: A Reflection,” pages 4-5, gives us hope as well as a time to reflect.

There was a saying during the First World War that there were no atheists in fox holes. So too now people are turning to a “Power” greater than ourselves.

In his Sunday bulletin of March 21st-22nd, Fr. Mario Micalef, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Toronto, Ontario, wrote: “I was struck by the number of people who express sadness for not being able to celebrate Eucharist. And not all of them were regular churchgoers!” He was also “struck by the number of people who wanted to make sure they could follow one of the Masses being streamed live on the media.”

I am also moved by the acts of kindness and generosity shown by individuals and businesses as noted in the media.

I see a lot of good worldwide, despite this current pandemic and can’t help but agree with Fr. Mike that “God is providing us with a ‘Planetary Sabbatical’.”

In addition, to the spiritual insights of Fathers Mario and Mike, this issue contains accounts of some functions within various Maltese communities prior to self-restrictions or impostions by our governments, as well as actions taken since. (pages 1, 11-12, 13-16, 22, 24)

While the March issue mainly featured articles relating to the Maltese who settled in the United States, this issue has more Canadian content.

This includes an account of John Cachia Zammit Slythe (pages 5-8) and the two Cavarra brothers (pages 17-21), all three of whom arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1906. Then there is a contemporary opinion of the first Maltese to arrive in Brantford, Ontario (pages 8-9).

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the public group web page Malta DNA & Genealogy, managed by Stephen Asciak on Facebook. This is yet another tool by which one can delve deeper into one’s Maltese ancestry.

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PASTOR’S THOUGHTS...

Fr. Mario Micallef, MSSP, is pastor of St. Paul the Apostle, Toronto, the only Maltese national parish in North America. These “Pastor’s thoughts…” are extracts from his commentaries on the Sunday readings which are published in the Parish’s Sunday Bulletin.

Facing Our Demons

Lent is a time during which we are invited to face our demons. The good news is that I am not expected to do this alone, relying solely on my strengths. I am given tools to do this. In prayer I ask God’s help, humbly acknowledging that without Him I can do nothing. Fasting, or some other sacrifice, helps me realize that I can remove what is not essential in my life to be able to focus on what really matters. Acts of charity help me look beyond myself and my needs, and see those of others. For it is in the face of the Other that I can see the face of God.

Without Beauty, Our Soul Dies

As we journey through our own desert during this Lent, let us really listen to that voice saying: “This is my son...listen to him!” And as we listen, we start experiencing what Peter did in that short moment: it is good to be here. Let us really enjoy the beauty of his presence, of his word.

Because without beauty, our soul dies.

Do I Thirst for What Truly Nourishes Me?

Every time we celebrate Eucharist, may we truly understand what – or, rather, who – we are celebrating. May we always thirst for that which truly nourishes us, which truly quenches our thirst.

And may the Lenten Journey lead us to a rediscovery of the person of the risen Jesus, the only one who can fulfill our deepest desires.

What We Make of This Current Pandemic Is Almost Entirely up to Us

….Many things do not make sense. Many questions remain unanswered. And what was, up to a few days ago, taken for granted, is being taken away from us.

Nothing more is sound and secure. Whether it is our health system or our coming together to celebrate Eucharist as one body – all is being challenged. All aspects of our life, both spiritual and physical, seem to be on shaky ground. A fasting has been imposed on us during this Lent for which we were not prepared. Still, what we make of it is almost entirely up to us. The fact that the way we are living this year’s Lent is not how we would have planned it does not necessarily mean that it is bad. On the contrary, it might end up being the best one ever!

With Jesus Life is Possible Again

As we continue with our journey towards the celebration of Easter, we realize that in our lives we often share Mary’s and Martha’s experience. We find ourselves in situations where hope seems to be lost, when we feel the need to express anger at the Lord: Where have you been when I needed you? What took you so long? During this time of pandemic, I’ve heard it said, “Where is God in all this?” In our sorrowful, desperate prayer Jesus enters. Like he did with the two sisters, he journeys with us. He is not indifferent. He shares with us the pain, the sorrow, the struggle, the fear and the tears. But not to stay there. Once more, he invites us to come out of our misery, giving us power to be set free, free from our fears, from our guilts, from our past, to experience new life.

Never has such a message been as appropriate for us as it is this year. Covid-19 invites us to lose hope, to see only darkness, to think there is no way out. May of us might be suffering due to loss of a job, due to fear (or, rather, terror!) at the first sign of a cough or sore throat, or due to the death of a loved one. The celebration of Easter which we are soon to celebrate invites us to remember that yes, all this is real. Jesus did experience death. But he proved to be more powerful than that.

With him, life is possible again.

Some Maltese immigrants to North America changed their surnames in an attempt to blend in more with the non-Maltese population, especially in the United States.

By 1925 there were some 2,000 Maltese-born individuals in Brooklyn alone. Others were to be found in the area between the Bronx and Bay Ridge, and in parts of Manhattan in New York City.
PLANETARY SABBATICAL: A REFLECTION

Fr. Mike Prieur

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March 21, 2020

The Coronavirus Pandemic

From God’s perspective, nothing happens by chance. Everything has an ultimate meaning.

This novel virus had an unfortunate origin, and now it is on the loose. I am saddened by the vast human suffering and inconveniences, as well as all the deaths that it is causing. My prayers go out for all those affected.

It is interesting to note that all the weapons in the world, from nuclear bombs to guns and ammunition, are totally useless in the face of the virus. The virus is immune to walls and borders. It is invisible, and it can remain undetected, but still contagious, in people for days and weeks. No military force imagined such an enemy right in our midst. It is worse even than a massive cyber-attack.

On the other hand, we now see the WHOLE PLANET working TOGETHER to discover how to protect ourselves from the virus. Political barriers are dissolving to do this. Businesses and govern-ments are cooperating in war-time speed, efficiency and financial resources. People are for-getting their differences in creative efforts to reach out to their neighbors in countless ways. The news channels have changed their content from daily stories of violence, robberies, and killings to stories of compassion, positive cre-a-tivity, and joyful serenading. To be realistic, we are also seeing new examples of companies and individuals doing terrible things to others, especially the vulnerable and the elderly. It is a time to see both the best and the worst right in our faces. But overall...

THE PEOPLE ON OUR PLANET HAVE CHANGED OVERNIGHT FOR THE BEST.

At present, I think God is providing us with a “Planetary Sabbatical”. Of course, we know that “Sabbath” means “rest”. Not just a good sleep-in, but an occasion to slow down, to “stop/-look/listen”, to not just look at everything but to try really to SEE everything, and its true meaning. With all the free time we now have, we can try to see what is truly essential from what is not.

With this in mind, I offer the following reflection, followed by a key selection from the gospel according to Matthew and a prayer from Søren Kierkegaard, the Lutheran philosopher from Denmark.

A Planetary Sabbatical

God has given us all a special time in our lives.

- a time to slow down, read, relax, do nothing, look at the sky, the birds, the spring flowers...
- a time to pray, learn to meditate, contemplate, read scripture, reflective books...
- a time to put our social media to encourage others, tell them we love them, give them joy...
- a time to forgive others, to be reconciled with others, to begin to speak to family members...
- a time to share our own riches with those who do not have any of these riches...
- a time to sing and dance from our balconies and porches and patios...
- a time to walk quietly in nature, without anything in our ears, to hear God’s symphony...
- a time to watch spring come alive with new flowers, scents, birds, sounds, new mating...
- a time to simply praise our wonderful Creator for so many blessings in our lives.
- a time to realize that “any day is a good day to be born, and any day is a good day to die”. (St. Pope John XXIII)

Matthew 6:25-34

That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds of the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the lilies growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet, I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now, if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you people of little faith? So, do not worry; do not say, “What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?” It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Prayer

Father in heaven! That which we in the company of other people, especially in the throng of humanity, have such difficulty learning, and which, if we have learned it ourselves, is so easily forgotten in the company of other people – what it is to be a human being and what, from a godly standpoint, is the requirement for being a human being – would that we might learn it, or, if it has been forgotten, that we might learn it anew from the lily and the bird; would that we might learn it, if not all at once, then learn at least something of it, little by little – would that on this occasion we might from the lily and the bird learn silence, obedience and joy!


TRAGEDYbefalls the siblings of one of the first Maltese immigrants to Winnipeg

Dan Brock

Tuesday, April 7, 1942, saw the worst raid on Malta during World War II. Within 24 hours there were 17 raid alerts and 273 bomber attacks. At 5:49 p.m., 156 JU 88s and Stukas attacked Valletta, dropping hundreds of high explosive bombs. The Market, the Castille, the Royal Opera House, the Lyceum and many other buildings were destroyed. One of those other buildings was 19 St. Paul’s Street, killing four Cachia Zammit Slythe siblings: Luigi (age 60), Helen (age 58), Rev. Robert (age 55) and Rosina (age 50).

They were the children of Dr. Giuseppi Cachia Zammit, a Valletta lawyer and his wife, the former Carolina Slythe. The couple had decided to add a third-barrelled surname for their children. Giuseppi’s double-barrelled surname came about when his paternal grandparents, Dr. Matteo Cachia, also a Valletta lawyer, and M’Anna Zammit were married in 1829 and decided that their children would bear the unhyphenated surname Cachia Zammit.

The older brother of the four Cachia Zammit Slythe siblings was John, who was born in Valletta on May 25, 1876, and baptised John Paul the following day at St. Paul Shipwreck Church.

Baptismal Certificate for John Cachia Zammit Slythe

Nothing further is known about John Cachia Zammit Slythe until March 16, 1906 when he applied for a passport to travel to England. At the time, he was living on St. Ursula Street. The passport was issued the following day and was assigned # 47. Number 48 was assigned to Henry Cavarra, also from Valletta. The two men were obviously acquainted with one another. Next, we find John and Henry with the latter’s older brother, Arthur, boarding the Majestic in Liverpool on April 4, 1906 en route, via New York, for Winnipeg, Manitoba. All three men were single at the time.
DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT FOR PASSPORT.

I, the Undersigned, do hereby declare that I am a Subject of His Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland, having been born at Valletta on the 25th day of May, 1876, and not having lost the status of British Subject thus acquired, and I hereby apply for a Passport for the purpose of travelling to England.

Signed: John Cachia Zammit Slythe

And I, the Undersigned, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above made Declaration of the said John Cachia Zammit Slythe is true, and that he is a fit and proper person to receive a Passport.

Signed: Bernardo Enrico D'Amico
After disembarking from the ship on April 12th, the three men probably travelled by rail to Winnipeg, the “Gateway to the West.” They must have parted company shortly after arriving in Winnipeg, as the Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, taken in June-July 1906, shows John working as a hired hand near MacDonald, MB, some 68 miles (110 km), northwest of Winnipeg, while Arthur and Henry Cavarra were working for different French Canadian, probably Metis, families in the vicinity of St. Pierre, Provencher, some 31 miles (50 km) southeast of Winnipeg. (See pages 9-11 for the account of the Cavarra brothers.)

We next encounter John when he crosses over into the United States in March 1909. The cold winters in Western Canada must have been too much for him.

With the outbreak, in August 1914, of what became known as the Great War, John’s British patriotism must have gotten to him as well. On October 5, 1916, he set sail on the Baltic for Liverpool and on September 9, 1917 enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps. During the remainder of the Great War, John served as a private on the H.S. St. David and H.S. Aberdonia and was awarded the British War and Victory medals after the war.

In early 1919 he petitioned for repatriation to Malta and was eventually successful.

We next hear of John in late April 1930 when he applied for a passport for himself and Giuseppina Zammit, the widow of Antonio Busuttil, to be completed and sent to the Customs House on Sunday, April 27th, as the couple were to be married that day. John was living on Via Zejtun in Birzebbuġa at the time.

They were married at the Chapel of the Madonna of Lourdes, near the Customs House in Floriana and no doubt boarded a ship later the same day at the dock nearby. Officially, the couple were “travelling to Italy – France – Paris[?] – Switzerland for the purpose of Pleasure.”

This is the last we hear of John Cachia Zammit Slythe.
Giuseppina (Zammit) Bussutil, Age 47, April 1930
Documents and photographs courtesy of National Archives of Malta

THE FIRST MALTESE TO ARRIVE IN BRANTFORD, ONTARIO MADE A POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSION

Editor’s note. It is often said that first impressions count. Such appears to have been borne out in the case of the more than 100 Maltese immigrants who arrived in Brantford, Ontario in early 1913.

This article appears in The Brantford Expositor, May 16, 1913, pages 1 and 7. Typographical errors have been corrected and notes added at the end of the article.

Some Interesting Information About the Maltese, a Number of Whom Have Located Here Recently—Left Home Because Labor Market is Overcrowded.

British born, English-speaking, well educated for men of their class, many of them having had a training in the British militia, the latest recruits to the laboring classes of Brantford, the Maltese are credited with being the finest lot of men, from every standpoint, who have come from Europe.

The word “foreigners” hardly describes the 120 odd Maltese who have already come here. True, they are of Italian blood, but in other respects they are good Britishers.

How They Became Britishers.

When the Knights Templar [actually the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem], a militant order whose first duty it was to defend Jerusalem, were ejected from that city, they took up the defense of Acre. Here they were again overpowered, and after a 20-year stay at Cyprus they took up their residence in the island of Rhodes, below the peninsula, of Asia Minor. After withstanding the attacks of the Moslems for many years, they were forced to retire from Rhodes, Suleiman the magnificent being too powerful for the Knights.

After casting around for some time the Knights in 1565 selected the island of Malta, made famous by St. Paul’s miracle of casting off the snake. This they strengthened until the island, and especially Valletta, became one of the greatest strongholds of the world. It remained with the Knights until they disbanded, the title then going to the Emperor of Russia, as chief commander of the order. He could not prove his title, being too far away, and it became the property of the French, from whom it was captured by the English, who have retained it since, strengthening the defenses of the island until it is a veritable fortress bristling with arms. Being with Gibraltar and Aden the protection of the trade route to India, the island is of vast importance to Great Britain. When the Knights occupied the island, they needed a vast amount of labor. This was secured in two ways—by the forcible impressment of those captured in Turkish vessels and in piratical vessels captured and by the bringing of Italians from Italy. The latter remained in Malta, intermarrying with other nationalities who settled there, there being a goodly proportion of Greeks in the old days, and in more modern days the French. When Great Britain took over the island, these islanders became British subjects, and such they have remained since.

Good System of Education.

There is a splendid system of education on the island, and practically all the residents have received a good instruction along elemental lines. English is, of course, the official language, and is also taught in the schools, Italian coming second. Practically every man who has come to Brantford is able to read and write in one language, Maltese being a “lingue franca,” or mixture of several languages, which for many years formed a basis of conversation all along the Mediterranean. It can be spoken, but not written. The greater part can speak, and some of them, write the English language, all of them being able to converse to some extent in this language.

Acquainted with British Laws.

Naturally, being resident of British territory, and conversant with English customs, they are fully cognizant of the fundamental principles of British law. They are loyal British subjects—none more so. Many of them have served in the regiments in garrison in Malta. In Brantford they look up to Epifanio Gauci as their leader, and he is a typical Maltese. He has served a term of five years’ enlistment in the Royal Malta Artillery, with credit, and is a bright specimen of manhood.

Are Willing Workers.

The Maltese are a race of willing workers, being of good physique and in fine health. A number of them have been employed at the Grand Trunk freight sheds, getting $1.58 per day, but most of them are endeavoring to secure work on the line of the Lake Erie...
and Northern. Some of them worked on the building of the railway in Malta, others on the public building there, and all of them are well qualified for general labor work.—As was stated by Mr. E. Sweet at the annual meeting of the Brantford Evangelical Union, these Maltese are the most intelligent and have the best education of all so-called foreigners who have taken up their residence here.

There are no Maltese women in the city so far, but many of the men are married and it is their intention to bring their wives out as soon as they can. They were sent for by local companies, owing to a shortage of labor in Brantford and other manufacturing centres.

**Their Market Overcrowded.**

Malta is one of the most over-crowded countries in the world. Since the time of the Templars the population has increased by leaps and bounds, the Maltese being prolific. The result is that there is a great deal of poverty in the island. This is known to all tourists who visit there by the number of beggars who gather on “Starvation Steps,” leading from the wharf, and make pitiful pleadings for some money. The Maltese are very fond of flowers and music, the Strada Reale, [now Triq ir-Repubblika] the main street of the island, being flocked by large numbers of fair Maltese girls selling flowers. In fact, the Maltese call it “The Island of Flowers,” and as such it attracts thousands of tourists yearly.

**Notes**

1. Epifanio Gauci arrived in New York Harbor, on board the Corsican on Nov. 27, 1912. He gave his destination as Toronto, where he had a brother, but may have gone directly to Brantford. He, Gio Battista Bonello of Dingli and the three natives of Rabat—Carmelo Calleja (the murderer of Gio Battista Bonello in 1917), Francesco Camilleri and Giovanni Muscat—may very well have been the first Maltese arrivals in Brantford.

2. Today, Malta is described as the most densely populated country in the European Union and one of the most densely populated countries of the world with a population density of about 1,397 persons per square kilometer. Its official population in 1807 was 93,054. It was 211,564 in 1911 and 441,543 in 1953.

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**TWO 200-YEAR ALABASTER VASES ONCE BELONGED TO ST. GEORGE PRECA**

Dan Brock

Malta’s first native-born saint, George Preca, was given two alabaster vases, with the monogram of Our Lady on the front, by his parents when he celebrated his first Mass on December 25, 1906. The vases, estimated to have been about 100 years old at the time, were placed in Dun George’s private chapel in his home, first in Hamrun and later in St. Venera, Malta, and remained there until his death in 1962.

The vases were then passed on to Antonia Zammit, the daughter of Dun George’s sister, Leonara (Preca) Zammit. In later years, Antonia, who never married, went to live with her niece, Maria Concetta, who was married to Frank Farrugia. “Cettina” was a grand-daughter of Leonara Zammit and, therefore, a great-niece of Dun George. Before she died, Antonia, gave the vases to Frankie and Cettina Farrugia.

Now Frankie had a sister, Emanuela Depares Valenzia, whose daughter, Maria Magdalena, was married to Richard S. Cumbo and living in Toronto, Ontario.

While vacationing in Malta in 1999, “Madlene” and Richard Cumbo visited “Aunt Cettina.” Much to their surprise, Cettina asked them if they would like the two vases in question. It was only after they had seen and agreed to accept them that the Cumbos were informed that the vases had once belonged to Dun George. Heretofore, Madlene had only known that there was some connection between her aunt Cettina and Dun George Preca.

The Cumbos brought the vases to Toronto and gave them an honoured place in their living room.

In 2016, when they heard that Father Manuel Parnis, MSSP, then the pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Toronto, was building an altar to St. George Preca, the Cumbos decided to donate the two vases for the altar, the stipulation being that should the church ever close they were to be returned to the Cumbo descendants. Fathers Manuel Parnis and Dominic Cachia were extremely happy to receive this priceless memento of the Saint.

Father Parnis, however, felt the vases would be safer locked in a showcase in the Maltese-Canadian Museum/-Archives.

On Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, Richard Cumbo, curator of the Museum/Archives and Mike Gouveia, a volunteer, placed the two valuable and holy possessions of St. George Preca in a new showcase.
Mike Gouveia and Richard Cumbo Standing Beside the Display Case Containing The Two Alabastor Vases, Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Note The Ashes On Richard’s Forehead

Courtesy of Richard S. Cumbo

PAINTING OF OUR LADY OF TA’ PINU

Dan Brock

In the choir loft of St. Pius X Church, 2305 Bloor Street West, Toronto, hangs a 4 x 6-foot oil painting of Our Lady of ta’ Pinu. The plaque to the lower right of it explains who commissioned, painted and donated it to St. Pius X. The plaque itself was donated by the Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto.

McCarthy’s Painting of Our Lady of ta’ Pinu

Courtesy of Paige Souter

The work was commissioned in 1988 by Chev. Reno DeGiorgio for St. Paul the Apostle Church on Dundas Street in Toronto. The artist of the painting was an Irish-Canadian, James McCarthy. The Franciscan pastor of St. Paul’s at the time, however, said there was no space for it in the church and it was subsequently donated to St. Pius X Church. On June 27, 1998, a special blessing of the painting and Mass was celebrated by Fr. Michael Holmes. Originally, the painting hung to the left-hand side of the altar.

CORRECTIONS TO MARCH ISSUE

Dan Brock

On page 14, column 1, the caption for the second photo should also read “Q & A at the Malta Band Club, Sunday, February 16th”. 

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READER COMMENTS RELATING TO THE MARCH ISSUE

Read the whole newsletter. Thank you. It’s like getting a box of candy each month, so much joy and information. But it doesn’t stick to your hips.

Rena Xuereb, Metro Detroit

I want to congratulate you again about yet another issue of “The Maltese Presence in North America”. I truly enjoyed reading the newsletter. It’s very interesting and informative to all us readers. Keep up the good work….

Carmen Galea, Toronto, ON

Congratulations again for producing another very interesting newsletter! Thank you for your hard work and great effort to produce this informative newsletter monthly….

George Xuereb, President, Melita Soccer Club, Toronto

…well done. We are happy with you covering your area….Keep up the good work.

Lawrence Dimech, co-editor, The Voice of the Maltese, Australia
As we always did over the centuries … let’s look out for each other as one Maltese-Canadian Community

Maltese and Gozitans, like other peoples, had a colourful history of tragic and agonising events and other joyful and triumphant events. In the test of time, however, not all peoples manage to leave a crisis, to survive intact let alone to emerge stronger than before. The history of our country is littered with such big events, great and tragic, and despite this fact, the Maltese and Gozitans remained sound and eventually emerged not only victorious but stronger. Dear brothers and sisters, our history is testimony of events, worse than COVID-19 or the Coronavirus. The plague from June 1592 till September 1592 killed 3,000 souls; the next plague from December 1675 to August 1676 left 11,300 dead and the last plague between March 1813 and January 1814 left another 4,500 lifeless. Polio left hundreds of Maltese children permanently handicapped. Tuberculosis and brucellosis in the twentieth century left their mark on the Maltese Islands.

These horrible events touched thousands of lives and few Maltese and Gozitans families were left unsathed. Those thousands of deaths constituted between six and 11 percent of the total population of the Maltese Islands at the time and with no cure in sight. It is true we face a similar situation of no vaccine as yet for COVID-19, but there is a big difference today from those times. With the plague, symptoms were visible throughout the human body, with COVID-19 it’s an invisible virus and symptoms are primarily internal – fever, shortness of breathe, etc. We are being asked to wash our hands more frequently, work from home if possible, stay at home for the rest of the time and keep a distance from each other. We are in a state of war, but we are not being asked to pick up arms to fight as in the Great Siege of 1565 or as in both World Wars. We are being ordered to stay at home, with all the mental and psychological efforts, not physical, possible to muster. Let us obey orders and make these sacrifices for our own good, and that of others to win this war.

What I had written in my last message was to wholeheartly participate in Maltese community events listed on the Maltese-Canadian Calendar of Events. In this message, today, I tell you the opposite. In reality, there are no more events. The Office of the Consulate General is closed to the public, the Maltese-Canadian Church of St Paul The Apostle and Maltese clubs are closed and all events have been cancelled. The April 2020 Maltese-Canadian Calendar of Events will not be published since there are no planned events.

Il-poplu Maltin u Għawdxin, bħal kull poplu ieħor, kellu storja mżewqata b’avvenimenti koroh u anke fi stat ta’ agunija u oħrajn sbieħ u anke trijɔnfanti. Però fis-siegħa tal-prova, mhux kull poplu jinmejxielu joħroġ minnhha shih, salva jew ikun aktar b’-saħħtu wara burraxka. L-istorja ta’ pajjiżna illi matul avvenimenti kbar, sbieħ jew koroh, il-poplu Malti u Għawdxin jamm sod u wara, hareġ aktar b’-saħħtu. L-ahwa, kellna diversi eżempi fl-istorja tagħna, u li s’issass xienu ħafna għar mill-COVID19 jew l-imxiża Korona.


Veru li l-anqas illum m’hemm kura għall-COVID19, però hemm differenza kbira minn dak iż-żmien u llum. Bil-pesta kont tinduna bis-sintomi, għaliex kienu jiftaċċaw fuq il-ġisem tal-bniedem u finalment jifisserawh, l-imxiża tal-COVID19 inviżibbiltu u s-sintomi huma aktar interni – deni, nuqqaqs ta’ nifs, etc.

Dr. Charles Mattei, Malta’s Medical Officer of Health and secretary of the Malta Emigration Committee visited Victoria, British Columbia in June 1912. There he contacted employers and political leaders about the possibility of sending Maltese workers to that province. He was informed that there were jobs available in such fields as forestry, fish canning, fruit growing and on the railways. Premier Sir Richard McBride of British Columbia assured Dr. Mattei of his support with immigration authorities in Ottawa.

Francis Borg was the first Maltese emigrant to settle in Leamington, Essex Co., Ontario. He had arrived at Halifax, NS on board the Marine Perch, in May 1948. “Frank” was a former employee of Allied Malta Newspapers and his first job in Canada was as a mechanic with the Leamington Post and News. His wife, Rose, and five sons joined him in March 1949.
The Bay Area, California
Maltese-America Social Club of San Francisco

The St. Patrick’s Day Dinner/Dance, scheduled on Saturday, March 14th, was cancelled owing to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A Family Bingo and Pasta Dinner is tentatively slated for Saturday, April 18th and a Mother’s Day Dinner Dance for Saturday, May 9th.

The Greater Toronto Area, Ontario
Consulate General of the Republic of Malta

Jason Borg, the Maltese-Canadian Youth Ambassador and Youth Ministry Coordinator of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, paid a courtesy call, early in March, to the Consulate General’s office.

Paulo “Paul” Gaffan was the first Maltese to settle in Kingsville, Essex Co., Ontario.

Fr. Carm Borg, MSSP, former pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, accompanied by the present pastor, Fr. Mario Micallef, MSSP, also paid a courtesy call on Dr. Raymond Xerri in early March.

The Federation held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, and a new committee was elected.

On Tuesday, March 17th the Club announced that, owing to COVID-19, it would be closed until Monday, April 6th. At that time, it would reassess the situation.

Some of Those in Attendance
Photo by Fred Portelli
St. Paul the Apostle Parish
Both the Seder Meal and the Maltese Mission planned during Lent were cancelled because of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Maltese-Canadian Museum Archives and Visitors Centre
Owing to COVID-19, the Museum Archives is closed until further notice.

Deborah Lightfoot, Carmen Galea, Manuel “Mani” Mifsud, Richard Cumbo (curator), Michael Gouveia, Rose Cassar, Fr. Mario Micallef, MSSP (chairperson)
Photo by Fr. Karm Borg, MSSP

St. Paul the Apostle Youth Group
A Games Night was held in Depiro Hall in the St. Paul the Apostle Complex on Friday, March 6th. There was fun for the whole family with Nintendo Switch, PlayStations 3 and 4, Xbox One, Wii and Wii U, soccer, ping pong and bingo. By all accounts, it was a huge success.

Ping Pong Was but One of the Activities Available
Consulate General of Malta to Canada webpage

Hamilton, Ontario
The Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH) held a Pub Night, on Saturday, February 29th at The Powerhouse, on Jones Street, in Stoney Creek. Music was provided by David Tabone’s band, Reflexion.

An Afternoon of Bowling is tentatively planned for Sunday, April 19th, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at Splitsville, 1525 Stone Church Rd. E., Hamilton. Members $10; non members $15. Includes bowling, shoe rental, pop and pizza. RSVP at: mcach1964@gmail.com OR with a committee member by April 10th
https://www.splitsville.ca/hamilton-bowling/.

A picnic is planned for Sunday, June 21st, at Dundas Driving Park. Further details to follow.

London, Ontario
The Knights of Columbus of St. George’s Parish, London, ON, held a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.

Albino Ellul Making Pancakes
Courtesy of Albino Ellul
Just under 30 members and friends of the Maltese community gathered for lunch at the Mandarin Restaurant on Hyde Park Road in London on Thursday, February 27th.

One of the Tables at the Mandarin
(l to r) Barbara Gauci, Marlene & Frank Mifsud, Monica & Mannie Micallef, Ted Gauci

The March luncheon which was to be held at the Swiss Chalet on Fanshawe Park Road East on Thursday, March 26th, was cancelled after all dining in in restaurants was cancelled following a declaration of emergency by the Premier of Ontario on Tuesday, March 17th.

Mario Vella’s Victory Against ALS 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance which was to take place at the Marconi Club of London, on Saturday, March 28th, was postponed to Saturday, May 30th.

A summer picnic is planned at Weldon Park, in Arva, between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., on Sunday July 5th.

With Premier Doug Ford’s declaration of an emergency, the Society issued the following statement:

Malta United Society of Windsor
2520 Seminole St, Windsor, ON

March 17, 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

Due to the ongoing developments in relation to the COVID-19 Virus, the Government of Ontario has set forth a mandate for the closure of all restaurants, bars and places of gathering in an effort to contain the spread of the virus. We value the health and well being of our members and volunteers, therefore, the Malta United Society will be closed effective immediately, and until further notice.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this trying time for all of us. Please follow the guidelines being recommended by health officials in order to keep you and your families safe. Please check your email and our Facebook page for updates as they become available. Stay safe and we hope to see everyone soon.

Best Regards,

Executive Committee

Metropolitan Detroit
Maltese American Benevolent Society (Detroit)
On Monday, March 23rd it was announced that, owing to the present pandemic, its facilities would remain closed through Wednesday, April 13th.

Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn
Owing to the recent coronavirus outbreak and the health of its members, the Club is closed, until further notice, for all Friday dinners and classes. The figolli-making class, scheduled for March 22nd was also postponed until further notice.

The Club is open, however, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for pastizzi sales.

By 1924 there were probably 5,000 members of the Maltese community in Detroit. Most of the men worked in the automobile industry. “The Americanization Committee of Detroit established a Maltese Information Bureau which printed a circular letter in Maltese. The letter contained important information on many matters which would interest those who had just arrived in the city. The Bureau was under the direction of a Maltese immigrant, Mr. Ed Camilleri. This gentleman was active in his community and in 1927 he was given the responsibility to help in the process of Americanizing the Maltese by giving them all the help they needed to assimilate.” (Attard, Early Maltese Emigration, p. 41)

New York City
Maltese Dolphins
The Dolphins tentatively plan to play the Melita Soccer team in Toronto on Sunday, May 24th.
JOHN GRIMA: A VICTIM OF COVID-19

It’s my sad duty to report that John Mary Grima, the Maltese Canadian actor, died in Toronto, on the evening of Sunday, March 29th. He was diagnosed with COVID-19 the previous Thursday. John was 87 years old.

A two-part article about him appeared in the December 2019 and January 2020 issues of this e-newsletter.

May God grant him everlasting peace!

“Mr. J. Robertson” of Detroit Identified

In his book The Great Exodus (1918-1939) (1989), p. 35, the late Fr. Lawrence E. Attard made mention of “Mr. J. Robertson,” “a useful spokesman” who came to the defense of Detroit’s Maltese community in 1921 in the face of the efforts of American authorities “to check the flow of aliens into the country.”

Robertson declared: “I am one of the oldest emigrants from the Island of Malta. I have been resident of this country for twenty-six years. I give a helping hand to the newly landed, especially my compatriots from Malta.”

In fact, James Robertson was born on December 12, 1876 in Cospicua to James and M. Concepta “Alice” (Lepre) Robertson and had arrived in New York Harbor, on board the Majestic, on June 25, 1896.

ARTHUR AND HENRY CAVARRA:
EARLY MALTESE MIGRANTS TO WINNIPEG WHO MOVED ON TO GREENER PASTURES

Dan Brock

April 12th marks the 113th anniversary since three Maltese emigrants—Arthur and Henry Cavarra and John Cachia Zammit Slythe—first set foot in North America. Cachia Zammit Slythe is featured on pages 5-8. This article will focus on the Cavarra brothers and Henry in particular.

Arthur, born about 1877 in either Sliema or Valletta, and Henry, born November 26, 1886, in Valletta, were the sons of Major Alfred Cavarra, R.M.A.

The earliest information we have on Arthur is when, as a student, he applied on March 14, 1899 for a passport to travel to England, possibly to further his studies, as he listed himself as a student. No subsequent passport application has been found for him.

We first hear of Henry on March 14, 1906 when he also applied for a passport to travel to England. He gave his address as Strada Torres, Sliema. Attached to the application was Henry’s baptismal certificate, issued three days earlier. It indicates that Henry was baptised
at Our Lady of Safe Haven (St. Dominic’s) Church in Valletta and that his full name was Henry Charles Philip Alfred William Cavarra.

On arriving in New York Harbor, having boarded the Majestic in Liverpool on April 4, 1906, the Cavarra brothers and Cachia Zammit Slythe, as already noted, probably travelled by rail to Winnipeg, the “Gateway to the West.”

The three men appear to have found employment on farms almost immediately. By late June 1906 John Slythe was working as a hired hand near MacDonald, MB, some 68 miles (110 km), northwest of Winnipeg, while Arthur and Henry were working for different families in the vicinity of St. Pierre, Provencher, some 31 miles (50 km) southeast of Winnipeg.

Arthur crossed over into the United States at Swanton, Vermont in August 1909. At the time of the US Census for 1910, Arthur was a teacher in Colchester, VT. We lose track of him after this in the United States.

Sometime afterward he returned to Malta where on February 27, 1919 he married Beata Boulad.

Their first child, Maria, is believed to have been born on December 4, 1919, followed by Martha on September 20, 1921 and Elen on April 4, 1926. All were born in Malta. Nothing further is known of Arthur and Bertha.

Elen, who married on September 7, 1952, appears to have lived all her life in Malta and died there on June 20, 1978. Martha moved to England. There, in Southampton in 1948, she married George Arthur Garnet Waters and raised a family. She died in North Cotswold on August 23, 2007. Maria, who never married, appears to have migrated to England as well but nothing further is presently known about her.

Meanwhile, Arthur’s younger brother, Henry, was adjusting well to life in Manitoba. According to his grandson, David Pullicino of Malta, Henry worked for some time as a trapper. By 1913, however, he was a manager in Winnipeg.

That same year, Henry returned for a visit to Malta. Whether by chance or by design, he met, probably for the first time, his maternal first cousin, Emma Josephine DePiro.

Emma was born in Aden (Yemen) on June 16, 1883 and was the daughter of Antonio G. DePiro, a brother of Henry’s mother, the former Maria DePiro, and Antonio’s first wife, Louisa Borg.

Maria and Antonio’s parents were Guiseppe and Maria Antonio (Mizzi) dePiro/DePiro.

Their lineage can be traced back to Cosimo or Gusmano de Piro who arrived as a child in 1530 with the Order of St. John. He was likely under the protection of the Grand Master at the time and served in the Court of the Grand Master. Later, he was appointed Commander of the Arsenal in Malta.

As for Antonio G. DePiro, he was working for the Eastern Telegraph Company in Aden at the time of Emma’s birth.

Henry Cavarra’s Baptismal Certificate

Arthur and Henry Cavarra, together with the aforementioned John Cachia Zammit Slythe, disembarked from the Majestic at New York on April 12, 1906. As noted earlier, all three were single and each was destined for Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Very few Maltese had ended up in Winnipeg prior to 1906. Benjamin Waday gave Winnipeg as his destination in 1903. So did Edgar Camilleri in 1905. W.S. Galea, a native of Hants., England, but probably of Maltese birth, also gave Winnipeg as his destination in 1905. Of these three, only Waday was found on the Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta taken in June-July 1906. He was then a boarder living in Winnipeg.
Emma Josephine DePiro with an Unidentified Woman, c. April 1884

Emma had trained as a nurse at St. Thomas Hospital, in London, England and left there in May 1912, intending to seek permanent residence in Malta.

The cousins fell in love during Henry’s visit to Malta. Henry returned to Winnipeg, via Liverpool and Quebec, on board the Tunisian, in July of 1913. Sometime thereafter Emma joined him and they were married in nearby St Boniface on February 28, 1914. Their first child, Laura, was born in Winnipeg on March 23, 1915.

The family, however, “could no longer stand the cold in Canada” and later in 1915 moved to New York City where Henry became a salesman for a sporting goods store. According to David Pullicino*, his grandfather
became a manager of the hunting department of a large store” while in New York.

Henry Cavarra, July 7, 1913

Laura Cavarra, Age 22, May 1937

Joseph Cavarra, Age 19, May 1937

Laura Cavarra, February 6, 1919

Photos courtesy of David Pullicino, Laura’s eldest son

Henry and Emma’s son, Joseph, was born in New York City on November 11, 1917.

The US federal census for 1920 shows the family living in Grant City, Staten Island, NYC.

Sometime after this, the family returned to Malta. There, according to David, Henry imported equipment for woodworking, “the first at the time, and built a thriving business making wooden doors and windows.” Unfortunately, the Second World War put an end to this.

Meanwhile, the Cavarra family was living at “Eileen” on Howard Street in Sliema when, in the summer of 1934, Henry and Emma went on a tour of “Italy and other European countries.”

Emma J. Cavarra, age 50, June 1934

The family was living at 2 Victoria Junction, Sliema in mid-1937 when they went on a tour of Italy.
Henry Cavarra died at the age of 60, in Sliema, Malta, on March 17, 1948. His widow Emma passed away at the Blue Sisters Hospital in Sliema in 1969. Their son Joseph died in Sliema on June 12, 1955. Laura, their daughter, married Philip Pullicino on June 3, 1942 and had four sons. She died at Casa Arkati, Mosta, on April 10, 2010.

*Most of the information that David has contributed was drawn from conversations he had with his mother when at times she recalled her family experiences in Canada and Staten Island.*

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**Passport Application of Emma J. (DePiro) Cavarra, June 2, 1934**

Passport application and photos courtesy of National Archives of Malta

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**THE MALTESE CANADIAN CLUB OF LONDON OPENS ITS OWN BUILDING 32 YEARS AGO**

*Editor's note: Tuesday, April 9th marks the 32nd anniversary of the opening of The Maltese Canadian Club of London’s own facilities. An account of its opening, is found in the April 1988 issue of the defunct L-Aħbar, published in Toronto. For those like myself who know little or nothing of the Maltese language a glossary of some of the Maltese words has been provided to help you get a sense of the contents of this article. Sadly, the facilities were sold off early in 2018 and the Club itself disbanded in December of that year.*

KLABB ĠDID F’ LONDON
MALTESE CANADIAN CLUB
LONDON, ONTARIO

Nhar is-Sibt 9 t’April, 1988, sar il-ħuľi uffiċjali tas-sala u każin ġdid tal-Maltese Canadian Club of London.
Iċ-ċerimonja tal- Ħuľi saret fis-siegħa a’ wara nofs in-
nhar u fiha hadu sehem is-Sur Terry Clifford, M.P. (London-Middlesex), is-Sur Jack Burghardt, Deputy
Mayor ta’ London, is-Sur Lou Bondi, il-Konslu General
ta’ Malta f’toronto, Fr. Tony Busuttil, u s-Sur Tony Vella, il-President tal-ghaqda.
Wara l-ftuħ uffiċċjali, il-mistednin gew imdawwra mal-
post u ntworew il-facilitajiet kollha konnessi ma’ dan iċ-
centru. Wara sar riceviment żgħir għall-okkażżjoni.
Iżda l-festi kbar saru fil-ghaxxja, meta mlijet ta’ Maltin
minn London, attendew għall-ewwel attivita miżmuma
fis-sala, iċ-ċelebrazzjoni tal-ftuħ tal-każin il-gdid.
Il-post li jinsab f’t0 Charterhouse Crescent, huwa
attrazzat b’sala sabiħa li tesa mat-300 ruħ. Hija fornuta
bi kċina kbira u moderna li tista’ tintuża għall-kull
okkażżjoni. Il-foyer hu misi fuq stil modern bil-faċċata
u l-kamra tat-ta-raġ mibnija b’madal tal-hżejġ li jaqgti
dehra arjuża u mdawla.
Fug quddiem tas-sala, fit-tieni sular hemm sala żgħar
li tista’ tintuża għal okkażżjonijiet familjali, jew tista’
tintuża bħala parti mis-sala l-kbira peress li hija
konnessi bi twiegji li jaqgti minn sala għal oħra.
Wara ikla eċċellenti l-MC, is-Sur Peter Campbell,
introduċiha ħafna personalitajiet li attendew għal din l-
okkażżjoni. Fil-kliem tiegħu is-Sur Tony Vella qal li s-
sala kienet riżultat ta’ ħidma tremenda, sagrifċċjji
personali u dedizazzjoni li saret minn bosta membri.
Huwa riżultat li jimmla lill-kbira_bbirija. Huwa riżultat
li jgħin biex inżommu t-tradizzjonijiet Maltin.
Is-Sur Vella kompla ħqid, li bħala Maltin Kanadżi
ahna nuru il-wirt uniku tagħna u nikkommettu ruħna
għal futur sabiħ u sodisfaċenti, “ghax ma rridux biss li
niżgħaw fil-passat iżda rridu nuru lijn-emies ta’ London id
drawwiet u t-tradizzjonijiet Maltin.
Huwa temm id-diskorsi tiegħu billi ir-ringraszżja lill-
Ministeru taċ-Ċittadinanza u Kultura għall-ġhajnuna
finanzjarja li l-każin irċevi taht il-Proġramm ta’ Titjib fil-
Facilitajiet Komunitarji.
Wara kien hemm diskorsi minn mistednin ta’l-unur li
ħafna minnhom uppreżentaw tabelli u rigali bħala
tifkira tal-okkażżjoni.
Għal din iċ-ċerimona attendew ukoll is-Sur Terry
Clifford M.P., is-Sur Jack Burghardt, is-Sur Lou Bondi,
kunsilieri oħra ta’ London, u nies li taw ġhajnuna lil
Maltese Canadian Club.
Rappreżentanti ta’ għaqdijiet oħra Maltin attendew
minn ħafna bħala bliet oħra. Forsthom kien hemm
rappreżentanti tal-Melita Soccer Club u l-Malta Band
Club ta’ Toronto, tal-Cottonera Maltese Society u Malta
United Society ta’ Windsor u Maltese American
Community Club ta’ Dearborn, Michigan. Attendew
ukoll rappreżentanti tal-programmi telivivizzi u l-gurnal
Maltin. Mistedien speċjali kien is-Sur Johnny Catania, li
bħal ma semma l-MC Peter Campbell għandu
assosċċjazzjoni twiela mal-klaż ta’ London.
Dan ir-riżultat juri x’jistgħu jiksbus għaqdijiet Maltin bi-
koperazzjoni u ħidma lejn għan wiehed. Il-komunita
čkejkna ta’ London urietna li fejn hemm ir-riedda
kollox jista’ jsir, basta t-fassil u x-xogħol isir bir-reqqa u
ghall-ġdid tal-komunita kollha.

**Maltese-English Glossary**

ahbar (n.f.) - news
attendew - they attended
bil - with the
bħala (adv.) - as
bliet (n.f.) – cities
diskorsi (n.m.) - speeches
fil-ghaxxja (n.f.) – evening
fosthom (prep.) - among
ftuħ – opening
għaqdiet (n.u.f.) – associations
hemm (adv.) - there
ħafna (adj.) - many
hidma – toil
huwa – he
jew (conj.) - or
każin (n.m.) - club
kbira (adj.m. plur) - large
kien (v.i.) - to be (was)
klabb (n.m.) – club
kollha – all
lejn (adv.) - towards
lil (prep.) – to
mal - with
Maltin (n.m. pl.) - Maltese
mibni (pp.) - built, constructed
minn (prep) - from
nhar (+ def. art.) - on
nies (n.pl.) - people
nofs (n.m.) - half
għal (prep.) - for
ghajnuna (n.f.) - help, assistance
għandu - has
ōhra (pron.f.) – other
post (n.m.) – place, venue
riceviment – reception
ringraszżja - thanks
riżultat (n.m) – result
ruħ (n.f.) - soul, person
sala (n.f.) - hall
sehem (n.m.) - portion, part
Sibt (n.m.) - Saturday
siegħa (n.f.) – hour
Sur. – Mr.
temm - ended
twiela - strong
uffiċċjali (a. inv.) – officials
ukoll (adv.) also, too
war – following, afterwards
waro nofs in-nhar – at noon
wirt (n.m.) - inheritance
żgħir (a.m.) - little, small
A LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AMBASSADOR VANESSA FRAZIER

Addressed to the Maltese Community in New York-New Jersey-Connecticut:

“In view of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, as declared by U.S. President Trump and New York Governor Cuomo as a state of emergency, the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations and the Consulate of Malta in New York will be limiting access to the general public. This measure is being taken in order to protect the health and safety of our staff whilst ensuring that business continues.

Despite the limited access, the Mission and the Consulate remain ready to assist Maltese nationals residing or travelling within the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. For any urgent assistance or queries, members of the Maltese Community can reach the Foreign Ministry’s 24hr helpline on +356 2204 2200 or the Consulate on +1 212-725-2345 consul.newyork@gov.mt.

As a precautionary measure to contain the pandemic, consular appointments that have already been fixed are postponed. We invite those that have had fixed appointments to contact the Consulate on consul.newyork@gov.mt or call on +1 212-725-2345.

On this note, we augur that the Maltese Community is safe and healthy.”

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647-232-8845

Festa San Gorg Association of Toronto
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905-216-8432/416-277-2291

Gozo Club Toronto
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Inanna on Stage
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Knights of Columbus - Canada – Council # 12782
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Grand Knight Amadeo Cuschieri

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Maltese American Benevolent Society
1832 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48216
313-961-8393
http://detroitmaltese.com
Opening hours:
Thursday & Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn
5221 Oakman Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48126
313-846-7077
info@malteseamericanclub.org
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00 am. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinners served: Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Before and after 7:00 p.m. first Friday Mass
Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco
924 El Camino Real, South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-871-4611
contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org
Opening hours: Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(every 2nd Tuesday of the month only)
Thursday 5: p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:00 – 1:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 am. - 5:00 p.m.

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Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Maltese Canadian Federation:

A Success Story.

On Tuesday 3 March 2020 the Maltese Canadian Federation held its annual General Meeting where a new committee was elected for 2020.

The new committee is as follows:

President           Joe Sherri
Vice-President      Brandon Azzopardi
Secretary           Teresa Bugelli
Asst – Secretary    Giselle Sherri Migliore
Treasurer           Paul Portelli

I am very happy to announce that the community volunteering spirit is well and alive in our Maltese community. The Maltese Canadian Federation is presently made up of 10 groups and associations including St. Paul’s The Apostle Church that are very active with their initiatives and agendas while supporting each other and the community.

Three of the latest members to join the Federation are the St. Paul the Apostle Youth Group, The Maltese Canadian Business Networking Association and the St. Paul the Apostle Parish Mission Group. These three groups are made up mostly of first- and second-generation Maltese Canadians who have brought in with them a new energy, fresh ideas and the proper utilization of social media to communicate with their members, with the other groups and the community.

Their activities are well organized, well attended and inter supported by the other Federation members. What these groups have in common is a strong sense of commitment, their pride in their Maltese heritage and a sense of belonging and making their mark in the Maltese community.

We encourage all those individuals who would like to get involved, to reach out and to contact any of these Federation member groups for further information.

The Maltese Canadian Federation would like to invite all of the Maltese Canadian community members and friends to come and join us on the 26th June in celebrating Malta Celebration Day/ Imnarja at Runnymede Park.

Thank you

Maltese Canadian Federation

President

Joe Sherri

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