

CHEVALIER E.V. CREMONA

Our members will remember that at the September meeting, the Society voted Chev Cremona as an Honorary Life Member of the Philatelic Society of Malta - this was intended to show the high regard felt for the Chevalier in Philatelic circles.

Following is a short history prepared by a member, Mr Joe Hamilton

After finishing his studies in Malta, Chev Cremona attended courses at the Regia Academia di Belle Arti in Rome and was later admitted to the Slade School in London followed later by some time at the Ecole Superieure des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Chev. Cremona is a very gifted artist whose unusual talents in the absorption of new techniques have singled him out above other painters. He did several works including mural decorations for churches and secular edifices and exhibited at the 29th Biennale International Art Exhibition and at the Imperial Institute in London.

Chev Cremona has designed 15 sets of stamps of Malta comprising in all over seventy stamps. His designs commend themselves to philatelists all over the world and it is no mean compliment to read about them as being amongst the most handsome and colourful British Commonwealth sets ever to be issued. Chev. Cremona has also been described as one of the most outstanding stamp designers in the World.

He was certainly most successful in depicting with his masterful touch, various subjects such as technical education, war scenes, religious scenes, and last but not least, Malta's history in a most attractive way in 19 multicoloured stamps which have been heralded as one of the finest looking and most closely reasoned philatelic histories of a country.

This definitive stamp issue representing 'Malta Through the Ages' was given great prominence in the foyer of the London Festival Hall in February 1965 in an exhibition
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Commemorating the centenary of the first Stanley Gibbons Catalogue. The September 1964 issue of the Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin carried a photograph and 3000 word biography of Chev. Cremona - the lengthiest article written on a modern artist.

It is now an acknowledged fact that Chev. Cremona is, among other things an extremely talented designer of stamps and the Malta Postal Authorities are indeed fortunate to be able to issue such pleasing stamps which has placed our Island in the forefront of world philatelic circles.
