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JOSEPH CAMILLERI, AGE 71, COMPLETES MARATHON IN 3:23:02
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Some countries, such as Australia, Malta and the United States, have a better handle on this COVID pandemic than others. Meanwhile, countries such as Canada, especially Ontario, are not seeing as much of a downward curve in new cases and deaths. The lockdown in Ontario was somewhat lifted on Saturday, May 22nd, as golf courses, splash pads and tennis courts reopened. The "Activities within the Maltese Communities" this month reflects some of these contrasts. (See pages 5-8, 24)

Speaking of activities, Richard Cumbo has provided us with the photo of an important event which took place 45 years ago in Toronto and identified most of the individuals in the photograph. (See page 5)

Malta's Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs has an important notice for all Maltese youth living abroad. (See page 4)

Consul General Dr. Raymond Xerri must be congratulated for the

extent to which he has gone in his June message to explain the present situation vis-à-vis Canada and Malta for travel to and from these countries. It is the "centerfold" feature of this month. (See pages 13-18) Immediately following the June message is a press release issued from Dr. Xerri's office. (See page 18).

More of Fr. Mario Micallef's reflections on the Sunday readings at Mass have been gleaned from the Sunday bulletin of St. Paul Church Maltese-Canadian Community Parish, Toronto.

Lisa LiGreci, another of our faithful monthly contributors, has provided us with another mouth-watering recipe, this one being rabbit stew. (See pages 19-21)

It is envisioned that the account of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who first came to Chicago on arriving in the United States from Malta in the 1930s, will be spread over three issues. Part One is to be found on pages 8-9 of this issue. Mark Caruana and I are indebted to Carmen Vella, of the Society of the Sacred Heart Malta Archives, for providing biographical data and photographs of these sisters which go beyond what can be gleaned from passport applications and ship passenger lists.

Joseph Camilleri's latest marathon achievement has resulted in the account of both him and David Muscat-Zahra, another Maltese Canadian marathon runner. (See pages 1, 11-12)

Having read the first two historical novels in Marthese Fenech's trilogy as well as the typescript copy of the third novel, I just had to share my thoughts about them and Marthese's talents as a writer with the readership. (See page 10)

Janet Rovira Thibodeau's recent query on the Malta DNA & Genealogy web page has led to an account of Joseph Mizzi and family members in 19th-century New Orleans. (See page 21) Likewise, an article in the June 16, 1951 issue of the *Times of Malta* is the basis of a brief account of the Zammit family

who came to Canada on two different ships 70 years ago. (See page 12)

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.

Go to "News & Resources" at <http://maltese-americanscsf.org/home.aspx> on the web site of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco to see past issues and the updated "Table of Contents, courtesy of Evelyn and Dennis Simmons of California.

Comments and suggestions from the readers are appreciated. Those of the past month are found on page 12.

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.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

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.

The Easter Story Gives Us Hope

As a church community we have recently celebrated Easter. The whole Easter story tells us that, while evil and bad things do exist, Jesus is more powerful than all of that. Listening to Jesus telling us to love like he did, we might be tempted to focus on our weaknesses, on our inability to truly love and forgive, and get discouraged. The Easter story gives us hope, because it tells us that Jesus is stronger than our sinfulness and all our weaknesses. We know from experience that on our own, trusting solely on our strengths and abilities, we cannot fulfil this commandment. Today Jesus reminds us that, while that is indeed true, united with him we can do it.

This is how we, as Christians, are expected to live. This love is the fruit expected from us, fruit which can truly gladden the heart of the world and of those around us.

Am I Happy in My Life?

There are three things which we all desire in life: love, joy and friendship. If we look back on our lives, we will find that there were moments when we would have done anything to achieve any one of these....

....Am I happy in my life? Where do I seek to find joy? Am I comfortable with considering God as friend? Have I truly accepted the fact that God loves me unconditionally, not because I deserve it, but because that is simply how God is? Do I manage to love others with this same kind of love?

As we continue to adhere to the stay-at-home order [during this COVID-19 pandemic], we would do well to use some of our time...to reflect on these questions and see where it leads us.

The Role of a Disciple of Jesus

....the disciple of Jesus is not supposed to stay there, "standing looking up toward Heaven." He is, rather, to be a "witness" of Jesus, sharing with others all that Jesus is and stands for. In particular, he is to "proclaim the good news to the whole creation." This had been, essentially, the mission of Jesus when he was on this earth. The good news is the possibility of a new life, free from sin, free, that is, from all that hinders us from being free enough to love God and neighbor....

Yes, I do have to look towards Heaven, not in a nostalgic way like the look of someone looking at an airplane on which a loved one has just departed, but because I must keep reminding myself that I constantly need Him to be able to fulfil my mission. That look, then, necessarily turns towards the world around me wherever I happen to be. It is here, in my own little world, that I now have to continue Jesus' mission.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

How often in our lives do we find ourselves like those disciples [in the upper room], perhaps paralyzed by our own fears, or enslaved by our own mistakes or those of others. Like those disciples..., we feel lost, confused, not knowing what to do or, if we knew it, not having enough strength to do it...We have been given something which is supposed to help us in moments like this. The Holy Spirit whom we all received in our baptism is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise that he would never leave us alone. This Spirit of God gives us peace in troubled moments; it gives us wisdom to understand what we should do in difficult situations. It gives us courage and strength when we know that, on our own, we fall short of expectations.

This is God's gift to us. Let us never forget what we have been given, and make good use of it in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew us once more.

We Need Each Other

Being created in God's likeness, we are all equally important and distinct personalities. We are different to each other, not better than any other. And yet, we are not created for loneliness. We need each other. We are made for relationships, for communication....

When I think about myself as a human being, remembering that I am created in God's own image, I remember that I have been created for communion, to build relationships. It is there that I find my fulfilment.



MALTESE LIVING ABROAD
Malta in the World

An Invitation to all Maltese Youth Living Abroad


I want to CONNECT – pre-1st virtual Youth Forum Questionnaire

At this momentous time, speaking about globalisation and the eradication of borders is merely a rapidly evolving reality which is affecting each and every one of us. In this regard, the significance of being Maltese takes a universal dimension, not only because it is supposed to be so, but more so because it has always been like that and what we are doing now is the result of past decisions which we need to understand, appreciate, and use to move forward.

Being Maltese is foremost because we are citizens of the world, and are citizens of the world because we happen to be connected to a cultural reality which in our case is Malta.

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs is inviting you to fill in the following questionnaire ahead of the 1st Virtual Youth forum, which aims to connect by the sharing of ideas to be able to build a better future together.

Here's the link to the form "**Virtual Youth Forum - I WANT TO CONNECT**":
<https://forms.office.com/r/k1jmmnMwD6>

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GROUP PHOTO OF THE NEWLY-INVESTED SOVEREIGN ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, KNIGHTS OF MALTA, GRAND PRIORY OF CANADA, JUNE 13, 1976

Richard S. Cumbo



This year marks the 45th anniversary of the investiture of the Knights of Malta, held at St. Paul the Apostle Maltese Church in Toronto on June 13, 1976. This was followed by a reception held at Villa Colombo in North York.

The identified individuals in the group photo above are as follows:

Seated (l to r): Count Wiklund (Sweden), Prince Roberto II of Sicily, Canadian Prior Joseph Frendo-Cumbo, Lady Margaret, _____, Knight Commander Michael Sillato, _____.

Middle Row: Prior F. Capell (U.S.A.), Father I. Barbara (Malta), _____, Charles Mizzi, Joseph Muscat, Alfred Bonello, Paul Frendo-Cumbo, Mario Caligure-Varano, Father Alfred Grima, Alfred Goggi (Vice-President of the Maltese-Canadian Society of Toronto [MCST]).

Back Row (l to r): Knights- Nicholas Leluk, M.P.P., Joseph Micallef (late father of tenor Victor Micallef), Richard S. Cumbo, Louis Azzopardi, John R. Cordina (president, MCST), Senator Stanley Haidasz, M.P., Ben Grys (Toronto Alderman), Thomas Uruquhart.

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES

Dan Brock

The Greater Toronto Area, Ontario

Fr. Chris Gauci, the administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke, since August 2020, becomes pastor, effective June 30th.

Malta Band Club

The Club has curbside pickup of traditional Maltese cuisine every Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

London, Ontario

As noted in the May issue (see pages 14 and 28), the bottle drive fundraiser planned to coincide with the 50th birthday of the late Mario Vella will still be held at Forest City Community Church, 3725 Bostwick Road. With the COVID-19 lockdown in Ontario being extended to June 2nd, the “**Bottle Drive 4 Mario**” has been postponed from Saturday, May 29th to Saturday June 19th, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Gozo

Maltese Canadian Association

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in Malta, the Association will be holding its 26th Canada Day celebration.



The poster features the Canadian, European, and Maltese flags at the top. It is decorated with red maple leaves and Maltese crosses. The text is centered and reads:

Maltese Canadian Association (Gozo)
Canada Day Celebration In Gozo
 Thursday, July 1st 2021

At 9:00 in the morning committee will raise the Canadian, European and Maltese flags and lay flowers At the Emigrants' Memorial, Mgarr, Gozo

Evening Celebration At The "Country Terrace" 7:00pm
Fantastic company and dining in a breath taking view
 Come and bring your friends to celebrate Canada's 153rd Birthday

DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL
 Adults: € 30 Children: €15

For tickets and more information please Call or SMS
 Marlene Muscat: 7955 7580 Connie Grima: 79564269 Gina Hilli: 7995 6376
 Alfred Camilleri: 9924 6043 or Email: Info@mcagozo.com



The menu is titled "Canada Day 2021 At The Country Terrace" and features a logo with a red maple leaf and a Maltese cross. It lists the following items:

Menu
First Course

- Deep Fried French brie:** Deep fried breaded wedges of brie cheese, rucola & tomato served with warm cranberry sauce
- Mushrooms gratin:** Pan seared mushrooms with chardonnay, herbs & garlic, flamed with cognac and finished with a creamy parmesan sauce
- Caserecce al pesto Gevonese:** Fresh pasta with roasted pine nuts, pecorina, 24 month aged parmigiano, Gozo extra virgin Oil and basil
- Panzerotti con ricotta di Pecora:** Fresh ravioli filled with sheep cheese, finished with tomato concasse, herb, garlic & basil
- Maccheoni al Torchio:** Fresh pasta draped with creamy cuts of mushrooms and pancetta
- Rettangolli al Salmore:** Flamed with cognac, Chardonnay, house smoked salmon finished with cream

Second Course

- Duck:** Pan roasted duck breast served wild berry, ginger & port reduction (395gr)
- Lamb shank:** Braised New Zealand lamb shank mint & thyme, garlic & onions & tomato concasse
- Pork fillet (GF):** Pan seared, flamed with pastis, sauvignon blanc, mustard finished with creamy lemon sauce
- Chicken:** Pan roasted corn fed chicken breast, garlic & herb, barbeque glaze
- Fresh salmon (Norwegian):** Pan roasted, prawn & seafood bisque, herb & garlic, with creamy lemon sauce

All dishes are served with a selection of local vegetables & potatoes

Third course dessert
 Canadian Flag Cake

Half a bottle of wine and water per person or a pint of beer
 IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR FOOD INTOLERANCE NOTIFY YOUR HOST IN ADVANCE

Metropolitan Detroit

Maltese American Benevolent Society

The **Grech-Cumbo Family Foundation** held its annual fundraising at the Club on Thursday, May 20th. The monies raised will go towards the Foundation's annual scholarships.

The **June general membership meeting** will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27th.

Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn

The MACC Dearborn Car Show will be held at the Club between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th.



**New York City
Maltese Centre: Astoria**

On the evening of Friday, May 7th, **Vanessa Frazier**, Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations, and **Giovanni Buttigieg**, Malta's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, were greeted at the Centre by its president, Eddie Debono.



**Giovanni Buttigieg, Eddie Debono
and Vanessa Frazier**

Members had an opportunity to play **pula**, a Maltese pool game, on the afternoon of Saturday, May 15th.



The first barbeque of the season was a memorable occasion, held on the evening of Saturday, May 22nd in the Centre's new reimaged backyard oasis *It-Tina* (The Fig). The name was selected owing to the fig tree on the property which has kept root in spite of the fact that it "has been covered, trimmed, chopped, covered with scaffolding...void of sun, weathering the harsh winters and heavy winds and more." It never died but kept flourishing and bearing fruit. In the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic, this fig tree has become an inspiration for the Centre.



The draw for the fundraiser to build a toilet for the disabled will be held on Sunday, June 5th.

Windsor

Malta United Society of Windsor, Ontario

During this COVID-19 pandemic, the Society continues with its weekly **curbside pickup** on Saturdays between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00. The menu continues to be broadened.

The new **executive committee** was chosen on Sunday, May 8th and is as follows:

President - Peter Pace

Vice President - Alexander Carbonaro

Secretary - Veronica Cardoso

Assistant Secretary - Anna White

Treasurer - Carmen Linwood

Assistant Treasurer - Cheryl Duran

Members at Large - Anne Cada, Manuel Calleja and Emanuel Linwood

Trustees - Joe Cassar and Miriam Ditty

The Club currently has 85 members. Being closed during this pandemic has put a huge strain on its finances as there are still bills which have accumulated over the past one-and-a-half years and have to be paid. Consequently, a GoFundMe account has been set up "to keep the Club alive and keep the Maltese heritage strong in Windsor.

MALTESE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART TO CHICAGO - PART I

Dan Brock, Carmen Vella, Mark Caruana

It is said that following his attendance at the Eucharistic Congress, held in Chicago in 1926, Bishop Michael Gonzi of Gozo was asked if he could send some Maltese sisters to that city. Whether the request came directly from the Superior of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Chicago is not known. What we do know is that, between 1932 and 1934, 11 sisters from the Sacred Heart Convent in St. Julian's, Malta arrived at the Sacred Heart Convent near the southwest corner of Sheridan and Rosemont in Chicago.

In 1876, just five years after the Great Chicago Fire, Mother Elizabeth Tucker and three other Sacred Heart Sisters arrived in Chicago from St. Louis, Missouri, to open a school for young women. Enrollment continued to grow and, in the spring of 1927, it was decided to construct a new school building at 6250 North Sheridan Road.

The first two sisters to arrive in Chicago from Malta were Sisters Agnese Grech and Annunziata Micallef.

They had sailed from Naples on board the *Saturnia* and arrived in New York Harbor on August 17, 1932. Accompanying them on the Atlantic crossing were four other Sacred Heart Sisters. The two other Maltese women, Sisters Angela Attard and Antonia or Antoinette Camilleri, were on their way to the Sacred Heart Convent in Kenwood, Albany, New York, while the two Canadian-born women, Sisters Margaret Mary Lahey and Annette Archambault were returning to the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Montreal.

As for Sr. Agnese Grech, she was born in Cospicua, Malta on February 17, 1901 to Gaetano and Maria (Darmanin) Grech. It was through her confessor that Agnese came in contact with the Society of the Sacred Heart.

She entered the Society at St. Julian's on July 7, 1929. As a novice, she was described by one of her contemporaries as committed to her vocation, generous, active, energetic and very quiet. Her first vows were made on January 7, 1932.

Sr. Agnese was to spend her first five years in the United States at the Sacred Heart Convent on North Sheridan Road in Chicago. There, she was responsible for general housework, was in charge of the maids, helped in the kitchen and was under sacristan.

She then spent a year at San Francisco College for Women, where, with Sr. Annunziata Micallef, she was professed on July 4, 1937 and was again responsible for housework.



The Rose Gardens, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Menlo Park, California

The San Francisco College for Women was founded in 1898 as Sacred Heart Academy by the Sacred Heart Sisters, in Menlo Park, a city 25 miles (41 km) southeast of San Francisco. The Academy became the College of the Sacred Heart in 1921. In the 1930s, it was moved to San Francisco and became the San Francisco College for Women. It became known as

Lone Mountain College in 1969 and then Lone Mountain Campus in 1978 after being acquired by the University of San Francisco.

In 1938, Sr. Agnese was sent to the Schools of the Sacred Heart on the north side of Broadway, between Webster and Fillmore streets in San Francisco. These schools, now Convent (girls) and Stuart Hall (boys) high schools, were founded on August 16, 1887 as the first Schools of the Sacred Heart Academy west of the Rockies.



Sr. Agnese Grech, RSCJ

Sr. Agnese stayed here until 1945, where she also did general housework and served as under sacristan.

Between 1945 and 1971 she lived at the San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain College, San Francisco, again doing housework.

In 1971 she went to live at the newly-opened Oakwood Retirement Center, established to care for retired Sacred Heart Sisters in Atherton, California. There she died on March 22, 1980.

As for Sr. Annunziata Micallef, who accompanied Sr. Agnese Grech to the United States in 1932, she was born on March 22, 1909, in Rabat, Malta. The eleventh of 17 children born to Paolo and Luisa (Caruana) Micallef, 12 of her siblings, nine sisters and three brothers, died in infancy.

Annunziata entered the Society of the Sacred Heart on January 4, 1929 and took her first vows on October 20, 1931.

After her arrival, in 1932, she too served as an aspir-

ant at the Sacred Heart Convent in Chicago. Her next posting was to the Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco.

As noted above, Sr. Annunziata was professed in July 1937, while at the San Francisco College for Women.

After serving at the Convent and Stuart Hall, 2222 Broadway Street, also in San Francisco, Sr. Annunziata returned to the San Francisco College for Women. During these years she worked in the cafeteria and in the laundry and linen room.

In June 1967, she returned to St. Julian's in Malta. Sr. Annunziata joined the community at Fgura in 1973. Suffering from arthritis in both hands, she joined the community at tal-Virtù five years later. She died there, at the Community for Elderly Sacred Heart Sisters, on New Year's Day 1992.



Sr. Annunziata Micallef, RSCJ

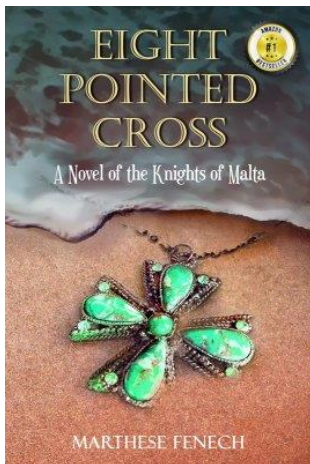
To be continued.

MARTHESE FENECH'S TRILOGY SET IN THE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY MEDITERRANEAN

Dan Brock

In the December 2020 issue of this newsletter we were introduced to Marthese Fenech, the Maltese Canadian author of two historical novels set in sixteenth-century Malta and Istanbul, with the “violent clash between the Ottoman Empire and the Knights of St John on the island fortress Malta” serving “as the backdrop.”

It was noted that *Eight Pointed Cross*, her first novel, was published in August 2011 by BDL (Book Distributors Limited)



of San Gwann, Malta and that a second edition, also in paperback, was released in March 2020. It was also stated that a third book in this trilogy, as yet untitled, is scheduled for release in late 2021 or early 2022.

Since the December 2020 issue of this newsletter, I purchased and read the two novels. Moreover, Marthese was gracious enough to permit me to read a typescript of the nearly completed third volume.

As I read these novels the thought occurred to me that Marthese was giving the reader an insight into the psyche of the Maltese in the sixteenth century, just as Nicholas Monsarrat had done during the Second World War with his *The Kappillan of Malta*.

Given that literature, and specifically historical fiction, is not my field of expertise, what follows then is a “layman’s” view of Marthese’s work.

As an historian, albeit largely in the area of Canada

and especially Ontario, I’m truly amazed at the depth and accuracy of Marthese’s research. Time and again I brought to her attention a point of fact on which I had my doubts, only to be shown that Marthese’s facts were indeed correct.

I also came to appreciate Marthese’s knowledge and use of the English language. I encountered dozens of words for the first time, even after having spent many years at university and being several decades older than Marthese. Then, there were words and expressions in Maltese, Italian, French, Turkish and Italian which were new to me.

I was particularly struck by the originality of Marthese’s imagery. Here are but three examples:

“The guns of Islam punch holes in the night.” (Bk 1, p. 465); “Stardust fills the great bowl of night with luminous particles of violet and silver.” (Bk. 3, p. 100) and “A newly risen sun blushes filaments of cloud...” (Bk 3, p. 226).

Then there are expressions, often quite “earthy,” uttered by the characters in the novel, which again I find to be unique. For example:

“Fresh summer daisies don’t frown.” (Bk, 3, ch. 2); “Small guns are as useful as paper piss-pots.” (Bk, 3, p. 183); and my favourite, encountered early in *Eight Pointed Cross*, “By the holy hairs of Pope Paul’s sacred anus, it’s you.” (p. 7.) And yes, I fact checked who was pope in 1542 and it was indeed Pope Paul III.

Another aspect of Marthese’s writing style I found interesting was that in the thick of battle, when everything is happening so rapidly, I was unconsciously reading faster in an attempt to keep up with the action.

As I see it, the trilogy begs to be adapted into a mini-series, such as *Outlander*. For Marthese, she envisions it as her “Maltese *Game of Thrones* (minus the dragons and White Walkers).” In February 2021, she enrolled in an eight-week scenewriting course tailor-made for authors and has since completed a script for the pilot episode of such a series.

Meanwhile, her first two novels have now become available in hardcover through Barnes & Noble.

As for the third novel in her Siege of Malta trilogy, it will be launched on May 18, 2022, the 457th anniversary of the day the first shots were fired marking the beginning of the Great Siege of Malta. This is quite appropriate, as most of this novel is set in 1565, whereas the first takes place in 1542 and 1551 and the second in 1551, 1552 and 1558 for the most part.

A TALE OF TWO MALTESE CANADIAN MARATHON RUNNERS*

Dan Brock

The following is an account of two Maltese Canadians who ran in marathons more than 40 years apart and who were separated more than 45 years of age at the time of their runs.

David Muscat-Zahra entered the second annual Manitoba Marathon, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 1980. He was 24 years old at the time.



**David Muscat-Zahra, Number 68,
Just before the Start of the Marathon**

Joseph Camilleri participated in a Global Marathon, organized by the Abbot World Marathon Majors and held on the weekend of May 1-2, 2021. Joe "Crazy Legs" Camilleri was 71 years old at the time.

The Abbott World Marathon Majors Global Run Club is a virtual community for marathon runners with free-to-join challenges for every level of runner, anywhere in the world.

Participants could run this marathon anywhere worldwide and had to record their time on a GPS (Global Positioning System) device and submit their results

electronically. Joe chose the Flightpath around the Victoria International Airport, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, for his challenge. This course is a traffic-free path and, to complete the marathon distance of 42.2 km, Joseph had to run 4.5 loops of this route.



**Joe Running Along the Flightpath
at the Victoria International Airport**

David Muscat-Zahra, a native of Valletta, Malta, had immigrated to Canada in 1979, and had been "a keen long-distance runner and cyclist in Malta".

As noted in the the February 2021 issue of this newsletter (pages 31-32), Joe Camilleri is a native of Hamrun, Malta and had immigrated to Winnipeg in late 1972, but moved to Toronto in 1975. Thus, he never met David Muscat-Zahra. Like David, he too ran competitively while in Malta but didn't continue this in Canada until 2010 at the age of 60.

For most of the more than 5,000 runners in the 1980 marathon, including David, "it was a sort of odyssey, a challenge against a distance and against themselves." The same could be said for Joe. David's time was 4:27:31, whereas the time for the winner of that marathon, Frank Richardson, was 2:15:15. Joe's time in the May 2021 marathon was 3:23:02.

For Joe, this was a personal best, “close to 3 minutes over his previous marathon in 2019.” He also placed second overall, out of 18 runners in his age category and 197th overall out of 1,094 runners in the open category. All the runners were 40 years of age and older in the masters’ marathon.

With Joe’s performance in the Abbott World Marathon Majors, he has been invited to the Masters World Championships to be held in 2022 at an-as-yet-to-be disclosed site.

** This article is largely based on “First Maltese to complete marathon race in Manitoba,” The Sunday Times, Malta, Nov. 9, 1980, page 30 and material provided by Joseph Camilleri.*



David Is Seen on the Far Left Among the Runners Finishing the Race

**READERS’ COMMENTS
RELATING TO THE MAY ISSUE**

Congrats on another informative edition....

It was great to see the photos of the Miss Malta Pageant that include my mom, Josephine Mizzi. I remember that event and how thrilled she and Dad were to meet Paul Martin. It was an exciting time for everyone. Prime Minister [Pierre Elliott] Trudeau was recognizing the benefits of tapping into the up-and-coming multicultural/middle class – especially in Toronto. Richard Cumbo is a dedicated archivist and a fabulous resource.

Joan Mizzi-Fry, Orillia, Ontario

Thanks always Dan.

Loved Mario Vella’s story.

Jason Mercieca, Toronto, Ontario

Thank you so much for your very interesting May newsletter. As usual, it was so informative and interesting to read. I always forward it to some of my friends.

Carmen Galea, Toronto



Joe Has Made It a Tradition to Show Both the Maltese and Canadian Flags at All His Major Races

Seventy Years Ago

Of the 112 men, women and children who boarded the 21,000-ton Panamanian liner *Italia* on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16, 1951, 80 of the emigrants were going to Canada and the rest to the United States. Of those going to Canada, half were general labourers nominated by the Canadian Government to work in Toronto.

The largest family leaving Malta was that of Annunziata Zammit, age 37, of Qormi. She, along with eight children—Giorgie, Josephine, Alfred, Anthony, Maria, Joseph, Geronzio and seven-month old Ludgarda, was going to to join her husband, Emmanuel, age 40, and their two eldest children, Paulina, age 18, and Michelina, age 16, in Toronto where Emmanuel was working in a motor company. He, Paulina and Michelina had arrived in New York Harbor on board the *Neptunia* on April 2, 1951.

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

Il-Konsolat Ġenerali ser jiftaħ mill-ġdid fl-31 ta' Mejjju b'servizz sñiħ

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



It-tielet mewġa ta' din l-imxija COVID19 qiegħda tbatti ftit ftit. Bħalma kont ikkumentajt sena ilu, din hija gwerra kontra għadu invizibbli li mhux għalkemm jitlaq, mhux għalkemm nirbħulu u sfortunatament fadlilna aktar żmien x'nikkombatu. Minħabba li t-tilqim fil-Kanada huwa miexi bil-mod ħafna u l-perjodu bejn l-ewwel tilqima għat-tieni huwa twil ħafna, il-varjant mill-Indja għadu jolqot ħażin ħafna partijiet sħaħ tal-Kanada, l-aktar il-Provincja ta' Ontario.

Mill-31 ta' Mejjju 2021, il-Konsolat Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada ser jiftaħ mill-ġdid għall-pubbliku minħabba li t-tielet lockdown u ordni sabiex noqgħodu d-dar tnaqqset sew. L-ewwel ser naqdu l-appuntamenti pendenti minn Novembru li għadda u nimxu skont il-lista ta' appuntamenti sal-lum. Nisperaw li r-rittmu tat-tilqim jiżdied sew u ddum ma tasal ir-raba' mewġa, jew aħjar, ma jkollna xejn.

Gib il-passaport Malti jekk beħsiebek is-siefer

Il-qagħda tal-imxija COVID19 f'Malta, għal grazzja t'Alla, hija waħda ta' kważi waħdjet jew prattikament xejn, però dan mhux il-każ fil-Kanada. Għalhekk mill-24 ta' Mejjju li għadda, infetħu r-ristoranti sa nofs illejl u mill-bidu ta' Ġunju, Malta bdiet tilqa' t-turisti b'ammont akba. Din hi s-sitwazzjoni jekk beħsiebek tmur Malta jew tiġi l-Kanada fix-xahar ta' Ġunju:

(1)

Jekk issiefer lejn Malta u lura l-Kanada b'passaport Kanadiż BISS

(i) **Jekk sejjer lejn Malta**

L-ivjaġġar 'il barra mill-Kanada jista' jsir biss jekk huwa kkonsidrat bħala 'essential travel'. X'inhu 'essential travel' huwa dderminat mill-uffiċjali tal-Immigrazzjoni li huma stazzjonati fl-erba' arjuporti internazzjonali fil-Kanada (ta' Toronto, Montreal, Calgary u Vancouver)

The Consulate General will reopen on 31st May with full service offered

The third wave of COVID-19 is slowly but gradually dissipating. As I had mentioned last year, this is an invisible war which will not go away quickly, not easily winable and unfortunately will be with us for sometime to come. Besides, the very slow pace of vaccination in Canada and the timeframe between one jab and the next being months not weeks is allowing the few Indian variant cases to play havoc in parts of Canada and predominately in the province of Ontario.

The Consulate General of Malta to Canada will reopen to the public on the 31st May 2021, since there will be the easing of some restrictions from the Provincial Government following this third lockdown. We intend to attend to the pending November 2020 appointments down the list to the very recent ones. Hopefully the vaccination rate increases before we experience the fourth wave of COVID-19 or stop it in its tracks.



Health Canada dwar l-istat ta' saħħtek kemm iddum kwarantina; u (e) tagħmel test PCR ieħor tlett tijem qabel tkun ser tispicċa l-perjodu tal-kwarantina.

Importanti li żżomm f'moħħok li s-sitwazzjoni u r-rekwiziti jistgħu jinbidlu minn ġurnata għall-oħra u b'avviz tard.

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(3) Jekk issiefer lejn Malta u lura l-Kanada b'passaporti sew MALTI kif ukol KANADIŻ

(xi) Jekk sejjer lejn Malta

L-ivvjaġġar 'l barra mill-Kanada jista' jsir biss jekk huwa kkonsidrat bħala 'essential travel'. X'inhu 'essential travel' huwa dderminat mill-uffiċjali tal-Immigrazzjoni li huma stazzjonati fl-erba' arjuporti internazzjonali fil-Kanada (ta' Toronto, Montreal, Calgary u Vancouver) jew fl-arjuport ta' tranżitu fl-Ewropa minn fejn taqbad l-arjuplan lejn Malta jew lura l-Kanada. Il-Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) għandhom dritt li jirrifjutaw li passiġġieri jithallew jitlghu fuq l-arjuplani. Għalhekk għandek tuża l-passport Malti sabiex toħroġ mill-Kanada sa ma tasal Malta.

(xii) Meta tkun fi-transit sejjer lejn Malta

Fil-maġġoranza tad-destinazzjonijiet ta' tranżitu kull passiġġier għandu bżonn test PCR mhux eqdem minn 72 siegħa u tista' tiġi mitlub tagħmel ieħor u bi-spejjeż tiegħek, fost rekwiziti oħra. Kun ċert li tkun infurmat sew x'hemm fuq il-websajt uffiċjali tal-pajjiżi ta' tranżitu li tagħzel li tgħaddi minnhomu minħabba li hemm differenzi minn pajjiż għall-l-ieħor.

(xiii) X'hin tasal Malta

Fil-preżent kull passiġġier irid jagħmel test PCR mhux qedem minn 72 siegħa. Dan huwa rekwizit meta tasal fl-Ajruport Internazzjonali ta' Malta u jekk ma jkollokx it-test, rid isilekr test rapidu.

(xiv) Inti u sejjer lura l-Kanada minn Malta

Fil-maġġoranza tad-destinazzjonijiet ta' tranżitu jobbligaw li kull passiġġier jagħmel test PCR li mhux eqdem minn 72 siegħa u tista' tiġi mitlub tagħmel ieħor u b'spejjeż tiegħek. Kun ċert li tkun infurmat sew x'hemm fuq il-websajt uffiċjali tal-pajjiżi ta' tranżitu li tagħzel li tgħaddi minnhomu minħabba li hemm differenzi minn pajjiż għall-l-ieħor. IMPORTANTI ħafna – li wara li titlaq minn Malta bil-passaport Malti, fil-pajjiż ta' tranżitu u biex tidhol fil-Kanada trid tuża l-passaport Kanadiż.

arrive in Canada; (c) be obliged to stay in a designated COVID-19-safe hotel for which you will pay from CAD \$2,000 to \$2,500 for three days until your COVID-19 test is published, (d) quarantine for 14 days and (4) report daily online to Health Canada on the state of your health and (e) take another COVID-19 test midway through the 14-day quarantine

Please keep in mind that this situation may change at any time with or without delayed notice.

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(3) Travelling to Malta and back to Canada with both MALTESE and CANADIAN passports

Having both Maltese and Canadian passports is the ideal situation and the Consulate General highly recommends this.

(xi) Travelling to Malta

Although travelling outside Canada is for "essential travel" only, which means you should avoid travelling at all costs, since you are using your Maltese passport you should say that you are returning to your home country. Again, what is essential travel is determined by the Immigration officials at one of the four international airports in Canada (Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver) or at the transit airport you are flying through, mainly the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA). The CBSA has the right to refuse anyone from boarding a flight or going abroad.

(xii) In Transit onward to Malta

In most transit destinations you need to provide a PCR Test not older than 72 hours, and you might be asked to take another one at a cost or other requirements. Please check all details on the official websites of the transit country you choose to travel through, since most differ.

(xiii) Arriving in Malta

At present a PCR Test not older than 72 hours is required at the Malta International Airport and, if you do not have one, you must take a rapid test.

(xiv) Leaving Malta to transit country

In most transit destinations you need to provide a PCR Test not older than 72 hours, and you might be asked to take another one at a cost. Please check all details on the official websites of the transit country you choose to travel through since most different. IMPORTANT - At this stage you need to use your Canadian passport.

Fl-aħharnett, f'ismi, f'isem marti Marlene u familti nixtieq lil kull wieħed u waħda minnkom bidu ta' sajj sabiħ, sew dawk li ser jibqgħu f'darhom kif ukol dawk li ser ijmorr u fil-cottage tagħhom fil-kampanja. Komplu kunu viġilanti u dejjem attenti mill-kuntatt ma' persuni li ma tafuomx, minnhabba l-COVID19 u l-varjanti li għaddejjin minnha. Komplu agħtu każ ta' xulxin, ċemplu lil xulxin u qattgħu ftit ħin titkellmu mall-anzjani tagħna fuq it-telefon, fuq Zoom jew mezz oħra fejn tista' żżomm id-distanza u ara jekk għandhomx bżonn l-assistenza tagħkom sa fejn tistgħu. Telefonata jew skype, zoom jew messenger tista' tagħmel id-differenza għal min jgħix waħdu. O Mulej, bierek dejjem lil Malta u lil Kanada!

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PRESIDENT OF THE MALTA CULTURAL CLUB OF DURHAM DONATES PUBLICATIONS TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALTA TO CANADA SPECIALIZED MALTESE CANADIAN DIASPORA AND HISTORY LIBRARY

A couple of months ago, a specialized Maltese Canadian Library was established by the Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada with the aim of assisting Maltese Canadian academics and students studying Maltese Canadian diaspora history and their ancestors. Donations of publications, multimedia tools and educational aids have been entrusted to the Library.

Several students of all academic levels have already made use of this resourceful library and have been assisted and encouraged by the Consulate General of Malta to Canada to pursue their studies in one or more aspects of Maltese Canadian Diaspora history.

Teresa Bugelli, who established the Malta Cultural Club of Durham, donated publications to the library from her family collection, which was passed on to her by her father Joe Bugelli. Consul General Dr Raymond C. Xerri thanked President Bugelli for this much-welcomed and timely initiative and encouraged others to follow by example.

IL-PRESIDENT TAL-KLABB KULTURALI MALTI TA' DURHAM TAGĦMEL GĦOTJA TA' PUBBLIKAZZJONIJIET GĦALL-LIBRERIJA SPEĖJALIZZATA MALTIIJA KANADIŻA FIL-KONSOLAT ĠENERALI TAR-REPUBBLIKA TA' MALTA

Xi xahrejn ilu, twaqqfet Librerija speĖjaizzata fl-istorja

Remain vigilant, especially with new people you meet because of the virus and the variants deriving from it. Let us continue to care for each other, whenever we can call each other and spend some time talking to our elderly, via Zoom or other social media means which keeps the distance between us but at the same time we attack loneliness and offer a hand where we can. A call or Skype, Zoom or Messenger can make the day for someone who is lonely.

O Lord, always bless Malta and Canada!

tad-dijaspora Maltija-Kanadiża fil-Konsolat Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada bl-iskop li tgħin akkademiċi u studenti li qed jistudjaw l-istorja tad-dijaspora u dwar l-antentati tagħhom. Donazzjonijiet ta' pubblikazzjonijiet, għodda multimedja u mezz edukattivi ngħataw lill-Librerija.

Numru ta' akkademiċi u studenti flivelli diversi tal-edukazzjoni fil-Kanada digà għamlu użu mir-riżorsi tal-librerija, ġew mgħeiina u inkoraġġiti mill-Konsolat Ġenerali tar-Repubblika ta' Malta għall-Kanada sabiex ikomplu jistudjaw aspett jew ieħor tal-istorja tad-dijaspora Maltija Kanadiża.

Teresa Bugelli, il-Fundatriċi tal-Klabb Kulturali Malti ta' Durham, għamlet għotja ta' pubblikazzjonijiet lil din il-librerija mill-kollezzjoni tal-familja li ngħatatitha. Il-Konslu Ġenerali, Dr Raymond C. Xerri, irringrazzja lill-President Bugelli għal din l-għotja u appella għal aktar għotjiet simili.



Teresa Bugelli with Consul General Dr. Raymond Xerri

**RABBIT STEW
(STUFFAT TAL-FENEK)**

Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci



Once again, Lisa is providing us with one of her Maltese recipes, also including historic background and her own personal twist to the preparation

Malta's national dish may be *stuffat tal-fenek*—rabbit stew, but did you know rabbits were not indigenous to Malta? The Phoenicians brought them to the Islands for a ready supply of fresh meat. The rabbits did what rabbits do best and reproduced prolifically. They flourished in the Maltese countryside and became a regular part of the local diet. Rabbit meat was popular because they were easily hunted and inexpensive to buy.

During the Knights of St. John era, rabbits were so popular that the Knights feared they would become extinct and prohibited rabbit hunting. In 1775, tensions were high between the Knights and the Maltese clergy. The hunting restrictions made things even worse and resulted in a revolt called the Rising of the Priests. The clergy took over Fort St. Elmo and Saint James Cavalier in Valletta. Alas, the revolt was short lived. Very short! The Knights easily quashed the revolt in a matter of hours, capturing and executing every last one of them. As a result of the heinous massacre of the priests, eating and hunting rabbit became a symbolic resistance against the Knights' restrictions and became a rebellious expression of the Maltese identity.

At the end of the 18th century, after the ban on rabbit hunting was lifted, the Maltese domesticated the rabbits, breeding them and raising them on their own. Today, both domestic and imported rabbits are used for cooking.

My mother prepared rabbit three ways: simply pan-fried and served with vegetables and Maltese roast potatoes (*patata l-forn*), prepared with sauce and served over pasta, or made into a stew (*stuffat*). For this month's issue, I will be making the stew.

If you are lucky enough to have a source for fresh

rabbit, by all means, buy it fresh. Most of us have to buy it frozen at the local grocery store or meat market. It will either be whole or cut in pieces. If you get a whole one, like I did, you can easily cut it into pieces much like you would a chicken. There are plenty of tutorials on how to cut up a rabbit on YouTube.

You have to be careful with rabbit when you eat it. There are a lot of small bones, especially in the rib area. You don't have to use the rib pieces if you don't want to. They don't really have any meat on them to speak of, but I still put them in the pot to add to the flavor of the stew.

Just like many other Maltese recipes, there are probably as many versions of Maltese rabbit stew as there are Maltese families. Some call for marinating the rabbit overnight. Others do not. I believe marinating was a technique originally used to get rid of the gamey flavor that wild rabbits had. Now that they are domesticated, they are not as gamey and probably don't need to be marinated.

My mom didn't marinate hers, but I do. I like the extra flavor it imparts. I have updated my mom's recipe by marinating the rabbit in wine overnight, and also added calamata olives to the recipe. It may not be traditional, but I like the brininess it adds to the stew. Other than that, I have followed her recipe to a tee, exactly how she made it. As the stew perked away on my stove, I could picture my mother cooking away over her stove. It filled my house with the smell of my childhood. It was the smell of home.

INGREDIENTS: (Serving of 4-6)

- 1 whole rabbit, cut into pieces
- 2 large onions, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 potatoes, peeled and diced into large pieces
- 1 15 oz. can of peas, undrained
- 1 cup pitted calamata olives (optional)
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 3 large garlic cloves
- 4 dried bay leaves
- 4 Tbs. olive oil
- 2 cups dry red wine, divided
- 2 cups water
- Salt and pepper for seasoning



DIRECTIONS:

Note: You will need two days to prepare this recipe if you decide to marinate the rabbit overnight.

1. Cut your rabbit in pieces as you would a chicken.



2. Peel and chop one of the onions and crush one of the garlic cloves.
3. Place the rabbit in a bowl or zip lock bag.
4. Pour in 1½ cups of the wine.
5. Add 1 chopped onion, 1 crushed garlic clove and 3 bay leaves.
6. Seal the bag or cover the bowl and refrigerate overnight.

7. The next day, peel and chop the other onion, carrots and potatoes.
8. Mince the remaining 2 garlic cloves.
9. Remove the rabbit from the refrigerator and discard the marinade.
10. Dry the rabbit with paper towel and season all sides with salt and pepper.
11. In a Dutch oven or deep pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat until shimmering.
12. Sear the rabbit on both sides, about 2 minutes per side, until golden brown. Set aside.



13. Lower the heat, add the minced garlic to the pot and brown it.
14. Stir in the tomato paste and cook until it is soft and fragrant.
15. Slowly stir in the water a little at a time to avoid lumps.
16. Add the rabbit back to the pot. Stir in the carrots, onion, potatoes, peas (with the liquid), olives and bay leaf. Make sure the rabbit is submerged in the liquid.



17. Bring to a boil, then lower to a simmer.
18. Cover the pot and cook, about an hour, until the rabbit is tender.
19. Stir in the remaining ½ cup of wine and season with more salt and pepper to taste.
20. Simmer uncovered for another 20 minutes.
21. Serve with some crusty bread and a nice glass of red wine.



THE MIZZI FAMILY OF NEW ORLEANS

Dan Brock

The July 2019 issue of this newsletter contained an article on the Grima family, which has origins in New Orleans dating back to the 1770s.

In May 2020, Janet Rovira Thibodeau had a query on the Malta DNA & Genealogy web page concerning Joseph Mizzi, who she said arrived in New Orleans in 1851 and married Johanna Julia Hurley or Hearley.

This tweaked my interest and I followed up on it, mainly via Ancestry. It turns out that Joseph's Mizzi line can be traced directly back to Lorenzo Micci who, in 1540, married Lucrezia Xara.

Joseph H. Mizzi was born in Malta about 1826, his parents being Emmanuel Calogero and Giulia (Micallef) Mizzi who married on February 10, 1826. Joseph's birth was followed by that of at least three sisters: Vincenza Crucifixa Josephine Carmela Rose Virginie, Carmel and Marie.

Sometime after Joseph's birth, the family moved to Algeria. Carmel and Marie are said to have been born in La Calle (now El Kala), a seaport some 90 km east of Bône (formerly Hippo and now Annaba),

about 1840 and 1845 respectively. If this is the case, Calogero must have returned to Malta on at least one occasion, as a bill of health was issued for him from Malta on November 24, 1845 to travel to Algiers, Algeria.

Joseph may have sailed from Algeria to Europe in 1851 or earlier en route to the United States and New Orleans. No doubt he already had mercantile connections in that city.

The earliest record I have found of him is an October 4, 1851 notice in the Spanish-language New Orleans newspaper, *El Pelayo* saying that he was one of several who had mail waiting for him at the post office.

Joseph was married in New Orleans by a justice of the peace on February 16, 1855. His wife, Johannanna Julia Hurley, was born in Ireland about 1834.

The 1860 US Federal Census shows Joseph and Johannanna with their one-year-old daughter, Carmella, and having two female servants in their household. The two oldest children, Maria Adelaide and Esperanza, had both died on July 3, 1858.

Meanwhile, Joseph's mother, Giulia, had died on February 10, 1859, presumably in Bône, Algeria. In 1860, accompanied by his two unmarried daughters, 20-year-old Carmel and 15-year-old Marie, Calogero travelled to Le Havre, France, from where the three of them sailed on the *Adelaide Bell*. The ship arrived at New Orleans on August 10th.

Calogero's eldest-known-daughter, Vincenza Crucifixa Josephine Carmela Rose Virginie, born in 1830, had married Jean Veysset, a French mining engineer, in 1847.

While nothing further is presently known of Calogero, Carmel and Marie, Joseph Mizzi is found to have been a dealer in produce and provisions on Decatur Street in New Orleans in 1878. At the time of the 1880 census, he was listed as a merchant and living on St. Ann Street with his wife, daughter Josephine and 12-year-old son, John. His oldest surviving daughter, Carmella, had married by this time and his youngest child, John Calogero, appears to have been away from home. With the Mizzis was living a 16-year-old orphan, Marie Emelie Gautier.

By 1890, Joseph was living on St. Louis Street and was listed as a commission merchant. He operated his business from St. Miro Street. Joseph died in New Orleans on April 11, 1891.

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A look at our past 24 years Canada Day Celebrations



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