

**On the 13th December 2011 Malta's Republic Day,  
the President of Malta  
H.E. Dr G Abela LLD. KUOM  
honored Chev. Dr Alfred Bonnici FRPSL  
with the insignia of Officer of the Order of Merit, (U.O.M),  
and our Philatelic Society Member Professor George Camilleri, with  
the insignia of Member of the Order of Merit (MOM).  
*We convey to both our congratulations.*  
by Ivan Mifsud**



*Dr Alfred Bonnici U.O.M*

## OFFICER

ALFRED BONNICI U.O.M.

Born in St Julians, Bonnici received his education at St Aloysius College, the Lyceum and the University of Malta where he graduated BPharm (1954), MD (1958) and MA (Melit) in 2011. In 1973 he graduated at The Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine (UK).

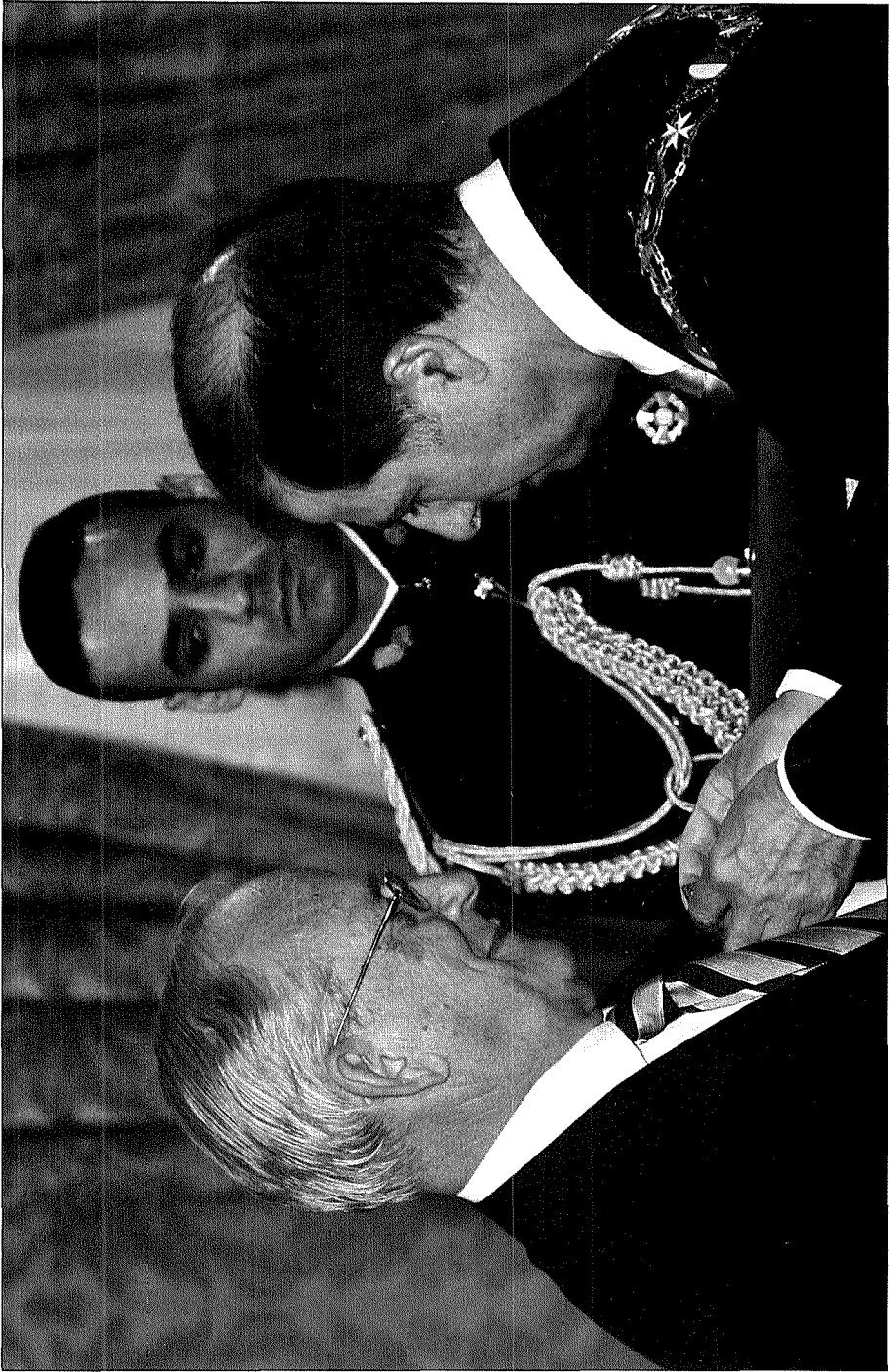
Bonnici is an aviation medical consultant acting for most international aviation agencies, having been appointed for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in the United States of America, a senior aviation medical examiner in 1968, and for the Civil Aviation Authority in the United Kingdom in 1972, chairman of the Malta Civil Aviation Medical Board (1975) and since 1974 Chief Medical Officer of Airmalta.

Bonnici was also highly active in politics. In 1962 he was elected to parliament on behalf of the *Partit Nazzjonalista* and served as Speaker of the House of Representatives (1966-71). He was re-elected in 1971 and was a representative for the Council of Europe (1965-66, 1972-76) serving in various committees and as secretary to the parliamentary group (1964-66, 1971-76). In 1966, Bonnici was nominated president of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Bonnici is President of the Malta Philatelic Association, Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and editor of the Malta Philatelic Society Journal. He is the author of "Half Penny Malta Queen Victoria Yellow" in 'The Postal History and Postage Stamps of Malta' compiled by the Malta Study Circle of UK and was awarded gold medals in Philatelic exhibitions in Vienna, Barcelona, Milan, Rome and Tokyo.

In 1997, Bonnici was ordained Knight of Magisterial Grace in The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta.

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*Profs. George Camilleri MOM*

## GEORGE CAMILLERI M.O.M.

Born in Valletta in 1936, Camilleri received his education at the Lyceum and later at the University of Malta where he qualified Bachelor of Dental Surgery (1957). He subsequently continued his postgraduate education, obtaining a HDD (1959) from Glasgow and a FDSRCS (1960) from Edinburgh. He was awarded Hon Fellowships in Dental Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Glasgow (2002) and of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.(2011). He was awarded the *Gran Croce al Merito Melitense* of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John in 2005.

Camilleri was awarded the Quintin Hogg research fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons of England (1962-64). He served as consultant dental surgeon with the public health services (1964-1970) and as senior dental surgeon (1970-81). He was appointed professor of dental surgery at the University of Malta (1964-78 and 1987-2001) and served as dean (1970-78, 1987-1992). He is presently a Visiting Professor in Dental Surgery at the University of Malta and an Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the Unit of the History of Dentistry, Dental Institute, King's College, London. Camilleri served as president to both the Association of Surgeons and Physicians of Malta (1973-74) and the Dental Association of Malta (1985-89).

Camilleri research interests are on the history of dentistry in Malta with particular focus on the early Maltese dentists and on dental archaeological remains at the National Museum of Archaeology. Since his retirement Camilleri has been engaged in voluntary work with various Non-Government Organisations.

He is a keen philatelist. (Editor)

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