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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Well, it has been some time since I have been able to get away with only 20 pages for an issue! Again, time constraints have prevented me from publishing articles forwarded to me some months ago or which I promised to write. Hopefully, I'll be able to attend to them in the not-too-distant future.

This month's "centre page" article came about through Mark Caruana's drawing my attention to an American who spelt his surname as "Zammit," and Mark's assumption that Joseph Charles Zammit had been a native of

Malta. He wasn't, but we are fairly confident that his Zammit/Zammiti ancestors were. You'll have to read pages 11-14 to learn more of this fascinating account with its many twists and turns.

One of these is that his wife may have been of part Indigenous blood and born on the Caughnawaga Reserve on the south shore of the Saint Lawrence River across from Montreal. If such be the case, it provides additional relevance for this issue considering Pope Francis' July 24th-29th "Walking Together" visit to Canada with an emphasis on Indigenous participation throughout the visit.

Various Maltese organizations and associations are encouraged to use this e-newsletter to promote their activities. In this issue, Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci has done precisely that to give notice of the upcoming Bob Farr Tribute Picnic. Mr. Joseph A. Xerri, Secretary for the Council for Maltese Living Abroad, has also done this with the announcements appearing on pages 17 and 20.

Both the Maltese communities in the San Francisco and London areas held picnics during the month of July. See pages 1, 5-6 for the latter.

Further activities, both those forthcoming and those which have recently taken place within the Maltese communities throughout North America, are to be found on pages 8-9.

Once again, Mary Rose Aquilina of the GTA has provided us with another mouth-watering Maltese recipe with North American adaptations. (See pages 14-16.)

Bernadette Bennie Blanco and Rachel Cini Darin have noted Maltese crosses in two non-Maltese parishes in the United States. (See pages 6-7 for further details.)

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." Also, at this URL can be found the past issues of *The Journal of the Maltese Diaspora* and *The Voice of the Maltese*, two e-newsletters originating from Australia and containing items of interest to the Maltese Diaspora in North America.

Comments and suggestions from readers are appreciated. Those of the past month are found on page 4. If you have ideas to share or wish to be put on the free, bcc electronic mailing list, 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.

Love One Another as I Have Loved You

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" [Lk. 10:25-37] I suppose this could easily have been our own question if we were to meet Jesus personally. We all want to attain eternal life. And we would not mind knowing from the Master Himself if there were a shortcut! If we were to answer that question ourselves, we would probably have given different answers. I am sure that our answers would have included obeying the commandments, prayers, Masses, other expressions of piety, etc. The list could have been quite long. Jesus tells us that it all boils down to the one supreme law: that of unconditional love. "Love one another as I have loved you", he would tell us later on in the gospel. This is how He loved us, without any conditions while we were still his enemies as St. Paul would say.

As someone once said: Love one another. It's as easy as this, as difficult as this.

"Here Christ is Worshipped and Nurtured"

In our lives God often visits us when we least expect Him. He visited Abraham in the person of the three travellers. In spite of their human looks which had nothing extraordinary about them, Abraham managed to meet his God in them through his care and hospitality. [Gn. 18: 1-10] Martha and Mary had no problem in knowing who Jesus was. Still, Martha was too preoccupied with other things and missed out on enjoying Jesus' presence. [Lk. 10:38-42]

In our lives God can visit us in many different ways, and when we least expect Him. He can visit us in the person who needs a listening ear, the stranger who

needs some food, or the relative who longs for forgiveness. If we are too busy or distracted, we might miss out on the joy of meeting Him!

In every person we meet, let us remember the motto that rules the lives of the "St. Bernard" monks. "Here Christ is worshipped and nurtured."

Lord, Teach Us to Pray.... [Lk 11:1]

This is a good question to ask, as disciples of Jesus. Being his followers, we desire to walk in his footsteps. Our hope is that, one day, our life will be like His. And prayer is a very important element of this lifestyle. Through the **Our Father**, Jesus teaches **simplicity, honesty** and **humility**. Above all He teaches **trust**.

Simplicity, because there is no need for too many words. The essentials that come from the heart are enough.

Honesty, because He teaches us to present ourselves and our desires as we really are. With God, there is no need to pretend otherwise.

Humility because through this prayer we know that we need God even for as little as our daily bread, as much as we constantly need his forgiveness in our lives.

Finally, **trust**. Because we trust that he knows what's best for us, and that He will give this to us. With a childlike trust, we are invited to throw ourselves in God's loving arms.

What Is Really Most Important for Me in My Life?

We all know families, sometimes even too close to us, in which members do not talk to each other because of an inheritance problem.

In situations like this it is good to ask ourselves: What is truly most important for me? I have often heard people in similar situations telling me (quite forcefully, I must add) that it is not a question of money, but of justice and principle. Like Jesus [Lk. 12:13-15], I would not like to enter into the merits of such stories, or try to decide who is right or wrong. After all, my studies led me to become a priest, not a judge. But I always take the opportunity of these occasions to ask myself, as well as the other person who is with me...What is really most important for me in my life? What do I value most?...the logical conclusion would be to treasure that which really matters, that which will stay with me forever.

...the moment I discover that I am losing my peace because of money, or that earthly possessions are becoming more important than my blood-relations, I realize that there is something wrong.

DIGNITARIES AT THE CANADA DAY CELEBRATION IN GOZO

Dan Brock

Among those in attendance at the dinner held at the Country Terrace, Mgarr, Gozo, on July 1st, to celebrate Canada Day were Dr. Raymond Xerri, former Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada and Ms Ruth Micallef, Consular Assistant at Consulate General of Canada in Malta.



The Xerri Family

Photo by Emanuel Tabone



Ms Ruth Micallef and Dr. Raymond Xerri

Photo by Felicity Ann Xerri

Dr. Xerri used the occasion to thank all those of the Maltese Gozitan Diaspora for the privilege and honour of serving them for nearly three years in Canada and, before that, in Australia and in the United Kingdom.



Photo by Emanuel Tabone



COMMENTS RELATING TO THE JULY ISSUE

Well done for another rich and juicy issue, Dan.

Godfrey Baldacchino
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Well done dear Dan. Keep up the good work. Many interesting food presentations and they all look very tasty indeed....

George Stagno Navarra
Malta

Thank you very much Dan. This is a great publication that you prepare.

Mary Zarb
Toronto, Ontario

**ANNUAL PICNIC
HELD IN WELDON PARK**

Dan Brock

After an absence of three years, owing to the COVID pandemic, the Maltese Canadian community of London and area once again held its annual picnic. The venue was Weldon Park in Arva, a short distance north of London. The date was Sunday, July 10th.



**The flags formerly belonging to
The Maltese Canadian Club of London
were put to good use.**

We were honoured with presence of Ms. Denise Demicoli, Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada. This was Ms. Demicoli's first visit to London



**The Consul General with Dan Brock, Ted Gauci,
Frank Mifsud and Tony Vella**



Censa & Tony Vella with Ms. Denise Demicoli



**Dan & Loretta Brock
pose with the Consul General**

Over 30 individuals attended throughout the afternoon.



Under the pavillion

As well as good conversation, there was also an opportunity to play bingo.

Later the group enjoyed a picnic meal and shared desserts.



Tony Galea stands ready at his barbecue

Photos courtesy of Dan Brock and Tony Galea



**TWO EXAMPLES OF THE MALTESE CROSS
SEEN IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
IN THE UNITED STATES**

Dan Brock

On July 14th, Bernadette Bennie Blanco posted this photo on the Malta to Motown Facebook page.



Two Maltese crosses can be seen on the wall of the baptismal font in the chapel beneath the campanile (bell tower) to the right (north) of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on Junction Avenue, south of Vernor Highway in southwest Detroit.



During the latter half of the twentieth century, Most Holy Redeemer was the parish of many Maltese American families.



The campanile (bell tower) is seen to the right of Most Holy Redeemer Church on Junction Avenue.

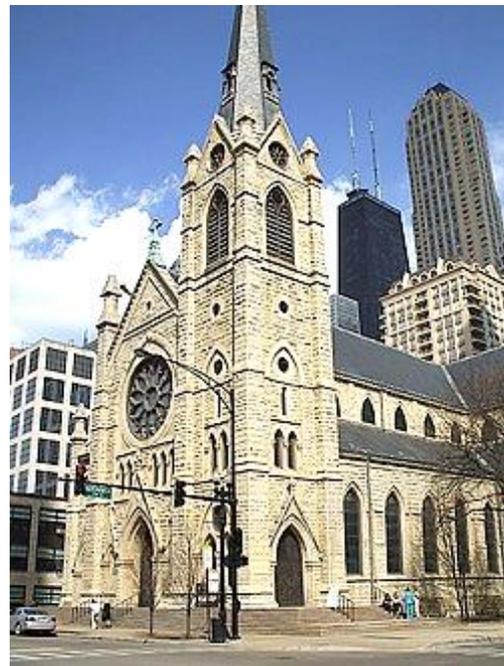
While attending Mass, on Sunday, July 17th, at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Rachael Cini Darin spotted the Maltese cross on each of the pews and posted a photo of this on the Malta to Motown Facebook page.



Photo by Rachael Cini Darin



The Nave of the Cathedral as seen during a wedding. Note the Maltese crosses on the ends of the pews.



Exterior view of Holy Name Cathedral from the northeast corner of N. State and E. Superior streets

**MALTESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLUB
OF DEARBORN
BOB FARR TRIBUTE PICNIC
AT KENSINGTON METRO PARK**

Lisa Buttigieg-LiGreci

The annual MACC Bob Farr Tribute Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 7th, from 10AM-7PM.

Bob Farr passed away in 2009. He was a prominent member of the Club. Bob was a florist and owned his own flower shop. He was very good to the Club and never faltered when it came to donating flowers for the Club's many events. He also donated the hamburgers and hotdogs for the Club's annual picnic. After Bob passed away, it was decided to make the annual picnic a tribute to Bob. To this day, his son, Rob Farr still provides the burgers and hot dogs for our picnic.

An outdoor Mass with Father Paul will be held at 11:00 AM.

The picnic will be held at the Kensington Metro Park in Milford, Michigan, at the Playfield East Shelter. All are welcome to this summer event. Bring your friends and family. Our entertainment director, Margaret Muscat-Purdy always does a great job organizing plenty of crafts and games for the kids as well as outdoor games for the adults.

Or, if you choose, explore the Park. Kensington is a wonderful place to bring the family, with lots of things to do. There is a Nature Center with exhibits that feature the wildlife found at the park with seven miles of beautiful trails to hike and plenty of biking trails as well. You can visit live animals such as turtles, snakes, fish and a red-tailed hawk. Go to the Farm Center petting zoo and meet some farm animals too. If nature and animals aren't your thing, cool off and take a swim at the beach, rent paddle boats on the lake, or get soaked at the Splash 'n' Blast water park.

You can even take a tour aboard the *Island Queen*, a 46-passenger pontoon boat.

Whatever it is that you like to do on a sunny summer day, you will have a great time at the MACC Bob Farr Tribute Picnic. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs, bring your own beverages, and we ask that you bring a dish to pass around.



**ACTIVITIES WITHIN
THE MALTESE COMMUNITIES**

Dan Brock

**METROPOLITAN DETROIT
Maltese American Benevolent Society Inc.**
The 13th annual **Festa Il-Vitorja** will be held on Sunday, September 11th.

Maltese American Community Club of Dearborn
The annual **Bob Farr Tribute Picnic** is being held on Sunday, August 7th. (See page 8.)

NEW YORK CITY

Maltese Center, NYC

The **Festa ta' Santa Marija BBQ** will be held on the evening of Saturday, August 13th.



ONTARIO

**Greater Toronto Area
Leĥen Malti**

LEHEN MALTI
(Maltese Voice)

OMNI 1 Southern Ontario
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
Mondays 3:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 11.30 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:00 p.m.
Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

OMNI British Columbia/Pacific
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

OMNI Alberta/Prairies
Saturdays 2:00 p.m.

Malta Band Club

The **Friday Nite Dinner** on July 29th was *majjal u patata l-forn* (pork and potatoes).

The **Semi Annual General Membership Meeting** took place on Sunday, July 31st.

Festa San Gaetano 2022 was held at the Club on Saturday, August 6th.

The **bus trip to Casino Niagara** will take place on Saturday, August 20th.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Joe Xerri, on behalf of **Leĥen Malti**, presented Fr. Mario Micallef with a **cheque** for \$900 to go towards the support of the Parish. This money was collected from the listeners through the Mother's Day and Father's Day campaigns.

London

Maltese Canadian Community

The **Annual Picnic** was held at **Weldon Park** in Arva on Sunday, July 10th. (See page 1, 5-6.)

A **luncheon** is planned for Thursday, August 18th, at the **Eleven Sixty Bar & Grill**, on Wellington Road South.

Windsor

A **free members appreciation BBQ** for all paid up members and their families was held on the evening of Saturday, July 23rd. Hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries and pasta salad were provided. The bar was open for cold refreshments.

SAN FRANCISCO

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

A **Member Appreciation Picnic** took place on Sunday, July 24th at San Mateo's Central Park.

Members were invited to attend the **open house** at **A. Silvestri Co.'s statuary business** on Saturday, July 30th which highlighted some of the items from **Mediterranean Ceramics of Malta**. Daniel Grima, one of the owners of Mediterranean Ceramics, was present.

A **General Membership Meeting** was held on Sunday, July 31st.

The **Santa Maria Dinner** will take place on Saturday, August 13th. It will also include the traditional procession

A **Casino Bus Trip** to Red Hawk Casino in Placerville will occur on Saturday, August 20th.

A **Malta Day Gala** will be held on Saturday, September 24th.

**MESSAGE FROM LOUIS VELLA,
THE HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL
OF MALTA IN SAN FRANCISCO**

Editor's Note: *This message appears on the Facebook page of the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, under "New & Resources" and then "Club News."*

Greetings and best wishes. By the time you read this article, 4th of July 2022 will be in the history books. I hope many were able to celebrate and enjoy this very important date in the history of this great nation. It was on July 4th, 1776, when the continental United States of America were declared independent and therefore no longer a British colony and no longer under the rule of King George III of England. It is a very interesting historical fact that anyone who emigrated from Malta to the United States, whether they settled in New York or Michigan or California, if they left Malta before September 21st, 1964, they did so as British subjects carrying British passports. That means that the United States of America who fought a very long and costly revolutionary war to separate itself from Britain was in essence welcoming British subjects with open arms and providing them with a brighter future. That is part of the greatness of this country, home to so many Maltese families.

It took a little over 188 years after the United States won their independence from Britain, for Malta to gain its independence from England. In 1776 Malta was still under the rule of the Knights of Malta with Emmanuel de Rohan de Bolduc as the Grand Master. Grand Master De Rohan gave the town of Ғaḏ-Ғebbuḡ Malta its identity and to this day, Ғaḏ-Ғebbuḡ, Malta is still known as "Città De Rohan"

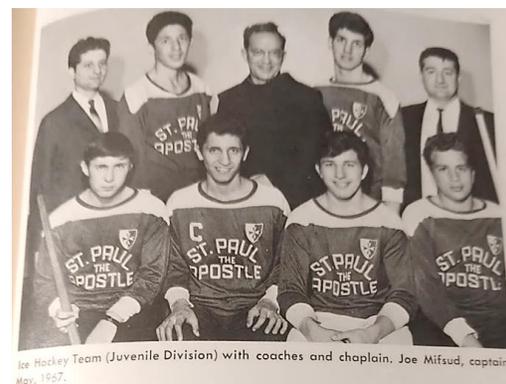
Visiting Malta: I receive many inquiries about the current situation in Malta especially from people who are planning a vacation, but also from others who are contemplating moving to Malta or maybe retire there. As I have indicated in my most recent report, the Covid restrictions in Malta have been lifted, similar to what was done in many other countries in Europe and the same as the US. However, the number of covid cases are sadly going up at an alarming rate

once again. As soon as people began to socialize and mingle more when the warm weather started, the covid infection cases immediately saw a spike. Hospital beds are also filling up. Some Maltese Americans particularly those who are at an advance age or those who have medical conditions, have cancelled trips outside of the US. This by no means is any indication that tourists are not flocking into Malta. This Summer Malta is seeing a return of large numbers of tourists and Maltese living abroad who are returning to Malta after staying away for a couple of years. It is always smart, safe and prudent to take whatever precautions you feel is necessary to minimize contact and prevent unnecessary risks for exposure. Many have had their vacation ruined due to exposure to the virus. Keep in mind that it is OK not to shake hands and not to hug even if you have not seen someone for a long time and of course the first reaction would be to a warm greeting. It is not disrespectful to restrain ourselves as long as we respect our own health and the well-being of others. *Always remember that, it is not what we take but what we give that makes us rich.*

AN UPDATE

Dan Brock

Thanks to Joanne Prince we can put a name to one of the young hockey players in the photo seen on page 10 of the July 2022 issue. The player in the centre row to the right of Joe Mifsud is his brother Charlie. The Mifsuds lived on Vernon Street in Toronto.



Ice Hockey Team (Juvenile Division) with coaches and chaplain, Joe Mifsud, captain, May, 1967.

**THE ZAMMITT/ZAMMITTI SURNAME:
AN EXAMPLE OF THE MALTESE
PRESENCE IN NORTH AMERICA VIA ITALY**

Dan Brock and Mark Caruana

Recently, on Ancestry, we encountered an abstract for Social Security information on a Joseph Charles Zammitt who died on June 3, 1990, in Riverside, California. While we assumed he was Maltese, we were puzzled by the double "t".

Zammitt's "Declaration of Intention", dated

December 29, 1945, spells his surname as Zammit but states that he was born in Pachino, Italy on October 6, 1904. Okay, so his parents, or at least his father, may have been of Maltese birth. The document further notes that he and his wife Mary, who was born in Montreal, Quebec, were married in Toronto on November 14, 1929, had two children: Norman Charles and Kenneth Joseph, born in 1931 and 1936 respectively and had entered the United States by way of the Peace Bridge at Buffalo, New York, on June 22, 1945.

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ORIGINAL
(To be retained by Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

No. 125209
(125210)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In the DISTRICT of THE UNITED STATES at LOS ANGELES

(1) My full, true, and correct name is JOSEPH CHARLES ZAMMITT

(2) My present place of residence is 5309 Ithaca St., Los Angeles, California

(3) My occupation is Tool Worker (4) I am 41 years old. (5) I was born on 10/6/04 in Pachino, Italy

color White complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue, color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 135 pounds, visible distinctive marks none, race White, present nationality British

(6) My personal description is as follows: Sex Male

(7) I am not married; the name of my wife or husband is Mary. We were married on 11/14/29 at Toronto, Canada; he or she was born at Montreal, Canada on 5/4/19 and entered the United States at Buffalo, N.Y. on 6/22/45 for permanent residence in the United States, and now resides at with me

(8) I have two children; and the name, sex, date and place of birth, and present place of residence of each of said children who is living, are as follows:
Norman Charles-M-2/3/31-Canada-with me
Kenneth Joseph-M-11/28/36-Canada-with me

(9) My last place of foreign residence was Port Erie, Canada (10) I emigrated to the United States from Port Erie, Canada under the name of Joseph Charles Zammit at Buffalo, N.Y. on the Peace Bridge on the 6/22/45 under the name of Joseph Charles Zammit

(11) My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was on the 6/22/45 on the Peace Bridge

(12) Since my lawful entry for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

(13) I have not heretofore made declaration of intention: No. _____ on _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) at _____ (City or town)

(14) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to reside permanently therein. (15) I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at the time of admission to citizenship I may be a subject or citizen. (16) I am not an anarchist; nor a believer in the maltreatment, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage; nor a disseminator in or against or organized government; nor a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. (17) I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me and was signed by me. I do swear (affirm) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

SEAL OF THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me in the form of oath shown above in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Los Angeles, California this 31st day of December, anno Domini 1945 I hereby certify that Certification No. 23-34795 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the declarant above named on the date stated in the declaration of intention, has been received by me, and that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

Edmund L. Smith, Clerk U. S. District Court, Southern District of California

By Edmond F. Drew Deputy Clerk

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Edition of 11-1-41)

Zammit's permanent border crossing card, dated June 22, 1945, indicated that his wife, and presumably his children, were already living in Buffalo, that he had been living in Toronto and more recently in Fort Erie, Ontario, that he had arrived at New York in 1907 and that this mother, Jennie, was living in Scarboro Junction, now within the Greater Toronto Area. We also learn that his intent was to go to Los Angeles, California.

Later the Zammitts moved to Riverside, some 55 miles east of Los Angeles.

The marriage certificate for Joseph Zammitt and his wife, Mary, provides us with a great deal of additional information. It turns out that Zammitt's father is listed as Carmelo Zammitt and his mother's maiden name was Vincenza Rocca Salva. Mary's maiden name is given as Leon and her parents are listed as Victor Leon and Elizabeth Broadman.

Now the Social Security data for Joseph Charles Zammitt lists his mother's surname as Fasolino. In fact, Vincenza's or Jennie's husband died sometime between 1915 and 1920 and on December 29, 1920, in Toronto, she married Giovanni "John" Fasolino, a widower with two sons and two daughters. In addition to Joseph, Jennie had two daughters, Angela and Francesca, the latter having been born in Canada.

As for Joseph Zammitt's wife, listed as Mary Leon on their marriage certificate—see next page—while the California Death Index states that she died in Riverside on November 1, 1994, it gives her father's surname as Delisle. Indeed, Mary Jeanne Zammitt is denoted at Mary Jeanne Delisle in square brackets on Ancestry's copy of this.

She is listed as having been born in New York [State?] on May 4, 1910, whereas her husband's Declaration of Indention states that she was born in Montreal, Quebec Interestingly, an unsupported source for the year 1942, gives her name as Mary Delisle Zammitt and that she was born in Caughnawaga, an Indigenous reserve on the south shore of the Saint Lawrence River across from Montreal. Moreover, it further states that Mary was a "member of an Indian tribe and has married a white person, accompanied with two children".

If so, she would have been part First Nations on her father's, the Delisle side, as her mother, Sarah Elizabeth Boardman, a daughter of Samuel Francis Boardman and Mary Cartaire, was a native of Salford, Lancashire, England. Mary Delisle's father, if married to Elizabeth Boardman, must have died shortly after Mary's birth as, on July 13, 1929, in St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Montreal, Elizabeth married Victor Leon who would have become Mary's step-father.

Now, turning our attention to Joseph Zammitt's parents. We find his father's actual surname was Zammitti, that he had arrived in New York Harbor, on April 17, 1908, on board the *Moltke* and that he was en route to Toronto.

PERMANENT MANIFEST
 Part of Buffalo, New York
 Date June 22, 1945
 Family name ZAMMIT
 Name JOSEPH CHARLES
 Admitted by No One

Place and date of birth 1004 Toronto, Ont.
 Date of birth 1907
 Sex M
 Height 5 ft 8 in
 Weight 140 lbs
 Complexion Dark
 Hair Bro.
 Eyes Blue
 Distinguishing marks

Parents and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence applicant came
 Mother- Jennie, Scarboro Junction, Ontario, Canada
 Father- Carmelo, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Wife- Mary, 41 Mariner St., Buffalo, New York
 Mother-in-law- Leon, Buffalo, New York

Remarks and endorsements
 Canadian Passport # 294613 valid to 5-9-47
 Intends to become U.S.C.
 JUN 23 1945
 This forwarded to C.O.

Signature: *Nellie H. Stearns*

The Zammitt family was still living in Los Angeles at the time of the 1950 Federal census, but soon after moved a few miles northeast to Temple City.

No. 6926536
 Name ZAMMITT, Joseph Charles
 residing at 5513 Welland Ave., Temple City, Cal.
 Date of birth 10/6/1907 Date of order of admission JAN 26 1951
 Date certificate issued JAN 26 1951 by the
 U.S. District Court at Los Angeles, California
 Petition No. 145548
 Alien Registration No. AR# 7512548
 Signature: *Joseph Charles Zammit*
 (Complete and true signature of alien)

Instructions to Persons Solemnizing Marriage: Special Attention is directed to the excerpts from The Marriage Act set forth as the Right of Affidavit herein.

EXCEPT as in The Marriage Act provided, any person who solemnizes a marriage earlier than the third day after the day of the date of this License shall be guilty of an offence and shall incur a penalty of not more than \$100.

After solemnizing the marriage, All in all the blank spaces below and forward this License forthwith to the Registrar General, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

1083404

I Certify that I solemnized the marriage of:-

Between Joseph Zammit and Mary Leon

Wives Carmelo Gales and Angelina Zammit

Address 16 Midland and 322 Parliament St.

in the City of Toronto in the County of York PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

on the 14th day of Nov 1929

Name of Celebrant Carmelo Zammit
 Maiden Name of Celebrant Vincenza Rocc Salvo
 Name of Minister Chilo Leon
 Maiden Name of Minister Elizabeth Boardman

Registration No. 2523
 Signature and Expedition Certificate Number of person solemnizing Marriage Stephen Arcad
 Address 184 St. Patrick Street
 Denomination R.C.

For statistical purposes, furnish the following information:-

Place of Birth of Celebrant Italy
 Place of Birth of Minister Spain
 Can Celebrant read? Yes Can Celebrant write? Yes
 Can Minister read? Yes Can Minister write? Yes

Affidants required by Section 23 of The Marriage Act before License is granted

Mary Leon
Joseph Zammit of the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario

That, for the space of fifteen days immediately preceding the date of this affidavit, I have not and do not intend to contract matrimony with any other person.

That, I believe there is no affinity, consanguinity, prior marriage or other legal impediment to bar or hinder the solemnization of the marriage, and

That, the contents set forth herein are to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, true in every particular.

NAME of each party	<u>Joseph Zammit</u>	<u>Mary Leon</u>
OCCUPATION	<u>Cleric</u>	<u>Operator</u>
AGE AND CONDITION IN LIFE	<u>24</u> <u>Single</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Single</u>
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION	<u>R.C.</u>	<u>R.C.</u>
RESIDENCE	<u>121 Coleridge ave.</u>	<u>121 Coleridge ave.</u>
PLACE OF BIRTH	<u>Quebec</u>	<u>Quebec</u>
INTENDED MARRIAGE	<u>Solemnized</u>	

Signature of Celebrant Joseph Zammit
 Signature of Minister Mary Leon

Issue of Marriage License at Toronto

REGISTRAR GENERAL
 NOV 18 1929
 ONTARIO

Excerpts From The Marriage Act

2. (1) The Provincial Secretary shall from time to time, on application made to him according to forms prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, or in the like effect, which application may be made by the applicant or, on his behalf, by the ecclesiastical authority or authorities of the church, religious denomination or congregation to which he belongs, register such person as authorized to solemnize marriage and may issue one or more certificates of such registration to any person so registered.

21. Any person not registered with and certified by the Provincial Secretary, as herein before provided, or any person so registered and certified, but disqualified by change of residence or in any other manner, who solemnizes or undertakes to solemnize any marriage, shall incur a penalty of \$50, and shall also be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months.

No record of the initial arrival of Carmelo Zammit's wife and two children has been found. On her return trip to Toronto from Pachino, by way of Naples and New York with their now three children, however, Vincenza Zammit declared that she had lived in Canada from 1911 until 1914. Her maiden name on the passenger list for the *Italia* in February 1915, is given as Roccasalva.

In fact, at the time of her marriage to Giovanni Fasolino, she gave the names of her parents as Carmelo Roccasalva and Corradina Metoro [Medolo] on her marriage certificate, dated Toronto, December 29, 1920.

It's interesting to note that, over the years, Zammit families, other than that of Carmelo Zammit, immigrated to Canada and the United States, particularly to Ontario and Massachusetts. While some gave Syracuse as their place of birth, others, such as Giuseppe Zammit, who came to the United States with his parents, Santo Zammit and Mary Gennuso in 1909, stated he was born in Pachino.

By now you must be wondering what's the connection with the Zammitis of Sicily, particularly of Pachino, and Malta.

Pachino is a small town of some 22,000 inhabitants, located in the extreme southeast of Sicily, in the province of Syracuse.



In 2014, a book entitled *Malta-Pachino – una storia in commune* [Malta-Pachino – a common story] was published. Its authors were *Arnold Cassola and Silvio Aliffi*. Zammitti surname in Sicily are also direct descendants of the Zammits of Malta, more particularly those of Gozo.

Arnold Cassola has stated in an interview that *Pachino was founded and built on a former swamp and marshland in 1760. Although legally and technically it was only Illirian, Albanian and Greek Catholics who were supposed to populate the new land, after a few months the presence of Maltese and Gozitans is already recorded there. Indeed, the Prince of Giardinelli had sent over to Malta some men, including a certain [Antonio] Sinatra and a certain Andrea Grech, in order to encourage the Maltese to settle there. The promise of free land and the possibility of work in the new land proved to be quite attractive in a period where the economy was not always flourishing in Malta.*

By 1763, 36 out of 45 families living in Pachino were Maltese. Moreover, the first two mayors elected by the Pachino council were Maltese.

The writers state that the first Maltese families who arrived in Pachino, as found in the Sicilian parish registers were Zuppari, Zarbo, Momo, Vella and Grech. The second migratory wave in 1770, added the surnames of Cugno, Caruana, Camilleri, Bonelli, Scalia, Micallef, Borg, Lucchesi, Vizina, Bugeja, Farruggia, Dipietro, Debono, Misseri, Boager, Scerri, Statede, Liugalia, Zahara, Battaglia, Cammisuli and Sultana. (The spelling of some of these surnames, e.g. Micallef, Cammisuli and Zahara, changed in Malta over the centuries.)

Cassola and Aliffi, state that: *Some evidence seems to suggest that probably most of the Maltese who settled in the Sicilian village [of Pachino] came from the island of Gozo. These include the similarity between the surnames of families living in Pachino immediately after its foundation, and those that appear in Gozitan parish registers from 1554 to 1628, namely Abela, Agius, Attard, Axisa, Azzopardi, Bartolo, Bezzina, Bianca, Bonello, Bonnici, Borg, Bugeja, Buhagiar, Buttigieg, Cachia, Calleja, Camenzuli, Camilleri, Carbone, Caruana, Cassar, Cherchem, Chetcuti, Ciantar, Cuschieri, Debono, Falzon, Farrugia, Felice, Fenech, Gatt, Grech, Grima, Hili, Mallia, Mamo, Mangion, Mejlaq, Micallef, Mizzi, Psaila, Rizzo, Said, Saliba, Scerri, Schembri, Schiriha, Sciberras, Spiteri, Sultana, Vella, Xuereb, Zahara, Zammit and Zarb.*

So, there we have it. It's very probable those in North America who trace their ancestry to the



FROĠA TAT-TARJA (CAPELLINI PASTA OMELET)

Mary Rose Aquilina

By far this is my go-to recipe when I need to make something quickly, tasty and satisfying. As a child it was our staple late dinner after our Saturday outing to meet friends at the Upper Barrakka in Valletta. It's a very basic recipe that can be changed into a myriad of flavours just by changing up the additional ingredients to thin pasta and eggs. Often, I make it just that, pasta, eggs and parmesan cheese, so you really don't need any more than that (maybe a good knob of butter for a rich flavour, salt and pepper). Be sure to let it crisp up in the final stages because nothing matches the flavour of crunchy pasta.... you'll see!

The add-ins for flavour are limitless. I'll include some ideas in the recipe, but truly it's up to you. Be sure to lightly sauté beforehand any vegetables that are very crunchy like green pepper and fresh carrots, as well as any protein like raw chicken breast pieces, shrimps, cooked crabmeat...endless. The same for any spices and herbs you may want to add to the eggs. Use your favourite flavours. I like to taste predominantly the eggs and cheese but as long as you are gentle with your flavourings, the taste of the eggs should be able to come through.

Enjoy complimented with condiments like HP Sauce, even Ketchup and maybe a fresh salad made with fresh greens like arugula, baby spinach, fresh fennel, radishes or a rainbow of baby tomatoes. all dressed with a light vinaigrette. Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS

- 300g capellini pasta (very thin spaghetti)
- ¾ cup parmesan cheese
- ½ cup herbed cream cheese (optional)
- 4 eggs
- 2 Tbs. butter
- Parsley (fresh or dried)

Additional Optional ingredients - your preference

- Cubed smoked ham, finely chopped green onions or chives, cooked chopped bacon, peas, grated cheddar cheese or cooked shrimp. The list is endless!

METHOD

- Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add salt to season water for the pasta.
- Add capellini and immerse completely in the water to cook evenly.
- Cook for about 8-10 minutes until done. Do not overcook or your omelet will be mushy.
- While the pasta is cooking, beat the eggs and cheese(s) of choice, the butter and any other ingredients of choice including the parsley. The omelette will be perfectly tasty if you simply add eggs, butter and parmesan cheese.



- Drain the pasta when done and return to the pot. Add the egg mixture along with any other ham, bacon or other

cheeses. (These can add a salty taste so watch the amount of additional salt you add). Be sure to toss the mixture well to distribute all ingredients evenly.



- In a 10" frying pan, heat about 2 Tbs. of butter and some canola/vegetable oil. (The oil keeps the butter from burning as its warming.) When the butter starts sizzling, add the pasta mixture and allow to cook for a good 5 minutes and check to see if the underside is golden.



- If it is golden, place a plate, the same size or slightly larger than the frying pan, over the omelette. Flip the plate/frying pan over so the omelette lands on the plate.



- Slide the pasta omelette back into the frying pan with the cooked side on top. Continue cooking until the underside is golden like the top.



- Slide out of the frying pan onto a serving platter.



- Serve in pie-shaped pieces accompanied with Ketchup or HP Sauce.



**POLICE CHECKS
PRIOR TO EMIGRATION**

Dan Brock

Virtually all of those applying for a passport to immigrate to Canada in 1948 were required to undergo a police check and be issued a "Certificate of Conduct," indicating that they had "never been convicted of an offence." Below is that given to Frank Gatt who came to Canada on the *Vulcania* in June 1948 and settled in London, Ontario.

Form C. No. 32801

MALTA POLICE

CERTIFICATE OF CONDUCT

This is to certify that, from the Registers of the Police Criminal Record Office, it appears that *Mr. Francis Gatt* son of *George Gatt* aged *21* years, born in *Sliema* and residing at *Nº 8 Viani Street Sliema* has never been convicted of an offence.

POLICE OFFICE,
VALLETTA - 3rd May 1948

Fee paid 1/-
(Date and initials)
3-5-48

[Signature]
Commander of Police

N.B.—Prosecutions before any Court beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, are not registered in the Criminal Record Office.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

The following notice was received from Mr. Joseph A. Xerri, Secretary, Council for Maltese Living Abroad.

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade is launching the voluntary “Person of Value” Form (Form V) which will serve as a living database to help incentivise interaction between Maltese abroad and local Government entities. Besides being exemplary migrants, many Maltese living abroad have made a name for themselves in different spheres and managed to also distinguish themselves and be catalysts of change to the benefit and well-being of others. Cultivating the concept of Global Malta is also thinking in terms of added value performance in a plethora of sectors such as entrepreneurship, business and trade, art and sports, sectoral outreach, professional backgrounds, diplomatic experience, and high skills amongst other. Form V is intended for Maltese citizens and Maltese descendants living abroad to enhance engagement with local life not just through social media platforms and the organisation of events, but also through their direct involvement in the shaping of the future of Malta. *Interaction with specific Government entities will come against no obligation whatsoever and the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade will only act as the holder of the voluntary registry, the details of which could be shared with specific Ministries with the explicit consent of the registered persons.*

In view of the above, you are invited to promote this new form by circulating through your respective social media platforms and other means to reach the widest possible Maltese communities. Grateful if on your Facebook page you share the post published on the Affarijiet Barranin Facebook page which includes the promotional video and write the following wording please:

Int Malti jew Maltija li tgħix barra u tixtieq tikkontribwixxi lejn pajjiżek? Idho! hawn sabiex tirreġistra - <https://foreign.gov.mt/formv>

Are you a Maltese living abroad and would like to contribute to your country? Click on this link to register - <https://foreign.gov.mt/formv>

Link to promotional video of the V Form: <https://we.tl/t-fJTN0WdpYf>

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Festa San Gejtanu Association

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L4Z 1R9
647-232-8845

Festa San Gorg Association of Toronto

c/o 36 Sequoia Road, Vaughan, ON L4H 1W6
905-216-8432/416-277-2291

Gozo Club Toronto

c/o 1205 Royal York Road, Toronto, ON M9A 4B5
416-231-9710
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Inanna on Stage

www.joannedancer.com
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2520 Seminole St., Windsor, ON N8Y1X4
519-974-6719
maltaunitedsociety.windsor@gmail.com
Opening hours: Saturday 6:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Malta Village Association (Est. 1995)

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Tel: 416-769-2174
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maltabakeshopltd@gmail.com
att: Antonia Buttigieg

Maltese American Benevolent Society

1832 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48216
313-961-8393
<http://detroitmaltese.com>
Opening hours:
Thursday & Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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 & Friday
10:00 am. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinners served: Friday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 10:00
p.m.
Before and after 7:00 p.m. first
Friday Mass

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco

924 El Camino Real, South San Francisco, CA
94080
650-871-4611
contact-us@Maltese-AmericanSCSF.org
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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Maltese-Canadian Museum Archives and Visitors Centre

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Maltese Center, NYC

27-20 Hoyt Ave. S. Astoria, NY 11102
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Maltese Cross Foundation of California

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