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Author	Topic: A different perspective
Eric Member Posts: 245 Registered: Jan 2000	<p> posted 09-04-2003 21:24 Click Here to See the Profile for Eric send a private message to Eric Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>Here are some pictures of the Malta house shown on p.66 of the book, but now from a different perspective. I took these during my last vacation. www.xs4all.nl/~margotv/tuq/topmalta.htm</p> <p>PS I had written down some side-information on this house, but presently I lost those notes. I will let you know as soon as I found it again </p> <p>[This message has been edited by Eric (edited 09-04-2003).]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
Lapis2 Junkie Posts: 579 Registered: Jan 2000	<p> posted 10-04-2003 04:09 Click Here to See the Profile for Lapis2 send a private message to Lapis2 Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>Hi Eric,</p> <p>Enjoyed your photographs. Thank you for posting. Even more I appreciated your web site with the "Scientific" approach to the Merlin Mystery.</p> <p>A great couple of years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
jasmine Member Posts: 77 Registered: Aug 2002	<p> posted 11-04-2003 10:28 Click Here to See the Profile for jasmine Click Here to Email jasmine send a private message to jasmine Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>Thanks for posting the photos, Eric. I look forward to your notes on the house to see how they compare to other people's findings. The mystery deepens.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
ariana Member Posts: 152 Registered: Feb 2000	<p> posted 11-04-2003 20:24 Click Here to See the Profile for ariana send a private message to ariana Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>Hi Eric,</p> <p>I hope you enjoyed your stay on Malta. I lived there for a year and I consider this island a bit of a 'home'. Your pictures are very nice and I really hope it will bring us closer to the solution.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>ariana</p> <p>[This message has been edited by ariana (edited 11-04-2003).]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
ghoti Newbie Posts: 2 Registered: Apr 2003	<p> posted 11-05-2003 10:43 Click Here to See the Profile for ghoti send a private message to ghoti Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>[QUOTE]Originally posted by ariana: "Your pictures are very nice and I really hope it will bring us closer to the solution."</p> <p>Perhaps you know of Mdina Glass .</p> <p>[This message has been edited by ghoti (edited 11-05-2003).]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
Eric Member Posts: 245 Registered: Jan 2000	<p> posted 03-04-2004 14:54 Click Here to See the Profile for Eric send a private message to Eric Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>As I said, I would give you the side information on Maison Beaulieu as soon as I found it. After 1 year, I found it yesterday. A history book that I had found on Malta stated that this building had incorporated part of the benedictine Abbey of Santa Scolastica, founded in 1494. The nuns moved to a convent in the city of Vittoriosa in 1604.</p> <p>In fact, this same info can also be found on the following website: http://www.mdinafest.com/mdina/places/071.shtml Until 1492, there was a jewish synagogue on the place of Beaulieu, see http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/vjw/Malta.html The jews were then expelled from the island.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: Logged</p>
Lapis2 Junkie Posts: 579 Registered: Jan 2000	<p> posted 16-05-2004 22:14 Click Here to See the Profile for Lapis2 send a private message to Lapis2 Edit/Delete Message Reply w/Quote</p> <hr/> <p>giga's good post added to keep things together http://www.schatzsuche.com/ubb/Forum6/HTML/000088.html</p> <p>Hi everybody, I'm back from Malta. I'm not closer to meeting the grailkeeper now, but I gathered lots of factoids that some of you might</p>

find useful:

1. BEAULIEU

I managed to get the owner of the house, Mr Mancusa, to talk with me for about an hour. He is a very intelligent and well-read man, a retired Maltese ambassador to the UK. He and his wife recognized the car on the photo as their former car, but knew nothing of TUQ. The house itself had been a synagogue until 1492, when Ferdinand expelled the Jews from the island. It then became a nunnery of Santa Scholastica until 1604, then suffered extreme damage in the earthquake of 1693 and was rebuilt in large parts. It served as planning HQ for the revolt against Napoleon. It has been in the Mancusa family for generations. The name "Beaulieu" (almost all houses on Malta have names today) was given to the house by an ancestor of Mr Mancusa after having seen the Beaulieu monastery in France and having liked it very much; It is possible he also chose the name because of St. Flora of Beaulieu had been important to the knights of St. John. The house is much larger than it appears on the photo, with an interior court and a large but unimpressive back building (the nunnery). Other than Mr Mancusa and his wife, an old lady (former refugee) lives there since WW2, but I didn't meet her.

2. KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

This crusader order was originally called "Hospitaliers", but later was known as the knights of St. John or the Maltese knights, and served as a military elite force finally halting the advance of the Turks and Islam in 1567. They had inherited the Templar's properties immediately after their downfall. They came to Malta much later, in 1530, mostly to protect it against the Turks, and stayed until 1798 when Napoleon drove them out. After they left the island they made the (Orthodox!) Tsar of Russia head of their order. As the name says, St. John is highly important to them and depicted almost everywhere (the Maltese are a pretty religious people). Also of importance is St. Paul, who was said to have been shipwrecked on the island. To the question if they were influenced and/or infiltrated by the Templars, I would now definitely say "YES!". See below.

3. TEMPLAR TRACES, FREEMASONRY TRACES ETC.

Skulls with crossed bones can be found literally everywhere. In the architecture, on countless commemorative marble plates for knights of Malta in churches there, and on crucifixes even including an Inquisitor's cross in the church museum of Vittoriosa. Other widespread symbols include a cross or sword with a serpent, seals of Solomon, and Templar crosses. In two separate museums I found chains of Maltese knights' grand masters with a big Maltese (fishtail) cross, but with a smaller Templar cross patee on top of it. Paintings frequently show Mary Magdalene mourning over a cross and a skull, or St. John with a snake on his staff. By far the most and most open of such imagery can be found in the Cathedral of Mdina, but it is also present (a little more indirectly though), in other churches/cities. The cathedral of Mdina also houses a cross said to have belonged to Godfrey of Boullion, and a large picture of a nursing Madonna which is arguably a Black Madonna (not pitch black, but she has quite dark skin, and both she and her child are pretty Arabian/African - Egypt? - looking).

4. OTHER INFORMATION

- There is a painting of Teniers ("Landscape") in the Museum of Fine Arts in the capital of Valetta.
- The island is also well known for its stone-age temples in which the mother goddess had been worshipped, and which proved good astronomical knowledge, way before Stonehenge.
- The flag shows the St. George's cross, awarded to the island by King George of England after bravery in fighting the Axis powers in WW2.
- The most important relic of the order, the hand of St. John, had a very interesting history. It finally disappeared without a trace in Montenegro during WW2, possibly hidden and forgotten, possibly stolen by German soldiers, possibly destroyed, nobody seems to know for sure.

I hope this synopsis is helpful. If somebody can make sense of any of it, PLEASE let me know. If you have more questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Giga

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