

# Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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## November 2015 – CLUB NEWS

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members and friends, at the General Membership Meeting held on October 24<sup>th</sup> sixty-one (61) members were present. The President welcomed everybody and after a short prayer, a moment of silence was held in memory of Mr. John Sammut who was a member in good standing, even though he has been living in Philadelphia for these last few years.

Big thanks go to Mrs. Mary Smith, her co-workers, people who donated gifts and all the people who attended the most successful Family Bingo Night at the cub, ever.

At the Italian Pride Parade (formerly known as Columbus Day Parade) about sixty-five (65) Maltese took part in the parade, some carrying banners of the various organizations that form the Maltese Community, others rode in vintage cars and a few others rode on the float that was constructed specifically for this event. The float, which was pulled by a truck, consisted of a Maltese Luzzu (fishing boat), with two live kids fishing, and about 20 happy Maltese men, women and children tossing candy to the crowds, with a backdrop scene of the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. I encourage everyone to come and participate in the fun, next year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for completing the very important task of submitting the names of the persons that they nominated to run for the Board of Directors for 2016. These are:

President: Mr. Brian Ciappara

Secretary: Mary Gomes

Treasurer: Joseph Vella

Parliamentarian: Mary Ann Fassler

Auditors: Ms. Mona Nicholas and Mr. Louis Vella

Vice President: Peter Deguara

Ass. Secretary: Carmen Micallef

Ass. Treasurer: Ninfa Pace

Sergeant-at-arms: Mr. George Borg

### THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**  
**AT**  
**10:30A.M.**

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## Rest in Peace

*Our deepest sympathy to the  
family of*

John Sammut



*Eternal rest grant unto  
him O' Lord and may the  
perpetual light shine upon  
him...*

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### UPCOMING MALTESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CACHE CREEK  
CASINO TRIP

November 7, 2015

CHILDRENS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12, 2015  
at 2pm

NEW YEARS EVE  
PARTY

December 31, 2015  
at 6pm

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“As we express  
gratitude, we must  
never forget that the  
highest appreciation is  
not to utter words, but  
to live by them.”

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

At the General Membership Meeting to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> the floor will be open for nominations for the Board of 2016. Please make it a priority to attend this very important meeting. Members in good standing have the chance to nominate other members, who in their opinion, would be an asset to the club. Please note that our Bylaws, Article II, Section 3e states " In an election in which the number of candidates exceeds the number of directorships to be filled, an election shall be conducted by means of a secret written ballot" If this happens, such an election will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting that will be held on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

The November 29<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting will be dedicated to the Maltese Veterans that served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War. After the meeting finishes, the family members of the living and deceased Veterans will be joining us for a short commemorating ceremony. A representative from the Korean Consulate might also be there. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony. Please come to honor our Maltese Veterans.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> the club is organizing a day bus trip to Cache Creek Casino. The cost is \$37 per person, check the attached flier for details, and call Mrs. Ninfa Pace to make your reservation as soon as possible.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> we will have the Children's Christmas Party. A flier is attached to the newsletter, so follow the directions on it and submit your completed form by the December 6<sup>th</sup> deadline, which will be strictly enforced. We definitely don't want to disappoint any child.

Another flier that you would find in this newsletter is the one for the most popular party of the year: New Year's Eve dinner dance. This year we are going to have a chef that will carve the delicious New York strip on site, for those of you who prefer the stuffed fillet of sole, I'm sure that you would be delighted with the very appetizing menu. Please make sure that you take a note of the deadlines because we must strictly adhere to them. So, send in your reservations early and save some money in the process.

My wife Carmen and myself would like to wish you and your family a

**HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY.**

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## Grievance Committee

ROSE BORG  
CHAIRPERSON

MANUEL MICALLEF

BARBARA FENECH

CARMEN MICALLEF

DOLORES REINKE

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## Entertainment Committee

CARMEN MICALLEF  
CHAIRPERSON

MARY SMITH  
CO-CHAIRPERSON

BETTY DEBATTISTA  
CO-CHAIRPERSON

JOE CARUANA

MARY VELLA

NINFA PACE

DOLORES REINKE

MARYANNE FASSLER

ROSE VASSALLO

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A MESSAGE FROM THE

*Honorable Consul General of Malta*

At the October general membership meeting, Hon Consul General (HCG)-Louis J. Vella addressed those present. He made reference to a Maltese Community Renaissance or the renewal of fervent enthusiasm within the Maltese Community in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the last few months, we enjoyed several very successful events such as; Malta Day, the Family Pasta Bingo, Italian Heritage Parade, to mention just a few. Different Maltese groups are working very hard to organize various events throughout the year to promote Maltese Culture and the presence of a vibrant Maltese community. They all deserve our encouragement, support and participation.

Not everyone is interested in the same thing. The Maltese Groups in the Bay Area are doing a fantastic job organizing different events that can stimulate the interest of many. Then once a year all the Maltese groups will join together in a great spirit of cooperation to plan, organize and celebrate Malta Day.

HCG Vella talked about the month of November as the month dedicated to our veterans as well as to our deceased members of the Maltese community. On Sunday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> the Maltese Community will organize the annual "Remembering Our Loved Ones" mass in Millbrae. To honor our veterans, on Sunday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> the Maltese Historical Society will be organizing a small ceremony celebrating Maltese who served in any branch of the US Armed forces during the war in Korea. Preparations are well under way. Those who served or know of someone who served during the Korean War to please contact the Maltese Historical Society at the Maltese Club.

Hon Consul General -Vella ended by thanking all those who never get tired promoting Malta in California and throughout the United States. Keep up the good work and well done indeed.

*Thank you to everyone who  
volunteers their time at the  
Maltese – American Social  
Club.*

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## Club Hours

**SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS**  
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS**  
CLOSED

**TUESDAY**  
CLOSED EXCEPT FOR  
THE SECOND TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH

**THURSDAY**  
5:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
5:00p.m. to 1:00a.m.

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## LIBRARY

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SUNDAYS 10:00AM TO  
12:00 NOON.

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CREATED BY LISA GHIGLIERI  
WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by *Mona Vella-Nicholas*

### IN MALTESE HISTORY

This is the last in our series commemorating the 450th anniversary of the Great Siege. Although these final events occurred in September, not October, they give closure to the most unique historical event in our history.

*September 12, 1565* - On the same day that the Ottoman Turks leave Malta after their defeat, the Spanish relief force has a chance to observe the damage inflicted upon the island and its people. These soldiers are overwhelmed by the destruction they find. Besides massive destruction of property, the toll in terms of human life is incredible. Here is the list of casualties on our side:

Of the 500 knights protecting the island, 300 have been killed.

Of the soldiers of all nationalities who came to fight alongside the knights, 2,500 have been killed.

Of the Maltese men, women, and children on the island, 7,000 have been killed.

Of the slaves of the knights, 500 have been killed.

*September 17, 1565* - The surviving foreign soldiers who had fought in the siege are taken back to Sicily in five ships belonging to the Knights of Malta. The siege is officially over, the reconstruction of lives and property begins.....

## Origin of Maltese Last Names

*Bugelli*



Is your last name **Bugelli**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Bugelli** comes from the Italian last name "Bucelli." "Bucelli", in turn, is the plural form of the word "bucello", which means "calf." It can therefore be assumed that the name refers to someone who herded calves.

## Women's Social Committee

The Women's Social Committee are having their Christmas Party dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> where they will be having a pizza dinner.

## The Ladies Knitting Group

The Ladies Knitting Group still meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



# Angels Needed

The Entertainment Committee is in search of any children from the age of 5 to 12 to participate in the Children’s Christmas Party as either an **angel** or a **shepard**. Those interested should provide a costume for their child. If you would like your child to participate please contact Carmen Micallef at 415-254-7047.



## Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Call Brian Ciappara at (650) 303-6900 for information. Please pick up a form and guidelines from the Club.

### Non- Responsibility Declaration:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc. are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. The Maltese-American Social Club does not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.

## 2015 Maltese-American Social Club Calendar of Events

*Please Remember that when you are paying for an event to pay by check not cash.*

- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Cache Creek Casino Trip
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Children’s Christmas Party
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance

