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## 430 years in defence of Christian Europe



1993

<b>Type</b>	Cupronickel BU
<b>Denomination</b>	Lm1
<b>Diameter</b>	38.6mm
<b>Gross Weight</b>	25g
<b>Finesse</b>	n/a
<b>Designer</b>	Coin Invest, Liechtenstein
<b>Mint</b>	Valcambi, Switzerland
<b>Mintage</b>	25,000

Malta was given to the Order of St John by Emperor Charles V in 1530. The Order had been involved in fighting the Ottoman Empire since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. In 1565 the Ottomans attempted to invade Malta but the island, defended by the knights and its inhabitants, endured a three-month siege.

In 1571 the galleys of the Order of St John joined a Christian fleet and took part in the Battle of Lepanto, making a significant contribution to the victory obtained by Don Juan of Austria against the Ottoman fleet. The Great Siege of Malta of 1565, the Battle of Lepanto of 1571 and the decisive Battle of Vienna of 1683 marked the effective decline of the Ottoman threat to Europe.