The object of this paper is to present a preliminary report on the clergy of the Maltese islands which should serve both as a handy reference manual to the archival material on the subject as well as to highlight the salient characteristics of this important constituent element of Maltese society. The term 'clergy of Malta' is meant to embrace all ecclesiastics – regular and diocesan, clerics, priests, cathedral dignitaries and prelates below episcopal rank – who are documented either as being of Maltese origin or, if foreign, to have been associated somehow with Malta and its diocese. The cut-off date 1460 is taken to include all those members of the clergy whose earliest mention in the documentation occurs on or before that date; a sequel publication is intended to extend the data down to 1530.

Although the establishment of a Latin and Christian administration on the islands by Roger II following events of 1127 must have necessitated the presence of some members of the clergy probably in Mdina and in the Castrum Maris more than a century has to elapse before this presence becomes detectable in the surviving documentation. One is not dealing here with the Bishops of Malta whose list is known practically in its entirety, from King Roger’s days to the present. These were invariably resident abroad in Sicily, where half of the episcopal mensa was situated (in recognition of the bishop’s initial need to be there), and then only very occasionally visited their diocese. They were also invariably foreigners before 1600 with just one exception. This was a natural development of the origins of the diocese which was, initially, one in partibus infidelibus with the Christians forming only a very small minority of the population. The problematic situation that developed lay in the fact that the situation changed over the years, with the Christians becoming by far the vast majority, but with the difficulty never getting properly addressed and corrected, a situation that persisted till 1530.

The pattern set by the bishops was generally followed also by the diocesan clergy who are first encountered in person towards the end of Frederick II’s reign. A Joannes Zafarana canonicus Mallensis is the ideal prototype. He is deriving incomes from a Maltese canony which he is enjoying in Agrigento in 1244. Soon after this appears evidence for the first churches; one on Comino, two others in the Castrum Maris. The detailed records from the Angevin period leave a trace of members of a functioning Cathedral Chapter – the Archdeacon, Precentor and Vicar. The physical reality of the Cathedral itself is only encountered in a document of February 1299. It appears that in 1272 two rival factions in the Cathedral Chapter nominated two candidates for the bishopric, anunnamed hospitalarius and a Franciscan called Jacobus de Malta – a religious of Maltese provenance – who was, eventually, confirmed by the Holy See by 1274. With the change of the civil
administration, Jacobus was no longer welcome and was expelled by the Aragonese. After 1283 his presence is attested to in the Roman Curia and, till his death sometime before 8 May 1299, he had been appointed administrator of the See of Larino in Italy which had become vacant by the death of Saba Malaspina.

Like Zafarana, most of the earliest-mentioned members of the Maltese clergy were foreigners and living in Sicily. Thus, the title collector in Sicily between 1275 and 1280 was a certain Juncta civitatis Messanae canonici Maltesi. On 9 December 1315, Conradus of Agrigento, natural son of Jacobus de Sacco was granted a canonry and prebend of the Maltese Church. On 18 March 1329, Philippus de Agrigento, already enjoying an archepiscopal benefice at Salerno and a prebend at Malta was granted a prebend at Reggio. In 1347-48 the assistant to the Archbishop of Palermo in the collection of tithes for the Holy See was, this time, Guatertius de Agusta of Catania a canon of the Maltese Chapter. In 1357, then, Joanna de Reggio, who was archdeacon, was living in Lentini whereas Don Rayneri Filippone a canon at Malta was also both a canon at Mazara and Treasurer at Palermo. This goes on also later, especially at Catania and Lentini: in 1370 we find Don Placitius at Catania, between 1388 and 1390 archdeacon Francesco Mustaccioso and Precentor Paolo Nani and in November 1390 Bartholomeo di Pascale, all are at Catania. In 1398 Antonius Budara is from Catania and a year later Canon Tucius de Beninato is at Syracuse. Little wonder that in April 1393, when the King wanted to instruct the canons of the Maltese Chapter to support and nominate his favourite for the See of Malta, one letter was addressed to the canons living in Syracuse and in Lentini and one to those living in Malta requesting them to ratify the decision taken by those canons of Malta living in Catania to nominate the King’s favourite. The first Maltese priest who is so documented appears to be Fredericus de Frederico of Mdina who becomes evident in 1363.

This naturally brought about a very unfair situation whereby many foreigners came to be collated to benefices of the Maltese Church and substantial revenues were frittered away to be enjoyed abroad at the expense of the resident clergy. Attempts to remedy this situation had been made at least since 1398 when, during the diocesan synod held (where else? but), at Catania the principle was formulated that Ne quis beneficio Melitae habere vel obtinere positio nisi sit Melitius. But that was easier said than done. It did not come about before the Leonine indult of 1521. One thing that is patently clear is that the faithful supported their clergy fully with the establishment of benefices to ensure their well-being. The Rollo de Mello of 1436 lists no less than 133 of them further to the twelve capelle. One notes that the various names of the people making endowments and one would not be very off the mark to identify, for example, Judich Lanza with Lanza Gatto (fl. 1365-1398), Notari Paulu with Notari Paulu Mangiavacca (fl. 1370-1410), Isolda with Isolda Carubeni (d. c.1365), Donna Xibilia with the teenage flame of Frederick III (d. c.1340) and so many others whose names crop up in XIV-century documentation, such as: Antonio Santa Sophia, Donna Margarita d’Aragona wife of Giacomo Peregrino, Notari Juliano Christopharu, Ximuni Xiricha, Bartholomuc Piche, Gulino Guaratto, Guglielmo Murina, Ingo Vaccaro, and Thomas Pellegrino, among others.

Absence of the clergy was only one of the maladies under which the Church in Malta was labouring. Other problems compounding this issues included the appointment of minors to key Church positions, the gross materialism of the clergy evident in their preoccupation with benefices and wealth and propriety and the laxity of their morals. Most of the references given in the Appendix, especially those to the court cases in the Curia Episcopalis, reveal the details of how badly in need of reform was the Church in the later Middle Ages. On the question of priestly celibacy, although it is readily admitted that one cannot judge the medieval situation by present-day standards, it remains none the less true that even then the laity preferred their clergy to have led a more chaste way of life as can be deduced from several testamentary bequests to priests which carried the proviso that these should be non-concubinate. On instances of pique, intrigue and jockeying for advantageous positions within the Church, especially where benefices were concerned, it suffices to consider the typical situation of the tussle for the Naxxar Cappellania in 1467 with contenders from the Fulzon clan, the Bordino clan and their respective supporters pushing and pulling in opposite directions.

It only is from the turn of the XV century that Vatican sources begin to yield substantial material of direct relevance to the See of Malta other than that relating to its bishops. Such material concerns the collation of benefices, religious orders, individual churches and chapels and parishes. On such important issues one can only glean the barest of vestiges from the earlier material. From this time there is the very interesting document, already published by Luttrell, whereby Pope Boniface IX of Roman obedience, in 1402, instructed the Dean of Negropont and Petrus de Vetulo, a Canon of Malta, to install the priest Bernardus de Janer as Dean of the Maltese Chapter. He was to succeed the former incumbent Simon de Sciacca not only because Sciacca had died but also because he had held illegally the deanship conjointly with the rectorship of the Cappella Sancte Helene alias Sancte Marie of Birkinara which, naturally, carried with it cura animarum, contrary to Pope John XXII’s bull Excrabitis. This proves that, by the fourteenth century, the island was already organized into distinct parishes, twelve of which are mentioned in the later Rollo of 1436. No document has turned up, to date, to establish how and when this important event came about. One can argue that this organization antedated a similar partitioning for civil and defence purposes given that the ecclesiastical terminology of cappella and parrochia was adopted, at times, to describe the latter; thus, for example, in 1419 the villages of Dingli and Tignarri are referred to as Cappella Sancta Dominica, and the north of the island in c. 1450 was identified with Capella Casalis Dragu. Also, the Universitas as an organic body made up of jurats, cathapari and other officials is not encountered before the 1360s. One can hazard the guess that the parishes came about under Bishop Hilarius (1356-1370) given his documented presence on the island and the zeal he has shown for his flock.
Regular Clergy

The material being presented here includes various references to individual friars described as 'de Malta': the Benedictine Henricus de Malta associated with the Monastery of Cluny in 1274, the Franciscan Bishop Jacobus de Malta (1272-1299) and in 1372 the Augustinian Franciscus de Malta. The term, however, is ambivalent and could equally describe origin by birth as friary of affiliation, so that it cannot be quoted, as has been done, to prove establishment of the respective Order in the Maltese islands. One can at best conclude that there was recruitment activity by the various orders at the time. Further to what has been said before, one new document has turned up which helps to clarify the position of the Franciscan Tertiaries. It is dated 18 September 1449 and concerns the appointment of the priest Guillelmos de Luquesio (alias Baldri) who had purposely become a professed Franciscan Tertiary in order to be able to avail himself of this substantial benefice on the death of its last incumbent quodam Benedictus Gener, confirming our earlier hunch. Furthermore, it provides the all-important information that ecclesia Sancti Francisci extra muros Melitensi per frates terciij ordinis dicti sancti ex sua fundatione obtineri consuevit — that is, from its very foundation, and hence from before 1372 when it is first mentioned, the church had been granted to members of the Franciscan Tertiaries. It is very likely that originally there used to be a community of tertiaries, as we have already suggested, which, by the fifteenth century, had practically dwindled to nothing. The benefice remained available for the tertiaries and it never ceased to attract people, like Gener, Baldri and others after him to become professed members of the tertiaries to enjoy the considerable sum of 25 uncie annually from its revenues. Thus one can say that by the fifteenth century they had ceased to function as an order so that the Augustinians in 1433 could well and truly say that they were the only religious order on the island, the other attempt at bringing the Benedictines to Malta in the 1360s having failed miserably, although they continued to enjoy the revenues from the endowment offered to them for centuries after that. The details being published here substantiate considerably the Augustinian presence on the island after 1413 (possibly earlier): Fr. Mazullus (1413), Fr. Augustinus (1414), Franciscus Schembr (1416), Jacobus de Spano, Ioannes Mifsud and Matheus Zurki (1434). Similarly the Carmelites appear c.1440 (possibly as early as 1435) with the pioneering names of Guillelmos Cassar, Percuni Buhagi, Fr. Franciscus and Lucas Caps. Around a decade later the Dominican trio, Petrus Zurki, Andreas Morisea and Petrus de Piazza, appears on the Maltese scene to establish the Order at Rabat. The tantalizing question as to why it took the religious orders so long in arriving.

The systematic presentation of the material affords a chronological, albeit patchy, overview of the various key positions in the diocese. By way of summary:

*Archdeacon:* Regio (1357), Mustaccioso (1388), Luciano (1419), Desguanes (1441-93);

*Dean:* Sciacca (-1402), Yafer (1402-42), Tonna (1442-82);

*Precentor:* Alexander (1274), Axiq (1375), Nani (1388), Gatt (1419-28), Fabro (1431), Henricus de Bordino (1441-80), Rogerius de Bordino (1480-90);

*Treasurer:* Hili (1418-c.30), Guglielmo Zzjudu (c.1430-45), Nicolaus Falzon (1445-50), Mangion (1450-75).

*Cappellani:*

*Cathedral:* Cusurella (1418), Mathaeus Galea (1475-80)

*Castra:* Pisani (1361), Agusta (1361), Barbara (1375), Budura (1398), Sabona (1398), Ginestra (1399), Barnardus (-1410)

*Birgu:* Nicholas Falzon (1436-45), Arpandia (1467)

*Rabat:* De Franco (1436)

*Naxxar:* Mollica (1436-c.50), De Turris (c.1450-66), Lemus Falzon (1467-88)

*Birkirkara:* Sciacca (-1402), Mathaeus Galea (1436-80)

*Birmifhu:* Blasius (1436), Nicolaus Falzon (c.1450-72), Vella (1472-98), Cachnur (1498-)

*Zejaun:* Branchel (1436), Zullo (1474-92)

*Zurrieq:* De Astis (1436), Rinaldos Tabuni (1448-74)

*Stigjewi:* Calus (1436)

*Zebbug:* Franciscus Sillato (1436), Joanues Vella (1474)

*Qormi:* De Torre (1436), Lombardo (1456-c.70), Delia (c.1470-90)

*Mellieha:* Camilleri (1436-c.50)

* Dingli:* Guglielmo Zammit (1436)

**Abbreviations and Bibliography**

<p>| AA | Archivum Aretis |
| AAF | Archbishop’s Archives, Floriana |
| ACAC | Archivio della Curia Arcivescovile di Catania |
| ACM | Cathedral Museum, Mdina. Archivum Cathedralis Melitiae |
| AO | Acta Originalia |
| Arm. | Armadio |
| ASC | Archivio di Stato, Catania |
| ASP | Archivio di Stato, Palermo |
| ASV | Archivio Segreto Vaticano |
| Benef. | Beneficia |
| BRC | Biblioteche Riontie Civica e A. Ursino Recupero, Catania |
| CEM | Cathedral Museum, Mdina. Curia Episcopalis Melitiae |
| Coll. | Collectoria |
| De Mello | NLM Lib. MS. 721, ff. 2-4* [Rollo De Mello, 1436] |
| DSMH | Documentary Sources of Maltese History |
| ep. | epistola |</p>
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| Fiorini | S. Fiorini, <em>Santo Spirito Hospital at Rabat, Malta. The early years to 1575</em>, Interprint, Malta 1989. |</p>
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<td>1272-99</td>
<td>[...] OM, Jacobus de Malta</td>
<td>Elected Bishop of Malta by a faction in Malta Chapter, opposed by another faction supporting a certain Johannes Normandus Hospitalarius exiled by the Aragonese after Sicilian Vespers; appears at the Roman Curia appointed administrator of the See of Larino in 1297-98; died sometime before 8 May 1299</td>
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<td>[...] OSB, Henricus de Malta</td>
<td>together with other monks and abbots reports to Pope Gregory X on the excesses of Hugo Abbot of Cluny</td>
<td>ASV RV 49 ep. 200, ff. 178-9 (8.v.1299)</td>
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<td>[...], Magister Juncta</td>
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<td>1315</td>
<td>AGRIGENTO, Conrads de</td>
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<td>AGRIGENTO, Philippus de</td>
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<td>ASV RA 34, ff. 56* (18.iii.1329)</td>
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<td>FILIPPO, Raynerius de</td>
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<td>Cosentino, 338-40 Doc. 445 (iii.1357)</td>
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<td>REGIO, Johannes de</td>
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<td>Ibid., 322 Doc. 421 (i.1357)</td>
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<td>AGUSTA, Marcus de</td>
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<td>1363</td>
<td>CHIPULLATA, Petrus de</td>
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<td>FREDERICO, Fredericus de</td>
<td>of Mdina, beneficiary in will of Isolda Carabeni owner of property contiguous with the fie of Rahal Niklas</td>
<td>Ibid.</td>
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<td>1365</td>
<td>APPAY, Thomasius</td>
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<td>Ibid.</td>
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<td>VAGNA, Pinus de la</td>
<td>granted land called Habel Bellu against payment of census paid 2 unce annually on Maltese Secrezia hosts Bishop Ylarius in his house where contract is signed</td>
<td>ASC FB MS. 159, ff. 121*-3* (7.v.1365)</td>
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as Bishop Ylarius' vicar he collects
tithes on his behalf
collated to the Saqqajja benefice on Gozo

as Cathedral preceptor and Capitular Vicar he is
guaranteed by King Frederick IV all rights of
the See of Malta that once pertained to the late
Bishop Corradus
canon of Malta

the late Don Petrus had held the Saqqajja benefice
on Gozo till his death.
he appears as the late uncle of Licierius de Barbu
of Gozo

owner of land near Buqana

given royal grant of 3 uncie annually on the Secretia
appointed cappellanus of the Lady chapel at the
castrum maris
appointed one of royal chaplains with annual
income of 6 gold uncie on Maltese

land called Vuellsi formerly belonging to Giacomo
Peregrino given to him against payment of census
granted duty-free exportation of 20 salme of
wheat for himself and for his father Barthucius

PAPALLA OM, Nicolaus
de Panormo
collated to the rectorship of the Hospitale
S. Francisci, at Rabat, Malta
in Sicily, royal cappellanus, confessor to the
Queen, elemosinarius, custos rotelle Judeorum
did not succeed in becoming Bishop of Malta
entrusted by King Martin and Queen Maria with
administration of the Maltese diocese
abusively channels funds of the Maltese Church to
finance King Martin's Sicilian campaign
fails for the second time to get the See of Malta
died between May 1397 and Dec. 1398
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conditions
possibly same as Magister Franciscus Schembri
de Malta, whose portrait (1416) is preserved in
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MARINO OESA, Guillelmus
entrusted with the export of 70 salme of
70 salme of wheat for the relief of the Maltese
islands; also granted a pension of 2.5 gold
uncie of Gozitan money to pray for the
King's predecessors

MUSTACCIOOSO, Francesco
of Catania; Archdeacon of Malta

ASV RA 170, f. 99
(2. vii. 1370)
ASPRC1, 37 (12. x. 1372);
95 (11. x. 1373)
Ibid., 138-139
(10. viii. 1375)

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(xii. 1375)

ACAC, Tutti'atti, i, ff. 38-
40, 43", 79, 124", 129
(x. 1388-xi. 1390)
1388-93 NANI, Paulus of Catania; Precentor of Malta
receiver of proceeds of Maltese Bishop’s _mensa_ of Catania; canon of Malta

1390 PASCALI, Bartholomeus de

1398 BUDARA, Antonius
1398 MAURELLO, Angelus de
1398-1410 SAHONA, Rogerius

1399 GINESTRA, Bernardus
1399-1402 BENINATO, Tuccius de

1402 SCIACCA, Simon de

1402 VETULO, Petrus de

1402-31 FABRO, Michael de

1402-42 YANER, Bernardus

1409 AGNONISSA, Vincentius

1410 [...], Don Bernardus

1413 [...] OESA, Mazullus

1414 [...] OESA, Augustinus de Malta

1414-c.28 GATT, Bartholomeus

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inscription dated 15 May 1424 records De Fabro’s responsibility for work on the Cathedral ceiling as Cathedral Procurator

De Fabro’s will in the acts of Not. Lucas Sillato; precentor

Canon of the Maltese Chapter appointed Dean in spite of his illegitimate birth witness to foundation of Vagnoli _animagium_

witness

last will in acts of Not. Lucas Sillato

died by 5 Feb. 1442

witness

former _cappellanus_ of the Castrum Maris

Prior of the Augustinian Rabat priory; attacked by robbers

signatory to a resolution taken during the Catania Augustinian general chapter of 1414

beneficiary in will of Federico de Bordino

precentor; witness to foundation of Vagnoli _animagium_
1414-1500  LOMBARDO, Gilius

default of Dean's tithes
Don Julius de Lombardo, witness

Gothic inscription in St George's Parish Church, Qormi, records him as Qormi Parish Priest when church was rebuilt: 10 Sept. 1456.
Don Gilius Lombardo, witness

Don Gilius Lombardo, witness
declares in court that he is eighty-six years of age

1418  JOANNE, Leonardus de

witness at opening of Margarita d'Aragona's will

Ibid.

1418-19  AYONA, Antonius de

witness at opening of Margarita d'Aragona's will
to foundation of Vagnoli animagium

ACM RDC, i, f. 2
(30.xi.1419)

1418-20  HILI, Julianus

witness at opening of Margarita d'Aragona's will
to foundation of Vagnoli animagium
treasurer [before 1441]
witness

Cathedral treasurer died before 1450

1418-27  CUSBURELLA, Cathaldus

witness at opening of Margarita d'Aragona's will

Cem QD A. f. 2 (c.1428)
ACM RDC, i, f. 4
(9.vii.1445)
q.v.; (publ. Abela 1647, 364)

NAV MS. 588, f. 43
(5.xi.1467)
ACM RDC, i, ff. 8-9
(8.iii.1481)

CEM AO4 #59, f. 320
(18.i.1500)

NAV R16/28, f. 827
(14.vi.1418)

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ACM RDC, i, f. 2
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ACM RDC, i, f. 2
(30.xi.1419)

ACM Preb. i, f. 82
(11.ii.1420)

CEM AO4 #58, f. 317
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CEM AO4 #58, f. 317
(11.iii.1450)

Cem QD B f. 6 (c.1428)

De Mello (1436), f. 3'

CEM AO4 #58, f. 318
(13.iii.1450)

NAV R16/28, f. 827
(14.vi.1418)

ACM RDC, i, f. 2
(30.xi.1419)

De Mello (1436), f. 3
NLM Lib. MS. 360, p. 909
(28.iv.1439)

CEM AO4 #58, f. 318
1418-67  LOMBARDO, Nicholaus  

witness at opening of Margarita d'Aragona's will  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

beneficiary  

witness  

gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino  
died before 24 Oct.1467  
till his death beneficiary of animagium  

To: Wied ir-Ragha  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

(13.iii.1450)  

NAV R16/28, f. 827  

(14.vi.1418)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 4  

(9.vii.1445)  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 318  

(13.iii.1450)  

NAV MS. 588, f. 35*  

(24.x.1467)  

Ibid., f. 44 (5.xi.1467)  

1419  CAMILLERI, Joannes  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

(Ta' Wied ir-Ragha)  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2*)  

(30.xi.1419)  

Ibid.  

1419  LUCIANO, Nicolaus de  

Archdeacon; witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2*)  

(30.xi.1419)  

Ibid.  

1419-20  VETERO, Nicolaus de  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

sive de lu Vechu; witness  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2*)  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3  

1419-36  ASTIS, Antonius de  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

cappellanus of Zurrieq and beneficiary  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

1419-36  ZAMMIT, Matheus  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

1419-41  MAMUX, Andreas  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

beneficiary  

witness  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

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De Mello (1436), f. 4  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319  

(13.iii.1450)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

CEM QD A, f. 3 (c.1428)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3*  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319*  

(13.iii.1450)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

CEM QD A, f. 1 (c.1428)  

De Mello (1436), f. 5  

NLM Lib. MS. 360, p. 909  

(28.iv.1439)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 4  

(9.vii.1445)  

1419-50  CALLEJA, Nicolaus  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

beneficiary of various animagia  

witness  

gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

(30.xi.1419)  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 4  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319  

(13.iii.1450)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

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(13.iii.1450)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

CEM QD A, f. 1 (c.1428)  

De Mello (1436), f. 5  

NLM Lib. MS. 360, p. 909  

(28.iv.1439)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 4  

(9.vii.1445)  

1419-50  MOLLICA, Petrus  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

defaulter of Dean's tithes  
cappellanus of Naxxar and beneficiary  
gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

(30.xi.1419)  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3*  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319*  

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CEM QD A, f. 1 (c.1428)  

De Mello (1436), f. 5  

NLM Lib. MS. 360, p. 909  

(28.iv.1439)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 4  

(9.vii.1445)  

1419-75  TURRIS, Andreas de  

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium  

defaulter of Dean’s tithes  

Canon of Maltese Chapter; beneficiary  

witness  

(ACM RDC, i, f. 2)  

(30.xi.1419)  

NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39*  

(24.i.1441)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

De Mello (1436), f. 3*  

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319*  

(13.iii.1450)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 2*  

(30.xi.1419)  

CEM QD A, f. 1 (c.1428)  

De Mello (1436), f. 5  

NLM Lib. MS. 360, p. 909  

(28.iv.1439)  

ACM RDC, i, f. 4  

(9.vii.1445)
gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino

Litigation between De Turris and Peri Johannes de Maza concerning a contract, dated 7 April Ind. XV [=1452], re a quantity of wheat

Litigation between Clericus De Turris and Franciscus Gatt Desguanes re a quantity of wheat

vacates capella dilu Naxar before Feb. 1466

intervenes in dispute between Don Matheus Galea and Don Lemur Falzon re Naxar capella

pardons aggressors Bartholomew and Joannes de Lauerio

is collated to benefices of S. Petrus at Il-Qlejgha and Wied Rihana by Franciscus Laueri entrusted with decorating cross in St Augustine’s square

Salvus Rapa, creditor of the late Don Andreas, is compensated with land called Chufirat ir-Rich (Hofret ir-Rith)

witness to foundation of Vagnoli animagium

defaulter of Dean’s tithes

papal bull obtained by Don Joannes Vella

cappellanus [of Żebbug]

CEM AO4 #58, f. 319 (13.iii.[1450])
CSEM AO1 #2, ff. 32-9 (14.x.1460)
Ibid., AO3 #52, ff. 195-6° (5.iii. Ind. XII [=1464 or earlier])
NAV MS. 588, ff. 6° (3.ix.1467)
Ibid.
NAV MS. 588, f. 39
Ibid., f. 39° (30.x.1467)
ACM Misc. 437 n. 1, f. 3° (1475)
CEM AO4 #87, f. 435 (19.vi.Ind. XII [=1479])
ACM RDC, i, f. 2° (30.xi.1419)
CEM QD A, f. 2° (c.1428)
Acta Jur: 189 (13.iii.1462)
Ibid., 571 (4.ix.1474)

1420-61 BORDINO, Nicolaus de

collated to benefices of Hirbit il-Forn and Ta’ Farfar

his heiress is mentioned in 1480

in all except this last and the first two entries, it is difficult to distinguish between D. Joannes Vella senior and junior (q.v.) who lived between c.1430 and c. 1500

witness

beneficiary of the prebend of S. Blasius and of the Mtarfa benefice

witness

owner of land near Il-Hemsiya

witness

sells wheat

brother of Don Henricus sr. and Don Rogerius will dated 30 Sept. 1472 in acts of Not. Paulus Bonello establishes two animagia, Di S. Theodorus near Il-Wileg and Ta’ Djar Antoni near Żebbug to benefit aicuii sacerdotii fidedigno et honesto qui non habuerit ganeam one of two envoys sent to Palermo to represent

CEM AO4 #59, f. 320 (18.i.1500)
NAV MS. 588, ff. 18°-9 (22.xi.1467)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 16 (3.ii.1480)
De Mello (1436), f. 2°
MCM ACM Misc. 369, f. 289
NLM Lib. MS. 360, ff. 908-10 (28.iv.1439); ASPRC2, 440 (22.i.1440)
NLM Lib. MS. 140, f. 39° (24.i.1441)
Acta Jur: 108 (c.1461)
q.v.
XVIIIth-century copy in AAF Benef. 55, ff. 65-6
ACM Misc. 33, 6

1427 BONELLO, Gregorius
1428  SPANO OESA, Jacobus de
Maltese interests in the Monroy affair
witness
(13.v.1427)
CEM AO1 #1, ff. 27-31
(16.viii.1428)
Ibidem

1428  MIFSUD OESA, Joannes
c. 1428-36  BRANCHEL, Paulus
Don Paula tithes defaulter
beneficiary and *cappellanus* of S. Catherine (Żejtun)
(De Mello (1436))

C. 1428  SILLATO, Joannes
tithe defaulter re decanal lands
(CEM QD A f. 3 (c. 1428))
c. 1428-55  CAMILLERI, Lanza
tithe defaulter re decanal lands at Mqabba
(probably same as beneficiary and *cappellanus* of
*Mellecha* who appears in De Mello’s Rollo as
Don Lucas Camilleri
gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordin
(CEM AO4 #58, f. 319
(13.iii.[1450]))

Ibid., #14, ff. 82, 84 (vii.[1455])

Nicolaus and Francia, natural offspring of
Don Lanza
witness

ACM RDC, i ff. 8-9
(8.iii.1481)

Z1, 216, 267 (16.vii.,
31.viii.1487)

*Busuttil 1992, 30-31*

*Z2, 94 (ii.1495); Acta Jur:
939 (1498)*

Goods distrained to pay D. Joannes Vella (1492)
owns property in *Zebug*


Parish Priest at *Zebug*, provides burial


Nav R140/1, f. 56
(9.xi.1500)

Cem AO4 #59, f. 320
(18.1.1500)

1432-c.80  BORDINO sr., Henricus
appointed Cathedral Precentor c.1432

CEM AO4 #58, f. 316

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Cathedral Precentor; witness

Bartholomeus de Bordino institutes his three
nephews, Precentor Don Henricus, Don Rogerius
and Don Nicolaus de Bordino as his universal
heirs in his will of 6.xii.1454 in the acts of
Notary Angelus de Manuele
collated to the Vagnoli benefice by Bishop
Antonius de Alagona
witness

ACM Misc. 3, f. 10v
(1.iii.1456)

*Acta Jur: 129 [f. 126*]
(10.vii.1461)

Ibid., 252 (13.vii.1463)

as Episcopal Vicar he represents Bishop [Antonius
de Alagona] in the City Council

as Episcopal Vicar he backs his brother Don
Rogerius in dispute with Don Lemus de Falzono
over the Naxxar *cappella*

attends City Council sessions

*Acta Jur: 289 (c.1468);
606 (24.v.1475)*

CEM AO1 #18, f. 90
(6.x.[1473])

ACM Proc. 1, f. 4v
(vi.1476)

*Acta Jur: 772, 776*
former procurator of the Cathedral will drawn up by Not. Lucas Sillato; heirs include his niece and his nephew Clericus Enricus de Bordino

*Presti Johanni Saliba* living at Rabat instructed to say Mass for testator Orlandus Tonna (1491) chaplain of *Santo Spirito Hospital* (1494-96) witness in court declares he is sixty-eight years of age

1432-1500 SALIBA, Joannes

Frater Matheus de Malta in *Sacra Theologia Baccalarius*, first recorded Inquisitor for Malta and Gozo

Frater Matheus baccalarius sent as ambassador to Viceroy speaks in the Municipal Council on the *Capitula* of Stephanus de Pirera

Frater Matheus [OESA] in *Theologia Magister* attends Council sessions gives evidence in case Augustinus Spano vs Nicolaus Camilleri re a donkey and an overall beneficiary in will of Nucius de Episcopo

1434-55 ZURKI OESA, Matheus

beneficiary in will of Nucius de Episcopo cleric; nominated rector of the Church of

THEOBALDO, Angelus

THEOBALDO, Thomeus

MARINO, Antonius de

1435

1435

1435-41

S. *Paulus in Cemeterio* (Gozo) if and when he is ordained priest beneficiary in will of Antonius de Raspullo of Gozo witness to will of Nucius de Episcopo of Gozo appointed executor of will of Guillelmus Beniamin of Gozo and beneficiary in respect of land at *S. Dominica*

BRIFFA, Matheus

beneficiary of benefice of *S. Marcus*

beneficiary

beneficiary and *cappellanus* of Rahal Qorni

beneficiary of *S. Maria at Fitfla*

beneficiary

founder of *animagium*

founder of *animagium*

founder of *animagium*

beneficiary and *cappellanus* of *Birmiulu*

beneficiary and *cappellanus* of *Stiggiewi*

witness

1436-42 BONABELLA, Joannes de

LOTHS, Guglielmus

TORRANTE, Marcus de

ZAMMIT, Fabianus

ZUMACH, Frankinus

[...], Frater Bernardus

[...], Don Micheli

[...], Don Muni

[...], Don Blasius

CALLUS, Henricus de

1436

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1436-48

1436-49

beneficiary

beneficiary

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beneficiary

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will in acts of Not. Lucas Sillato; leaves the Cathedral a cape worth 30 florins to be completed within six years

beneficiary of the lands of *S. Franciscus*

beneficiary in will of his brother, Dean Bernardus Yaner
died; described as *terci ordinis S. Francisci* and

De Mello (1436), f. 4\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 4\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 4

Ibid., f. 3

Ibid., f. 2\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 3\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 4

ACM Proc. 1, f. 16

(3.ii.1480)

NLM Lib. MS. 695, f. 107

(26.iii.1481)

ACM Misc. 437 n.2

(c.1478) f. 8

Busuttil 1995, 376

Fiorini (cf. Index)

ZL, 34 (n.1) (25.i.1497)

CEM AO4 459, f. 321

(18.i.1500)

ASPRC2, 359 (6.viii.1434)

Acta Jur: 10 (5.iii.1450)

Ibid., 31 (21.x.1450)

Ibid., 41 (1.ii.1454); 47 (12.vii.1454)

CEM AO4 414, f. 83 (v.1455)

RFBIG f. 33\(^v\) (12.x.1435)

Ibidem

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Ibid., f. 53\(^v\) (15.xii.1441)

Ibid., f. 32\(^v\) (12.x.1435)

Ibid., f. 35 (21.xii.1442)

De Mello (1436), f. 4\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 4

Ibid., f. 4\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 3\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 3\(^v\)

Ibid., f. 4

ACM RDC, i. f. 4 (9.vii.1445)

NLM Lib. MS. 695, f. 107 (9.viii.1448)

De Mello (1436), f. 4\(^v\)

NAV R399/7, f. 326 (4.i.1442)

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Cathedral Treasurer sometime between 1441 and 1450
owns land at *Petralonga*
Parish Priest at *Birmiftuh* immediately before D. Antonius Vella [c.1472-1498]
will in acts of Not. Lucas Sillato: son of the late Petrus, founder of *juspatronatus Tu’ Sala* nr. *Zurrieq* and of Chapel of *Spiritus Sanctus* inside the Cathedral
died before November 1480
[D. Nicolaus Falzon sr., *filius Petri*, is to be distinguished from Falzon jr, later Treasurer and Archdeacon, likewise *filius Petri*, who lived c.1460-1505]

1436-77 | CAPU, Jacobus             | De Mello (1436), f. 4                                                 |
|         |                            | ACM RDC, i, f. 4                                                     |
|         |                            | (9.vii.1445)                                                        |
|         |                            | CEM AO4 #58, f. 319                                                  |
|         |                            | (13.iii.[1450])                                                     |
|         |                            | *Acta Jur.*: 252 (13.vii.1463)                                       |
|         |                            | ACM RDC, i, f. 7                                                     |
|         |                            | (27.vi.1466)                                                        |
|         |                            | ACM Proc. 1A, f. 20                                                  |
|         |                            | (1466-67); f. 21 (1467-68); f. 25                                    |
|         |                            | (29.vi.1473)                                                        |
|         |                            | *Acta Jur.*: 289 [1467]                                             |

Attends council session that discusses future of *blandumi di Misser S. Paulo*
S. Spiritus

litigation with Don Lemu Falzuni over Naxxar

(3.ix.1467)

witness
will in acts of Not. Lucas Sillato; universal heir, Cathedral
died; described as former procurator of S. Spiritus Hospital
heirress to his property

1436-c.78 ZAMMIT, Guglielmus

1436-82 GALEA, Matheus

beneficiary and *cappellanus* of S. Dominica
appears in Rabat population list c.1478
beneficiary and *cappellanus* of Birkinara
gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino
proposed as procurator of the Cathedral
purchases lantern for Corpus Christi procession
purchases parchments for book-binding and commissions book-binding for Cathedral
in case Franciscus and Jacoba Bonavia vs D. Matheus, accused of not honouring promise to provide Jacoba's dowry, D. Dancius Mangion

NAV MS. 588, ff. 6° capella

*Ibid.*, f. 36 (4.xi.1467)
NLB Lib. MS. 695, f. 145 #665 (2.iv.1474)

ACM Proc. 1, f. 10 (3.ii.1477)
De Mello (1436), f. 3°
ACM Misc. 437, n. 2, f. 8°
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CEM AO4 #58, f. 319°
(13.iii.[1450])
*Acta Jur.* 252 (13.vii.1463)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 45 (13.xii.1464)
*Ibid.*, f. 39° (1464); f. 45° (1465); ff. 46°,
48° (1466), f. 54 (1468); f. 57 (1470)
CEM AO4 #80, ff. 380-4 (29.iv.ind XIII
[=1465 or 1480])

accuses D. Matheus of amassing a fortune over thirty years of enjoyment of Church benefices
court-case between Don Matheus and Mica, a freed slave of the Caxaro family, accused of insulting him
disputes possession of Naxxar *cappella* by Don Lemu Falzon
lends money to the *Universitas*

CEM AO3 #71, ff. 301-2° (22.vii. Ind. XIII[=1465 or earlier])
NAV MS. 588, ff. 6° (3.x.1467)
*Acta Jur.* 308 (1.xi.1468); 369
(4.xii.1469); 372
(16.i.1470)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 53°
(17.xi.1468); f. 57° (25.x.1470)
*Ibid.*, 1A, f. 23°
(30.vi.1470)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 74° (1474-75)
*Acta Jur.* 606 (24.v.1475)

property of the Cathedral (*sechu dilu episcopou, stola carmexina*) described as in his possession

witnesses money donation in connexion with *Luminaria*
borrows five rotula of tallow
reference in Council to Don Matheus *cappellanus*
entrusted by Council with the purchase of a bell for the Cathedral
died by 2 May 1480

controversy between Bishop and Council over spoils of Don Matheus

CEM AO3 #71, ff. 301-2° (22.vii. Ind. XIII[=1465 or earlier])
NAV MS. 588, ff. 6° (3.x.1467)
*Acta Jur.* 308 (1.xi.1468); 369
(4.xii.1469); 372
(16.i.1470)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 53°
(17.xi.1468); f. 57° (25.x.1470)
*Ibid.*, 1A, f. 23°
(30.vi.1470)
ACM Proc. 1, f. 74° (1474-75)
*Acta Jur.* 606 (24.v.1475)

*Ibid.*, 764 (2.v.1480)
*Ibid.*, 764-766 (2-4.v.1480); 770
vi.1480); 800, 807, 809,
1436-89  XIBERRAS, Nardus

his blue gown is sold to settle debt
founder of animagium
will of Don Leonardo Xeberras, nicknamed Paruc
of the late Manfred, in acts of Not. Lucas Sillitaro;
founder of justapatronatus Ta' Berdingut in district of Mrieħel

1436-c.1490  FALZON sr., Lemus

beneficiary
witness

his possession of the Naxjar cappella (August 1467) is disputed by Don Matheus Galea,
Don Jacobus Capu et al.
Archdeacon, Dean and Treasurer back Don Lemus
against Vicar General Don Henricus de Bordini
Don Lemu described as capellanus (probably of Naxjar)

Donus Guillelmus major Fauznuni present in
Council [Clericus Guillellmus Fauznuni appears in
1486]

Don Lemus Falsone as capellanus parochie
sive capelle Casalis Naxar accepts donation of
field from Leo Ebejer to build chapel of the
Nativity of the Virgin abutting the Ecclesias Matrix.

appears as tutor of his niece and nephew, orphans
acts as mundualdus for Imperia Zighichi, a widow

1436-97  TABONE, Rinaldus

Beneficiary including Rahal Zorzico
recorded as capellanus in 1448 Gothic inscription
in old parish church of Żurrieq
Don Orlandus Tabuni purchases land from
Augustinus Hellul of Żurrieq

Donno Rinaldo cappellano [probably of Żurrieq]
gives evidence in case between Don Petrus Tabuni,
capellanus of Żurrieq, and Stephanus Zerafa
re field Ta' Nadar at Bibagha

payment per manu di Don Orlando Tabuni

litigation between Don Orlandus sive Renaldus
Tabuni and Consalvus Sayde re a bull
died sometime before May 1489 when he is
described as last incumbent of the justapatronatus
Tel-Mtithi at Hal Kirkop

1438  THEOBALDO, Joannes de

1439-45  [FAVA] Trumbetta, Julianus

Julianus Trumbetta witness

Previti Julianus Trumbetta [alias Fava] one of the
founder members of the Confraternity of the
Virgin at Birgu

1439-c.1490  BORDINO, Rogerius de

gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordini

THE CLERGY OF MALTA 1244 TO 1469
collated to half the Vagnolo benefice with rights to half the lands of Cortin Herrin on Gozo

granted plot of land in Mdina

granted *cappella dilu Naxzar* after it is vacated by Don Andreas del Turri

witness

in dispute with Don Lemus Falzon over Naxxar *cappella*

attends City Council session

Preceptor Don Rogerius attends Council sessions

Preceptor Don Rogerius, witness

gives dowry to niece Agnesia marrying Paulus Vaccaro

brother of Don Nicholas and Don Henricus sr.

Preceptor Don Rogerius died on the feast of St Anthony [the Abbot], 17 Jan. 1496; his spoils are contested between Bishop Valguarna and Paulus Vaccaro.

described as having owned lands *Ta' San Gakklu* and a field called *Il-Bewla*

beneficiary of *animagium* in district of S. Sophia, Gozo

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**1440** CALIMERA, Pinus

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**1441** CAPANO OESA, Jacobus de Prior of the Rabat (Malta) Augustinian priory

**1441-52** GUALTERONO, Georgius

*Clericus Georgius collated to *animagium* *Ta' Ilarja*, near Gharb in Gozo, founded by Antonius Raspullo

*Presbiter Georgius witness to will of Chicca Theuma*

joint beneficiary of *animagium* *Di lo Zeyuni di Mauto* in will of Antonius Vagnolo

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**1441-55** CASSAR OC, Guillemius

Prior of the Carmelite *Annunciata* convent; witness

Sub-prior of same convent (1452); Prior (1453); (1455)

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**1441-78** BUHAGIAR OC, Periconus

*Frater Periconus Ordinis Carmelitarum*

elected Sub-prior for Malta by the Chapter of 8.v.1457

*Frater Periconus Buchayar*, witness

*Frati Pericuni* provides parchment for the Cathedral; also referred to as Frati Antoni

as *yconomus* of the *Nunciata* priory, *Frater Periconus Buchatar conventualis* employs Andreas Dinkylle to serve the priory

provides two *rotula* of wax for the Cathedral

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provides parchment for the Cathedral
Donus Lanceas de Inguanes Archidiaconus, witness
Don Lansa Desguanes Archidiaconus, witness

in codicils (in acts of Not. Angelus de Manueli, dated 29 Apr. and 8 Aug.1457) to will of Antonius Desguanes, Baron of Dejr il-Bniel, his son Don Lanza (one of fourteen children) is bequeathed lands at Mtarfa and Gharielem; he is given permission to transfer property his illegitimate male offspring and daughter Betta, but not to their mothers.
sells wheat
Don Lanza Vicariu
supports Don Lemus Falzon in dispute with Don Rogerius de Bordino over Naxxar cappella
leases the fief of Budaq on behalf of his brother Angaraus
land belonging to Don Lanza identified by Council for rubbish-tipping purposes receiver of tithes as Archdeacon

nominated in Council as procurator for the Cathedral
as Vicarius Episcopi offers to work on Mdina moat present in Council discussion re taxation for Mdina moat during discussion on the spoils of Don Mathaus Galea, Council decides that Don Lanza should give up those inside the Bishop’s palace as Bishop’s Vicar, presents order to Captain-at-arms re spoils of Don Mathaus Galea as Archdeacon receives tough warning from the Viceroy to exercise his jurisdiction with compassion the Jew Deydac Chanie requests, during Inquisitorial proceedings, to be baptized by Don Lanza sou amicu
owns property in the Deyr district and in Mdina illegitimate children: Antonius, Guaglarda, Violante died c. 1493: succeeded by Don Nicolaus Falzon, junior, as Archdeacon; acted for him during the last days of his life after his death, lawsuit against Manfridus Bonello re construction of brigantine

Canon at Noto recommended by the Viceroy to succeed Bernardus Yaner as Dean of the Malta Chapter

THE CLERGY OF MALTA, 1244 TO 1469
Don Guillelmus collated to juspatorum Ditu Carbuni by its founder, the Dean Don Bernardus Yaner, in his will. Gives King Alphonse thirty unec as annate for the Malta Deanship. Appointed Cathedral Dean by King Alphonse to succeed Don Bernardus Yaner. Witness.

Don Guillelmus, as Dean, collates Don Johannes Vella to benefices of Hirbit il-Forn and Ta’ Farfar. Supports Don Lemus Falzon in dispute with Don Rogerius de Bordonio over the Naxxar cappella. Dean Tonna present in Council.

Don Guillelmus, as Dean receives tithes.

Don Guillelmus had two illegitimate sons, Subdeacon Nicolaus and Paulus, who end up in the Bishop’s Court over a fight with swords in the Cathedral choir against Don Nicolaus Bucello in which the Dean, their father, wielded his long and heavy baculus of office to restore some order. Died before 7 Nov. 1481; division of property of late Don Guillelmus between his sons D. Nicolaus, Paulus, Orlandus and the late Bartholomeus’ family.

1445 NAVA, Albanus de

Capitular Vicar; witness.

Cathedral Treasurer.

Will of Dancius Mangione sive Camensuli in acts of Not. Lucas Sillato; bequest in favour of Church of St. Leonard to be built by himself [possibly different from D. Dancius].

Don Guillelmus purchases chalice.

Beneficiary of unnamed animagium.

Backs Don Lemus Falzon in dispute with Don Rogerius de Bordonio over the Naxxar cappella.

Promises dowry.
sells land called *Ta’ Dnieri* near *Rahal Qdieri* to Cathedral

witness to donation in favour of *Luminaria di Santa Paulu*

the Cathedral lends Don Danczu four and a quarter *rotula* of candle-wax

Don Danczu appears as Treasurer of the Cathedral present in Council as Cathedral Treasurer
collated to *animagem Tu’ Contagna*, in Gozo, by its founder Michael Cadumi of Gozo

witness to wills drawn up in Gozo

collated to *justpatronus Tu’ Dbiegi*, in Gozo, by its founder Franciscus de Bonnichio of Gozo
gives evidence in case Plathamone vs De Naso

benefice of *Wied il-Gharab* on Gozo vacated by death of its last incumbent, Don Nicolaus de Guirrerio

Gozitan beneficiary in will of his sister, Chicca wife of Franquinus Theuma of Gozo

agreement in Municipal Council to pay him subsidy described as *Provincialis in Regno Sicilie* when he is owed 16 *uncie* by Jo. Antonius de Trimarchi of Messina

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**1446-c.87** GUERRERIO, Nicholaus de

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**1447** CINI, Guillelmus

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**c.1447-67** ZURKI [OESA?], Lucas

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**1447-68** BISCONIS, Henricus de

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**1447-74** BONNICI, Pinus de

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**1449-96** LUCKYS alias BALDIRI, Guillelmus OFM Terc.
1449-1524  TELLIRIXI, Andreas  

regule S. Francisci purchases tread-mill
he agrees to pay for certain beams imported from
Modica
the jusspatronatus of St Francis becomes vacant on
death of Frater Guillelmos de Lucesio.
as vicomnus S. Antonii de Ayn Xeybe litigates in
Bishop’s Court over land Tal-Barberi on Gozo
will of Don Andreas, senex, in acts of Not. Petrus
Mannara in which he is described as having been
rector all his life of animagium S. Antonii de
Ayn Xeybe

1450-52  LAMAGNA, Antonius  
gives evidence for D. Henricus de Bordino
in will of Antonius Vagnolo of Gozo, joint
beneficiary of jusspatronatus dilu Zeytuni di Mauta

1450-68  LAURENCIO, Jacobinus de

lends money to the Cathedral

1.450-67  PLATEA OP, Petrus de

Sicilian, co-founder of Dominicans’ Church and
Convent

1.450-67  MORISEA OP, Andreas de

Sicilian, co-founder of Dominicans’ Church and
Convent

1.450-1500  ZURKI OP, Petrus

Mdina-born, co-founder of Dominicans’ Church
and Convent

Vicarius of the Convent 1466-73 and Prior 1481-84, Ibid., 78
1487-1500

1452-61  [...] OC, Franciscus de Malta  
The Chapter General convened at Modica in 1452
appoints him Prior of the Annunziata; in 1453
and 1455 he was Sub-prior; the Chapter of
9.xi.1455 elected him Prior; the Chapter held at
Lentini on 13.v.1459 elected him Prior,
and in 1461 he was again Sub-prior.

1452-68  PARNIS, Angelus

in will of Antonius Vagnolo of Gozo, Don Angelo
Parmisi, orfano et povero, collated to half the
animagium dilu Curtin Herrin
gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Bacbac

gives evidence in case Platamone vs De Naso

1452-74  TILLIRIXI, Petrus

in will of Antonius Vagnolo of Gozo, Don Petru
Tellerixi collated to half the animagium dilu
Curtin Herrin
gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Bacbac

Don Petru Tellerixi purchases blanduni di Misser
Santu Patulu
gives evidence in case Platamone vs De Naso

comissions choir-stalls for the Dominican Church
from the Calachura brothers of Catania,
2 Jan. 1482

the Universitas elects P. Zurchi as Cappellanus
Maio of the Cathedral

Ibid., 68
Ibid. 70; Acta Jur. 817
(Ibid. 1976, 5-8)

Ibid., 295 (14.ix.1487)
ACM Misc. 28, f. 88
(26.i.1496)
CEM AO 2, ff. 1-35 #1
(1449)
RFBIG, f. 71 (23.x.1524)

Ibid., #58, f. 319
(13.iii.[1450])
RFBIG, f. 40 (23.vi.1452)

Ibidem

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Ibid., #58, f. 319
(13.iii.[1450])
ACM Proc. 1, f. 54
(16.i.1468)
Fasad, 22-25

Ibidem

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- Gives the Dominican priory 5 uncle which his father Julius and his wife Caterina had intended to donate (acts of Not. Lucas Sillato, 18 Oct. 1467).
- Is collated to the Perolli benefice at Rahal Qormi.
- Present in Council.
- Don Maduri Siguchi purchases blanduni dila Luminaria di S. Paula.
- Payment to Don Amaturs by Cathedral per copiari quaterni.
- Present in Council witness.
- Litigates in Bishop’s Court with Not. Ingenes de Brancato on behalf of his son, Clericus Petrus, over the jusspatronatus of Donna Ilagia witness.
- Canon Don Amator Ziguchi buys cotton witness.
- Accounts of the Benedictine Monastery of St Peter’s, Mdina, drawn up with the help of Don Amator Ziguchi witness.
1456  DEIF, Fridericus

Clericus; gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Baebac

CEM AO4 #51, f. 238 (ix.1456)

Ibid., f. 237* (ix.1456)

Ibid., f. 238* (ix.1456)

Ibid., f. 237* (ix.1456)

1456  GADUARA, Lucianus

Clericus; gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Baebac

Ibid., f. 237* (ix.1456)

1456  MAHNUC, Antonius

Presbiter; gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Baebac

Ibid., f. 238* (ix.1456)

Ibid., f. 238* (ix.1456)

Ibid., f. 237* (ix.1456)

1456  SANSONE, Paulus

Clericus; gives evidence in case De Bisconis vs Baebac

possibly the same as Fr. Paulus Sansono OESA

ZI, 34, 143; ZZ, 55, 298, 317-8, 245;
CEM AO4 #32, f. 140 (x.1497)

RFBIG, f. 43 (19.vi.1456)

CEM AO4 #51, ff. 231-56 (2.ix.1456);

Ibid., f. 232b (28.v.1473)

1456  MEJLQAQ, Niculaus

Cleric Nicolaus Meillac of Gozo appointed executor of the will of Franciscus Debbus of Gozo

Bisconis, Andreas de

Clericus Andres accused of sexually harassing Angala Baebac in the Parish Church of S. Jacobus in Rabat, Gozo; he pleads ignorance, mistaking her for a whore of his acquaintance

De Bisconis' victim writes to the Bishop complaining that justice had not been meted to here as D. Andreas, now a priest, roams the streets freely in Malta

D. Andreas is leased land in Gozo by the Cathedral

gives evidence in the case Vagnolo vs De Nasi

Vicar in Gozo for the Bishop of Malta

witness

Antonia, natural offspring of D. Matheus de Brunetto

will of Simon Brunetta and Antonia of Gozo in favour of their son V.D. Matheus de Brancato (sic)

The Carmelites' General Chapter held at Licata (8 May 1457) appoints Frater Lucas de Malta as Prior of the Malta Convent; the Lentini Chapter (13.v.1459) appointed him Sub-prior and re-appointed him in 1460

Frater Lucas Capu and Frater Periconus Buchia with yconimi et conventuales of the Carmelite Nunciata Priory employ Andreas Dinkyll to serve their convent

Frati Luca dila Lunciate is paid for twelve parchments by the Cathedral

witness

1456-1515  BRUNETTO, Matheus de

Ibid., #84, ff. 426-7 (6.x.1469)

Ibid., AO1 #54, ff. 444-53* (1489)

CEM AO4 #51, f. 231 (2.ix.1456)

RFBIG, f. 60 (26.i.1478)

Wetinger, 172

RFBIG, f. 18* (18.xi.1515)

Abela 1976, 5,

1457-78  CAP OC, Lucas

The Carmelites’ General Chapter held at Licata

Abela 1976, 5,

(22.x.1468)

NAV MS. S88, f. 34

ACM Proc. 1, f. 12* (1477-78)

ZI, 167 n. 1 (1488); ZZ, 90 (1495), 317-8 (1.viii.1496)

Abela 1976, 5, 8

1460-61  SAVARINO OC, Joanna de

Prior of the Nunciata

Ibid., 311 (30.xii.1487)

Ibid., 312 (3.i.1488)
1460-96  BUSUTTIL, Bartholomeus
gets the lease of the Marnisi estate for eight years
from Peri Johannes de Mazara
gets the four-year lease of a field from the same
de Mazara
acts for the Bishop in installing Canon D. Fridericus
de Arpania in the Birgu cappellania di
S. Laurenzu
purchases blanduni
holds lands Tal-Ghagla at Qortin Sammat
dies before July 1496 as last incumbent of the jus
patronatus Ta' Safira at Siġġiewi

CEM AO1 #2, ff.39v
(19.II.1460)
Ibid., #8, ff. 52v
(27.II.Ind.VII)
NAV MS. 588, f. 43v
(5.XI.1467)
ACM Proc.1, f. 6
(11.VI.1478)
ZZ, 269 (23.IV.1496)
ZZ, 304 (11.VII.1496)