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**NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS AT
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THE MALTESE CENTER, NYC**

(See pages 14-15 and 20)

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

This issue contains photos of the Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Maltese-American Community Club of Dearborn (pages 11-12) and the New Year's Eve parties of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco and Maltese Center, NYC (pages 1, 14-15, 20).

Another photo story is the very successful launching of Marthese Fenech's third book, *Ash Fall*, in her trilogy on the Siege of Malta.

The November-December 2022 issue of this newsletter spoke of JOanne Camilleri's 90-minute film production *INANNA – the Rising Goddess of Malta*, which was shown in Toronto, Canada on November 5, 2022. The article also gave some background on the goddess Inanna and JOanne's plans do a live presentation of the production on the Maltese Islands.

In this issue, the publicist Tracy Lamourie provides the reader with further details relating to the production of *INANNA* in Malta and Gozo and the ancient epic poem which inspired JOanne.

On a sombre note, a glimpse of the life of Rita Camilleri, who was murdered in the Greater Toronto Area in December 2022, is given. (See pages 13-14)

The talents of the Condorato family of London, Canada are highlighted on pages 8-10.

As many of you are aware a half-hour Maltese program, *Leñen Malti*, appears weekly on the OMNI 1 television channel. (See page 4, column 2.)

Earlier this month, Joan Mizzi-Fry, an acquaintance of mine, sent me an email saying that she had recently joined the *Leñen Malti* production team "with the pleasurable task of interviewing those who are making a difference in the community."

Unlike in the past, **all** the interviews will be in English.

Joan then noted that my name was "on our list of potential interviewees for 2023."

As a result, arrangements were made to schedule an interview via ZOOM. This also included my sending Joan a number of photographs which could be used to supplement the interview.

It was subsequently decided that the interview would result in two six-minute segments, each to be aired on consecutive weeks.

The ZOOM interview was held on the afternoon of Thursday, January 26th and, for the most part, centered around this newsletter.

The dates of the airing of these segments have not yet been determined but it is hoped that they will be known in time to note in the February issue.

For those interested in viewing past programs, google *Leñen Malti/Maltese Voice – You Tube*.

Again, my thanks to the various clubs and individuals who provided

material for this newsletter. I would encourage all clubs to send forward information, including photos of events within your organization. At least post such photos, etc. on your Facebook page so that I can, with your permission, access and use such material in this newsletter.

Thanks to the kindness and efforts of Evelyn and Dennis Simmons of California, all issues and the latest "Table of Contents" are posted on the web page of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco at <http://malteseamericanscsf.org/home.aspx>. Click on to "News & Resources."

If you have ideas to share or wish to be put on the free, bcc electronic mailing lists, etc., I may be reached at danbrock62@gmail.com. You may also contact me through at this email address should you be interested in advertising in this newsletter which literally has a worldwide circulation and is read each month by thousands.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Message from Fr. Dominic....



More than six years ago, I had to say “goodbye” to the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish, the ones I loved and those who I believe loved me in return for the seventeen years that I served and ministered here. In one way or another, I kept in touch with what was happening through friends and other means.

It was a great surprise and unexpected that I was able to visit and meet you once again. The opportunity came when my superior asked me to come and spend a couple of months to help and be a companion to Fr. Ivano once the decision to leave the parish was made. I was really happy to see you again as you were happy to see me again. Honestly, I felt at home from the first day and I was happy to talk to some of you whom I have seen in the church and in the clubs or elsewhere. I was deeply distressed to hear about the loss of many parishioners, as some of you told me: “Fr. I lost my wife” or “My mother is seriously ill” or “My daughter doesn’t want to see me. Please pray for her.” Don’t give up. Let God work in his own mysterious ways.

May I congratulate all those in the Maltese community who are struggling to keep all the community activities, first of all, by the regular attendance in the church and all those who help in one way or another.

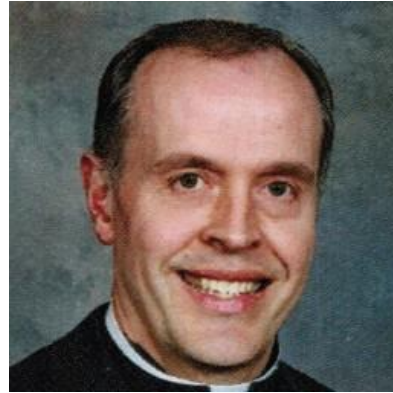
While I miss you all, may all of you as a community support Fr. Roy as he takes on the responsibility of the pastoral care of the parish, so that he will continue to bring you closer to God. May St. Paul, patron of the Parish, keep you steady in Faith.

I would also like to thank Fr. Ivano for his hospitality, friendship, and daily concern that I have everything I need and am well-fed!

May I wish you all and you families a happy and prosperous New Year filled with God’s blessings. I will continue to hold you in my prayers.

Editor’s note: Fr. Dominic Cachia, MSSP, left Canada to return to Malta, on Wednesday, January 4th. A special Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 29th as Fr. Ivano Burdian, MSSP and the Missionary Society of St. Paul prepare to depart from the Parish. Fr. Roy Farrell, the new administrator of the Parish, was welcomed on the weekend of January 7th-8th.

Fr. Roy is a native of Marystown, Newfoundland and will succeed Fr. Ivano on February 1st.



SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Editor’s note: The Sunday Bulletin for St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Toronto continues posting “Sunday Reflections” from volumes 28 and 29 of the Living with Christ booklet.

God Doesn’t Wait for the Perfect Conditions to Come to Us

....What the Nativity story [Lk. 2:1-14] shows us is that it’s not in majesty and perfection that we see the glory of God, but in the chaos of the ordinary human life.

God doesn’t wait for the perfect conditions to come to us. Rather, God is with us now in the messiest and darkest of situations: broken relationships, financial hardships, family tensions, grief over lost loved ones.

Teresa Whalen Lux, Christmas Edition, page 24

God Has a Plan for Each of Us

Contemplating the future can be scary. God has a plan for each of us, but he unfolds it little by little. None of us know the full picture or implications. Let us pray to have Mary’s trust, peace, and confidence as we contemplate the year ahead. [Lk. 2:16-21]

Kate Larson, vol. 29, no 1, page 34

**ACTIVITIES WITHIN
THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES**

Dan Brock

NEW YORK CITY

Maltese Center: Astoria

The **New Year's Eve Party** took place on Saturday, December 31, 2023. (See pages 1, 20.)

Bingo was held in the Lower Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15th and at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16th.

ONTARIO

London

A **luncheon** was held by the usual gathering of members of the Maltese community and friends at **Fionn MacCool's**, Wellington Road South, on Thursday, January 26th.

The next **luncheon** is planned for Thursday, February 23rd at **Archie's Seafood Restaurant**, on Huron Street.

Windsor

Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario

A **Valentine's Dinner & Dance** will be held on Saturday, February 11th.

Greater Toronto Area

Malta Band Club

Owing to the **weather forecast**, the Friday, December 23, 2022 **dinner** was **cancelled**. As it turned out, that proved to have been a wise decision.

A **Gala New Year's Evening Dinner-Dance** was held on Saturday, December 31, 2022.

A **bus trip** to **Casino Niagara** took place on Saturday, January 21st.

A **general membership meeting** was held on Sunday, January 22nd, followed by a **bake sale**.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

A **special Mass** to bid farewell to the present administrator, **Fr. Ivano Burdian, MSSP**, and to the **Missionary Society of St. Paul** will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January, 29th, followed by a reception.

Fr. Roy Farrell, the new administrator, will be **officially welcomed** by the parishioners at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 5th.

The annual **Feast of St. Paul Parish Dinner-Dance** is to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday February 11th.

**LEHEN MALTI
(Maltese Voice)**

OMNI 1 - Ontario
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

OMNI BC
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

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Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

A **New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance** was held on Saturday, December 31, 2022. (See pages 1, 14-15, 20)

Melita Soccer Club, Toronto

This club held a dance at the Westwood Arena Banquet Hall on Saturday, October 2, 1976. The occasion for this social was the opening of the new premises acquired by the Club at 3339 Dundas Street West. Music was provided by Grand Harbour. The grand door prize was a trip for two to Miami, Florida.

Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario

The following were elected to serve on the Society's Committee for 1977-78:

- President: Emmanuel Labadie
- Vice President: Charles Carbonaro
- Secretary/Treasurer: Eddie Agius
- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Charles Caruana
- Directors: Joseph Galea
Joseph Formosa
Charles Thewma
- Trustees: Johnny Catania
Alfred Portelli

Maltese Band Club, Toronto

The Club held a Valentine's dance on Saturday, February 5, 1977, at Sherway Gardens Auditorium. Music was by The Melody Makers.

BOOK LAUNCH HELD AT THE MALTESE-CANADIAN MUSEUM

Dan Brock

The afternoon of Saturday, December 10th witnessed the launching of Marthese “Mar” Fenech’s third novel in her Siege of Malta trilogy.

This was arranged by the dedicated museum volunteers under the direction of its curator Richard Cumbo. While setting up this launch, he was in constant collaboration with the author, Mar Fenech, and Niġel Klemenčič-Puglisevich, one of the volunteers.



Autographing book marks while her husband, Brad Marks, assists with sales

COME & JOIN US FOR A

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

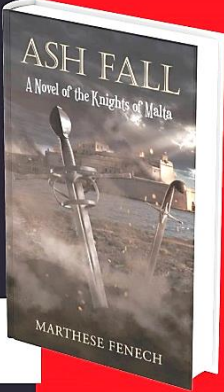

with best selling Maltese-Canadian author

Marthese Fenech

for her new release

Ash Fall

Saturday, December 10, 1-4:30pm
at the Maltese-Canadian Museum
3224 Dundas St W, Toronto

MALTESE-CANADIAN MUSEUM
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA



With Brad

Book launches are curious events. No matter how much effort one puts into their preparation, one never knows how successful they will be.

In this case, expectations were exceeded. More than 200 persons were in attendance, some travelling a great distance, and every copy of all three books brought to Museum were sold.



With her mother, Doris Fenech



With Valerie Buhagiar, the director of the film *Carmen* and Ms. Denise Demicoli, Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada



With her brother Stephen Fenech



With Christina Zammit



With another Marthese Fenech



With Larry Anastasi and Helen Farrugia Anastasi



With Fred Cini



With Rita Kennie, Niġel Klemenčič-Puglisevich, Carmen Galea, Rose Cassar, Marthese Fenech and Richard Cumbo

**BEFORE DANCING WITH THE STARS:
THE CONDORATOS OF LONDON, ONTARIO***

Dan Brock

Joe and Doris Condorato are part of the loosely associated group of largely Maltese Canadians from the London, Ontario, Canada area who try to meet once a month for lunch.



**Joe & Doris Condorato,
with Tony & Censa in the background,
having lunch at the Mandarin Restaurant,
Wellington Road South, London,
Friday, November 26, 2021**

Photo by Dan Brock

Joe Condorato and Doris Gilford met at Café Riche in Cospicua, Malta. Each would go there with their families every Saturday night. Open air dancing was held at Café Riche, and dancing “became a hobby for both.” Back home in Cospicua, Joe would practise the latest steps, either with his niece or a broom.

Joe and Doris were married in Senglea on April 19, 1958. Later that year, on June 27th, Café Riche became the first venue in Malta to hold an Elvis event

Another couple who dated at Café Riche in the late 1950s was George Baldacchino and Agnes Garrett. They too subsequently married. Their son, Godfrey, is currently Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology at the University of Malta. Between 2003 and 2020, he served as an Island Studies Teaching Fellow, UNESCO co-Chair and Canada Research Chair in Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), Canada. His most recent book, co-authored with Elaine Stratford and Elizabeth McMahon, is *Rethinking Island Methodologies*.

Doris Condorato’s mother, Angie, was a sister of Sam Ciantar and his brother Emmanuel, who were then living in London, Ontario, Canada. On March 11, 1966, with their daughter, Monica, Joe and Doris arrived in Toronto, by way of Rome, on an Alitalia plane and were reunited with Doris’ relatives in London.

In 1967, the Condoratos were joined by Doris’ younger sister, Christina, and her husband Fred Vella. The Vellas returned to Malta at the end of 1969. Fred and Christina were in Canada, visiting relatives, between November 2011 and January 2012 and attended the New Year’s Eve Dinner and Dance at The Maltese Canadian Club of London in London, Ontario.



**L to r.—Fred Vella, Doris Condorato, Christina Vella,
Censa & Tony Vella and Joe Condorato
at The Maltese Canadian Club’s
New Year’s Eve Dinner and Dance,
December 31, 2011**

Photo by Tony Galea

Joe and Doris’ association with The Maltese Canadian Club of London goes back to its formation in 1977.

When the Maltese folklore dance group was organized by the Club that fall, the Condoratos were one of 13 couples to join. Under the leadership of Anthony Mifsud and with Johnny Catania of Windsor as choreographer, the group mastered *Il-Parata* and *Il-Maltija*. The group made its first public appearance at the Club’s first anniversary banquet and dance in April 1978.

This was followed by performances at the National Maltese Festival in Toronto, another in Guelph, the Carousel of Nations and *Lejla Maltija* (Malta Night) in Windsor. In May 1979, there was the fifth annual Canadian-Croatian Folklore Festival here in London and, in the autumn, a return to Toronto to participate along with Malta's National Folklore Dancing group, *Viva Malta*.



This photo of the dance group appeared in the *Maltese Canadian Club of London Progress Report April 1977 – April 1980.*

The Condoratos, including their daughter Monica and her husband, Ed Teixeira, also became members of the Club's bowling league. Monica was among the best of the Club's women bowlers. In the mid-1980s, she served for two years as a trustee Club director. When a children's dance group was formed by the Club in 1982, Kevin, Joe and Doris' son, became a member. Doris worked with Lee Pavia in preparing the group for London's Kavalkade 84, 85 and 86.

On June 7, 1986, the Club held a *Lejla Maltija* at the Labourers' Union Hall on Clarke Road. The late Johnny Catania produced a comedy, performed at the Club.

It was Joe Condorato who painted the set, as seen at right. While at school in Malta, he had taken up art, working first with pencil and then with water colour.



Backdrop prepared by Joe Condorato for the *Lejla Maltija* comedy produced by Johnny Catania

Photo by Joe Condorato

In addition to Johnny Catania, the out-of-town entertainers for the June 1986 event included Carmenu Xwierieb and his brother Leli; Lewis Micallef accompanied on guitar by Salvu Vella and his children, all from Detroit; Miriam and Charlie Vella from Brampton; and Gina Hili from Toronto. Local talent included Doris Condorato, who had a role in the comedy, Lee Pavia on saxophone and Charlie Farrugia on the harmonica.

Like his parents, Kevin Condorato also had interests beyond dancing and, in April 1986, had placed third out of 50 in a karate competition in Kitchener.



The young adult dance group with Joe Condorato and Doris Condorato standing at either end in the back row

Courtesy of Tony & Censa Vella

In 1987, Joe and Doris Condorato and Censa Vella became directors of the newly-formed young adults dance group, Kevin Condorato being one of the performers. Censa's husband, Tony Vella, arranged the music. (See preceding page.)

With the building of The Maltese Canadian Club of London's facilities in 1987-88, Joe helped with the interior. Three of his donated paintings were hanging upstairs at the Club, three more on the stairwell leading upstairs and a seventh, the largest, in the lobby in front of the elevator before the building was sold and subsequently vacated by the Club in 2018.



Joe Condorato's painting of Valletta as seen looking westerly across the Grand Harbour from the site of the former Bigħi Hospital in Kalkara

Photo by Dan Brock

Joe also painted the Jerusalem backdrop at the back of stage at The Maltese Canadian Club of London for the passion play *Gesu Ta' Nazzalett*, performed by Il-Maltese Actors of Toronto, on Good Friday, March 24 1989.



Backdrop for the passion play *Gesu Ta' Nazzalett*

Courtesy of Joe Condorato

**This article is an update of that which appeared in the January-February 2012 issue of The Maltese Canadian Club of London newsletter.*



**READERS' COMMENTS
RELATING TO THE
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE**

I read through it Dan. Great Job again.
Mike Cutajar, Metro Detroit

Thanks again for all the work you do in creating the Maltese North American newsletter. Great issue. My aunt Rena is in there twice and my sister Carmen made it into the newsletter, as did my deceased grandparents.

Fr. Ed Vella, CSsR, Chicago, Illinois

Amazing work.... thank you very kindly for including me. As a budding author (despite being in my 70s) I can really appreciate the work behind this. Proset!!!
John Zarb

Awesome, Dan. Thank you so much for the nod in the newsletter. It was a wonderful day! Only thing missing was you.

Mar Fenech, Simcoe Co., Ontario

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND RAFFLE**

**The Maltese American Benevolent Society
of Detroit**

The 2022 Children's Christmas Party and Raffle was held on the afternoon of Sunday, December 18, 2022.



That man in the red suit scares me!



He's not so bad after all!





Santa doesn't discriminate on account of age



A group photo with Santa
Photos courtesy of Carmen Chavarria



**RITA CAMILLERI
ONE OF FIVE MURDER VICTIMS**

Dan Brock

Five persons were murdered and a sixth seriously injured in a rampage in Vaughan, Ontario in the early evening hours of Sunday, December 18, 2022. The 73-year-old suspect, Francesco Villi, was shot and killed by police. Among the murder victims were Vittorio Panza, whose grandson Victor Mete plays defence for the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, and Panza's partner, Rita Camilleri.

Rita Camilleri was born in Melbourne, Australia, on March 17, 1965, to Joseph and Helen Camilleri who had emigrated from Malta. The family immigrated to Canada when Rita was eight years old.

After high school, Rita built many successful businesses in the entertainment and financial services sectors. After retiring, following several years in the real estate business, she became a board member for the condo building in which she lived and subsequently died.

Rita, like another of the victims, was a member of the Barraria condo board with which the alleged shooter had grievances. A third victim was a former board member. One of the other murder victims and the person seriously injured were wives of past or present condo board members.



Rita was described as “an advocate for her building and for the people in her building.” Earlier in December she had organized a Christmas party for the condo residents and was already planning a barbecue for them in June 2023.

She enjoyed gardening, entertaining, travelling and especially cooking.



Cooking was one of Rita’s passions

Copied from Rita Camilleri’s Facebook page

Rita is survived by her mother, Helen, her brother George, George’s wife and daughter and her sister Mary-Lou, Mary-Lou’s husband and two children. Rita was predeceased by her father Joseph and brother Michael.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Padre Pio Roman Catholic Church in Kleinburg, Friday, December 30th. Interment was in Assumption Catholic Cemetery, in Mississauga in the Greater Toronto Area.

NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER DANCE

**Maltese-American Social Club
of San Francisco**





**INANNA
THE RISING GODDESS OF MALTA
IS COMING HOME
TO THE MALTESE ISLANDS**

Tracy Lamourie*

INANNA – the Rising Goddess of Malta is coming home to the Maltese Islands, brought by the production’s star and creator, JOanne Camilleri, who flew into Malta in mid-November. JOanne, whose parents immigrated to Canada from Mellieħa, is a Toronto, Canada-based Maltese citizen Canadian performer, a renowned belly dancer and a University of Toronto instructor. *Entertainment Monthly*, in the United States, described her multimedia stage show *INANNA – the Rising Goddess of Malta*, as “an epic stage production.” That couldn’t be truer – *INANNA* is an exciting new project based on one of the oldest stories ever told.

The project is already garnering international attention.

In addition to the *Entertainment Monthly* profile, *INANNA – the Rising Goddess of Malta* was also featured in the November-December issue of the newsletter, *The Maltese Presence in North America*. Camilleri is scheduled to sit down with the editors at *Authority Magazine* stateside for a deep dive into her fascinating career for their Live Arts / Theater and Live Performances section.

INANNA – the Rising Goddess of Malta is a 90-minute multi-media, dance, circus, animation projection and an original musical soundtrack, a mix of folk rock and Islamic scales, bringing the sounds and performance of the east and west together in this production that celebrates Malta's prehistoric culture and circles around Malta's goddess of fertility story for a contemporary audience.

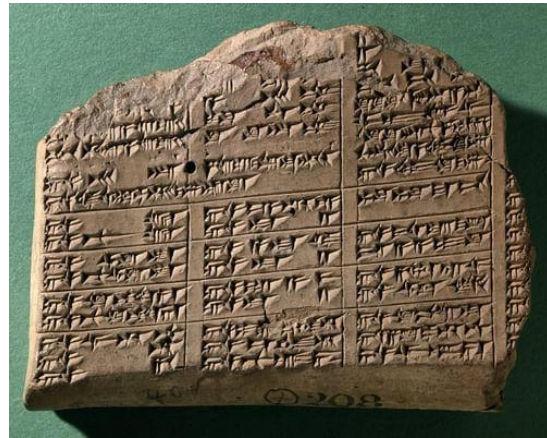
The concept of *INANNA* comes from the Maltese name for Camilleri's Maltese 'grandmother,' in Maltese 'in-Nanna', referring to all her grandmothers since antiquity. *INANNA Productions* is part of a dance company called Ancient Rumbblings which is based in Toronto, Canada.



Renowned Maltese-Canadian artist JOanne Camilleri director, choreographer, writer, and producer of *INANNA* will be assisted by Chris Hall, composer, producer, writer and arranger of the *INANNA* album, and Maltese-Canadian Izzy Camilleri, Canada's renowned costume designer.

"The story of INANNA is found inscribed on clay tablets and fragments in INANNA's temples that exist today in Malta and her sister island Gozo. It is our vision to present INANNA live in theatres on the islands of Malta and Gozo and at the Goddess' Neolithic Temples where she once lived," Camilleri says.

The script, written by Camilleri is based on the ancient myth of the "The Descent of INANNA." This epic poem is found inscribed in cuneiform on a clay tablet from the early Neolithic Age. "Cuneiform," meaning "wedge-shaped" comes from the Latin *cuneus*, meaning "a wedge." Wedge-shaped impressions were made with a reed stylus cut to make a wedge-shaped mark on a clay tablet.



Some believe that Enheduanna, a Sumerian high priestess who lived in the 23rd century BC, in the city of Ur, in modern-day Iraq, and who was the author of a number of hymns dedicated to Inanna, was also the writer of the epic poem "The Descent of Inanna."



As for the production of *INANNA*, some big names lent their talents to the soundtrack. Canadian music and cultural figure Michael Williams of Much Music fame, voices a major character. Michael Fonfara, an icon in rock music of gigantic proportions whose legendary work with Lou Reed, Rough Trade, Foreigner, and many more made him famous, played keyboards on the soundtrack. Fred Mandel, another huge talent, who played with Elton John, Queen, Pink Floyd, and Supertramp, also contributed to the keyboards, while Peter De Sotto from Quartetto Gelato played Violin. Terry Brown, best known as the producer of the legendary Canadian band "Rush," mixed the *INANNA* album.

With the financial support from Malta and the generous assistance from the former Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri, artist Camilleri's production is planning to fly to Malta mid-2023 and perform this unique spectacle on the Maltese Islands accompanied by the core performers of the *INANNA* cast and crew, and renowned dance and circus artists Christina Jennifer Lee, Mark Segal, Laura Lawless, and Christine Leong.

Finally, Dr Xerri stated that this production is not only unique to the Maltese Islands, it's an original artistic masterpiece with enormous potential in a variety of spheres, which not only narrates one of our civilization's oldest stories but has all the elements and hallmark to transcend into a permanent Maltese heritage production which can be treasured by all Maltese and millions of tourists who visit our islands alike.

JOanne Camilleri speaks with passion about bringing *INANNA* home to Malta.

She is now in Malta, engaging in conversation with local theatres, performers, and government officials to make it a reality.

This production was also highly endorsed and promoted amongst the Maltese-Canadian Community in Canada and the one million Maltese and Gozitan diaspora around the world by Dr Xerri.

"I see this production becoming a national-level performance that will be representative of Malta's ancient history and will celebrate Malta for both locals and for tourists on an annual basis. Effectively our Production will contribute to the cultural preservation of history through the performing arts," JOanne adds with passion.

"Internationally, the production will educate the world on Malta's/Gozo's critical contribution to the development of modern society through the mythos."

INANNA Productions will be auditioning in the coming months from the Maltese Islands for Gozitan vocalists, musicians and dance performers. Local companies can be invited in this unique multi-media production.

While in Malta, JOanne Camilleri is available for media interviews about the exciting *INANNA* project and all aspects of belly dance.

Dr Raymond C. Xerri of Gozo is also available to the media for interviews about his support for the *INANNA* project and how important it will be for the Maltese islands.

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Malta Protective Society of California

This Maltese welfare group was formed at a meeting held in San Francisco on April 27, 1913.

Its main purpose was to assist Maltese workers when they were in need, especially when they were incapacitated through serious accidents.

The Compensation Act had been passed that year by the California Senate and the Malta Protective Society of California wanted to make sure that Maltese workers availed themselves of the benefits which the Act offered.

Ted Vella, the secretary of the Society at the time, appears to have been Tancred "Ted" "Teddy" Vella, who was born on May 16, 1882, and who is variously denoted as having been born in Malta and in Biloxi, Mississippi. Likewise, his father, Edward Louis Vella, is said to have been born both in Malta and in New Orleans, Louisiana.

MALTESE ORGANIZATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

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Sunday 12:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

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10:00 am. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinners served: Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 10:00
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