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**Something new this year was the singing
of a traditional Maltese Christmas Carol Lullaby**

Photo courtesy of Margaret Muscat Purdy

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

My intention was to include the activities which took place over the weekend of December 15th-17th in this issue as well but, so much has already taken place over the past few weeks, that the reporting of events after December 10th will have to wait until the January issue.

Again, you will notice that in gatherings, I try to select photos which will give the reader some idea of all the activities which took place at the event and all the individuals present.

You might also notice that I try to maintain the spelling and punctuation of the writer, be the person from Australia, Canada, Malta, or the United States.

With the preparation of each issue of the newsletter, as I read the pastoral messages in the Sunday bulletins of St. Paul the Apostle Maltese Parish in Toronto and then select and copy out extracts for page 3, I have had the time to really meditate on these words of wisdom and find the whole process quite inspiring. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Fr. Roy and his predecessors for the time and effort put into these gospel messages.

I truly believe that, through Fr. Roy, God is speaking not only to the congregants of the only Maltese parish outside Malta worldwide but to the readership of this newsletter as well.

I trust others likewise find inspiration and consolation in these extracts as well and see page 3 as a worthwhile feature of this newsletter.

Back issues of this newsletter 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, wish to be put on the free, bcc electronic mailing lists, would like to learn the newsletter's advertising rates, and the like, I may be reached at danbrock62@gmail.ca.

The various Maltese organizations and associations in North America are encouraged to use this e-newsletter to promote themselves and their activities.

Merry Christmas and all the best of the new year from our house to yours.



Our home, December 2015



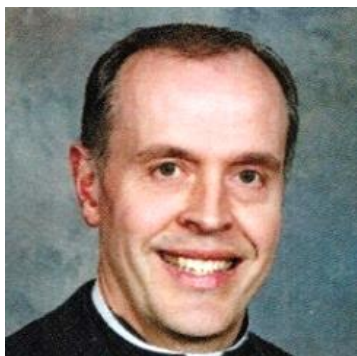
Loretta & Dan Brock, 2019

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ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH, TORONTO, CANADA

From our Pastor's Desk...



Fr. Roy Farrell, a diocesan priest within the Archdiocese of Toronto, is pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Toronto, the only Maltese parish outside Malta worldwide.

Parish Bulletin for December 2nd/3th

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, but it is also more than that. It gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us what is possible. The vision of Advent is twofold: it looks back to Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and forward to his second coming. Between these two events, we find meaning for our lives as Christians.

First, we celebrate Christ's incarnation. We see his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us how to live. He gave us principles to live by. But he also knew that we couldn't live alone. He formed the Church, a community held together by love. In that community we find unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone, we can do nothing. Together, we find true meaning.

When Christ left this earth, He didn't abandon us. He remains with us through his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures, and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us. When he comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden. It will be revealed in all its fullness, and it will never end. His presence will perfect and complete our community. This is the greater significance of Advent.

During these few weeks of Advent, we reflect on the times from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. Advent brings us a magnificent vision of life and hope for the future. It is our time to become more involved and caught up in the meaning and possibilities of life as a Christian community. We are preparing not just for Christmas, but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Parish Bulletin for December 9th/10th

Evangelization is an essential part of our stewardship, as we should share the knowledge and love of Christ with as many people as possible.

During this Advent season, let's help our friends and family members understand the true meaning of Christmas, especially those who may have lost their faith. It's important, however, to evangelize with truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us to guide others by taking them by the hand.

Evangelization requires effort. We should lovingly and patiently meet people where they are and accompany them as they explore the wonders of the Church. As a simple action, we can invite someone to attend Mass with us next week. Let's use this Advent season as an opportunity to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Confession is important for our souls. I urge you to make time in your busy schedules to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Many Catholics are no longer practicing confession, and as a result, they have lost their understanding of sin. Sin is not only harmful to individuals, but it also hinders the Church. It paralyzes the Church and limits the ability to do good. Just like mud on a car's headlight dims the light, sin diminishes the Church's missionary work.

The main reason for going to confession is because Jesus, the Son of God, commanded it. Jesus established confession as one of the seven sacraments on the first Easter Sunday night. Confession should not be a mechanical act. When preparing for confession, it's important to reflect on not just the sins we've committed, but also why we committed them. We need to examine our attitudes.

When we go to God, it's not like going to a judge for a traffic violation. We don't just pay a fine and leave feeling relieved. God is loving and merciful. He not only forgives our sins but also wants to heal the wounds caused by sin. He welcomes us with open arms and celebrates with us, just like the father in the story of the prodigal son. Confession then becomes a heartfelt expression of joy, praise, and thanksgiving to God for His incredible mercy. This Christmas, give yourself and your family the greatest gift – peace with God and with one another.

Henry Casolani, superintendent of emigration, wrote in 1930 that, while he could not say with any certainty what was the number of the Maltese living in Canada, he estimated it to be about 2,000. He did state, however, that between 1920 and 1930 those who had actually emigrated from Malta to Canada numbered 1,317. Of these 328 had eventually returned back home.

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES

Dan Brock

CALIFORNIA

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

The **Children's Christmas Party** took place on Saturday, December 2nd. (See pages 16-27.)

A **New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** will be held on Sunday, December 31st.

MICHIGAN

Maltese American Benevolent Society, Inc

A **Christmas Costume & Ugly Sweater DJ Party** was held at the Club, on Saturday, December 16th, from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

The **Children's Christmas Party** took place on the afternoon of Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The **New Year's Eve 2024 Potluck Dinner** will be held on December 31, 2023.



Maltese American Community Club, Dearborn

Christmas Party 2023 was held on Saturday, December 9th. (See pages 29-35.)

A **Maltese Baking Demonstration**, featuring **Qagħaq tal-Għasel (Honey Rings)**, will take place at the Club, beginning at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 14, 2023.

NEW YORK

Maltese Center, NYC

A **Bingo** took place on Sunday, December 3rd, in the Lower Hall.

The **Kids Christmas Party** was held early in the evening of Saturday, December 16th. The **Adults Christmas Party** followed the tree lighting at 7:00 p.m.

A **New Year's Eve Party** is planned for Sunday, December 31st.



ONTARIO

Greater Toronto Area

Maltese Canadian Federation

The Federation, in conjunction with **Lehen Malti**, hosted a **Seniors' Christmas Luncheon** on Sunday, December 10th.

Malta Band Club

The **Children's Christmas Party** took place on Sunday, December 3rd. (See page 11.)

The **Member's Christmas Party** was held on Saturday, December 16th.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Gulbiena (vetch) was available for purchase, either at the back of the church after Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours.

The **Annual Christmas Concert** took place on the evening of Friday, December 8th.

The **Anointing of the Sick Mass** was held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 10th. This was followed by the **Seniors' Christmas Luncheon**, hosted by the **Maltese Canadian Federation** and **Lehen Malti**.

Fr. Massimo Buttigieg was available at the church on Friday morning, December 15th for **confessions in Maltese**.

An **Advent Retreat**, led by **Debbie Gove**, took place on Saturday, December 16th.

Fr. Jimmy Zammit will celebrate **Mass in Maltese** at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 24th and at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. Both the 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and that on Sunday, December 31st at 10:30 a.m. will be bilingual. Fr. Jimmy will also celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day in Maltese.

A **New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance** will be held on Sunday, December 31st.

Lehen Malti

Viewers are invited to submit **photographs** of their cribs. These will be televised on the December 24th program.

LEHEN MALTI
(Maltese Voice)

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

OMNI BC
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

OMNI Alberta
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

PRESEPII DISPLAY IN WASHINGTON, DC**Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb**

A Maltese Christmas tradition can now be enjoyed in Washington DC. Heritage Malta in collaboration with the Museum of the Bible has three Maltese nativity cribs (*Presepij*) on display in Washington DC. The cribs, made by three Maltese artists, Charlie Camilleri, Jesmond Micallef and Paul Stellini, can be seen at the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC until January 2024. The exhibition also showcases a documentary which was filmed in Malta, thus putting a spotlight on the art of crib-making on the Maltese Islands on a worldwide scale. We encourage everyone, but especially our Maltese diaspora in the US and anyone with a keen interest on Maltese culture and art to attend this exhibition displaying Maltese excellence, authenticity and talent.

Melita Soccer Club, Inc.

The **Christmas Dinner Party** was held on Saturday, December 2nd. (See pages 12-15.)

The **Annual Meeting** took place on Sunday, December 3rd.

The **Children's Christmas Party** was held on Sunday, December 10th.

A **bus trip to Niagara Casino** took place on Saturday, December 16th.

Hamilton**Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton**

Breakfast with Santa was held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, on Poplar Avenue, in Hamilton, on Saturday, December 16th.

London

On Friday, December 1st, the local Maltese group and friends partook of a **Christmas Luncheon** at the **Marconi Club**. (See pages 6-8.)

The next **luncheon** for the group is planned for Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the **Mandarin Restaurant** on Wellington Road South.

Windsor**Malta United Society**

On Saturday, December 2nd, the annual **Children's Christmas Party** was held.

The annual **Members' Christmas Party** took place on Saturday, December 9th.



2023 CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Margaret Muscat Purdy

Our 2023 Christmas Craft Show on Sunday, November 26th was the biggest and best so far! A huge thank you to the crafters for bringing your crafts to our club! Grace Muscat, thank you for organizing all the crafters, and all the people for donating baked goods for our bake sale, Tom Muscat for providing a huge pot of minestra, Mike Muscat for washing dishes, Rita Vella for tending the bar, Rena Xuereb for selling our club merchandise, Louise Weglarz helping decorate, Mary Motowski and Mary Micallef for selling baked and frozen pastizzi to everyone stocking up for the holidays and last but not least to Margaret Ray for supplying us with the best frozen meat and cheese pastizzi. Think we sold a record amount of pastizzi! Thank you to everyone who came out in miserable weather to support our club!



Most Holy Trinity Parish, Detroit, Children's Christmas Party, held on Saturday, December 9th, was a huge success as nearly 500 children enjoyed a day of fun.

Every year, these needy children from the Corktown and Southwest Detroit area each receive a bag of gifts that include a stuffed animal, a toy, underclothes, socks, a jacket, a hat, and gloves. For many, these are the only Christmas gifts received.

Many of the volunteers were Maltese and members of the Maltese American Benevolent Society: Tanya, Grace, Chris, Xander, Lucas Caruana, Sandra Chavarria, Joe Said, Adam Said, Gerry Abela, and Renee Izzard. Tanya Caruana was event chair.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT THE MARCONI CLUB

Melrose Paquet and Charles Micallef

On Friday, December 1st, at 12.30 p.m., a 50-plus group gathered at the Marconi Club on Clarke Road in London to enjoy a Christmas buffet and share the upcoming festive season together.

The meal was enjoyed by all with background music offered by Tony Vella, our experienced DJ.



Deo Catania, Tony & Censa Vella



Miranda Catania, Carmen & Joe Gentile



Nancy McLaren, Joyce Vella, and Judy Ayerst



Joe Gall and Monica & Mannie Micallef



Charles & Rose Micallef



Mike Ditchfield, Lynda & Tony Galea, Terry Rogers, Carol Hilton, and Helen Ditchfield



Rose Micallef and Bernadette & Joe Gall



Connie Zammit and Chris Charlinski



**Tessie & Joe Mallia, Lawrence & Jean Testa,
Doris & Tony Schembri, and Mary Testa**



**Mary Testa, Tessie & Joe Mallia,
Lawrence & Jean Testa,
and Doris and Tony Schembri**



**Elsa Zammit, Mary Vella, Ann Laroque,
Connie Heslop, and Janet Peckham**

After the meal Charles Micallef and Deo Catania sold bingo cards for \$1.00 per card to everyone who wished to stay behind and play.

The sale resulted in eight games with a prize of \$5.00 for the winning line and \$20 for the full card.

Special thanks goes to Melrose Paquet who met with the banquet manager at the Club and organized this event, to Tony Vella for supplying the music, to Deo and Charles for helping with the bingo and for our bingo caller Janet Peckham for her excellent voice and clear numbers.

Fun was had by ALL present.



A VISIT WITH CHEV JOSEPH S MICALLEF

AMBASSADOR GODFREY XUEREB

It was an honour to share a few days with the most senior Honorary Consul we have in the United States of America. Chev Joseph S Micallef has served Malta since the mid-60s and has not only promoted Malta within the State of Minnesota but his work with St John University has created the Malta Study Centre and preserved many of the valuable and unique documents Malta has from the era of the Knights of St John. As he retires from the post of Honorary Consul, I thank him for all the hard work and know that he will continue to support the new Honorary Consul to Minnesota which we hope to appoint soon. Thank you, Chev Micallef, it has been a great honour to work with you over the past few months in my role as Maltese Ambassador to the USA.



**Chev Joseph S Micallef and
Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb**

A CANADIAN IN MALTA*

Dan Brock

On a Sunday, during our 12 days in Malta, my wife Loretta and I were invited by her cousins, Monica and Gorg Farrugia, to lunch in Attard. Two other couples were also invited.

To our happy surprise, one of the couples turned out to be Joe and Gerry Borg, also of London, Ontario, Canada. The Borgs had been holidaying in Malta since October. Joe and I served on the Board of the now defunct Maltese Canadian Club of London.



Monica Farrugia, Gerry and Joe Borg, and Gorg Farrugia

On the following Tuesday, I had lunch at the University of Malta with Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino. Dr. Baldacchino is currently a professor of sociology there. This was our first face-to-face meeting.

Between 2003 and 2020, Professor Baldacchino served as Island Studies Teaching Fellow, UNESCO co-Chair and Canadian Research Chair in Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. He was Vice-President of the Prince Edward Island Association for Newcomers to Canada from 2008 until 2020. In 2014, he was elected President of the International Small Islands Studies Association. He and his wife Anna still have a home on the Island.

Godfrey and I became acquainted through emails and Facebook while he was in Prince Edward Island, Canada.



Main entrance to the University of Malta



Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino and me

For the study of Maltese family history and emigration, three of my favourite places to visit on the Island are the National Library of Malta (Bibliotheca) and Malta Migration Museum in Valletta and the National Archives in Rabat.



Images of the National Library



I became acquainted with Dr. Charles Farrugia, the Director of the National Archives, several years ago and make it a point of letting my presence at the Archives be known to him whenever I am in Malta.



**The Reading Room
at the National Archives in Rabat**

Several years ago, Dr. Farrugia was on official business in Washington, DC and took the opportunity of visiting his aunt in the Greater Toronto Area. He also made a side trip with a cousin, to visit The Maltese Canadian Club of London and I was able to introduce Dr. Farrugia to the other members of executive at a lunch in the Club's upper room.

The day after lunch with Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino, Loretta and I were in Rabat and headed for the National Archives when we encountered Dr. Farrugia just outside the building. He was gracious enough to pose for a photo with me.



A View Inside the Malta Migration Museum



**With Dr. Charles Farrugia
outside the National Archives**

Through Mark Caruana of New South Wales, Australia, I had been introduced, earlier this year, to Stephanie Schembri of Customer Services at the Archives. Stephanie was of great assistance in providing me with digital copies of the passport applications of both Robert Joseph Pace and George Thake who came to Canada in 1944 as students.

Having made this "pilgrimage" to the National Archives, I sought out Stephanie Schembri to thank her in person for her help with articles appearing in the July and August 2023 issues of this newsletter.



**With Stephanie Schembri
of Customer Services,
National Archives of Malta**

Maria Pia Gauci of Malta is one of the two copy editors of this newsletter, the other being Mark Caruana of Australia.

While in Malta, plans were made for Loretta and I to meet face to face with Maria Pia. Unfortunately, owing to a mishap two days before the agreed upon date of our meeting, we were unable to get together.

Hopefully, next time Loretta and I are in Malta, we can meet with Maria Pia.

Another disappointment I've met while in Malta was the failure to see any copies of Marthese Fenech's trilogy *The Siege of Malta*, in the book stores visited.

In my opinion, this great work by the Maltese-Canadian author of historical novels set in sixteenth-century Europe should be as readily available to both the Maltese and tourists alike as say Nicholas Monsarrat's *The Kappellan of Malta*. And yes, I saw Monsarrat's novel, set in Malta, in every bookstore visited.

Even as we left by plane from Malta to Amsterdam, en route for Toronto we were to encounter Maltese Canadians. In this case it was Rita Cauchi of Georgetown, Ontario and Agnes and Mike Scerri of nearby Brampton.



**Rita Cauchi, Agnes & Mike Scerri
at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam**

It turns out that Rita is a sister-in-law of Tony and Carmen Cauchi of London, Ontario, with whom we are well acquainted and Agnes and Mike have a niece who is a sister-in-law to Tony Vella, president of the Malta Band Club of Mississauga.

**The title of this piece was "inspired" by the television series Englishman in Malta.*



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Malta Band Club, Mississauga

The spirit of the season was in full flight as the Malta Band Club hosted this year's Children's Christmas Party on the afternoon of Sunday, December 3rd. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were very busy handing out gifts and goodies to all the children in attendance. Hats off to Mary and Fred Portelli and all the volunteers at the club for making this event such a great success!

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Mary Ann Piscopo

The Melita Soccer Club held its Christmas Dinner Party on the evening of Saturday, December 2nd.









MEMBERS' CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rita Borg

The Members' Children Christmas Party was held at the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco on Saturday, December 2nd.

So many jolly faces, young and old. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent so many hours planning this big event.

Thank you to the children and parents who participated in the procession, for the first time we had a real baby playing the part of baby Jesus.



Thank you for the members who displayed their nativity set (*il-presepu*). It's a new tradition that we would like to see going on year after year.



Made by Noah Agius



Made by & in memory of Joseph Micallef 2022

And a huge thank you to Santa and Mrs Santa for stopping by to meet everyone.



Made by George Borg























CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Melita Soccer Club

The Club held its Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th.



Kids listening to Santa



Mrs. & Santa Claus





Joe "Chicago" Bonett with Santa & Mrs. Claus



**Snowman, ginger bread, Santa,
and elf rubber duckies**



Joe "Bilka" Cassar with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Mary Ann Piscopo with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Goodie Bags

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023**Margaret Muscat Purdy**

It was a full house indeed for the Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn's Christmas Party 2023, on Saturday, December 9th, with so many happy faces enjoying the evening! Thank you to Brian Vella and our executive committee for all their hard work in keeping our club open and running all year so we can make these club events possible.

Thank you to my co party planner, Mary Micallef, and her awesome talents.



Mary Micallef and Margaret Muscat Purdy

John and Eve Muscat, Louise Weglarz, Theresa English, and Tom Muscat helped setup and decorate the hall! Thank you to Rita Vella for selling tickets and organizing tables and to Rena Xuereb, our greeter/ticket collector.



Rita Xuereb

Thank you, Rob Farr for the beautiful poinsettias for the tables and Baby Jesus



Thank you, Tom Muscat, for making a new crib/prop for Baby Jesus.



Marty Micallef our First Vice President saw the party thru from the beginning to the very end and cooked all day Saturday with Joe Formosa. Marty also gave the welcoming speech and started us off with Grace and then the toughest job of all—selecting tables for our buffet dinner!



Marty Micallef giving the opening speech



Joe Formosa cooking our dinner

Doris and Neal Durkin, John Abela, Joe Borg, Tony Borg, and Pio Muscat were our kitchen and serving crew. A great big thank you goes to John Abela for washing dishes, cleaning up the kitchen and being our behind-the-scenes guy.



Our dinner servers Pio, Joe, and Tony

Thanks goes to Paul Borg of Printwell for printing our tickets and flyers. Paul also stepped in to help Holly, who cheerfully served drinks to 160 thirsty people.

Special helpers during the kids' crafts were Lauren, Kate, Nicky, and Natalia.



Kate and Lauren



Helpers Nicky and Natalia



Christmas-themed ring toss



Painting crafts



Listening to instructions for a dance game





Snow globe crafts with kids' pictures

**Sticker crafts****Pictures with Santa**

Santa and his elf were a big hit! The kids were very happy to see Santa and they waited very patiently.

**Santa (John Muscat) finally arrives
with his helper Elf (Eve Muscat)****You're never too old for a picture with Santa**



Now who's being naughty?





DJ Jim Esparza had everyone dancing for three hours. Taking requests and keeping the records spinning is no easy task.



Jim Esparza spinning the records!



Tom Muscat and Mary



The draw was a big hit



Theresa, Chuck, Christy, Esther, and Doris singing a traditional Maltese lullaby



Last but not least thank you to all of our members for attending our party and supporting our club.

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA IN MILLBRAE AND IN SAN FRANCISCO

AMBASSADOR GODFREY XUEREB

It was an honour on Wednesday, December 13th, to celebrate the Anniversary of the Republic of Malta with a short address to the Millbrae City Council. Millbrae is a city located in northern San Mateo County, California, United States of America and is the home of a substantial Maltese Diaspora. They are also the sister City of Mosta in Malta. During my address to the City Council, I emphasized that the Republic of Malta was built on two main pillars - those of Peace and Prosperity. The Council meeting had a large audience as it also celebrated its 75th anniversary since its incorporation and the swearing in of a new Mayor, Andres Fung and Vice Mayor Maurice Goodman. During the event I was accompanied by our Honorary Consul for San Francisco Louis Vella.



**Mayor Andres Fung and
Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb**



**Honorary Consul Louis Vella, Vice Mayor
Maurice Goodman and Godfrey Xuereb**

Also, as part of the celebrations commemorating the 49th Anniversary of the Republic of Malta I presided over a Citizenship Award Ceremony in San Francisco. Fifteen new Maltese Citizens were given their official certificate of citizenship at a ceremony held at the beautiful San Francisco Town Hall. When I addressed the new citizens and their families, I emphasized that citizenship came with responsibilities. I encouraged them to be model citizens so as to always keep the Maltese Diaspora in good stead. I also told them that they need to all be Maltese Ambassadors and promote the heritage, culture and traditions of the Maltese Islands. To help them in this task each new citizen was given a copy of the publication issued especially by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Malta.



After the ceremony all the guests were led to the International Hall of the San Francisco Mayor's Office where the new Citizens, family and friends sang the Maltese National Anthem followed by a toast to the Republic of Malta and the new Citizens.



Those invited, which included the Chief of Protocol for the City of San Francisco, were treated to typical Maltese delicacies which were freshly prepared by the organizing committee for the event. Thanks to Honorary Counsel Louis Vella and his small hard-working team from the Bay Area diaspora who ensured that the event was successful.



WITH SPEAKER ANGLU FARRUGIA

Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb

During the week of December 3rd, I had the honour of accompanying His Hon Anglu Farrugia, Speaker of Malta's Parliament, during the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum which was being held in the US Senate in Washington DC. This year's Forum was attended by parliamentarians from 62 different countries. The Speaker of the Maltese Parliament contributed to the discussion which covered areas such as countering transnational threats and border insecurity, cybersecurity and cryptocurrency risks, supply chain resilience and democracy, human rights and religious freedom.



**Speaker Anglu Farrugia
and Ambassador Godfrey Xuereb**

I was also pleased to welcome Speaker Farrugia to the newly refurbished Embassy in Washington DC. He had the opportunity to meet the Washington DC Embassy Team and thanked them for their work in keeping healthy the Maltese - USA relations. He was the first Maltese official to sign the visitors book at the refurbished Embassy building.



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313-961-8393
<http://detroitmaltese.com>
Opening hours:
Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn

5221 Oakman Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48126
313-846-7077
info@malteseamericanclub.org
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 am. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinners served: Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. –
10:00 p.m.
Before and after 7:00 p.m. first
Friday Mass

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

924 El Camino Real, South San Francisco, CA
94080
650-871-4611
contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org
Opening hours: Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(every 2nd Tuesday of the month only)
Thursday 5: p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday 5:00 – 1:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 am.- 5:00 p.m.

Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton (MCACH)

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

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