

# A.L.P.S. News

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## FROM THE ALPS PRESIDENT'S DESK

# Thank you for your service dear Council Members

I feel deeply honored to serve as President for The Association of Lyceum Past Students. I am humbled by this opportunity to lead a dynamic council into the future. As you all very well know, I have served in ALPS since the 2001 when in that year, our dearly departed founder President Dr. Guido Saliba was starting to feel tired and had asked me to take over as acting president until elections were held the following year.

Time passes so quickly and I feel that there are so many demands for the council's attention and energy. Allow me please to acknowledge that we sometimes neglect to give recognition and appreciation where it is most warranted. First and foremost, I would like to recognize the hard work of every council member in ALPS. In particular, today I wish to mention by name outgoing Deputy President Robert Ferrante who dedicated many hours of his free time to The Association

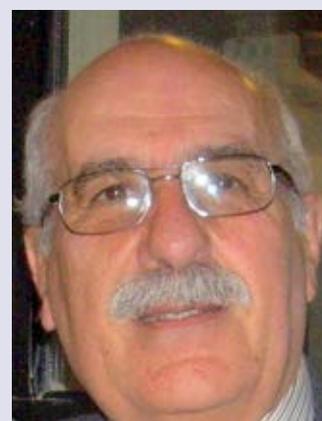
of Lyceum Past Students, that is here to serve all of you members and friends in ALPS. "Thank you, Robbie "

Together, as a strong and energetic Council of Administration, I honestly think that we have weathered some rather difficult tasks and the effort of every council member, is hereby shown in my great appreciation for working hand-in-hand with me, in order to achieve the much-deserved results that continue to place ALPS with some of the top-ranking associations in the islands of Malta and Gozo.

Secondly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newly elected members from the last AGM held in February 2018. Thank you all, for your willingness to serve within the "Ghaqda Ex-Studenti Liceo". I can assure you, that we have much to accomplish. However, I am more than confident that

with the participation and support from each one of you, we will achieve our targeted goals.

As you can imagine, in every association, the greatest burden falls on The Secretary General who remains constantly on guard, to co-ordinate many tasks and be in charge of all activities that need to be brought to the attention of the President and indeed all the council members, who then work together as a united team for the common good of ALPS members and friends. I want to show my gratitude to Alex Borg who yet again has been unanimously elected to occupy the post of Secretary General for the next two years. Another word of encouragement and appreciation goes to Hon. Treasurer David Abela who remained uncontested at the last AGM and continues to look after the association's finances. With these two gentlemen sitting close to me when decisions are made, I feel

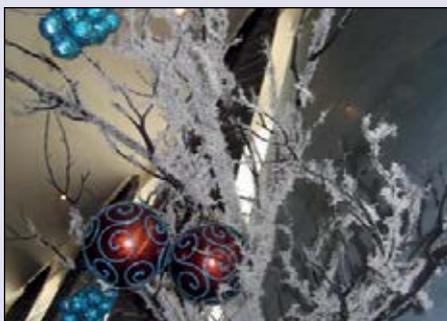


that I can look into a bright future with even greater determination and enthusiasm. Last but not least, welcome to every newly elected council member (many of them have already served for a good number of years), who are ready to work on a new council for 2018/19, so that we may tackle the challenges that lie ahead. I am sure that I would be voicing the thoughts and feelings of all ALPS members and friends if I say:

"You are simply great dear Council Colleagues, keep up the good work "

**Very sincerely**

**George dei Conti  
Stagno Navarra**



Photos from ALPS Yuletide Dinner/Holy Mass - December 2017



# THE ALPS YULETIDE WEEKEND DEC 2017

*George Stagno Navarra - President of ALPS, reports  
after the success from a weekend at Radisson Blu - Golden Sands Resort*

Nestled in the heart of Ghajn Tuffieha Bay, the majestic Radisson Blu Resort hosted a very large group from the "Association of Lyceum Past Students". They all came to spend a weekend between the 1st to 3rd December 2017 as evidenced from the record breaking number of room bookings in excess of 140. One could say, that the resort welcomed everyone from the ALPS group to rest their feet from their everyday life routine. We certainly made the Resort come alive for the duration of the ALPS stay there. The larger part from the ALPS group had come for 2

nights. The staff of the Radisson has been exceptionally courteous and they were helpful and polite at every corner of the resort.

The cherry on the cake of course, came on Saturday night with a Grand Gala Dinner. It surpassed all previous attendance records. The magnificent Ballroom of Radisson Blu Golden Sands received a total of 362 persons, who were all celebrating with Christmas dinner that has been to everyone's delight. The food was simply delicious and pleased everyone. A good number of raffles were drawn and made a number of winners happy to

walk out of the ballroom, carrying their treasured prizes. His Grace Bishop Emeritus Paul Cremona was the guest of honour for this occasion.

The week-end came to a close with the celebration of Sunday Mass inside a section of the ballroom, that again saw a marvellous attendance in excess of two hundred and twenty persons. Fr. William Bartolo was the celebrant and directed a 'Censiment' as directed by the Malta Diocese. These are the successes that The Association of Lyceum Past Student likes to record on its web-site pages for

everyone to see and feel proud to belong in a dynamic association of Past Students who are truly motivated to meet and to keep the name of LICEO alive.

A word of thanks goes to all the members from ALPS council, who have worked with me, for obtaining another great success for the association. Last but not least, to all ladies who have also contributed to a handsome income from the sale of raffle tickets. Their continued assistance helps in no small way and for this, we are sincerely thankful to each and every one of them.

## May this Easter Message be a means of Inspiration to you all...

By the time that you will be reading this, Easter has already been celebrated. When reading this, it may sound a little too familiar. Maybe you have friends or family members, who have turned their backs on you, or perhaps like Judas, they were instrumental in causing the suffering you are now enduring. Maybe you are struggling through pain and despair, and the people you thought you could depend on have disappeared. Bodily pain hurts physically, but far worse, the emotional pain slices directly to one's soul.

It is a known fact that people will let you down. People will turn their backs on you and cause you pain.



But here is the key - Jesus was forsaken, betrayed and crucified, but He conquered all of that! People are imperfect, but Christ is risen and will not let you down!

The Bible tells us not to put our faith into men or princes. Instead, this Easter place your hope in the One Who endured scorn, pain, and "yes" betrayal from His friends, so that you may have a 'hope' that extends far beyond the pains of this world that we live in.

On behalf of Council of Administration of the Association of Lyceum Past Students, we extend the belated Very Best Easter wishes to all our members, friends and to your families.

## THE ALPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

This year's Annual General Meeting took place at the Liceo Building in Hamrun on the 23rd February 2018. Attendance was low and after allowing a 15 minutes grace, the AGM started with an opening prayer by the ALPS president. This was followed by the reading and approval of minutes. Secretary General Alex Borg read out the Annual Administrative Report which was approved. Audited accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2017, were presented, explained and signed by Mr. Peter Griffiths from the firm Messrs. Griffiths & Associates of Naxxar. For a number of years, they have audited the ALPS accounts without any form of remuneration. For the current year, Mr. Griffiths already signaled his intention to continue to monitor and audit the books of ALPS. Alps President George Stagno Navarra thanked all the outgoing council members and in particular he addressed a special "Thank You" message to Mr. Robert Ferrante who up to the last administration, had served as Deputy President of ALPS. All those present for the meeting applauded Robbie whilst the President thanked him for his contribution in Alps over the past years. In a short speech, the President thanked all those who have worked during the past year to make ALPS so very popular amongst its great number of members and friends.

The election of members to serve on the Council of Administration of ALPS for the year 2018/19 took

place and the elected officers are:

### President & Editor of all ALPS Publications:

Mr George Stagno Navarra

### Deputy President, Social, Cultural, Web-Site Chair Person:

Mr Joseph D Buttigieg

### Secretary General:

Mr Alexander Borg

### Hon. Treasurer:

Mr David R Abela

### Assistant Secretary General / Public Relations Officer:

Mr Peter G Tortell

### Philanthropic Projects

#### Chairperson/ Home Visits:

Dr Nazarene Azzopardi M.D.  
F.F.A.R.C.S.

#### Chapel of St. Anne Commission Chairperson/Communication Officer:

Mr Oscar Galea

#### Membership Commission

##### Chairperson:

Mr Alfred Agius

#### Lyceum Scouts Coordinator.

##### Youths & Lyceum Affairs:

Mr Joseph Micallef

#### Commission Chairpersons Co-Coordinator:

Mr Anthony Buttigieg

#### Spiritual Director:

Rev Fr William Bartolo OFM [CONV]

- There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was drawn to a close by the President who thanked once again, all those who attended this year's AGM.



## Kindly pay your annual subscription to ALPS for the current year!

After our appeal in December 2017, a number of renewals were received. However, more remain outstanding and we therefore urge those who have defaulted, to kindly settle their outstanding dues immediately. Another year is now started and we again turn to our members and friends of ALPS, to sustain our finances by effecting payment of their annual subscription. For many years our fees have remained unchanged, as shown hereunder:

**One-year subscription remains @ €12.00 per annum.**

**Life Membership Fee remains @ €70.00 once only remittance for life**

**The Friends of the ALPS pay @ €10 only per annum.**

Payments can be addressed to:

**Mr. David Abela.,  
The Hon. Treasurer, ALPS  
Juniper, Gianni Vella Street  
Tal-Qattus B'Kara BKR 4263  
Tel: 2148 7693  
Mob: 9902 0845**

We thank you for the continued support with a payment of your pending renewal.

## Pwales Chapel Events for the coming Months

Holy mass has already been celebrated three times at the Pwales Chapel this year. As you may observe from the year program of events that is again being shown hereunder, there are other important activities that will take place in the coming months at the chapel. The main events shall be, on 12th May when His Grace Mons. Charles J. Scicluna honors us with his pastoral visit and Festa of Sant'Anna that will again be celebrated during the month of July 2018. (For May & July events only, ALPS will organize shuttle transport for

those finding difficulty to climb the hill to get to the chapel). Please insert these dates in your diaries. Circular e-mail reminders shall be sent to all those who have registered with ALPS under the e-mail data base. We hope to have a good attendance on every occasion when a function is being held at the little chapel in Pwales. Your participation gives us much satisfaction, to see the chapel benches occupied. We thank you for your repeated support.

Calendar of Activities at Sant' Anna Chapel, Pwales 2018

### Calendar of Activities at St. Anna Chapel Pwales

Date	Time	
April 14th	1700hrs	
May 12th	1700hrs	HOLY MASS WITH HG ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J SCICLUNA: Celebrating the Feast San Gorg Preca - ALPS Patron Saint
June 16th	1800hrs	
July 7th	1900hrs	Celebrating the Festa ta' Sant Anna
August		No activities
September		No activities
October 20th	1700hrs	
November 17th	1630hrs	Remembrance Day
December 13th	1100hrs	Christmas Mass with carols



Joseph D Buttigieg

# ALPS Web Page Statistics

For the first time since we started uploading our Newsletter on our website: [www.alpsmalta.com](http://www.alpsmalta.com), we are pleased to publish the following analytic statistics for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017:

Country of Viewing	# of Viewing Sessions	Average duration of sessions (mins)
MALTA	849	02:54
USA	177	00:19
AUSTRALIA	67	03:45
UK	67	03:01
CANADA	35	01:27
ITALY	14	00:18
GERMANY	13	01:00
BRAZIL	10	03:24
SWITZERLAND	6	00:15
CZECH REP	5	00:01
<b>TOTAL VIEWERS</b>		<b>1,243</b>

We are pleased to note that, based on last year's results, our Maltese viewers represented 68% of all visitors. This translates to an average of 71 Maltese visitors per month. We are also pleased to note the viewers from other countries. These results show that despite our humble existence, our Website has quite an international audience.

We would like to see an increase in our readership. Therefore, we encourage our members to send in their contributions to make our website even more appealing to our Maltese and international audience. We thank you sincerely for your contributions by way of photos and articles of Lyceum times.

A Past Liceo Student Writes:

# 'My Days at the Lyceum'

Joe Serge

In early sixties, I sat for two separate examinations in order to attend a Government secondary school, either the Lyceum or the Technical School in Paola, also known as Iz-Zoo. The exam consisted of one paper in English and one in Mathematics. The Lyceum was then considered to be by far the best school in Malta, surpassing also the St. Aloysius and St. Edwards private secondary schools. First result out was for entrance to the Technical School which I passed. A few days later, I also passed the Lyceum entrance exam and obviously that was my parents' best choice. Come October of that year, I found myself in Hamrun, not in Valletta where there were also some classes for new Lyceum entrants. I was

eleven years old and already a keen football player, so I was very glad that the school had a very large football pitch and recreation area to stay in during our lunch break.

During my five years at the Lyceum (1960-1965), I had some very good teachers some of whom I still remember for some reason or other. Il-Kanonku Schriha; Mr. Buttigieg (Il-Hambaq); Il-Minus One, Fr Joe Bugeja; Il-Giglu, another priest who taught us history. Then we had Joe Borg Cardona (Il-Pahwi) who taught us French. Our math's teacher, Mr. Frisk who always wore an open collar and no tie but delivered a fine lesson and was quite popular. Another maths teacher Mr. Tonna (It-Tokyo) who came from Floriana and used to tease me because I sided with Sliema

Wanderers and many others like Captain Sicklemore (Physics), Ivo Galea (Il-Bufula), J.B. Cassar who taught us chemistry, (a subject which I used to hate), Mr. Galea (Il-Baby Face), John Camilleri (Il-Pipi) who was also in charge of the school tuck shop, Mr. Miller and Mr. Scerri who were our sports masters, and many others.

The headmaster of the Lyceum in my days was Mr. Thomas Glass with his two assistants, Mr. Victor Bisazza whom I remember was always with a pipe in his hand and Mr. John Grima who was quite a disciplinarian. As I said in the beginning, I was always keen on football and played for the Lyceum team at all levels. After a few years, Mr. Abela (Il-Pullu), made me school football captain and involved me in organizing various football competitions between

classes. I remember going around the classes giving out the team football jerseys when I was supposed to be in my class listening to the lectures. I was also assisted by two school janitors who also liked football, Maurice from Cospicua and Guseppi from Hamrun. My proudest moment was when in my last year, the Lyceum first team won the secondary schools trophy by beating the Technical School at the old Schreiber ground by four goals to one and I was then presented with the trophy by the then Minister of Education, Mr. Paris to the cheers of the many Lyceum students who came to watch the final.

It was only when I finished my five-year term at the Lyceum that I realized how lucky and happy I was to have attended at this wonderful school.



## ALPS Annual Presentation of Sports Trophies

Peter Tortell

The first of two presentations of Sports Trophies to Winners and Runners-Up of season 2017-2018, and which happens to be the Tenth Edition of the Students Football competition, was held on Tuesday 13th March, 2018, at the Lyceum, Hamrun.

This Tournament, sponsored by the Association of Lyceum Past Students, was won by Class 11.2 and the runners-Up were Form Class 11.1. On behalf of ALPS, Assistant Secretary Peter Tortell, presented the Trophies and

Shield to winners.

Ms. Josianne Cassar, Assistant Head of the school and Mr. Robert Farrugia, Sports Master, were also present for this occasion.

A special thank you goes to Council Member Joe Micallef (ALPS Youth coordinator) who, together with his wife Margaret as photographer, have looked after this event for a good number of years.

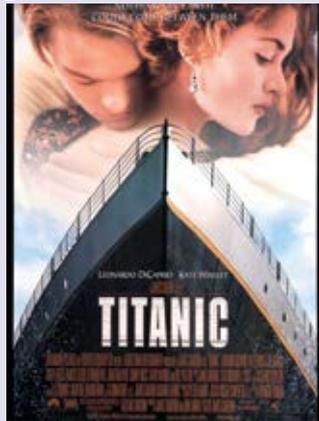
The Presentation for Form 10 Classes (ex Form 4) will be held during June this year, before the students' holidays.



# Forthcoming ALPS Events for the Year 2018/19

To enable our members and friends to be well informed in advance, we list hereunder the proposed activities that will be organized by ALPS in the months ahead.

As already intimated under a separate heading, ALPS is introducing a new means of entertainment for its members and friends. The White Light Pictures is an exclusive venue that takes up to a maximum of 24 seated patrons. As you may notice, for each week-end listed hereunder, there are two dates namely Friday and Saturday. This means that as soon as the film show becomes fully booked (24 persons) for a Friday show, another performance will then take place the following Saturday (only if there are another 24 patrons who will be attending.) Light refreshments shall be included in the price that is listed in the booking forms. Seating, is strictly on FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS with payment in advance. Refunds will not be entertained unless notified at least 7 days before the show that is booked. Children under 16 years of age will not be admitted.



## TITANIC

A seventeen-year-old aristocrat falls in love with a kind but poor artist aboard the luxurious, ill-fated R.M.S. Titanic.

Director: James Cameron

Music: James Horner

Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane

Running time: 194 minutes

Price: €15.00 pp incl. welcome drink (wine or beer or soft drink)

Suggested entrance time: 6pm after the show, patrons may order from the bar any type of drinks against payment

## 28 and 29 September 2018: THE LEGEND OF 1900

A baby boy, discovered in 1900 on an ocean liner, grows into a musical prodigy, never setting foot on land.

Director: Giuseppe Tornatore

Writers: Alessandro Baricco (monologue Novecento), Giuseppe Tornatore

Stars: Tim Roth, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Bill Nunn

Running time: 165 minutes

Price: €15.00 pp incl. welcome drink (wine or beer or soft drink).

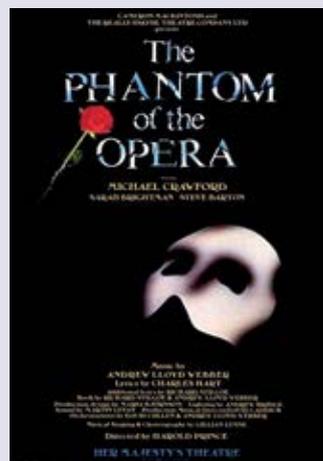
Suggested entrance time: 6pm after the show, patrons may order from the bar any type of drinks against payment

## 26 and 27 October 2018: LA TRAVIATA (Opera)

La Traviata (The Fallen Woman) is an opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi set to an Italian libretto by Francesco Maria Piave. It is based on La Dame aux Camélias (1852), a play adapted from the novel by Alexander Dumas. The opera was originally titled Violetta, after the main character. It was first performed on 6 March 1853 at the La Fenice opera house in Venice.

Running time: 135 minutes. Price: €15.00 pp incl. welcome drink (wine or beer or soft drink)

Suggested entrance time: 6.30pm after the show, patrons may order from the bar any type of drinks against payment



## 25 and 26 May 2018: PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

A young soprano becomes the obsession of a disfigured musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opera House. He kidnaps the soprano and forces the owners of the play to keep her as the lead role of the play.

Director: Joel Schumacher

Music: Andrew Lloyd Webber

Stars: Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum, Patrick Wilson

Running time: 143 minutes

Price: €15.00 pp incl. welcome drink (wine or beer or soft drink). Suggested entrance time: 6.15pm after the show, patrons may order from the bar any type of drinks against payment

8 and 9 June 2018:



## 23 and 24 November 2018:

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

An animated retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas apparitions.

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Writers: Robert Zemeckis (screenplay), Charles Dickens (novel)

Stars: Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Colin Firth

Running time: 156 minutes

Price: €30.00 pp incl. welcome drink before the show and finger food including wine, beer and soft drinks after the show. Suggested entrance time: 6pm.

(All other beverages consumed at the bar will be against cash payment).

### SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO RESERVE FOR ALPS FUNCTIONS:

12th May, Pastoral Visit to Pwales by Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna

23rd JUNE there shall be a full day tour to the sister island of Gozo. The trip includes bus rides from San Gwann to Cirkewwa plus transport by coach from the time that we land in Gozo and back again for the return journey by ferry to Malta. There shall be visits to places of interest and a mid-day stop for light lunch. It is possible, that we organize for the group Holy Mass at a church in Gozo.

7th JULY there shall be the celebration of the annual FESTA SANT'ANNA at the Pwales Hamlet. Holy mass starts at 19.00 hrs. After the religious service there shall be the usual refreshments distributed to all who will attend. It is a time of the year when the Kappella at Pwales comes alive with colored lights and festoons specially adorning the chapel and the parvis and the surrounding passageway leading to the chapel. ALPS will

organize a shuttle transport for those who may find difficulty in climbing the small hill before getting to the venue for the 12th May & 7th July events only.

### 21ST JULY 2018 ALPS SUMMER BARBEQUE AT RADISSON GOLDEN SANDS.

A booking form is being included with this newsletter for you to make your advance booking to this event in serene surroundings "al Fresco" at Ghajn Tuffieha resort. Time is 19:30 for 20:00. Price: Adults €28 pp; Children €14 each.

13th to 17th AUGUST, we shall be going on a holiday to LOURDES & Toulouse. Mons. Lawrence Gatt will accompany the ALPS group on this unique pilgrimage. Bookings are open through SMS Mondial of Republic Street Valletta. We have been allotted a limited number of airplane seats. We cannot therefore guarantee that Air Malta gives us more seats when these become fully reserved by those who make a booking with payment.

13th OCTOBER, we shall have the ANNUAL REUNION at the Liceo Hamrun. Details to be announced with booking forms at a later date in another newsletter.

7th to 9th DECEMBER 2018, the YULETIDE WEEK-END AT Radisson Resort Golden Sands Ghajn Tuffieha, that includes the Christmas dinner on Saturday the 8th December. Being a feast of obligation IL- KUNCIZZJONI, we shall be organizing Holy Mass on Saturday morning at 11.00 am for all those who will attend. Sunday mass will again be held at same resort on the 9th December 2018. Do come along and bring with you family members and friends to make this annual event a prelude to the Christmas festivities.



# **ALPS Summer Barbecue**

## **Saturday 21st July 2018**

### **Radisson Golden Sands**

#### **Welcome Drink**

#### **Individual Antipasto Platter**

Grilled Vegetables Sotto Olio, Dolmades, Tzatziki dressing,  
Octopus and Calamari salad, gratinated mussels

#### **Plated Pasta**

Regatoni tossed with Swordfish, Tomatoes and Fresh Herbs

#### **BBQ Station**

Tuna served with Red Pepper Salsa  
Chicken Breast marinated in Garlic, Lemon and Ginger  
Beef Medallions with Thyme  
Grilled Maltese Sausages

#### **Accompaniments**

Grilled vegetables  
Corn on the cob  
Jacketed potatoes with sour cream  
Natural salads: rucola, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber

#### **On a sweeter note.**

Baked white chocolate cheesecake  
Topped with fresh fruit  
Served with banana ice-cream

#### **Fresh Brewed Coffee** **Beverages Included**

2 glasses of local wine & water

**Welcome drink from 19.30hrs and Dinner seating from 20.00hrs**

**PRICE ADULTS: €28 - CHILDREN 12-17YRS: €14.00**

# The Lyceum Scout Group - Part IV



Joseph Micallef

The Lyceum Scout Group was re-opened in July 1991 following the initiative of Dr Guido Saliba the A.L.P.S. founder. He contacted the Island Head Quarters of the Scout Association of Malta about his idea and three leaders were assigned: GSL. Mr. Kenneth Cassar Torregiani, Skipper Mr. Alex Bonello, and Mr. Godwin D'Anastasi as Treasurer. Following a recruitment drive at the Lyceum, there were 18 boys who applied and started attending the troop meetings every Friday; the first one being 5th July 1991.

With the co-operation of the Headmaster, Mr G. Grech, and the Heads of School to date, the Lyceum Scout Quarters is situated at the Lyceum Premises beneath the Science Laboratories. There were four Patrols: the Eagle, Falcon, Hawk and Kestrel - holding their first summer camp in August 1991 at the IHQ in Floriana. On 7th December 1991 there was the first investiture at the School Hall with



Lyceum Scout Group at Centre Scout de Geneve - Switzerland 2008

a new scarf carrying the school badge with the old colours - blue as background trimmed with gold. The first GSL of the old group Mr Paul Abela was present for this event.

It was Dr Saliba's wish that the Lyceum Scout Group became an affiliated member of A.L.P.S. having a representative at the Association's Council of Administration and since then, Lyceum Scouts have always participated and helped in ALPS events.

Regular activities include games, hike expeditions, swimming, biking, abseiling, cooking, canoeing and camping. The group has its own chaplain, Fr William Bartolo who says Mass at campsite during Christmas, Easter and Summer

holidays. Through our chaplain the group was assigned to hold camps and weekend meetings at St Anne's Chapel in Pwales, when this picturesque chapel was handed over to ALPS, as maintenance was beyond our means. In fact ALPS made a good job in doing a major restoration, in collaboration with the St Paul's Bay Parish Church and the Restoration Directorate.

The group continued to grow and the venture unit was also established with members over the age of 15 years. Even the cub section was opened; but this section was short-lived. We were also active in helping in the annual Bike Marathon organised by the school. We also acted as marshals

and at water stations in the Malta Marathon held every February. Needless to say the group always participated in the annual parade for St George's day which took place in April/May in Floriana and Valletta. Apart from the routine scouting the group took part in various jamborees in Malta as well as abroad such as Sigonella in Sicily, Poland, Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, and Iceland.

In July 2001 and August 2011 we celebrated the 10th and 20th Anniversaries and a commemorative plaque was inaugurated at the entrance of our HQ. The Group is still active but sometimes struggling to get new members. Today there are female students at the Lyceum and we have female members attending the scout group. The group is also planning to introduce the Beavers and the Cub Sections.

The first Group Scout Leader was Mr Kenneth Cassar Torregiani who resigned in 1995 and Mr Alex Bonello took over for 20 years. In 2015 Mr Mark Darmanin was assigned as the new Group Scout Leader of the Lyceum Group - he started as a scout way back in 1991 when the group re-opened.

Source: Mr. Mark Darmanin GSL and the Lyceum Group Log Book

## From Our Readers:

Reading through the item The Origins of the Lyceum on Page 8 of the December 2017 issue, the way it is presented sort of suggests a very close affinity between the Jesuits' own College and the Lyceum.

Separate and independent? The question is posed only in the context of the well-known rivalry, indeed more often a friendly rivalry

and often strictly limited to the sports field, that for many years factually existed between the Lyceum and St. Aloysius College. Indeed both institutions then even competed with and against also St. Edward's College, for example in drama, mastery of use of English, and naturally sport.

From a purely historical interpretation aspect your

interesting article sort of makes a case of such then (i.e. in the 1950s and later) existing rivalry not being at all reasonably founded because, in a way, we are all branches from the same tree, viz the Jesuits'/ National Governing were originating source.

By ALPS member - John Consiglio

## Response from the ALPS President:

I have been reading very carefully the feedback through John Consiglio a Liceo Past Student 1950/56. His valued contribution is very much appreciated.

This gives me much pleasure to note, that all that is presented in the ALPS News Letter is followed by our readers. Hence the write-ups that are addressed to us after each issue. Such follow-ups can perhaps be a means of improving if need be, on what we already have.

Regarding the article presented in the last edition, I would like to

refer the writer to a very detailed write-up in a printed edition of Chanticleer magazine of 2005 and which was prepared by Fr. Anton Azzopardi S.J. Pages 19 and 20 of that article clearly explained that when the Jesuits first arrived in Malta in 1592, they had come to respond to the wish of the Bishop and the Grand Master and open a college for the education of youth.

The principal fomenter and promoter of the Jesuit college, was Bishop Gargallo. After long discussion between Grand Master

De Verdalle and Bishop Gargallo on one hand, and the General of the Jesuits Fr. Claudio Aqua Viva on the other, the Deed of Foundation of the Jesuit college was solemnly signed in Valletta on the 12th November 1592 by the Grand Master, the Bishop and Fr. Pietro Casati. This goes to show the very close connection that had existed from the very beginning, with the start of the Collegium Melitense which prospered for over two hundred years.

This was closed down with the expulsion of the Jesuits in 1768.

Thirty years later, the effect of Napoleonic and French interlude on Maltese education, was described as being catastrophic. By Napoleon's edict of 18th June 1798, the University and Lyceum were closed and had been substituted by an Ecole Centrale that was modeled on the schools in Paris.

Dr. Guido Saliba ALPS founding President, had also referred in his write-up shown in another study about the origins of Lyceum, in a previous edition of Chanticleer magazine year 2002.

## IN MEMORIAM



Our Founder President: Dr Guido Saliba LL.D., who passed away on Dec 7, 2004

Marie Louise Cachia, Dec 6, 2017, aged 79 years, wife of Vince, ALPS Member

Francis J Penza, ALPS Member # 514, passed on Feb 25, 2018, aged 80

Maurice Captur, Member # 782

Anthony Camilleri Fenech, Member # 31

Gaetano, brother of ALPS member Joe Abela Fitzpatrick

ALPS members and their family members who passed away since the foundation of ALPS in 1994

The members of families from the Pwales Hamlet, who died in the recent past years

**MAY, THEY ALL REST IN PEACE, AMEN.**

We also remember and pray for all the sick and aged members and friends of ALPS, who may be house bound or in a Seniors Retirement Home. We promise to keep them always in our thoughts and prayers.

## A Thought for this Month...

*Complain less, appreciate more.*

*Expect less, prepare more.*

*Judge less, respect more.*

*Take less, give more.*

*Today.*



## Remembering a Friend of Days Gone By...

### *Nazarene Azzopardi*

As part of ALPS program to honor past Lyceum teachers I met eighty-one-year-old John Camillieri (IL-PIPI) who is a permanent resident at the Holy Family Home in Naxxar. He is Sliema born and was educated at the local Primary school and later on at the Lyceum. Inclined to pursue a religious vocation he attended the local Jesuit institute and was referred to Rome to study Theology and Philosophy at the Gregorian College. Regrettably, after five years he gave up religious studies and returned to Malta. In 1956 he was employed as a Lyceum teacher teaching mathematics.

When Dr Paul Heywood LLD

terminated his headmastership, John Camillieri had assumed the additional role of managing the Lyceum and also lecturing at the Royal University of Malta in his special subject philosophy. From the Education department he applied for a transfer to the Police and was appointed Director of the Civil Prison.

After a number of years in this onerous job he was appointed Personal Secretary to both Presidents Vincent Tabone FRCS and to Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici LLD.

On reaching retiring age in 1995 he pursued the hobbies of woodworking and metal work. When this activity came to the attention of the late missionary Fr George Grima, John was encouraged to help

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out embellishing the newly established mission stations in various countries situated in South America and Africa.

Despite his then age of sixty-one he visited mission stations

at the behest of Fr Grima and worked and taught local workers at these stations the expertise of handling metal and wood works and the use of machinery for such trades. Among his African visits he counts long periods spent in Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia and feels proud that after his training, the locals excelled in the art of construction and thus set up workshops earning a good living.

Even nowadays at the Holy Family Home, John Camillieri continues to keep himself occupied by manning the switchgear and answering in-coming phone calls, besides attending also to light jobs and helping the administration running the Home.

# The ALPS Valentines Dinner Celebration 2018

Year in, year out, "The Association of Lyceum Past Student" holds its annual celebration of Valentine's feast by organizing a grand dinner. To make it even more attractive, ALPS obtains very advantageous rates for a complete weekend stay at one of the luxurious resorts that is pleasing to all members and guests of our association. Yet again this year, the Valentine's event was held at The Radisson Golden Sands Spa Resort in Ghajn Tuffieha.

Valentine dinner alone, attracted more than two hundred and fifty persons and for the overnight stays, more than 100 guest rooms were booked by ALPS members and friends. We term this as another great success for our association that is becoming more and more popular. The success of course, is built over the past achievements that keeps all members and friends of ALPS pleased and satisfied. Some photos from this event are attached with this write-up.

We are hoping, that even more of our members may participate at similar events in the future, bringing with them family and friends to add to the merriment.

## HOLY MASS AT GOLDEN SANDS RESORT - FESTA SAN PAWL 10TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Association of Lyceum Past Students looks after the spiritual needs of all its members and friends. And, to facilitate the hearing of Holy Mass for all who have participated during the

Valentine week-end at Golden Sands Resort on the 10th February 2018, we have asked our spiritual Director Fr. William Barolo to celebrate mass in the Swizzles hall for the Feast of obligation " St Paul "

A large congregation assembled for the hearing of mass and everyone was kept attentive listening to the sermon delivered by Fr. William who, with his usual dose of humor helps to make the Christian message get to everyone's heart.

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## Laughter is the Best Medicine

There was a tradesman, a painter named Jack, who was very interested in making a dollar where he could. So, he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time. Eventually, the local church decided to do a big restoration project. Jack put in a painting bid and, because

his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so, he started, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and thinning it down with turpentine. Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder.

The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin

paint from all over the church and knocking Jack off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, "**Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!**"



Photos from ALPS Valentines Weekend - February 2018



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