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**GOOD FRIDAY RAVIOLI DINNER, APRIL 14, 2017  
THE MALTESE CANADIAN CLUB OF LONDON**  
Centre Table Clockwise: Tony Vella (blue shirt), Tony Pavia,  
Joyce Vella, Joe Condorato, Doris Condorato, Censa Vella

(See pages 7-10 for a ravioli recipe.)

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

You will note that this issue is several pages shorter than those of late. One of the reasons for this is that the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and other restrictions have interfered with the completion of articles in progress by some contributors.

Fortunately, this lack of material has been more than offset by the quality of the submissions seen in this issue. I'm thinking, in particular, of César A. Zapata Lozada and Lisa Buttigieg LiGreci's articles.

César grew up in Bayamón, Puerto Rico and from a young age has been interested in the history of that island and its ancestors in the southwestern part of Puerto Rico. As a hobby, he does historical and genealogical research in various ecclesiastical and historical archives of Puerto Rico. He has focused on reconstructing the genealogy of many families in that part of Puerto Rico and understanding the historical context in which they lived. César's very well written account of Salvatore Cachia (see pages 11-14), another 18<sup>th</sup> century Maltese immigrant to

Puerto Rico, has evolved from his meticulous research.

As for Lisa's efforts, Mona Vella-Nicholas writes: "Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci should be commended on her excellent recipe contributions to this newsletter. First, her choice of recipes is very typically Maltese. I love the fact that she gives a historical background at the beginning of each contribution. Her directions are extremely clear and she foresees any possible questions regarding specific techniques and answers them before any confusion can take hold. Her illustrations assist in further understanding every step along the way. Kudos to Ms. Buttigieg-LiGreci for a job consistently well done!"

It is my understanding that it's traditional to have a ravioli dinner on Good Friday at the various Maltese clubs in North America. This was the case at the former Maltese Canadian Club of London (see page 1) and appears to also be with the Windsor club (see p. 6).

Posters of events held at this time of the year in the past at the Club are to be seen on the back page of this issue

Now, while the activities within the Maltese communities section of this newsletter is understandably small, given current circumstances, the bulk of what I do have relates to the Greater Toronto Area. This is thanks to an email from Joe Sherri and the weekly bulletins of St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

Moreover, those bulletins provide us with the thoughts of its pastor, Fr. Mario Micallef, MSSP, relative to the weekly Sunday readings.

Through each issue, the Consul General of Malta, Dr. Raymond Xerri, keeps us informed of the activities of the Consulate General and notes the upcoming activities, usually of a religious nature, in Malta. (See pages 4, 5, 14-17 of this issue.)

As with each issue, two pages of Maltese organizations in North America have been listed with telephone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses and hours of opening, where possible, for the

convenience of those of Maltese birth or blood living in those areas.

Through your emails, I'm aware that many of you live where no such organizations exist and some of you are not even aware of anyone of Maltese descent living in your area. It is my hope that this newsletter helps to keep you in touch with the great Maltese community, particularly during these trying times.

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://maltese-americanscsf.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 [dbrock40@worldline.ca](mailto:dbrock40@worldline.ca),

May you have a blessed Easter, stay safe and, God willing, may our lives soon return to some resemblance of normality.

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## GLEANINGS FROM THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

### PASTOR'S THOUGHTS...



*Fr. Mario Micallef, M SSP, 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.*

#### **This is Faith**

....How often have we thought that faith is a matter of dos and don'ts? How often have we been made to believe that faith is a burden, rather than joy? In Jesus' present, Peter discovers that it is good. Faith is beautiful!

....In his foretelling, Jesus could not speak of death without making reference to the resurrection. And his oncoming death would not have made any sense without the resurrection. It is one whole event, and in the moment of darkness the disciple of Christ must remember that there is always light and life waiting. and yet, talk of resurrection does not in any way deny the reality of suffering.

There are always moments of darkness to be lived in our lives, moments that challenge our faith which is very often taken for granted. As I write these reflections, I share the pain of many people who, in different ways, are going through darkness and suffering, in particular during this time of pandemic. I constantly witness stories of people who are going through darkness in their own lives: violence, failed marriages, death in the family, unexpected illnesses, etc. It is very easy to get disheartened in moments like this. It is very normal to start asking questions and, where faith had previously seemed so solid, now it might feel very fragile and shaky.

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!" Let us set aside some time in our day to reflect on God's word, perhaps the daily reading, given that we cannot attend church yet. 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 present, of his word. Because without beauty, our soul dies.

#### **Prayer Is Always Important in Our Lives**

We are living out our Lent, once more, in the shadows of a pandemic. We miss the things which we used to do in normal times – the various Lenten celebrations, the prayers together, the Lenten missions, and other things which we used to take for granted. Many of us are now praying from home, probably following liturgical celebrations on TV or the internet. The desert image which we encountered in our first Sunday is very apt in these circumstances. A lot of things which are readily available in our everyday life are nowhere to be found in the desert. In this gospel Jesus depended solely on the angels, who waited on him, to be able to survive. We have also been invited to go up on the mountain of Transfiguration. Those who have been mountain-climbing know that you do not go there burdened by unnecessary stuff. Only what is really essential....

Prayer is always important in our life. During Lent we are encouraged to take it a lot more seriously. Today Jesus would like to help us understand what prayer is really all about. It is not a commercial transaction or bargain. It is an encounter with him, who is the temple. It is an encounter with the one whom God the Father addressed as "the Beloved" upon the Transfiguration mountain.

Finally, let us not forget that, now we are the body of Christ in our world. We, disciples of Jesus, are the temple where the Beloved is present....

During this pandemic we have been forced to stay away from the brick and mortar temple. But the living temple, Jesus, who is found in each of my brothers and sisters, is never far from us. Indeed, the Covid desert is helping us discover what is truly essential in our life.

#### **Who Is God for Us?**

As we move on in our Lenten journey, it would be a good idea to think about our own idea of who God is. Like Nicodemus [Jn. 3], let us make sure to find some quiet, personal time with Jesus allowing him [to allow us] to get to know God better and bask in His loving arms.

#### **Taking Some Time off From Our Everyday Life**

Often, we need to take some time off from our everyday life to be able to re-focus our lives. Getting rid of the superfluous, entering into the desert where there are no distractions, focusing more on the needs of others than our own, finding more time for our personal prayer, are all things that help us grow into what should really matter in our lives. No wonder Jesus chose to take his friends up on the mountain away from everything, to make them see who He really was.

**THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALTA TO  
CANADA  
ESTABLISHES A NEW REFERENCE LIBRARY  
AND HELPLINE FOR MALTESE CANADIAN  
STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS**

Maltese Canadians are very proud of their Maltese heritage and this is reflected in the growing number of enquiries the Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada receives in relation to Maltese Canadian migration history, family history searches and research about the Maltese Islands in general. To respond to this ever-growing demand, the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada acknowledges the establishment of a new reference library and helpline for Maltese Canadian students and researchers of the Maltese Diaspora in Canada.

This small but specialised library will compliment and work in full cooperation with the Board of the Maltese Canadian Museum, Archives Centre and Library found at the Maltese Canadian Museum hosted at the St Paul The Apostle Maltese Canadian Parish in Malta Village in the Junction, in Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and other resources throughout Canada.

Maltese Canadian students and researchers who are interested in volunteering and/or want to make use of this service can contact directly, the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri at [raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt](mailto:raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt), on messenger, on Facebook webpage, 'Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada' or call him on 416-207-0922 or 416-207-0989.

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**READER COMMENTS  
RELATING TO THE MARCH ISSUE**

This month's newsletter was very good. I thoroughly enjoyed the coverage of the Miss Malta of Canada coverage, by Richard Cumbo. It was well written, very informative and brought back many memories of all the pageants we attended, very sorry that this event is no longer celebrated.

I also liked the pictures and instructions on how to make figolli, I must give it a try.

Other articles were also enjoyable and interesting to read, please keep up the great work.

Rose Cassar, Toronto

What can I say? You did it again. Thank You.  
I enjoyed the Miss Malta piece. Miss Malta, sad

**IL-KONSOLAT ĠENERALI TAR-REPUBBLIKA  
TA' MALTA GĦALL-KANADA JISTABILIXXI  
LIBRERJA TA' REFERENZA U HELPLINE  
GĦAL STUDENTI U RIĊERKATURI MALTIN  
KANADIŽI**

Il-Maltin Kanadiži huma ferm kburin bil-wirt Malti tagħhom u dan jidher sew fin-numru dejjem jikber ta' talbiet, lill-Konsolat Ġeneral tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, għall-informazzjoni dwar l-istorja tal-emigrazzjoni tal-Maltin lejn il-Kanada u lura Malta, informazzjoni dwar l-istorja tal-familja u riċerka ġenerali dwar il-Gżejjer Maltin. Sabiex il-Konsolat Ġenerali jkun jista' jirrispondi għal domanda dejjem tikber, ser tiġi mwaqqfa din il-librerija għida għar-referenza u *helpline* għall-istudenti u riċerkaturi tad-Dijaspora Maltija fil-Kanada li huma Maltin Kanadiži.

Din il-librerija ċkejkna pero speċjalizzata ser taħdem mill-qrib mall-Bord tal-Mużew Malti-Kanadiż, l-Arkivji u l-Librerija li tinsab fl-Awditorjum tal-Parroċċa Maltija Kanadiża ta' San Pawl Appostlu (fil-Villaġġ Malta fil-qalb tal-Belt ta' Toronto, fil-Provincja ta' Ontario) u ma' riżorsi oħra li jinsabu madwar il-Kanada kollha.

Studenti u riċerkaturi Maltin Kanadiži li huma nteressati jkunu voluntiera, jixtiequ jagħti xi donazzjoni u/jew jixtiequ jagħmlu użu minn dan is-servizz jistgħu jikkuntattjaw direttament lill-Konslu Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri fuq email [raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt](mailto:raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt), fuq messenger, jew fuq il-Facebook webpajġ, 'Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada' jew ċempel fuq in-numri 416-207-0922 or 416-207-0989.

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that we had to forego this year, we so look forward to it. Crazy about the Miss Malta statue walking away. It was a beautiful statue. When my daughter, Ana, won in 2015 we took a ride to Canada and the one club that was open welcomed us with open arms and showed us the statue, cap and other items.

Rena Xuereb, Metropolitan Detroit

Congrats on another successful issue!

It's always a nice walk down memory lane and recall the early days of the Malta Band Club in Toronto and its morphing from the original club, M.C.S.T. Maltese Canadian Society of Toronto....

Thanks for all your hard work and commitment.

Joan Mizzi-Fry, Orillia, Ontario

It was a pleasure to read the March edition from front to back. I give you a lot of credit for the detailed

information that you provide with every picture and article even though some of them are many years old. You should be commended for the time spent in researching those details as part of the history of the Maltese communities in Canada and other places.

Joe Sherri, Toronto

**THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA TO CANADA WELCOMES YOUTH WHO WINS SCHOLARSHIP ON MALTESE CANADIAN MIGRATION**

Maltese Canadian history has been a story of a humble people who left a tiny country in the Mediterranean – The Maltese Islands and became a success story thousands of kilometers away in the second largest country in the world - Canada. This story is the history, heritage and identity of 147,000 Maltese Canadians being preserved, unveiled and transmitted to future generations by a commendable initiative of the board of Lehen Malti TV in Canada led by Chairperson Joe Sherri by means of a scholarship offered to Maltese Canadian youths.

The Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri welcomed the winner of this scholarship, Maltese Canadian youth Nigel Klemenčič-Puglisevich at the Consulate General in Toronto, Ontario.



Consul General Dr Xerri congratulated Mr Klemenčič-Puglisevich for his work and promised the

Consulate General's assistance in continuing his research into the Maltese Canadian story and also making available specialised research from the Maltese Canadian Library at the Consulate. Consul General Xerri provided Mr Klemenčič-Puglisevich with copies of important publications related to the third and fourth Conventions for Maltese Living Abroad, organised in 2000 and 2015 respectively.

Mr Klemenčič-Puglisevich thanked Consul General Dr Xerri for welcoming him, offering assistance to enhance his research, for the publications and for the initiative taken by the Consulate General of Malta in establishing the specialised Maltese Canadian migration library.

**IL-KONSULU ĠENERALI TAR-REPUBBLIKA TA' MALTA GĦALL-KANADA JILQGĦA FIL-KONSULAT ĠENERALI LIŻ-ŽGĦAŽUGH REBBIEĦ TA' SCHOLARSHIP DWAR L-ISTORJA TAL-EMIGRAZZJONI MALTJA-KANADIŻA**

I-Istorja Maltja-Kanadiża hija storja ta' poplu umli ġej minn pajjiż żgħir ħafna fil-Mediterran – I-Gzejjer Maltin li parti minnu telaq u għamel storja ta' success eluf ta' kilometri 'l bogħod fit-tieni l-akbar pajjiż fid-dinja, il-Kanada. Din l-istorja hija l-grajja, il-wirt u l-identita' ta' 147,000 Maltin-Kanadiżi pprezervata, magħrufa u trasmessa lill-ġenerazzjoni futuri, grazzi għall-inizjattiva tal-bord ta' Lehen Malti TV fil-Kanada mmexxi miċ-Ċerpersion Joe Sherri permezz ta' scholarship offrut liż-żgħażaġħ Maltin-Kanadiżi.

Il-Konslu Ġenerali tar-Republika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri ltaqgħa mar-rebbieħ tal-ischolarship, żgħażuġħ Malti-Kanadiż Nigel Klemenčič-Puglisevich fil-Konsulat Ġenerali f'Toronto, fl-Provinja ta' Ontario. Konslu Ġenerali Dr Xerri awgura lis-Sur Klemenčič-Puglisevich għax-xogħol tiegħu u offrielu l-assistenza tal-Konsolat Ġenerali għat-tkomplija tar-riċerka fl-istorja Maltja-Kanadiża u minbarra li poġġielu għad-dispożijoni tiegħu l-liberija speċjalizzata fid-Dijaspora Maltja fil-Kanada, Konslu Ġenerali Xerri ta lis-Sur Klemenčič-Puglisevich kopji ta' publikazzjonijiet relatati mall-imgrazzjoni Maltja-Kanadiża u kopji tal-kotba tat-tielet u r-raba' Konvenzjonijiet għall-Maltin li Jgħixu Barra minn Maltali gew organizzati fl-2000 u fl-2015 rispettivament.

Is-Sur Klemenčič-Puglisevich irringrazzja lill-Konslu Ġenerali Dr Xerri tal-laqgħa, tal-offerta ta' assistenza sabiex jkompli jtejjeb ir-riċerka li diġà għamel u faħħar l-inzjattiva meħudha mill-Konsolat Ġenerali ta' Malta fit-twaqqif tal-librerija speċjalista.

## ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES

**Dan Brock**

### The Greater Toronto Area, Ontario

#### Lehen Malti

In addition to producing the weekly program, the group is working on building a website to be launched in the near future.

<p><b>LEHEN MALTI</b> (Maltese Voice)</p> <p><b>OMNI 1 - Ontario</b> Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays 3.30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays 11:00 p.m. Thursdays 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>OMNI BC</b> Saturdays 2:00 p.m. Fridays 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>OMNI Alberta</b> Saturdays 2:00 p.m. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.</p>
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### Maltese Canadian Business & Networking Association (MCBNA), (Toronto)

The MCBNA has been meeting biweekly to build its own website, plan future virtual events and to provide a platform for second and third generation young people to communicate and to get to know one other.

### Maltese Canadian Federation, The (Toronto)

The Federation is working on a campaign to impress on the Maltese government the need for and importance of having a Maltese High Commission in Ottawa

### St. Paul the Apostle Parish

As of Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the church was permitted to change its capacity from 10 persons to 15% of capacity. This means 60 persons are allowed at any one time. Doors are closed when capacity is reached. No additional people are permitted to enter in this time of lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, there was no washing of the feet. Nor was there a procession with the Tabernacle for prayer and adoration.

On Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Lord's Passion will be conducted in both English and Maltese, beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be no individual veneration of the cross but rather a general veneration.

Plans were in place to livestream some of the Holy Week services.

The celebration of the Easter Vigil will be at 8:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The celebration of Easter Sunday will be according to the usual Sunday Mass schedule.

The **Mission Group** has been meeting virtually to plan its next mission initiative.

### Metropolitan Detroit

#### Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn

Figolli cutters were still available on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday March 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be available on Good Friday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>), starting at 6:00 p.m., when the doors open for the Good Friday fish dinner.

### New York City

#### Maltese Center: Astoria

On Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. EST, the Center presented its live ZOOM show *Il-Maltin Tagħna* with Dr. Anita Volpe, vice president and administrator in a community hospital in New York City. She gave a snapshot into her many roles and shared how she mentors and advises those interested in a career in healthcare.

### Windsor

#### Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario

On Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the club will hold a ravioli dinner. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served beginning at 6:00. There is a limit of 30 persons in the building at any one time, only four to a table and they must be from the same household. Takeout orders will be available.

In the first four months of 1920 more than 3,000 Maltese had applied for passports stating that their destination was the United States. At the time the only real prerequisites were good health and clean conduct and, if the applicants had enough money to pay their fare, then there was no great obstacle barring their entry. Problems arose in 1921 when the American Congress, under pressure from organized anti-immigration lobbies, put a check on the free entry of aliens. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, President Warren G. Harding approved the First Quota Law, also known as the Provisional Immigration Measure, which limited the number of immigrants to 3% of the total foreign-born persons permanently settled in the US in 1910. Since the Maltese population in that country prior to 1910 was miniscule, the flow of emigration from Malta to the US was reduced to a trickle. (Adapted from Fr. Lawrence E. Attard, *The Safety Valve*, page 39.)

## RAVJUL TAL-IRKOTTA BIZ-ZALZA (RICOTTA RAVIOLI WITH SAUCE)

Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci



*Lisa's Maltese recipes have appeared regularly in this newsletter since July 2020. Her recipe for figolli appeared in the March issue.*

No matter where you are on this great big planet of ours, some form of ravioli exists. Ravioli is a multi-cultural dish that spans the globe. It is said to have originated in Italy, first appearing in Venice and Rome during the mid-fourteenth century. It is also reported that England had a version called *rauiole*. Wow, that's a lot of vowels! Sicilian ravioli and Maltese *ravjul*, however, may be older still. In Turkey, *mantı* is a popular dish. It is stuffed with spiced meat and served with paprika sauce and yogurt. Similar dishes in China are the *jiaozi* or *wonton*. In India, a popular sweet dish called *gujiya* is prepared with a filling of dry fruits, sugar, and sweet spices. Jewish cuisine has a dish called *kreplach* served in chicken broth. Ravioli can be deep fried, simmered in broth, baked or boiled and served with butter, broth or sauce. We may never know who really invented ravioli first, but no matter how you make them or what you call them, these little packets of joy are the perfect comfort food in any cuisine.

Unlike the smaller square Italian ravioli, Maltese *ravjul* are large and round. Ravioli can be stuffed with many fillings like cheese, meat, seafood, herbs, vegetables or mushrooms. Maltese *ravjul* are typically stuffed with ricotta or *ġbejna*, a locally produced sheep's milk cheese.

*Ravjul* is one of those dishes that invokes many childhood memories for me. I happily spent many a time with my mother and sisters gathered around the kitchen table making *ravjul* together. Growing up, I would always get excited when my mom said she was making them. It was usually for a special occasion. To this day, *ravjul* is still one of my favorites. I make them every Easter and it has become one of my family's Easter traditions.

This recipe will yield two dozen *ravjul*. It is my mother's recipe, who learned it from her mother, and so on. I would like to share it with you. I hope you enjoy it.

### INGREDIENTS: FOR THE DOUGH:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 1 large egg, beaten **OR** 1 cup semolina flour
- ¼ tsp. table salt
- ¼ cup water, or just enough to bring the dough together. If using semolina instead of the egg, you may need more water.



### FOR THE FILLING:

- 1 lb. ricotta cheese
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbs. finely minced parsley
- ¼ tsp. table salt



### FOR THE TOMATO SAUCE:

- 1-12 oz. can tomato paste
- 3 cups water
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

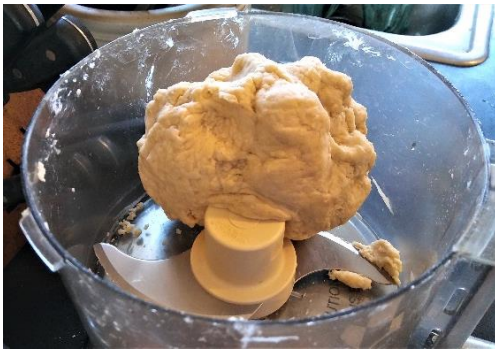


**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The day before you make the *ravjul*, place the ricotta in a strainer over a bowl, cover with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator to drain any excess whey. You don't want a soggy filling. You can also prepare your dough the day before as well.

**FOR THE DOUGH:**

1. Measure out all your ingredients. Sift the flour. Beat the egg.
2. Place the flour, salt and egg in a food processor and pulse until combined. Slowly pour in the water and process until it comes together in a ball. You may not need all the water. If you don't have a food processor, mix the dough by hand on your table or in a bowl by simply combining all the dry ingredients, forming a well in the middle for the eggs. Starting in the center, mix the flour in with the egg until combined. Add water as needed.



3. Roll the dough into a ball. Cover with plastic wrap and let it rest for 1 hour at room temperature.

**FOR THE FILLING:**

1. Retrieve the ricotta from the refrigerator and discard the whey.
2. Beat the eggs in a separate bowl to avoid getting any shells in the cheese.
3. Combine all the filling ingredients in a larger bowl and mix until well incorporated.

**FOR THE TOMATO SAUCE:**

1. Slice the garlic cloves
2. Heat the olive oil over medium heat and add the garlic slices. Cook until caramelized and golden brown.



3. Immediately add the tomato paste and stir to incorporate with the garlic. Let it cook for a minute or two to soften.
4. Slowly add the water while stirring to a smooth texture.
5. Add the salt and pepper.
6. Adjust seasoning as needed. You may need a little sugar to balance out the acidity.
7. Simmer on low for 20 minutes.

**ASSEMBLY:**

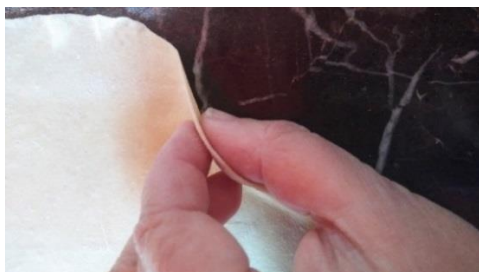
1. If you refrigerated your dough, bring it back to room temperature.
2. Divide the dough in half to make two batches. Work with one batch at a time.



3. Form a 6-inch oblong shape. FYI, you will use your scraps to make a 3<sup>rd</sup> batch.



4. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough out to about a 36-inch length. It should be thin but not so thin that you can see through it.



5. You can also use a pasta machine to roll out your dough. If using a machine, divide your dough into four equal pieces. Starting on the thickest setting, roll the dough. Fold the dough into itself; lower the pasta machine down to the next setting. Repeat 2-3 times lowering the setting each time until you get to setting #3. I've found anything thinner than that makes the *ravjul* too fragile and they break apart in the boiling water.



6. Once the pasta is rolled out, lightly brush it with water. The water acts as a glue to seal the *ravjul*.



7. Dollop a heaping tablespoon of filling about every two inches down the center of the dough.



8. Fold the dough over the filling.



9. Press the dough around the filling. Avoid trapping air bubbles.



10. Using a cookie cutter, a glass, or any other round form like a clean tuna can, cut out your *ravjul* using a twisting motion. My mom always used a mug, so that's what I use.



11. Pull the scraps away from the *ravjul* and save for another batch.  
12. Press around the edges to insure a tight seal.



13. Place on a well-floured baking sheet. You can cook them now or place in the freezer uncovered. Once frozen, store in freezer bags for future use.



14. Repeat steps 4-13 until all the dough is used up. If you have extra dough, don't waste it. Make some noodles.  
15. Bring a large pot of well salted water to a rapid boil. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer.

Fresh pasta is fragile and will tear apart if the water is boiling aggressively.

**COOK'S TIP:** Place an upside-down saucer in the bottom of the pot. This will help control the boil and protect the delicate *ravjul*.

16. Drop in the *ravjul* one at a time.



Resist the temptation to stir it unnecessarily as the pasta may break apart. Gently stir **ONLY** if needed to prevent them from sticking together or to the bottom of the pot.

17. When they float, cook another 3-4 minutes. Total time in the water should be around 6-8 minutes.



18. Transfer to a colander with a large slotted spoon when fully cooked.  
19. Serve with tomato sauce. Top with grated cheese. Garnish with parsley and dig in!



## THE INTERESTING STORY OF SALVATORE CACHIA

César A. Zapata Lozada



*In his account of don Ángel Sierra (Angelo Fidele Serra) in the September 2020 issue of this newsletter, César made a brief reference to don Salvador Caquias (Salvatore Cachia)*

The presence of the Caquias surname in Puerto Rico begins with the arrival, around 1792, of Salvatore Cachia, a native of the island of Malta. Salvatore was the son of Giuseppe Cachia and Therese Bonfi. By 1792, Marcello Mallia, a native of Ghaxaq in Malta, owned a ship and his partner was Salvatore Cachia. They had a good relationship until they arrived in Martinique. Their relationship deteriorated to the point that Marcello said of Salvatore that *"he is not a man, and no one can be with him unless he be the devil."*

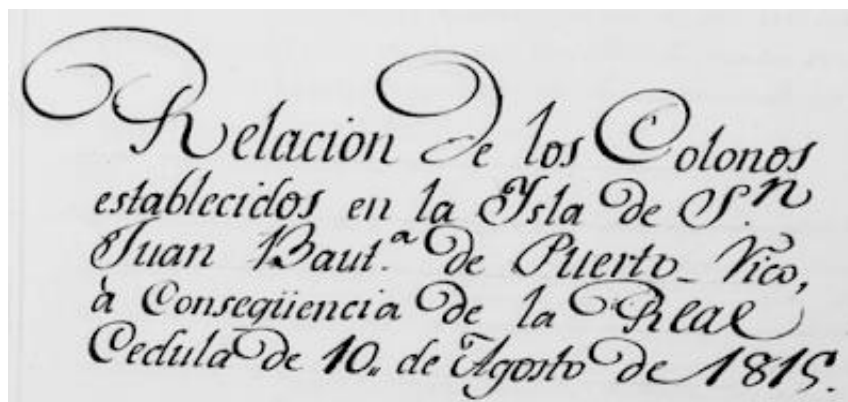
Marcello and Salvatore parted ways when they arrived in Puerto Rico. Marcello continued his journey while Salvatore established his residence in Puerto Rico. By staying in Puerto Rico, Salvatore had better luck than Marcello since the latter suffered many vicissitudes as he continued his

journey to Florida. He was taken prisoner by the English, lost his ship and everything he had. Marcello ended up in New York with the desire to return to Malta. Nevertheless, he was grateful to God for having given him the opportunity to see the world.

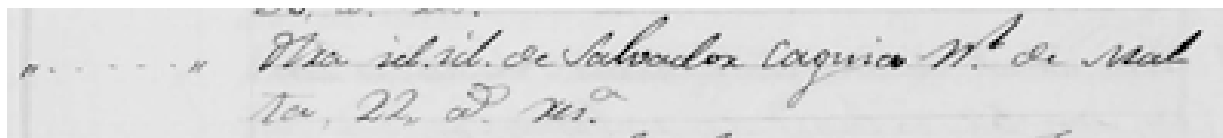
All this we have learned from a letter Marcello wrote from New York in 1797 to his parents in Għaxaq, Malta.

As for Salvatore, by staying in Puerto Rico he may have benefited from the Royal Decree of 1778. For many years the Spanish Crown promoted European immigration to Puerto Rico to try to develop the island's economy. The purpose was to bring in white Europeans with their capital, slaves, and technical knowledge to transform the economy from cattle ranches to large farm plantations. The Royal Decree of 1778 encouraged colonists with capital to begin the plantation of sugarcane on the island and the development of a society of agricultural landowners. Salvatore joined the Peñuelas society and became a successful merchant. The name of Salvatore Cachia was Spanishized to don Salvador Caquias.

Don Salvador married around 1800 with doña María Valentina Planas Rodríguez, daughter of the Mallorcan don Santiago Planas and doña María Candelaria Rodríguez. Don Salvador was naturalized on April 4, 1816, under the auspices of the Royal Decree of 1815.



List where the naturalization date of Salvador Caquias is found



**Naturalization of Salvador Caquias - April 4, 1816**

An important aspect of the Royal Decree of 1815 was that it granted an entry and establishment

license not only to foreigners who were to move to Puerto Rico, but also to foreigners who already

resided on the island. These foreigners would also be granted land free of charge and in perpetuity. Don Salvador probably benefited from this land distribution, which helped him increase his land holdings. It should be noted that another important benefit for Don Salvador was that his naturalization allowed him to integrate and participate fully, with all the rights of a citizen, in commercial and political affairs.

By 1824 Don Salvador Caquias was listed as an "associate" in the tax assessment documents. This associate position must have been important, as he worked alongside the mayor in developing the tax assessment for the town.

Studying the distribution tax assessments for the town of Peñuelas allows us to determine who were the largest landowners and businessmen in town. Tax assessments also tell us in which neighborhoods the properties were located. Based on these tax assessments, we can conclude that Don Salvador owned land in the Jaguas neighborhood of Peñuelas. The amount of taxes paid by Don Salvador was substantially more than the other taxpayers.

Based on my research, I estimate that the majority of Peñuelas' capital was concentrated in a small nucleus of families that were linked to the social and political life of the town. During 1818-1836, Don Salvador Caquias was one of the largest landowners of Peñuelas and certainly part of that elite.

He and his wife Doña María Valentina had the following children:

1. **Eduardo**, married in Peñuelas on May 10, 1837, with María Juliana Manriquez, daughter of Don Felipe and Doña María.
2. **Pedro José**, married in Peñuelas on January 7, 1827, with Estefanía Zambrano Lugo, daughter of Don. Jacinto and Doña Jacinta de Lugo. I have found the following children:
  - a. **Valentina (Eugenia)**, married in Peñuelas on April 3, 1879 with her second cousin Francisco José Sierra Rodríguez. They had a third degree of consanguinity.
  - b. **Isaias**, was married to Rosa Sierra Guey.
3. **Juan Francisco**, died in Peñuelas on February 6, 1843.
4. **María Candelaria**, married in Peñuelas on February 18, 1817, with Claudio Bartolomé Grivet Bernaut, a native of Orleans, France and son of Don Claudio and Doña María Teresa.
5. **Petronila**, married in Peñuelas on August 20, 1826, with **Juan Tomás de Silva**, his parents

were natives of Spain. I have found this daughter:

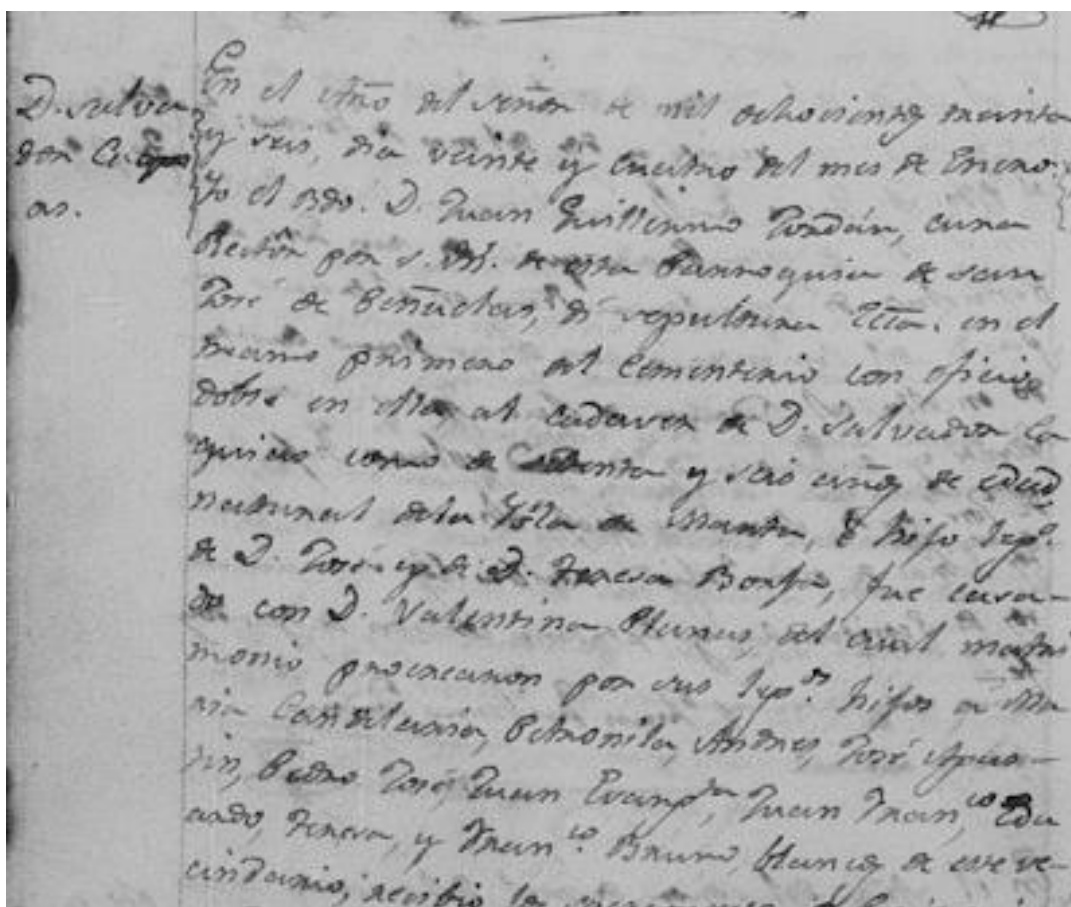
- a. **Nicolasa de Silva**, married in Peñuelas on June 9, 1849, with Juan Bautista Bula Sierra, son of Don Antonio and Doña. Estefanía Sierra.
6. **Juan Evangelista**, married in Peñuelas on November 25, 1838, with Antonia María Sierra Planas, his first cousin and daughter of Don Ángel Sierra Portelli and Doña. María Eugenia Planas Rodríguez. Don Ángel was also from Malta. Juan Evangelista died in Peñuelas on September 2, 1854. He had the following children:
  - a. **María Fotunata**, was born in Peñuelas on November 21, 1841, and his godparents were Don Ángel Sierra and Doña Antonia Sierra. She was married to Don Nicolás Maldonado. She died in Peñuelas on October 29, 1868.
  - b. **Teodora del Carmen**, was born in Peñuelas on July 15, 1843, and her godparents were Don Juan Evangelista Sierra and Doña Francisca Pérez. (They were her maternal uncle and aunt respectively).
  - c. **Úrsula**, was born in Peñuelas on October 19, 1845, and her godparents were Don Pedro José Caquias and Doña Estefanía Zambrano (her paternal uncle and aunt).
  - d. **Emilia Enriqueta**, was born in Peñuelas on May 3, 1850, and her godparents were Don Juan Bautista Arenas and Doña María de los Santos Sierra (her maternal uncle and aunt).
7. **José Agustín**, married in Peñuelas on July 5, 1832, with Concepción Irizarry Correa, daughter of Don Joaquín and Doña María. She died in Peñuelas on December 9, 1887. I have found a daughter named:
  - a. **Valentina**, she was married to Julio Sierra Pérez, and died in Peñuelas on December 5, 1890. They were second cousins.
8. **Francisco Bruno**, married in Peñuelas on February 15, 1844, with Rosa Martínez, natural daughter of Doña Inés. He died in Peñuelas on April 22, 1889. I found at least one son named Juan.

- 9. **Juana**, appeared on the death certificate of Don Salvador and Dona Valentina, but I have not found any more information.
- 10. **Andrés**, appeared on the death certificate of Don Salvador and Doña Valentina. No further information has been found.

Don Salvador died in Peñuelas on January 24, 1836. His death certificate is in the San José of Peñuelas Parish Archive, Funeral Book Six, page 225v and reads as follows:

*In the year of the Lord of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, the twenty-fourth day of the month of January: I the Bdo. D. Juan Guillermo Jordán, Rector priest by His Majesty of this parish of San José of Peñuelas, gave ecclesiastical burial in the first section of the cemetery with a double burial ceremony with? the corpse of D. Salvador Caquias of seventy-six years of age, a native of the island of Malta, and legitimate son of D. José and D. Teresa Bonfa, was married to D. Valentina Planas; from whom they procreated María Candelaria, Petronila, Andrés, José Agustín, Pedro José, Juan*

*Evangelista, Juan Francisco., Eduardo, Teresa, and Francisco. Bruno, white and from this neighborhood; received the sacraments of Penance and Extreme Unction, made his Extrajudicial testament at the Aguas Blancas site, jurisdiction of Peñuelas, on the twentieth day of the month of January of this year, in which he ordered his burial, as stated above, that a mass be sung to the Holy Spirit and the following prayed, two to Saint Raphael, one to the guardian angel, another to the saint of his name and the three masses for his soul, that the Jerusalem duties be given a half real (this was the currency) to each one, and the religious pious orders the three designated pesos; that his fifth be given to his son Juan Francisco and María Isabel. And to comply with and pay for all the provisions, he appointed as executors, in first place his wife D. Valentina Planas, and second his son José Agustín, and his wife as guardian of the minors, and his son José Agustín as guardian of his grandchildren, and for accountant to the same José Agustín and Pedro José, of which I faithfully affirm. = Juan Guillermo Jordán.*



**Partial entry of the death of Don Salvador Caquias**

His wife, Doña Valentina, died in Peñuelas on December 28, 1837. Her death certificate is in the San José de Peñuelas Parish Archive, Sixth Death Book, folio 384 and reads as follows:

*In the year one thousand eight hundred thirty-seven, the twenty-eighth day of the month of December: I the Bdo. D. Juan Guillermo Jordán, Rector priest for His Majesty of this parish of San José of Peñuelas, gave ecclesiastical burial in the first section of the cemetery with a double ceremony to the corpse of D. María Valentina Planas, of about sixty years of age, legitimate daughter. D. Santiago and D. María Candelaria Rodríguez, deceased, received the sacraments of penance and extreme unction, made an extrajudicial testament at the Aguas Blancas site of this jurisdiction on the twelfth day of October of last year thirty-six, with which she arranged her burial as stated here: that a mass be sung to the Holy Spirit, and the following are prayed, two to Saint Raphael, one to the guardian angel, another to the saint of her name, three masses for her soul, to the Jerusalem duties, half a real to each one and to the religious pious duties the three designated pesos, that the remainder of the fifth be distributed among her children Juan Francisco, Teresa, and Bruno, that her daughter María Ysabel be given twenty-five pesos, that her granddaughter Nicolasa be given the same, that to the three children be given the fifth. She was the widow of D. Salvador Caquias from whom the married couple procreated María Candelaria, Andrés, José Agustín, Pedro José, Juan Evangelista, Juan Francisco,*

*Petronila, Eduardo, Teresa and Francisco Bruno as their legitimate children, whites from this population. And she named his sons José Agustín and Pedro José as executors, and their accountants, and as guardians of the minor children and grandchildren the two said sons and Don Claudio Gui? Ot, of which I attest. = Juan Guillermo Jordán.*

#### **Conclusion**

The life of Salvatore Cachia is very interesting. One of the European immigrants who contributed to our mix of Natives, Africans, and Europeans. Although we do not know about his life on the island of Malta, it is very interesting the way he came to Puerto Rico. Did Salvatore Cachia and Marcello Mallia engage in smuggling in the Caribbean, as it was so prevalent at that time, and is that why they visited Puerto Rico? Or had they just arrived in America in search of fortune and adventure? Was it by chance or fate that Salvatore ended up in Puerto Rico? So, it seems. A disagreement with his partner left him in Puerto Rico and he decided to make his life in Peñuelas. He joined the Peñuelas society, became naturalized in 1816, and became one of the largest landowners in that town. He left behind numerous descendants and the surname Caquíás still abounds in Puerto Rico. I hope that in the future we can find more information about his youth on the island of Malta.

*\* Again, I would like to especially thank **Charles Said-Vassallo**. He was instrumental in providing new data as to how Salvatore got to Puerto Rico.*

## **MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA TO CANADA**

**Il-Konsolat Ġenerali ser issir punt  
ta' referenza għar-riċerka dwar l-istorja  
tal-Maltin-Kanadiżi**



**Dr. Raymond Xerri,  
II-Konslu Ġenerali/  
Consul General**

Ilna sena sħiħa niffaċċjaw, nikkumbattu u nissieltu ma' l-imxija COVID19 u fadlilna ħafna aktar żmien. Ħafna minn din is-sena għamilnija ġew fid-djar tagħna u għalhekk kellna ħafna ħin biex nagħmlu dak li nixtiequ d-dar. Bosta studenti u individwi

**The Consulate General will become  
a focal point of reference for research  
into the history of Maltese-Canadians**

It has been a full year since we faced, tackled and combated with the lockdowns and restrictions of COVID19 and still have a long road to go. Most of the past year has been spent indoors with the family and for the first time in many years we had time to realise dreams and do things we always wished to do. Many dedicated their time to research into the history of Maltese-Canadians.

Maltese Canadians are very proud of their Maltese heritage and this is reflected in the growing number of enquiries the Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada receives in relation to Maltese Canadian migration history, family history searches and research about the Maltese Islands in general.

ddedikaw ħin għar-riċerka dwar l-istorja tal-Maltin-Kanadiżi.

Il-Maltin Kanadiżi huma ferm kburin bil-wirt Malti tagħhom u dan jidher sew fin-numru dejjem jikber ta' talbiet, lill-Konsolat Ġeneral tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, għall-informazzjoni dwar l-istorja tal-emigrazzjoni tal-Maltin lejn il-Kanada u lura Malta, informazzjoni dwar l-istorja tal-familja u riċerka ġenerali dwar il-Gżejjer Maltin. Sabiex il-Konsolat Ġenerali jkun jista' jirrispondi għal domanda dejjem tikber, ser tiġi mwaqqfa din il-librerija għal għar-referenza u *helpline* għall-istudenti u riċerkaturi tad-Dijaspora Maltija fil-Kanada li huma Maltin Kanadiżi.

Din il-librerija ċkejkna pero speċjalizzata ser taħdem mill-qrib mall-Bord tal-Mużew Malti-Kanadiż, l-Arkivji u l-Librerija li tinsab fl-Awditorjum tal-Parroċċa Maltija Kanadiża ta' San Pawl Apostlu (fil-Villaġġ Malta fil-qalb tal-Belt ta' Toronto, fil-Provincja ta' Ontario) u ma' riżorsi oħra li jinsabu madwar il-Kanada kollha.

Studenti u riċerkaturi Maltin Kanadiżi li huma nteressati jkunu voluntiera, jixtiequ jagħti xi donazzjoni u/jew jixtiequ jagħmlu użu minn dan is-servizz jistgħu jikkuntattjaw direttament lill-Konslu Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri fuq email [raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt](mailto:raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt), fuq messenger, jew fuq il-Facebook webpajġ, '*Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada*' jew ċempel fuq in-numri 416-207-0922 or 416-207-0989.

### **Nigel Klemencic-Puglisevich irrebbieħ ta' l-Scholarship ta' Leħen Malti TV jiltaqa' mall-Konslu Ġenerali ta' Malta**

Iż-zgħażuġ Malti-Kanadiż, Nigel Klemenčić-Puglisevich li jgħix Oshawa fil-Provincja ta' Ontario, fil-Kanada huwa r-rebbieħ tal-ischolarship offrut mill-Bord ħabrieġi ta' Leħen Malti TV. Sabiex rebaħ dan l-ischolarship kiteb essaj dwar l-istorja tal-emigrazzjoni ta' Maltin lejn il-Kanada, f'kliem ieħor l-istorja tal-Maltin-Kanadiżi.

Hu propju għal żgħażaġħ bħal Nigel li twaqfet il-librerija speċjalizzata ta' referenza u biex jittkattar l-għeref f'dan il-qasam. Dan sabiex naċċertaw li min jixtieq ikompli jiskorpri l-identita' Maltija-Kanadiża jkun jista' jwettaq din ix-xewqa.

Kien ta' pjaċir kbir għalija li niltaqgħa ma' Nigel, persuna li għandha tkun ta' ispirazzjoni għal kull Malti/iija-Kanadiż/a u nifraħ lill-Bord ta' Leħen Malti TV ta' din l-inizjattiva eċċellenti li taf tqajjem aktar interes fil-wirt u fl-istorja ta' success tal-Maltin-Kana-

To respond to this ever-growing demand, the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada has set up a new reference library and helpline for Maltese Canadian students and researchers of the Maltese Diaspora in Canada.



This small but specialised Library will compliment and work in full cooperation with the Board of the Maltese Canadian Museum, Archives Centre and Library found at the Maltese Canadian Museum hosted at the St Paul The Apostle Maltese Canadian Parish in Malta Village in the Junction, in Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and other resources throughout Canada.

Maltese Canadian students and researchers who are interested in volunteering and/or want to make use of this service can contact directly, the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri at [raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt](mailto:raymond.c.xerri@gov.mt), on messenger, on Facebook webpage, '*Consulate General of the Republic of Malta to Canada*' or call him on 416-207-0922 or 416-207-0989.

### **Nigel Klemencič-Puglisevich the winner of Leħen Malti TV Scholarship meets the Consul General of Malta to Canada**

The young Maltese-Canadian, Nigel Klemenčić-Puglisevich who hails from Oshawa, Ontario, here in Canada is the winner of the scholarship offered by the hard-working board of Leħen Malti TV. Nigel won this scholarship for competing in writing an es-

dizi.

### **Il-Film 'Blood on the Crown' jintwera' għall-ewwel darba fil-Kanada**

Il-Kumpanija Electric Entertainment bl-assistenza ta' Arts Council Malta tvara l-film ġdid Malti, 'Blood on the Crown,' ibbażat fuq storja ta' vera li llum nafuha bħala l-irvellijiet tal-1919, jew is-Sette Giugnio. Storja vera fiż-żmien l-ħakma Inġliża meta l-poplu Malti kien qiegħed ibati minn nuqqas ta' qmuħ u għalhekk hobz, l-iktar ikel importanti għal Gżejjer Maltin ta' dak iż-żmien. Kien eżatt wara t-tmiem tal-Ewwel Gwerra Dinija meta kienet saret it-talba għall-Indipendenza u grupp ta' Maltin ingħaqdu sabiex iqumu kontra l-Inġliži. L-Armata Inġliża kienet dderminata li twaqqaf dawn l-irvellijiet u għalhekk mhux biss arrestat 115 il-ċittadin Maltin iżda' sparat fuq il-folol.

'Blood on the Crown' hija produzzjoni u kitba ta' Jean-Pierre Magro, produzzjoni wkoll ta' Pedja Miletic, Aaron Briffa u taħt id-direzzjoni ta' Davide Ferrario. Ronald Joffe u Shayne Putzlocher kellhom f'idejhom l-Produzzjoni Ezekuttiva.

Kienu ħafna dawk il-Maltin-Kanadiži li raw dan il-premier fuq id-diversi mezzi soċjali bħala Amazon, iTunes, Hoopla, Indemands, AT&T, DirectTV u oħrajn. Il-kummenti fuq Facebook kienu fil-maġġoranza tagħhom favorevoli u l-film intogħgob ħafna ħawn fil-Kanada.

say about the history of Maltese emigration to Canada, in other words the history of Maltese-Canadians.

It is for this very reason that a specialised research library was established for youth like Nigel to carry on with research and increase knowledge in this area. This further research will continue to enrich the knowledge around the Maltese Canadian identity and answer so many unanswered questions.

It was a great pleasure meeting Nigel, a young person who can inspire many Maltese Canadians to pursue research into answers to their questions. I would like to congratulate the board of Leġen Malti TV for this excellent initiative that can trigger more interest in the heritage and history of the Maltese Canadian success story.

### **Blood on the Crown a Maltese movie premiered in Canada**

The Electric Entertainment company with the assistance of Arts Council Malta premiered the Maltese movie, *Blood on the Crown*, based on a true part of twentieth century Maltese history, today known as the riots of 1919, or marked by the national holiday in Malta known as *Sette Giugnio* (June 7th). It is a story from the era of British rule when the people of Malta suffered from severe shortages of wheat, the main ingredient of bread and bread being the staple food of the Maltese of the time. It was a time just after the end of World War I and the Maltese were demanding indepen-

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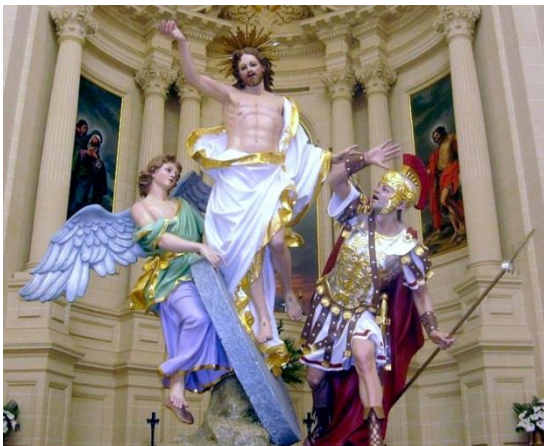
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## Il-Ġimgħa I-Kbira, I-Irxoxt u I-Festa ta' San Publiju ta' Malta

Minbarra l-purċizzjonijiet tal-Ġimgħa I-Kbira f'għadd sabieħ ta' bliet u irħula f'Malta u Għawdex, issir il-festa tal-Irxoxt f'ħafna lokalitajiet.



F'April, niċċelebraw ukoll San Publiju fil-25 ta' April, l-ewwel festa ta' l-istaġun tal-festi fil-Gzejjer Maltin, l-ewwel isqof u qaddis Malti. Din il-festa jsir f'nofs il-Festival Internazzjonali ta' Malta tal-Logħob tan-Nar 2021 li parti minnu jsir fuq il-Fosos tal-Floriana.



Fl-aħħarnett, f'ismi, f'isem marti Marlene u familti nixtieq lil kull wieħed u waħda minnkom l-Għid Qaddis minkejja din il-gwerra tal-COVID19 u l-varjanti li għaddejmin minnha. Komplu agħtu każ ta' Fl-aħħarnett, f'ismi, f'isem marti Marlene u familti nixtieq lil kull wieħed u waħda minnkom l-Għid Qaddis minkejja din il-gwerra tal-COVID19 u l-varjanti li għaddejmin minnha. Komplu agħtu każ ta' xulxin, ċemplu lil xulxin u qatgħu f'it hin titkellmu mall-anzjani tagħna fuq it-telefon, fuq Zoom jew mezzji oħra fejn tista' żżomm id-distanza u ara jekk għandhomx bżonn l-assistenza tagħkom sa fejn tistgħu...tinsewx li s-solitudni hija kerha wisq. Telefonata jew skype, zoom jew messenger tista' tagħmel id-differenza għal min jgħix waħdu. O Mulej, bierek dejjem lil Malta u lill-Kanada!

dence from Britain when a group of Maltese united to organise an uprising. The British Army was determined to squash this uprising and, not only 115 Maltese citizens were arrested, but fatal shots were fired on the crowds.

*Blood on the Crown* is produced and written by Jean-Pierre Magro and co-produced by Pedja Miletic and Aaron Briffa under the direction of Davide Ferrario. Ronald Joffe and Shayne Putzlocher are the Executive Producers.

Many Maltese Canadians watched this premier on March 9<sup>th</sup> on various social media outlets like Amazon, iTunes, Hoopla, Indemands, AT&T, DirectTV and others. The comments on Facebook were in their majority very favourable and the film was welcomed in Canada.

## Holy Week, the Feast of the Risen Christ and the Feast of St Publius of Malta

Besides the traditional Holy Week processions in most of the towns and villages in the Maltese Islands, the same applies to the processions with the statue of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

In April, Malta celebrates the feast of its first bishop and saint, St Publius, on the 25<sup>th</sup> considered as the first feast of the festa season in the Maltese Islands. This feast is celebrated in the midst of the Malta International Fireworks Festival 2021 which is partially celebrated on The Graneries in Floriana.

Finally, on behalf of my wife Marlene and my family, I wish you and your families a holy Easter despite the war against COVID19 and its variants amongst us. Let us continue to care for each other, whenever we can call each other and spend some time talking to our elderly, zoom or use other social media. By this means we can keep the distance between us while at the same time attack loneliness and offer a hand where we can. A phone call, skype, zoom or messenger can make the day for someone who is lonely.

O Lord, always bless Malta and Canada!

**David Carbon**, whose parents were born in Malta, has been confirmed as that country's **honorary consul** within the American states of North and South Carolina.

David lives in the Charleston, SC area and is currently Vice President Prime Air at Amazon where he is head of its future drone delivery system, designed to safely transport packages to customers in 30 minutes or less.

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### **Malta Band Club**

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[maltabandclub@bellnet.ca](mailto:maltabandclub@bellnet.ca)

### **Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario**

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[maltaunitedsociety.windsor@gmail.com](mailto:maltaunitedsociety.windsor@gmail.com)  
Opening hours: Saturday 6:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

### **Malta Village Association** (Est. 1995)

c/o 3256 Dundas Street West, Toronto M6P 2A3  
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Fax: 416-769-2174  
[maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com](mailto:maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com)  
att: Antonia Buttigieg

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org)  
Opening hours: Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
(every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH)**

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**Maltese Canadian Association (Gozo)**

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**Maltese-Canadian Cruisers**

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**Maltese-Canadian Cultural Association (Est. 2018)**

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**Maltese-Canadian Museum Archives and Visitors Centre**

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**Maltese Center, NYC**

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[info@maltesecenter.com](mailto:info@maltesecenter.com)  
Opening hours:  
Wednesday and Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Maltese Cross Foundation of California**  
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**Maltese Heritage Program (Toronto)**

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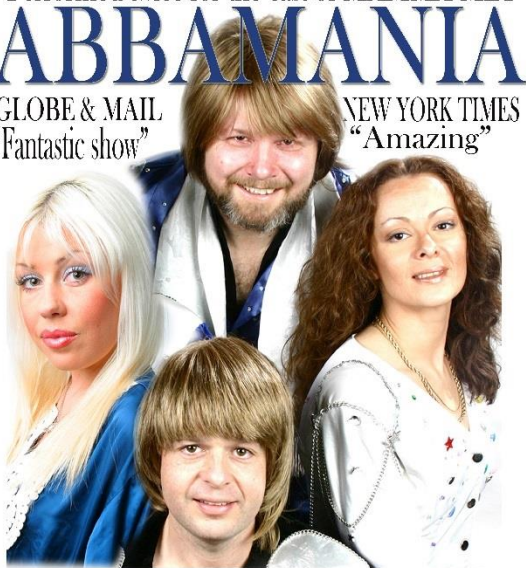
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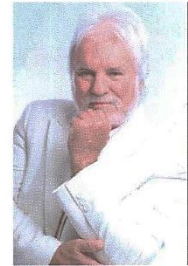
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