



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00034

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<b>Property Name</b>	Qalet Marku Tower		
<b>Address</b>	N/A		
<b>Town Name</b>	Naxxar	<b>Toponym</b>	N/A
		<b>Local Council</b>	Naxxar
<b>Property Owner</b>	Government	<b>Managing Body</b>	Din L-Art Ħelwa
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	Yes		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification	<b>Conservation Area</b>	Not Available

<b>Outline Description</b>	The tower is one of a series of watch towers built during the reign of Grandmaster de Redin.
<b>Property Description</b>	<p>The Qalet Marku Tower is also known as St Mark's Tower and stands on Qrejtjen Point on the north east shore of Malta.</p> <p>The tower is one of a series of thirteen fortified towers, built between 1658 and 1659, under Grand Master Martin de Redin.</p> <p>These towers were strong enough to withstand attack and functioned as watch towers against corsair incursions. Each tower was also within sight of its neighbours, creating a visual communication link between Gozo and the Grand Harbour.</p> <p>Most of the towers were built to a standard design, being fireproof structures, square in plan with two storeys. The doorway was generally set in the upper storey for greater security and was accessible via a rope or wooden ladder. An internal spiral staircase led to a flat roof surrounded by a parapet wall with gun embrasures.</p>

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	729	<b>G.N. Date</b>	1995
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	<p>Spiteri, S.C. (2001) <i>Fortresses of the Knights</i>, Malta: Book Distributors Ltd.</p> <p>Spiteri, S.C. (2008) <i>The Art of fortress building in Hospitaller Malta</i>, Malta: Book Distributors Ltd.</p> <p>Spiteri, S.C. (1994) <i>Fortresses of the Cross, Hospitaller Military Architecture (1136-1798)</i>, Malta: Heritage Interpretation Services.</p>
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

