



25th Anniversary

ALPS News

ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS | GHAQDA EX-STUDENTI LICEO

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FROM THE ALPS PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and Friends of ALPS

The ultimate success of an alumni association depends on the alumni themselves.

The ALPS support may be helpful if not necessary, as an ex-alumni association will only be successful and sustainable if it remains in essence, a grassroots member driven organization. Thanks God, ALPS can and does provide, a good amount of resources and innovations. Starting from its modest funding, the places that are chosen for get together meetings, elected speakers, access to old ledgers through National Archives to obtain history of past Lyceum students, are a few of the benefits that are made available to our members and friends, who are supporting The Association of Lyceum Past Students all year round.

Twenty five years ago, The Association of Lyceum Past Students was founded by Dr. Guido Saliba. On the 19th day of March 2019, it has been estimated that around 250 Lyceum Past Students with their partners, have made it a point to attend for the celebration of a 25th Anniversary from foundation date of ALPS. The main ceremony was held at St John's Co Cathedral Valletta.

His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech concelebrated Holy Mass together with His Grace Bishop Emeritus Pawl Cremona. A number of Lyceum Past Students who have chosen priesthood, have also joined in this grand celebration. The main altar at St. John's co-cathedral was so very nicely enriched.

His Eminence delivered a short but very meaningful homily that inspired all who were present, with much courage. The great Lyceum days have been remembered with profound and nostalgic feelings.

A grand reception was organized at the Old Liceo in Merchants street Valletta within walking distance from the cathedral. The guests who were invited, had all awaited the arrival of The Cardinal and other distinguished guests for the evening reception to commence. It is worth mentioning, that the building now known as the Università I-Antika, has seen vast renovation and restoration during the recent past years. This Alma Mater, had also served as the Old Lyceum for many students, where they have taken their secondary education. A marble plaque was installed some years back by The Association of Lyceum Past

Students, in recognition of the fact, the school's colored badge reminds every visitor to this building, that has served to educate a great number of Maltese boys, helping them to search for even higher education after their secondary courses and graduating with distinctive diplomas. This has seen them occupying senior posts in Malta and abroad, all thanks to the very first secondary education that was given to them by the Lyceum in Malta.

We have reason to be proud and to be happy this year on the occasion of celebrating our 25th anniversary from Foundation date way back in 1994. When the undersigned addressed the gathering, great importance was given to that sense of fraternity and comradeship that prevails amongst members and friends, who continue to support their association with their constant participation in all that is prepared for them. (you may read president's speech immediately after this message) We simply wanted to mark this special occasion this year, by organizing a memorable event that has gone down with gold lettering in the history book of ALPS. May there be more



enthusiastic new members who can start to take over the reins of Ghaqda Ex-Studenti Liceo and to continue to lead it for the next 25 years. God willing in 2044, ALPS will celebrate its 50th anniversary with much greater pomp and of course, with a much bigger number of members and friends who can by such date continue to increase and multiply.

A few weeks back we were celebrating Easter Sunday. This feast is a celebration for all of humanity, because it marks the defeat of death by Jesus Christ. Here's hoping that you and all your families experience a renewal of life with the resurrected Christ.

Very sincerely

**George dei Conti Stagno Navarra
 President - ALPS**



Full speech by the ALPS President on the occasion of a 25th Anniversary celebration

“Your Eminence, Your Grace, Members of the Clergy who have concelebrated Holy Mass, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen... I feel deeply honored standing here today, as well as very nostalgic at getting the privilege of welcoming you all here.

It gives me immense pleasure to address you all on this auspicious occasion of a 25th Anniversary from foundation date of ALPS. A day like today is very important for us, as it provides us the opportunity to meet with many other past students after a long time. It provides to each one of us, the chance to meet each other and to reminisce from the good Lyceum days of our youth. It also enables us all, to notice the changes and development since the foundation date of The Association of Lyceum Past Students. Many of you here present, were there in the very early stages, when Ghaqda Ex-Studenti Liceo was founded in 1994 by our founder President Dr. Guido Saliba. ... God Rest his Soul... I can just imagine the joy that Guido would have felt today, on seeing the Association of Lyceum Past Students come a long way and to be liked and well accepted by everyone. I am pleased to mention, that we are honored with the presence of Mrs. Irene Saliba wife of our founder president who has accepted our invitation to come and share from this joy of a 25th anniversary, to something, that her dear departed husband had initiated and bequeathed to us in 1994.

ALPS, has an ongoing tradition to stay in touch with all its members and friends. And to continue with this tradition, we have today organized this get together here inside the old LICEO building, where many of you may still vividly remember the years they have spent in their Lyceum classes.

Kindly allow me to express my gratitude towards each and every one of you here present, for sparing some time to be with all of us tonight.

We realize that some of you do have a busy schedule, but you still wanted to come over. I believe, that the experiences of this evening which you will take home, will be worth the time you have spent to come and join us on this grand occasion, Twentyfive years ago, ALPS was a very small and struggling organization, that was still finding its feet to start a long walk that today brings it to its first 25th anniversary celebration. Lyceum boys have graduated from their secondary school benches and have widely spread throughout the globe. Many have continued to search for growth, learning, knowledge and I am convinced, that their performances have made a difference everywhere they went. All this, could only come by, after having taken their first sound teachings at the Liceo.

Allow me to say, that our association has today become recognized as one of the great NGO's in Malta and Gozo, that has achieved its greatness all through the continued best support, that it receives from its large membership. We struggle all the time to recruit new members and if any of you here present, wish to take this opportunity and enroll, I am sure that my fellow council members may all be carrying in their pockets some application forms to help you give us your details and you shall be privileged to have joined ALPS exactly on its 25th anniversary celebration. This is the first of a series of activities that are planned for this year and we certainly wish to see you all participating at other future events during 2019.

I want to praise you all dear members and friends of The Association of Lyceum Past Students, for having held key positions of major influence in society. I would like to appreciate your efforts done for the development of our Maltese community and justifying the years spent by you at any one of the Lyceum buildings, with very dedicated and experienced teachers

during our school years.

I wish to say a big thank you to my fellow council members who work with me all year round in order to ensure that our activities are all to your liking. May I just say another thank you to our Spiritual Director Fr. William Bartolo for his continued best support, by celebrating Holy Mass at Kappella Pwales, nearly every month of the year. I must not forget to thank heartily, Mons. Victor Zammit MacKeon, who acted as main ceremonier during Holy Mass and who very kindly gave all assistance to ALPS at the organizing stage for a great success. It was Mons. Victor who recommended the singing to be done by the a marvelous choir Exsultate Domino directed by maestro James B. Agius from Parrocca San Gorg Martri Qormi. It was also Mons Zammit MacKeon who together with his special assistants, had prepared St John's cathedral with beautiful bouquets of flowers near the main altar, the full lighting and even ensured that enough seating for everyone was made available for this occasion.

You may have noticed at the bottom of the adverts that have appeared in the Sunday Papers over the recent months, that such adverts have been partly sponsored by 'The Ministry for Education and Employment'. With much pleasure, I wish to inform you that ALPS has this year qualified for some much needed funding, to lessen the expense for this anniversary year, whilst preparing many activities for you members and friends of ALPS. I wish to thank the Minister for Education and the nice ladies and other heads of department, who helped us all along and processed our application for such funding to become a reality.

I would like to thank you all for your keen participation earlier on this evening at St John's Co Cathedral with concelebrated Holy Mass. His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech has travelled to Malta specifically for this occasion.

He was a Liceo Past student himself and has given to us a very warm message, that is represented on the back of that church booklet that we would like you to keep as a souvenir of this special occasion. (you can also read such message further down in this newsletter). Another Lyceum Past Student who concelebrated Holy Mass, was His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona and, together with other Liceo past students who have chosen priesthood, we had such a grand commemorative occasion that shall be remembered by all of us for the rest of our lives. We thank you your Eminence and Your Grace and we humbly ask for your blessing. Mill-LICEO hargu hafna 'mhuh kbar li ghamlu unur kbir ghal Malta Taghna. Dawn jinkludu l-Eminenza tieghu, isqijiet Maltin li jservu gewwa l-Gzejjer Maltin u anki ohrajn mxerda mad-dinja. Dan, barra professjonisti ta kull xorta li dejjem okkupaw postijiet mill-ghola ghal gid tas-socjeta.

Last but not least, a very big thank you to all our ALPS members for the enormous support that you are extending to The Association of Lyceum Past Students on this unique occasion. I assure you, that it is much appreciated. May I take this opportunity and ask you dear Ladies. ... wives of ALPS members, to keep encouraging your husbands to stay active in life and to participate in all that ALPS prepares for its members during the year. Your presence when you accompany your husbands gives to me much pleasure at seeing the ALPS family truly united and staying together.

I sincerely hope that you like the arrangements for this get together and I wish you a wonderful evening and memorable moments...Have a good time ahead...

Thank you

George dei Conti Stagno Navarra

Dr Guido Saliba was the founder President of ALPS

Guido was born in Floriana on August 31st 1923. He is best remembered for his deep love of drama and his great ability as an organiser. He graduated doctor of law with diplomas in public administration and in library and information studies from the University of Malta in 1966. During World War II he was a lieutenant in the Royal Malta Artillery. After the war he was appointed a master of history in the Sixth Form and at the Lyceum. Later he became head of the department of history and social studies and assistant headmaster at the Upper Secondary School. His connection with the Lyceum was cemented when in 1994 he set up the Association of Lyceum Past Students of which he was president until the year 2001,

when he tendered his resignation. His close connection with ALPS, however, continued as he was made honorary president for life and was acting deputy president.

He passed away at the age of 81 years on 7th December 2004. Dr Saliba was an actor, playwright and drama producer; founder of the Fergha Drammatika Ghaqda tal-Malti (Università); co-author with his first wife Inez Soler of *Mistenni mill-Gnus*, a nativity radio serial and *Bin il-Briedem* - a Passion play broadcast and produced at the Radio City Opera House in Hamrun. Together with Ms Soler, he was drama and art critic for *The Times of Malta* between the 1950s and 1960s and used to write drama reviews under the pen-name *Our Drama Critic*. With his great love

for drama he was chairman of the Malta Drama League and secretary of *Socjeta' ta' l-Awturi Maltin*. He held the post of judicial assistant at the law courts and was a Director of Studies at the Police Academy where he was one of its founders.

Guido was chairman of the Commission for the Investigation of Injustices; a member of the Permanent Commission Against Corruption; publisher of *Il-Mara Matul Iz-Zminijiet*; editor of 'A Council for All Seasons' and of 'A Presidency with a Purpose' and the columnist of "Once Upon a Dream in The Sunday Times" for a full 12 years. Dr Saliba served on several government boards including the Board of Film Censors and the Board of the Film and Stage Censors, the Board of Education, the

Advisory Council of Education and the committee on recruitment policy at the Ministry for Education.

George Stagno Navarra the ALPS president, has described Dr Saliba as "a great cultured and erudite gentleman who one day dreamt a sweet dream of setting up the ALPS". "He was a wise man and to all the members of ALPS, he was much more than a father figure." "His love for the Association of Lyceum Past Students was that great,"

Dr Saliba was awarded the honour *Il-Furjaniz tas-Sena* 2003 by the Floriana local council and the *Croce al Merito Melitense* by the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Dr Saliba is survived by his second wife Irene and his two children Pierguido and Yelena.

And now on the occasion of a 25th anniversary, we present a brief history about the Association of Lyceum Past Students - ALPS.

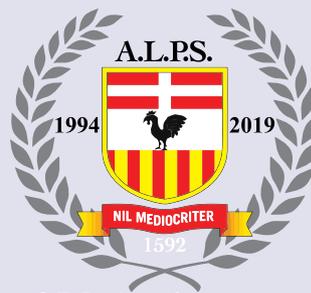
Also officially known as the Għaqda Ex-Studenti Liceo, the ALPS was formally founded on 20th March 1994. There had been a number of previous attempts to get such an organisation going, but this was the one that worked.

The Association seeks to bring together as many as possible of the thousands of surviving men of all ages who were sitting in the classrooms of this oldest institution of learning in Malta, which dates back to 1592 with the foundation of the Collegium Melitense for the teaching of Arabic and Turkish by the Jesuits. This date is suitably recorded in the ALPS emblem, which basically incorporates the Lyceum school badge.

The main aim of the Association

is not simply for social activities, although these have their own importance in the Association's calendar, but to make a real difference in modern-day society. ALPS also seeks to do its part in the preservation of national heritage. It is sincerely hoped that visiting the ALPS website will help one and all – not just Lyceum Past Students – to understand what the Association stands for.

For a number of good reasons the ALPS website is very informative, and continues to grow as commitments permit. It carries recounts of the origins of The Lyceum, the birth of the Association of Lyceum Past Students, and the full Statute as amended over the years. There is also a Diary showing the salient points in the association's history



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as well as all the events it has organised over the past years, the make-up of the current and past Councils of Administration and pen-portraits of its current members. Our website also carries the full text of ALPS News as well as the Administrative Reports from past Annual General Meetings.

Looking further ahead we

hope to keep expanding and developing our web-site. We wish to enhance the full-colour picture gallery of ALPS activities, that include many activities over the past 25 years. If any ALPS members who, having surfed and enjoyed the website, feel moved to lend us any pictures that bring back memories of important moments in their lives (including, and especially, school life!) you are certainly welcome to do so.

It will also be the Council of Administration's pleasure to see the ALPS website being used to get members in touch with their old schoolmates, maybe even helping to organise class or year reunions.

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Festa Sant'Anna at Pwales will be celebrated on the 6th July 2019

Yet again this year, we invited another Bishop to come and celebrate for us holy mass at the Pwales chapel on the occasion of Festa Sant Anna. His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona, has accepted to join the ALPS congregation at the Pwales Hamlet on 6th July. This is another great honor for ALPS, to have such a distinguished personality to be with us on the occasion of The Titular Feast of Sant

Anna.

Do come along and enjoy this evening with us. After mass, there shall be a small reception on the chapel parvis with light refreshments. You are free to bring with you family members and friends for this event.

A shuttle transport is being organized to give lifts to those who may find difficulty walking up the steep hill leading to the kappella Pwales. Holy mass starts at 19.00 hrs.

Calendar of Activities at St. Anna Chapel Pwales

May 18th 1700hrs

Celebrating the Feast San Gorg Preca - ALPS Prom Saint

June 22nd 1700hrs

July 6th 1900hrs

Celebrating the Feast Sant Anna

August no activities

September no activities

October 19th 16.30hrs

November 23rd 1630hrs

Remembrance day

December 13th 1100hrs

Christmas Mass with carols

PLEASE ENTER THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

If You Have a Change of E-Mail Address:

We announce that past Council Member Oscar Galea, still looks after the ALPS data base and he updates all the changes that are taking place with any change of E-MAIL ADDRESSES since the closure of a local service provider. A good number of the ALPS members and friends have had to effect a change of their e-mail address. This of course, may not always be notified to ALPS. Therefore, whatever is sent out to you as announcement of important / special events, can not be reaching its destination. Oscar in fact, started phoning one by one, the ALPS members and friends of the association, to seek the correct E-Mail addresses and update the data base that he so meticulously keeps. We kindly ask you to co-operate and if not sending a one line confirmation to Oscar Galea on: oscgalea457@gmail.com at least we ask you to answer his phone call or SMS message, so that your new e-mail address can be captured and recorded. If you have difficulty to connect, please call on land-line telephone number 2189 6293 / mobile: 7989 6293. Helping your association to be more up-to-date with its records, is helping yourselves to receive news from ALPS.

A Reminder for Payment of ALPS Subscription

Our Hon. Treasurer David A. Abela informs council of administration, that quite a number of renewal subscriptions are still unpaid for this year. In a gentle manner, we kindly ask you **to bring out your cheque book and send your remittance at earliest to bring your subscription up to date.** We truly depend on that little fee that is donated each year to ALPS. This is the year of our 25th anniversary and we are incurring much expenses. The money that we collect from you, does come back in one way or another to you dear members and friends. Taking as an example, the celebration held at St John's Cathedral with choir and other associated church expenses, the reception that we organized for the 25th anniversary celebrations at the Old Liceo on 19th March 2019, is enough to make you

aware that we have had to reach deep into the ALPS pockets and pay for all the food and drink, the hire of the reception hall, engaging a number of waiters to serve the guests at the function and many other related expenses that have reached a few thousands. All this, comes from that little something that we have collected over the years from our members and friends. This year, we wanted to make you a special treat and show our gratitude to each and every one of you. So please keep sending us the renewal fees so that we may never fall below the poverty line. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. For those who have overlooked past years' renewal, do please send to us soonest the full amount that is payable.

And without imposing on our members and friends, "ANY EXTRA

DONATION THAT CAN BE SENT TO ALPS " in this anniversary year, would be greatly appreciated. We have more things in the pipeline and there shall be other favorable tokens coming to members and friends before the year is out.

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.

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

The ALPS Day Tour to the Sister Island of Gozo - 15th June 2019



This year we have chosen mid-June for the day tour to Gozo. Chev. Joe M. Attard will be guiding the ALPS group and we shall be visiting some very interesting sites that may never have been visited before. The fact that we can be together for another event is already a satisfaction, when the association members with family and friends can spend a full day sightseeing and sharing lunch and having some fun. The coach will leave from near the church of San Gwann at 08.15 am. strait to the Cirkewwa terminal for boarding the Gozo Ferry boat. An all-inclusive price of €25 p.person - Ferry ticket not included (those over 60 years use karta anzjan for FREE ferry crossing / all others must pay separately at the ferry terminal). Those who are interested to come for this day tour, are requested to fill in the booking form attached with this newsletter. Please complete sign

and return booking form with your full payment to secretary General Alex Borg. Bookings are on first come first serve basis and will close when all seats on the coach are fully booked. Therefore, we recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings must reach Alex Borg – Alson: 82 Naxxar Rd., San Gwann SGN 9032 Tel: 9988 8579 / 2138 6812 or e-mail : Alpsmalta@gmail.com by not later than Monday the 10th June, in order to prepare full attendance lists for the coaches in Malta & Gozo and to inform the Lantern Restaurant at Marsalforn Gozo, with the total number of lunch guests. Kindly look at the menu listed in the booking form and indicate your preferred choice of starter/main course from the menu. In case of any special dietary preferences, do please inform us so that we can inform the caterers.

PROGRAM GOZO DAY TOUR 15TH JUNE 2019

- 08.15hrs Coach leaves from near San Gwann parish church
- 09.15hrs Coach arrives at Cirkewwa ferry terminal
- 09.45hrs Departure of the Gozo ferry from Cirkewwa Malta
- 10.15hrs Arrival of ferry at Mgarr Harbour Gozo
Meeting with coach for day tour with guide Chev Joe M. Attard
Proceed to visit 'muzew Tal-Harag in Victoria Gozo
20 Minutes free time for a short coffee break at it-tokk and then
Visit of St George's Basilika at Rabat - Explanation of various paintings by famous painters, date when Basilika was completed and other items of interest
- 12.30hrs Lunch at Lantern Restaurant - Marsalforn
- 14.00hrs Coach leaves for the quiet village of Kercem –
Visting valley of Lunzjata and interesting sites in Kercem
- 15.15hrs We arrive at Kercem Parish Church for Holy Mass
After mass coach takes the group for short shopping spree at "Vini e Capricci" in Xewkija
- 16.55hrs Coach leaves from Xemkija strait to Mgarr Gozo Harbour
- 17.15hrs Ferry leaves from Mgarr - terminal to Cirkewwa - Malta
- 17.45hrs Ferry arrives at cirkewwa - we board our coach to San Gwann
- 18.15hrs Coach arrives near San Gwann Parish Church parking area

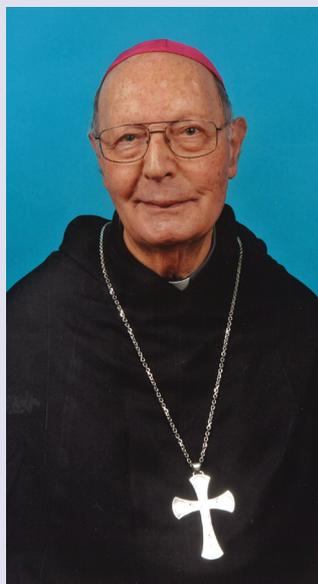
The above being with approx. timings and visiting venues. Must ask all the participants for this tour to be always punctual and keeping to the set times as indicated or as may be directed during the day.

A warm message to ALPS members from his Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech specially prepared for the 25th anniversary celebrations on 19th March 2019

WELCOME BOYS

I believe I am the oldest, or one of the oldest, Old Lyceum Boys, and as such I invite you all to rally round on March 19th for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of our Association. I joined the Lyceum at the age of eleven in 1937 (as Stanley Grech) and spent two years in Hamrun, with Mr. Brennan, and later, with Mr. J.P. Vassallo as headmasters. One peaceful year in Valletta and then the trouble started. In June 1940 Italy declared war, and after a few hours bombs rained down on Malta. This meant that it sometimes happened that we went to school in the morning to find only a heap of rubble

where the school had been. That meant that we had to go on with school by correspondence for two or three weeks, till another building was found... and then bombed again. It was obviously worse when someone of us went back home after school to find no home at all. We sat our matriculation exam in St. Dominic's Priory in Rabat, also during an air-raid. How can I ever forget such an experience? Times changed of course. New schools were built, curricula evolved, new subjects introduced and education adapted to the needs of a rapidly changing world. But the Lyceum always remained the Lyceum in spirit, and in spite of all changes we all,



from the oldest to the youngest, always feel some kinship when we meet an old student and say with pride: "I, too, am an old Lyceum boy!"

It was a brilliant idea of Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba LL.D., to found ALPS twenty-five years ago. His successor George Stagno Navarra has taken over the running of the association that invites us to discover what we have in common, in spite of our social, racial and religious differences. The 19th of March is the feast of St. Joseph, Jesus' foster father. We invite him to foster the ALPS family as well.

Prospero Card. Grech, OSA.

The ALPS Award of Trophies to Winners & Runners Up

The 16th day of April, has seen the Lyceum boardroom full of young men, who are in their last days before finishing from their secondary education studies before taking their Mat-Sec examinations and proceeding to even higher education in the coming years. In the usual manner, ALPS has this year awarded the shield and a good number of trophies to winners and runners-up of the football league for current year. Attending for the award giving ceremony was the Liceo Headmistress M/s. Doriann Portanier Mifsud. Council members Peter Tortell and Joe Micallef were also present and wished to the winners every success for the future. A number of photos were taken for this occasion and some are featured in this issue of ALPS News. On the occasion of its 25th Anniversary, all trophies this year have been decorated with the special logo of the event.



LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE:

THE SOUND OF MUSIC...
A Scottish mother visits her son at his Toronto apartment.
"How are you finding your neighbours Donald?"
"Mother" says Donald "The people in this building are so noisy.
One won't stop banging

his head against the wall, whilst the other screams and screams all night long "
"Oh Donald. How do you manage to put up with them?"
"What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes all night long..."





The ALPS Summer BBQ for this year - 13th July 2019

Before the start of our summer recess, we shall organize for all ALPS members and friends, a summer B-B-Q. We know that many of you like the Radisson Golden Sands and we have therefore made arrangements for this years' event, to be held on the open terraces overlooking the sandy beach at one of the nicest bays in Malta. This unique and picturesque site is in itself already quite pleasing and added to the exquisite food that we are planning to have on such an occasion, should be to your liking, before the start of the summer holidays.

The price per person is €29.00 / children - under three FREE and up to 15 years of age €15.00.

The evening starts with welcome drink at 19.30 and seating for the BBQ to start at 20.00 hrs. Do fill in the booking form and send with payment to Secretary General Alex Borg Alson no 82, Naxxar Road San Gwann SGN 9032 - e-mail: alpsmalta@gmail.com tel: 2138 6812 / Mob or SMS: 9988 8579



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ALPS Summer Barbecue Saturday 13th July 2019 Radisson Golden Sands

Individual Antipasto Platter

Grilled vegetables sotto olio, dolmades, tzatziki dressing, octopus and calamari salad, gratinated mussels

Plated Pasta

Penne tossed with prawns, zucchini and pesto

BBQ Station

Grilled swordfish with herbs and garlic

Grilled chicken thighs marinated in smoked barbeque sauce

Beef medallions with herb salsa verde

Grilled selection of sausages

Accompaniments

Grilled vegetables

Corn on the cob

Grilled half potatoes

Natural salads

On a sweeter note

Brazil nut tart with milk chocolate & toffee delight

Served with wild strawberry ice-cream.

Beverages Included

2 glasses of local wine & water

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

The ALPS Annual General Meeting 2019

The ALPS - Annual General Meeting this year was held on the 22nd February 2019 inside the boardroom at the Lyceum Hamrun.

Having terminated his term in office, the ALPS president remained uncontested and was again re-elected by acclamation for another term of three more years. We have had one less contestant this year. Only seven Council Members contested and were elected for another period of one year. We say thanks to all those who have served over the past year. One cannot but mention outgoing council

member Oscar Galea, who for personal reasons has this year preferred not to contest the ALPS council elections. We say thank you Oscar for all the work and dedication you have shown over the past years especially with the upkeep of Kappella Pwales. Dear Oscar, good health much happiness to you for the future. We look ahead with more vigor and may we augur to the incoming council members, every success. Re-elected President George Stagno Navarra, will continue to lead the Association of Lyceum Past

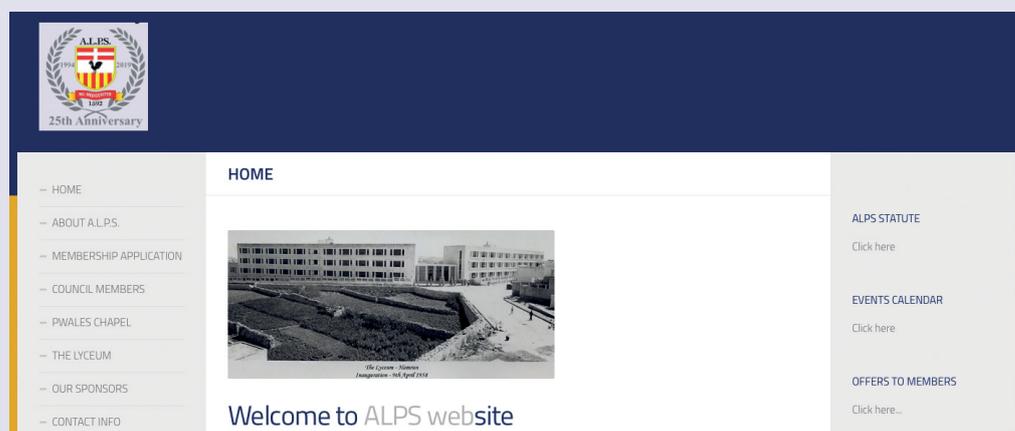
Students during this current year of celebrating the 25th ANNIVERSARY.

The AGM went rather smoothly. ALPS Secretary General Alex Borg presented his administrative report, whilst Mr. Peter Griffiths of Messrs. Griffiths and Associates also presented the audited accounts of ALPS. Very favourable comments were passed when the finances were announced with income and expenditure of the association that continues to be under control. The recently acquired funding through the Education

department have also been shown in suspense and will be finally accounted for in the coming year. Another year, another success, said the ALPS president in his closing speech. Must thank the firm Griffiths & Associates for yet again this year, committing to look after the auditing of ALPS accounts. Another thank you message, goes to Liceo Headmistress M/s. Doriann Portanier Mifsud, for her unflinching co-operation in granting permission for the use of the Lyceum boardroom to hold ALPS monthly council meetings.

Updating of the ALPS website

Our Deputy President Joseph Buttigieg continues to look after and update the ALPS web-site. Important information concerning the association activities, is always being added for the benefit of ALPS members and friends. It is a means of letting everyone be in the know, about what is going on with the association activities. Rest assured, that all that needs to be relayed to you dear members, you will find it on the web-page of ALPS. Having been through a very busy period,



we do not have for this time the latest statistics of

our website, but we shall commit ourselves to insert

this information in our next edition of Alps News.

Interesting News from one of the Alps Sponsors

The OPAL range of imported Outdoor Play & Leisure (and Learning too) equipment, can be found in various localities around Malta & Gozo and these are mainly installed in playing fields and outdoor gyms, comprising safety rubber flooring & outdoor furniture.

Come rain or shine, summer and winter does not affect the quality of OPAL imported products, that are now very well known, accepted and widely used throughout all months of the year.

OPAL strives to educate and entertain young children and helps them well to adapt their playtime. Young children especially, are known to become engaged in all kinds of ways during their playtime.



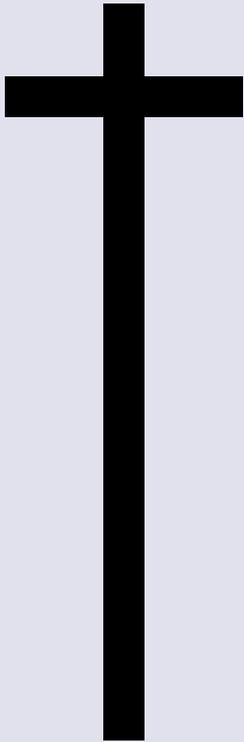
With Opal equipment, their conversation can show great imagination too. It really helps children in their play by providing a range of suitable materials and equipment

so that they can develop skills through their growing imagination.

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IN MEMORIAM



We always remember and pray for:
Our Founder President: **Dr Guido Saliba LL.D.**, (who died on 7th December 2004)
Mrs Maria Dolores Jackson (sister of ALPS President – she died in England 14-04-2019)
Mrs Marion Borg Auntie of Mr. & Mrs Stagno Navarra - She died in Sicily 14-04-2019)
Mr Lino Cremona (Brother of Archbishop Emeritus Pawl Cremona

Members of ALPS families who have died recently and have not been announced to us
Members from the Pwales Hamlet families or their relatives who died in past years

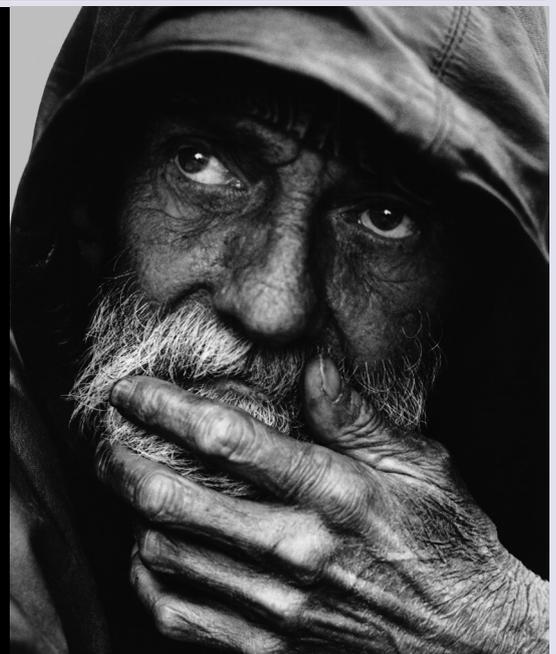


**MAY, THEY ALL
REST IN PEACE
AMEN**

We also remember and pray, for all the sick and aged members and friends of ALPS, who have become house bound, or in a seniors retirement home or, who may have stopped driving and find difficulty in attending for the ALPS functions. We promise to keep them always in our thoughts and prayers. We also mention, that we wish to maintain a direct contact with each one. Our promise to make house visits is still open and anyone who wishes to receive a delegation of two council members to pay him a visit, we shall expect a call from you on 9988 8579 / or e-mail: alpsmalta@gmail.com. Every communication shall be acknowledged and a suitable time and date can be arranged.

*A Thought
for this Month...*

*Retirement means...
Retire from work
But not from life...*



The Valentine's Weekend at Radisson Golden Sands

For all those who have participated and even those who could not be joining us for the grand Valentine's weekend between the 8th to 10th February 2019 we would like to inform you, that for this year we had another encouraging attendance. Reaching a figure of 265 participants for dinner and booking over a 102 guestrooms for overnight stay at the luxurious Radisson Golden Sands Resort, it has given to ALPS another thank

you message for organizing such event. The weather was favorable too. Members and their guests could be seen taking long walks in the countryside around the resort, bringing some rosy cheeks and smiles, to all who were lucky to enjoy such extravaganza of good weather during the month of February. Dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom that was specially decorated for the occasion. The ladies in their elegant

evening dresses, each received a fresh carnation from ALPS President when entering for Valentine dinner. The food was again termed 'as exquisite' and the evening proceeded quite pleasantly. A special kiddies corner buffet station was erected. This has catered for a number of children who were present for the week-end with their parents. Very attractive gifts and hotel vouchers were raffled and the evening came to a close around midnight.

The next day Sunday the 10th February, ALPS have organized Holy Mass for its members and their families. Fr. William Bartolo delivered a wonderful homily on the occasion of festa San Pawl.

The participation of so many members and friends fills us with much courage and determination to do even more of the same if not better in future. Keep coming to all that is prepared and notified to you in the months ahead.

Holiday Cruise for ALPS Members and Friends on Mein Schiff Hertz

On Ultra All Inclusive Basis from the 23rd to the 30th September 2019

A good number of cabins that were allocated to ALPS by the travel company SMS Mondial, have been sold up to date.

If there may still be other members and friends of ALPS wishing to come and join us on this Mediterranean cruise, we can only recommend that you place your reservation booking in case of any last minute availability for such tour.



Announcing a mid-November ALPS cultural tour to MUSA in Valletta

We are planning for our members and friends, a Valletta Cultural Tour in November. It is our wish to make a booking and go visiting "MUSA" that has only recently opened its doors to the public. There are still some works being carried out but hopefully, all should be completed by Nov 2019.

Provided that we may have a confirmed date with also an in-house guide to show us around and explain all that is to be seen and admired at this marvellous location, we shall include a mid-morning tea/coffee break at same trattoria inside this building with entrance from Merchants Street



Valletta.

Ideally, we may also arrange for a spot of light lunch at same place when the tour is

finished. Will try our best to get a booking/reservation with guide for a Saturday in mid – November 2019. More details

shall be announced to you in our next newsletter. (*pencil your diary and keep this Valletta tour in mind*)



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