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**THE NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
at
10:30 a.m.**

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends, at the General Membership Meeting held on Sunday, September 17th, forty-seven (47) members were in attendance. In accordance to our bylaws, Article II, Section 3a, the following members in good standing accepted nominations to form a part of the Nominating Committee. They are: Joe Caruana, Dan Catania, Mary Vella Gomes, Carmen Micallef and Peter Xuereb. Many thanks to you ladies and gentlemen for this important service that you are rendering to the Club.

The duty of the Nominating Committee is to nominate at least one (1) member in good standing to each office of the Board of Directors for the year 2018. A letter addressed to the Secretary of the club containing the names of the nominated candidates must be mailed no later than November 1st, 2017.

Malta Day Celebration...Wow!! What a beautiful event it was. Anyone who did not attend, missed a great party. I am happy to say that everyone I talked to, (and they were many), had a great time. The food, the music, the decorations and the ambiance were top notch. I want to thank the different organizations and those individuals who donated money and other services, and to the Malta Day Organizing Committee who worked countless hours to make this annual celebration so successful. Their names are listed in the program. Please log onto the Club's web site at <http://www.maltese-americanscsf.org> to view the great pictures taken and posted by Evelyn Simmons. Thank you Evelyn.

The following are the social events that are being organized for October and November by the Maltese Club and other Maltese Organizations.

On Saturday, October 7th, the Club will be holding a Family Pasta Bingo Night. Doors open at 5:00 pm. bring your family and friends and let's have some fun, enjoy the delicious pasta and win some money and prizes.



Upcoming Maltese Community Events

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PASTA BINGO NIGHT
OCTOBER 7TH

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**ITALIAN PRIDE
PARADE**
OCTOBER 8TH

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**ST. PAUL OF THE
SHIPWRECK
CRAB FEED**
OCTOBER 21ST

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HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 21ST

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**FAMILY BOWLING
NIGHT**
NOVEMBER 5TH

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CASINO DAY TRIP
NOVEMBER 11TH

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**MALTESE CROSS
FOUNDATION'S
"REMEMBERING OUR
LOVED ONES"**
NOVEMBER 12TH

On Sunday, October 8th, the Maltese Heritage Association will be taking part in the Italian Pride Parade in San Francisco. We should all meet at spot # 73 on North Point Street, between Stockton Street and the Embarcadero. Please get there by 10:30 am at the latest because the police will be closing certain streets to vehicular traffic. Let's show our Maltese Pride. Anybody who is willing to carry the Maltese Club banner should contact me at 650-303-6900. Thank you.

On Saturday, October 21st, St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church will be holding a Crab Feed. Please support this worthy cause. Please call 415-468-3434 and make your reservations.

The Family Halloween Party will be held at the Maltese Club on Saturday, October 21st. Put on your costumes, carve a pumpkin at home and bring it to the Club to win a prize.

PLEASE NOTE, DATE CHANGE: The Family Bowling Night that was going to be held on Sunday, November 12th, is now being held on Sunday, November 5th. Please mark your calendars.

On Saturday, November 11th, a Casino Day Trip will be organized by the Maltese Club. More information will be given out at a later date.

On Sunday, November 12th, The Maltese Cross Foundation will be holding "Remembering Our Loved Ones" at St. Dunstan Church in Millbrae. More information will be made available at a later date.

Fliers can be found at the Maltese Club for most of the above-mentioned events.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 am. Hope to see most of you at the meetings and the social events that are organized for your enjoyment. Thank you. Saħħa

A MESSAGE FROM THE

Honorable Consul General of Malta

Hon Consul General (HCG) Louis J. Vella was invited to attend the annual September 11th Memorial service the morning of our meeting and was not able to be present. However, he sent us the following message.

Without a doubt, the main focus of the entire Maltese American Community in the San Francisco Bay Area this month is on MALTA DAY which will be celebrated on Saturday, September 23rd at the SSF Conference Center. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Hello
AUTUMN

Grievance Committee

Rose Borg
Barbara Fenech
Charlie Catania
Bart Borg
Mary Anne Fassler

Entertainment Committee

CHAIRPERSON:

Karen Borg

CO-CHAIRPERSON:

Jennifer DeBattista

Rose Borg
Kathy Borg
Mary Vella
Carmen Micallef
Ninfa Pace
Rose Vassallo
Laurie Scribner
Mary Anne Fassler

*Thank you to the
many members who
volunteer their time
and talents so that we
can all enjoy the many
activities at the
Maltese American
Social Club*

This year Malta Day will be another special event. We will have a video message delivered personally by H.E. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca President of Malta. We will also have a message from the Prime Minister of Malta. New, this year we will have what we are calling a "Parade of Cities and Towns of Malta and Gozo". Our special guest will be the Police Chief of the South San Francisco Police Department. The music for the evening will be provided by a live band.

MALTESE PASSPORTS: On Saturday Nov 18th and Monday Nov 20th, a representative from the Embassy of Malta in Washington DC will be at HCG's office located at 50, Victoria Avenue, Suite 103, Millbrae, to assist with the issuance of new or renewed Maltese Passport. All documents and fees will have to be approved by the Embassy prior to getting an appointment. If interested or if you have any questions feel free to contact the office of the Hon Consul of Malta at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com or 650-631-8200.

In October HCG Vella will be attending the annual meeting of the Council of Maltese Living Abroad (CMLA). At these meetings, many topics that involve or affect the lives of Maltese people living abroad will be discussed and presented to various authorities in Malta. If anyone has any ideas, issues or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Maltese Consulate office at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com or call 650-631-8200.

Please remember that the Maltese Heritage Association and the office of the Hon Consul General of Malta will be participating in the annual Italian Heritage Parade along the streets of North Beach in San Francisco on Sunday, October 8th. All Maltese-Americans and all Maltese organizations are welcome to join in. Supporting and participating in activities organized by the various Maltese organizations is crucial to the preservation of our Maltese culture and identity.

Always remember that, *it is not what we take but what we give that make us rich.*

Entertainment Committee

Our next event is the Pasta Bingo Night on October 7th. The annual Halloween party is on October 21st. Both children and adults are encouraged to come in costume. Bowling night will be in November and the flyer is attached. Casino Day Trip is also being planned for November.

Club Hours

Sunday and Holidays

9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

**Monday and
Wednesday
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.



LIBRARY

Take some time and visit our library on Sundays from 10:00 am to Noon.

Librarian, Mona Vella-Nicholas, can be reached at 650-589-4578.

Women's Social Committee

At the September meeting, the women enjoyed a hamburger dinner which Mary Anne Fassler prepared. Pumpkins will be carved and decorated for the October meeting.



THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

SEPTEMBER IN MALTESE HISTORY

September 8, 1800 --- After only two years of occupation, French forces leave Malta for good, ceding the islands to the British. The French occupation starts when the Knights of Malta surrender to Napoleon and leave Malta in 1798. In spite of taking some progressive actions during their stay, such as abolishing both slavery and the inquisition, the French are very unpopular with the locals, who stage rebellions with help from the British navy. Tired of these rebellions, as well as the hunger and disease which plague the islands, the French negotiate an agreement with the British navy. They pull out without a shot being fired. Malta becomes a British protectorate for nearly 170 years.

End of September/ beginning of October --- The annual olive oil festival takes place in Zejtun. Among the activities: the farmers bring their olives to the presses for making olive oil, olive oil tastings are offered to festival-goers, folk singers and folk dancers entertain the crowds, and family pets are brought to school by the children to receive a blessing.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Dimech

Is your last name Dimech? If so, you may be interested in knowing where your name comes from. Dimech is of Italian origin. It comes from a pet name for the name Domenico, or Dominic in English. It started out as "De Domenico", but was eventually shortened to Dimech. If you are a Dimech, then one of your ancestors was named Dominic.

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New members are always welcome. Encourage your family and Maltese friends, young and old, to become members of the Maltese American Social Club



Correspondence

Except for payment of functions and/or dues, please remember that all correspondence must be addressed to the attention of the secretary, Mary Vella Gomes. Payment for all functions must be made by check (No Cash) and sent to the attention of Ninfa Pace. If paying for more than one function, please provide separate checks. Thank you

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Please call Brian Ciappara at 650-303-6900 for information and 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 of the or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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