



ALPS News

ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS | GHAQDA EX-STUDENTI LICEO

25th Anniversary

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FROM THE ALPS PRESIDENT'S DESK

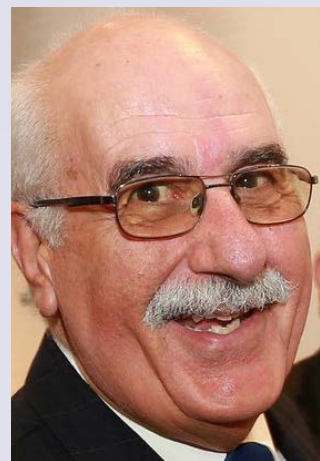
Twenty-five years, a quarter of a century – that's a long time for an association to endure. There can be only a handful of other associations like ALPS, who are still existing. The majority, founded in the same year 1994 or even earlier, are no longer with us. Endurance isn't easy. For an Old Boys Association to endure over 25 years and be as relevant today as it was at its founding, is quite a feat to remain more relevant and valuable today. It is a great honor and satisfaction to all its members and friends. Founded in 1994 by a very determined and dedicated gentleman, The Association of Lyceum Past Students came to life and immediately started enrolling Liceo past students into its fold. The ALPS Founder President was Dr. Guido Saliba LL.D., He was at the helm up to the year 2001 when he felt that he was physically getting tired. He relinquished his post to the then Deputy president George Stagno Navarra who became acting president up to the time, when new elections were due. The undersigned, still holds the ALPS presidency following his repeated re-election to this post.,

When I agreed to take over

and help Guido Saliba, I never imagined that there is going to be repeated re-elections and remaining in the president's chair for so long. Unfortunately, our Founder President Dr. Saliba is no longer with us. He passed away 15 years ago in 2004. We should all remember him for bequeathing to us a very determined ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS, What he started in 1994, we have nurtured to this day and we are ever so proud to now possess a large membership. Let us remember him in our prayers. At the same time I believe it is appropriate, to remember also with affection those ALPS members who are now deceased. They have accompanied us during the past twenty five years and in one way or another, gave their services to this association as Council members, or as simple members. We thank them for their collaboration at different moments in the history of our association. May they Rest in Peace.

I would also like to remember and thank all other members alive, who have contributed with their experience in the first few years of ALPS like our Secretary

General Alex Borg. He has been the association's secretary for many years and still holds that position with all its work and responsibilities to this day. You know pretty well how hard our secretary works and he deserves all the praise from all of our members. During these past twenty five years we have had some difficult episodes. None of our successes would have been possible without the determination of all our members, and friends who have supported us from the beginning. It is clear, that everything in life can be improved and there are still many things pending. We never fold our arms. Each year there are new projects and improvements to make our association even more appealing to you all. As always, we rely on the collaboration of our members. It is like a tournament that requires courage, strategy and self-control. It puts our temper to the test, judges our honor and reveals our true character as individuals. We offer to our members and friends, the chance to develop with the same intensity, both the body's health and moral conviction... We must not forget that being a member in ALPS, is like a sport. We become strengthened with the



setbacks, and learn never to give up. I want to end this message of hope with the thought, "what we have accomplished to this date, can now be improved in the coming years. We continue to build and to refine what is started. Someday perhaps we may become perfectionists..."

May you all be blessed at Christmas time and enjoy this happy feast with family and friends.

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season and auguring Good Health and Happiness in the coming year 2020.

Very sincerely
George dei Conti Stagno Navarra
President - ALPS



The ALPS - Cultural Tour Valletta

Every success brings satisfaction to the organizers as well as to the participants.

It was evident from the start, that the ALPS cultural tour visiting two very well known Museums in Valletta on the 9th November 2019, was another colorful page added to the ALPS history book.

Forty-one persons have turned up for this cultural tour to The Museum of Archaeology and the Muza Fine Arts Museum that has been opened quite recently. At both locations, the ALPS group have been lucky to be taken around by expert guides, who demonstrated much expertise whilst explaining about all that was found and admired inside the museums. Using the Senior Citizen passport, entrance was free for all those who took part.

On such occasions the Association of Lyceum Past Students really appreciates the feedback from those who take part. In the set of photos with this newsletter, one may notice



the innumerable paintings and sculptures by famous artists and a wide variety of Objets d'art found under one roof.

Having spent a nice morning together, the ALPS group shared a well prepared light meal at the same Muza Cafeteria. May be, it

can be worth your time, paying another visit to admire in greater detail all the treasures that are found at the two museums. The time at our disposal during the guided tours was limited but when visiting with more leisure, the exhibits can be much more

appreciated and remembered for future reference. For those of you who have not participated in this tour, we can only say that you have missed a lot and having your Heritage Senior Citizen Passport can still entitle you to enter at both locations without charge.

Please note some other ALPS Events for the Coming Year 2020

- The VALENTINE'S week-end together between the 7th to 9th February 2020 at Radisson Golden Sands Resort. Valentine special dinner is on Saturday the 8th February 2020 and we shall be having Holy Mass celebrated in the hotel on Sunday the 9th February at 11.00 hrs.
- On the 28th March we are planning a Cultural tour to Mdina visiting the Cathedral and its museum close by. More details to follow in our next issue of ALPS news.
- 15TH to 17TH MAY 2020 - ALPS MANRESA /GOZO RETREAT (on first come first serve basis) Closing date for bookings 31st January 2020 (or earlier if all available rooms are booked) The rate shall be @ €40.00 per day on full board basis. Full payment by 31st January 2020.
- The ALPS annual day tour to Gozo is planned for the 20th June 2020 (details shall be announced to you in due course)
- Festa Sant Anna at Pwales chapel will be held on Saturday 4th July 2020.
- The ALPS summer barbeque at Radisson Golden Sands on the 11th July 2020



- Next year we shall be taking our summer holiday by travelling together during September 2020. Best prices with an interesting itinerary to cruise the British Isles
- 3rd October 2020 the ALPS Annual Reunion to be held at LICEO Hamrun.

- The ALPS Yuletide week-end at RADISSON GOLDEN SANDS -4th to 6th DECEMBER 2020 Christmas dinner shall be on the 5th December 2020 and we shall have Holy Mass in The hotel on Sunday the 6th December 2020



HOLY MASSES AT PWALES CHAPEL

January to December 2020. Before the start of the new year 2020, we are presenting to our readers ,a full year almanac of events taking place at Pwales Chapel. We recommend that you take note of these dates in your diary. Do come along with family and friends for Holy masses as announced hereunder:

Saturday 18th Jan	16:30
Saturday 22nd Feb	16:30
Saturday 14th March	16:30
Saturday 25th April	17:30
Saturday 30th May	17:30
Saturday 13th June	17:30
Saturday 4th July (Festa Sant'Anna)	19:00
Aug no Holy Mass	
Sept no Holy Mass	
Saturday 24th Oct	16:30
Saturday 21st Nov	16:30
Tuesday 8th Dec (AM) (with Christmas carols)	11:00



Announcing ALPS cultural tour during the month of March 2020

The next Cultural tour to The Metropolitan Cathedral in Mdina is planned for the 28th March 2020. This will also include the Cathedral museum that is close by and we envisage that a good number of ALPS members and friends will become interested to join us for this tour. These two jewels are well worth a visit and we shall be having a guide to assist and explain everything at each site. The planned tour will start by meeting near the entrance to the Mdina cathedral and will walk together, when the appointed guide gives a briefing before starting our tour. Meeting at 08.50 and we shall all enter the Cathedral at 09.00 hrs sharp. The first part of the tour is expected to last around 60 minutes. This will be followed by a short walk across the road and we enter the museum. If the number of participants may be large enough to be split into smaller groups for

entrance to the museum, we shall let you have all details nearer to the date when another newsletter shall be published and will include the booking form and a price. In the meantime we shall be making enquiries, to have a light lunch when the tour is finished. Depending on the cost of food, we shall be presenting to you a price for this cultural tour. Needless to say, ALPS will be asking for the Senior Citizen free entrance to the cathedral and the museum and we hope to be successful with this for the benefit of our members and friends. After a light lunch in the Mdina / Rabat area, we can perhaps even make arrangement, for Holy Mass to be celebrated at a nearby church by our spiritual director Fr. Wm. Bartolo, who is now residing at a Rabat convent. Meanwhile, please pencil your diaries with date of this proposed Cultural Tour during March 2020.

Remembering

With much pride and joy, we are this year celebrating the first twenty-five years from foundation day of The Association of Lyceum Past Students. In the month of March 1994, founder president Dr. Guido Saliba, gathered around him a number of Liceo Past Students and decided that it was about time for a Lyceum Old Boys Association to be formed. The enthusiasm was not lacking at that time and Guido received much encouragement from the small crowd sitting in front of him. They all expressed their views and their wish to see the formation of an association that would keep alive the name of the best school in Malta. There were other attempts over the past years prior to that meeting, but nothing really materialized. Then, with Guido Saliba's dream coming to fruition, the ALPS started to function and enrolment of members began to take place. The early years were somewhat difficult. With much difficulty through word of mouth, the Association of Lyceum Past Students had started to function. Within the first year, there had been an encouraging members list which augured for strength in the years to come. The indefatigable founder President Dr. Saliba, was using his influence within the civil service as well as the legal circle to recruit many Lyceum ex-Alumni, into what had become known as ALPS. He was a lawyer and had many friends who were all giving a helping hand to recommend past Lyceum students for enrolment.

In its infancy, the Association of Lyceum Past Students, encountered many obstacles but with great determination, they have all been surmounted. The Lyceum motto **"Nil Mediocriter"** came to the fore and nothing could possibly stand in their way, when Lyceum ex-Alumni came together and started holding meetings and even organizing the first events for being together in many different activities. Things were much different at the early stages. 1994, was the year when many of us past Liceo Students still held jobs and could only afford little time for an old boys association. Nevertheless, we simply did not give up as we were all determined to make it work and become more and more popular within the Maltese Islands. Then of course came the time to spread our wings and explore beyond the Maltese shores, the possibility of recruiting ex-Liceo students into the ALPS fold. Success was immediate and with the help of two or three key persons, like Milo Vassallo in Canada, Oreste Aquilina

in Australia and Fr. Felice Pace in the United States, more names had started to be added to the list of ALPS members. Guido was thrilled at the thought of seeing his dream flourish in such a short period of time. He wanted more and with a hard working council sitting with him at committee meetings, events were organized that also included family members who had started to attend for the functions. The first AGM saw the start of what had to become a most popular old boys association. Finances were low and many a time the council members had to dig in their pockets to make up for any shortfall in cash after a particular event took place and which could have incurred a greater expense than anticipated. This never bothered Guido and those around him at those early stages of ALPS. The writer wants to show the greatest respect for all those who have served on ALPS council of administration over the past years. Sacrifices were made and sometimes even at the expense of neglecting personal matters and work, as long as the association work was done and done properly. They all deserve much esteem and a very big thank you for the work they have carried out in order to ensure that The Association of Lyceum Past Students continued to march ahead irrespective of all obstacles that came in its way.

The years started to roll and The ALPS banner was drawn and prepared. The chosen design and colors had really made our association proud wherever it made its presence felt. That same banner still exists to this day and it has travelled to many parts of the world on organized trips beyond our shores. We are ever so proud to produce group photos sporting our ALPS banner in all our activities. The many positive comments that we receive, give us much courage for the future. Having said that, we can look back and recall the best times when the ALPS banner was carried to far away, Russia, Alaska, USA, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, Greece, and a number of other European countries.

The first ten years of ALPS were under the leadership of founder president Dr. Guido Saliba, between 1994 to 2004. It was only a few months before passing away, that Guido had decided to step down and pass the reigns of ALPS onto the then Deputy President. Things continued to progress in a most harmonious manner and he could sit next to acting President George Stagno Navarra, extending his wise

the past 25 years of ALPS



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recommendations and advice so that ALPS may continue to flourish even more. In December of that year 2004, our much loved founder president passed and bequeathed to us all, a strong association that continued on the right path to this day. Needless to say, membership continued to increase over the past twenty-five years and we can very proudly announce today, that the number surpasses the nine hundred mark. Well done to all who have worked so hard within ALPS in making this association of ours, reach to greater heights year after year. Today, we are much respected and accepted within the Maltese society. The Association of Lyceum Past Students or better still as it is well known ALPS has really become a household name.

To talk about some of the best achievements over the past years, one can mention The Pwales chapel project that has given us so much satisfaction. We have taken under our care since the year 2000, the upkeep and maintenance of this quaint little wayside chapel in the limits of Xemxija St Paul's Bay. We are blessed with the services of a spiritual director Fr. William Bartolo, who is a wonderful ally to our association, by extending spiritual services to ALPS members, families and friends as well as the small Pwales community made up of farmers and hardworking people. We dedicate many hours of our time doing work inside this tiny chapel and preserving this heritage

for future generations. With much satisfaction, we have introduced to the Pwales hamlet, a number of VIPs like, The President of the Republic of Malta, various Arch Bishops, a Maltese Cardinal Prospero Grech and various other distinguished personalities who have all praised our work at this chapel. We allocate a good sum of money each year towards the upkeep of the Pwales Chapel and we are hoping, that we may continue to find the resources that will satisfy the needs cropping up each year.

Turning now to the numerous activities that are held each year in order to see more and more Liceo Past Students getting together. In a spirit of friendship for recalling old school memories. We have over the past years, organized cultural tours to various interesting historical sites around Malta and Gozo. Without fail, we prepare the Valentine's event in February of each year. The summer barbeque is another great event which attracts a good number of members and friends of ALPS and in a relaxed atmosphere, they all enjoy dining by the water's edge. Another popular activity each year is the Yuletide week-end, which is very well attended and the numbers keep surpassing those of previous years. We simply cannot grumble with attendance at such activities. On the contrary, many a time we worry that the chosen venue will not be large enough to hold us all. However, up to now we have always managed to accommodate everyone. For a

few years ALPS had its own choir and under the leadership of past council member Joseph Fenech, concerts had been organized and have attracted wide audiences in any activity that was put up. At Christmas time the ALPS choir used to pay visits to old people's homes and institutions, bringing a smile to those who are now confined and dependent on the help afforded to them at such institutions. Besides the choir, for a few years the association also encouraged another initiative called 'Dance to Health' keeping in mind the best exercise for mind and body of all members and friends of ALPS.

ALPS looks after the spiritual side of life and the annual retreat that had been initiated by Guido Saliba at the Manresa House in Gozo, continues to be a great hit. All rooms at this retreat home are taken up each year. There were occasions when we even had to find alternative additional accommodation to cater for a much larger number of retreat participants. The chosen speakers keep all those who attend very alert, listening to sermons and discussions about varying subjects that interest us all.

Travelling abroad is a fantastic manner to enjoy the best in life. For a good number of years, the Association of Lyceum Past Students organized many trips abroad. Some were in the form of land tours and some as ship cruises plying from one country to another whilst admiring the scenery and mixing with people of different cultures. Language is not really a barrier during these tours.

The little that we have learned at the Liceo, continues to assist us in getting along by speaking some French, Italian and English. Some Lyceum boys have studied and graduated in other languages too. Reunions have been held twice in Toronto Canada and many a tear could be seen running down the cheeks of Lyceum past students who come together after a good number of years. Distance is not a barrier between Lyceum comrades. Nostalgic thoughts of past episodes are very vividly recounted at such reunions in Malta and even abroad. This is the spirit of camaraderie that has run in our veins since the days when we lived together in the same classrooms of the Lyceum. The war may have temporarily disturbed the school years for some of the past students who have experienced the enemy attacks during battle. On the other hand, there was the will in every student to carry on and study and graduate, even if running from one village to another in makeshift schools that had been made available during those turbulent times. Where there is a will there is a way and many learned scholars obtained distinguished degrees that have made them famous in their individual careers in life, all thanks to the teachings at The Lyceum. Presidents of Malta, Cardinal, Archbishops & Bishops, Judges, Magistrates, Lawyers, Professors of Medicine & Law, Architects, Draftsmen, Priests and Monks, Teachers and University Lecturers, Heads within the Civil Service, Ambassadors outside the Maltese Islands, successful and renowned businessmen, Accountants & Auditors, IT Technicians and famous Engineers and many other trades, all came out of the 'Liceo ta' Malta u Ghawdex.'

We are this year celebrating with much pomp, our twenty-fifth anniversary from foundation date of ALPS. Looking back at the difficulties that we have had to encounter and the many joys that have come our way over this quarter of a century, we can only say that it was worth the effort in keeping alive this old boys association. More-so, when it is the one and only ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS, that keeps us together.

Viva S-Serduq dejjem.

In another issue of The ALPS newsletter, we shall be telling you about the 25th anniversary gala dinner. It will be the final closing ceremony after a full year of activities to mark this unique occasion.

If you have a change of e-mail address:

Tell us your correct e-mail address and we continue to forward to your mailbox every announcement and all circulars, that may be issued from time to time, to keep you adjourned about ALPS events and activities.

Past Council Member Oscar Galea, is still in charge of this important data base of ALPS. Please help him by sending a one liner - e-mail confirmation if your



address may have been changed.

Write to Oscar Galea on:
oscgalea457@gmail.com

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Do help us stay up to date with our data base and you will be helping yourselves by keeping in touch with ALPS.. If you have difficulty to connect, kindly call on telephone number 2189 6293 / or mobile: 7989 6293.



Payment of ALPS renewal and/or outstanding subscriptions

The Council of Administration of ALPS, would like to thank all those members and friends, who have honored their commitment and effected payment of their annual subscription for this year. With the new-year about to start, we again make another appeal to those who may have overlooked the payment of their pending subscription/s. We keep saying to you, that membership subscription, enables us to continue to meet our daily costs like postage, stationery and many other requirements. Every year, we contact you members and friends of ALPS, and ask you via our newsletter or by

letter reminder, to submit your payment. Hereunder you will find the membership renewal fees that should 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

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.

"We thank you for your continued support to ALPS "

The ALPS Website

Here is a key to the tabs leading into the contents of our website:
www.alpsmalta.com

1. HOME
a. The HOME page contains an introduction with a brief outline of our association as well as all the tabs which contain pertinent information.
2. ABOUT A.L.P.S.
a. This is a historical background of ALPS.
3. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
a. Details required for those who may wish to apply to join the Association.
4. COUNCIL MEMBERS
a. Details about the officers and details about the individual members of the council of administration.
5. PWALLES CHAPEL
a. Calendar dates of Mass schedule as well a historical perspective on the Chapel.
6. THE LYCEUM
a. Historical perspective of the old Lyceum School: our alma mater.
7. OUR SPONSORS
a. The logos of our sponsors as well keys to contact them for information about their services.
8. CONTACT INFO
a. Details of how and where to reach us as well as persons to contact.
9. NEWS AND EVENTS;

a. This is a listing showing past, future events and dates being organized by ALPS.

10. CIVICS
a. Information details about i. The Chapel of St Anne in Pwales Valley ii. San Gorg Preca iii. Kappelli Maltin
 11. PHOTO GALLERY
a. A digital record of photographs and brief descriptions of events organized by ALPS going back to 2005
 12. IN MEMORIAM
a. A listing of Members who passed on to better life.
 13. COLLEAGUES OF OLD
a. Another digital record contributed by individual members recalling certain memories or events related to them.
 14. SUGGESTED LINKS
a. Useful contacts list.
 15. WRITE TO US
a. Send us details if you need to make a recommendation on anything related to ALPS
 16. ALPS STATUTE
a. The full version of our Statute
 17. THE OTHER BUTTONS are self explanatory.
- We welcome any suggestion you may deem appropriate to enhance the details portrayed in our website. We are grateful for your continued support by visiting our site.

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE:

Many years ago there were two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, who inherited the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch they need to purchase a bull from a stockyard in a far-away town so that they can breed their own stock. They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home." The brunette arrives

at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home." The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word."

Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her the word **"comfortable."** The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word **"comfortable?"** The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. **She'll read it very slowly... com-for-da-bull."**

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ALPS VALENTINES WEEKEND

7th-9th February 2020 - Radisson Golden Sands

The hard working ALPS council has already made booking for a long week-end stay between the 7th and 9th February 2020. We shall be celebrating the Valentine's night with dinner inside the main ballroom of the Radisson Resort. A very appetizing menu has been prepared for this occasion and we are confident, you are going to like what is being presented to you for this occasion. Accommodation tariffs and booking forms are included with this newsletter. Early booking with payment is recommended to avoid disappointment.

Welcome drink on arrival

Welcome Drink at 19:30hrs

Dinner Seating at 20:00hrs

Plated Starter

Pork belly and dried fruit terrine
Petit salad, honey and apple puree



Plated Pasta

Panzerotti with ricotta and spinach, tomato salsa and toasted walnuts



From the soup kettle

Roasted sweet potato soup with herb croutes



From the Main Buffet

Roast beef served with cabernet sauvignon wine jus
Glazed gammon with caramelized ginger and maple syrup
Marinated chicken rotisserie with spicy yoghurt
Pan-fried sea bream with confit fennel and cherry tomatoes
Artichokes, poached pears and cheeselet pizzotto
Steamed bouquetiere of vegetables
Roast new potatoes
Natural salads: rucola, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber



On a sweeter note...

Raspberry curd white chocolate set on an almond sponge,
warm apple pocket and passion fruit ice cream

Fresh Brewed Coffee

Beverages Included

2 glasses of Local Wine & Half bottle of Water

The ALPS Valentine's Weekend

Accommodation Rates: 7th to 9th February 2020

2 Nights for 2 Persons Including: Dinner On Friday 7th Feb, Breakfast & ALPS Valentines Dinner on 8th Feb and Breakfast on 9th Feb **€250.00**

2 Nights for 1 Person Including: Dinner On Friday 7th Feb, Breakfast & ALPS Valentines Dinner on 8th Feb and Breakfast on 9th Feb **€185.00**

1 Night Stay for 2 Persons including ALPS Valentines Dinner on Sat 7th & B'fast on 8th Dec **€155.00**

1 Night Stay for 1 Person including ALPS Valentines Dinner on Sat 8th & B'fast on 9th Feb **€112.50**

1 Night Stay for 2 Persons including Dinner on Fri 7th & B'fast on 8th Feb **€155.00**

1 Night Stay for 1 Person including Dinner on Sat 8th & B'fast on 9th Feb **€112.50**

Additional rate for 3rd person joining for 2 nights HB including Sat ALPS Valentines Dinner 8th Feb **€115.00**

Additional rate for 3rd person joining for 1 night HB including Sat ALPS Valentines Dinner 8th Feb **€72.00**

Children 0 -12 sharing with Parents supplement **FREE**

Children 12-15 sharing with Parents supplement (per day) **€35.00**

ALPS Valentines Dinner 8th Feb only - Adults
(not staying in house) **€36.00**

ALPS Valentines Dinner 8th Feb only - Children
(not staying in house) **€18.00**

Sunday Buffet Lunch on 9th February **€35.00**

A thank you message to all council members

by George Stagno Navarra
ALPS President

Dr Guido Saliba ALPS founder president would have been extremely happy to look upon the association council as it stands today. For sure he would have been happy to see a working council co-operating with me and endeavoring to go that extra mile so that ALPS, may continue to be at the forefront of all other associations in the Maltese Islands.

Being thankful and expressing gratitude is important in life. As we near to the close of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations, I want to extend a word of thanks to each and every one of my

fellow council members, who are sitting on ALPS council of administration.

Showing gratitude is one of the most powerful things that humans can do for each other."

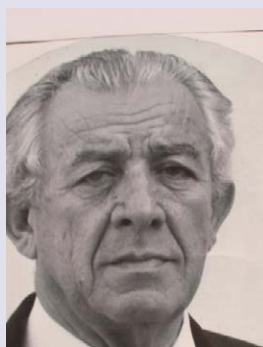
I want all ALPS members and friends to come to know the faces, that are working with me all year round in order to keep The Association of Lyceum Past Students, ticking steadily but surely and on a correct path, for even greater results. I truly wish I can find the correct words to thank each council member for the help and generosity that is expressed towards me and to the association.

It may not have happened before but after twenty five

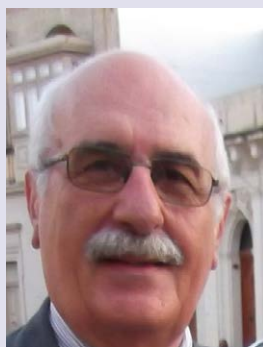
years, I certainly feel it is time for you to know who exactly is sitting around the council table working and planning the yearly events that are presented to you. As I continue to sit in the President's chair of our glorious association, I want you to know, that, together with my colleagues in council, we shall do our best to see you always happy. Your participation for all that is presented to you, is our greatest satisfaction. I hope, we will continue to develop an attitude of gratitude towards each other. Let us give thanks for all the good things that happen within ALPS, hoping that every step forward is a step towards achieving something bigger and

better.

May I take this opportunity to also extend a word of thanks to other personalities who are directly connected with ALPS. These include our Spiritual Director Fr. William Bartolo, Mr Milo Vassallo who looks after the ALPS interests in Canada and Mr. Oreste Aquilina who looks after ALPS in Australia. Last but not least, to our dear Lyceum Scouts Mark Darmanin and Alex Bonello, who are always ready to give a helping hand when needed. Thank you dear council members of ALPS. Keep up the good work and offer your candidacy to be re-elected at the next AGM that is due in February 2020.



Dr Gwido Saliba LL.d.,
ALPS Founder President
1994-2004



George Stagno Navarra
ALPS President



Alex Borg
ALPS Secretary General



Joseph D. Buttigieg
Deputy President



David R. Abela
ALPS Hon. Treasurer



Peter Tortell
ALPS Assistant Secretary



Dr. Nazarene Azzopardi
Philanthropic Projects



Alfred Agius
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Anthony Buttigieg
Co-ordinator St Anne Chapel



Joseph Micallef
Lyceum Scouts Co-ordinator



Mark Darmanin
Lyceum Scouts



Alex Bonello
Lyceum Scouts



Fr. William Bartolo
ALPS Spiritual Director



Milo Vassallo
ALPS Canada



Oreste Aquilina
ALPS Australia

IN MEMORIAM



We always remember and pray for:

Dr Guido Saliba LL.D., (who died on 7th December 2004)

Dr. Giuseppe Xuereb (passed away on 8th November 2019)

All Past Members and Friends of ALPS including those from families of the Pwales Community who have passed to Eternal Life.

MAY, THEY ALL REST IN PEACE, AMEN

Let us pray for Pope Francis

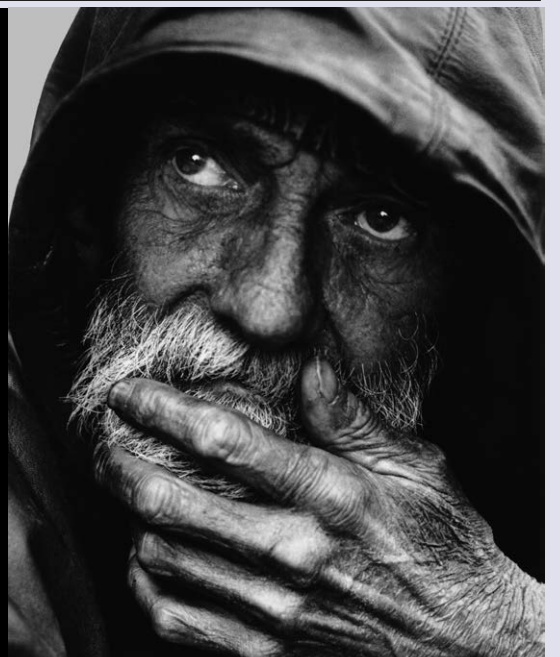
Let us pray for Persecuted Christian Communities in many parts of the world. And we also pray for the persecutors.

Must continue to remember and pray, for the sick and aged members and friends of ALPS, who are restricted from driving or travelling outside their home., or in a retirement home or, may be finding difficulty to attend for the ALPS functions.

As always, we promise to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. We also mention that we wish to maintain a direct contact with each one. Anyone who wishes to receive a delegation for 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 will be acknowledged and a suitable time and date can be arranged. It would be our pleasure to come visiting you at a specific address that you give to us.

A Thought for this Month...

*“You gain Strength
Courage and Confidence
by every experience in
which you really stop to
look fear in the face...”*



The ALPS Annual General Meeting 28th February 2020

It has been a rather busy year full of activities, to mark the 25th Anniversary of ALPS.

Our next ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at The Liceo Hamrun at 18.00 hrs on the 28th February 2020, when we give a full account of all the events that have taken place during this current year. In Feb 20, there shall be elections for Secretary General and for Honorary Treasurer with each holding office for another term of two years. Also, as per the association statute we shall need to elect another eight council members to serve for a one year period on council of administration of ALPS 2020/2021. To outgoing members from the present council

of administration, a word of thanks for the services they have rendered during the past year. Let us hope that they may all submit a nomination for re-election together with new faces who can offer to serve this renowned association of ours for the next twelve months. Nominations form is attached with this newsletter. We therefore urge all our members to submit this form with their preferred name of a prospective candidate to serve on ALPS council for the coming year. All nominations are to reach our secretary general by not later than the 21st February 2020. By kind permission of The Liceo Headmistress, we shall meet again on 28th February 2020 inside the

boardroom. The address being Lyceum Building at Wenzu Mallia street Hamrun. The meeting will start with opening prayer and approval of minutes from the previous 25th AGM that was held on 22nd February 2019. This shall be followed by the reading of administrative report by secretary general of ALPS. A financial report will be presented by the Hon. Treasurer. Our auditors Griffiths & Associates will be present and explain in detail the ALPS audited accounts and can answer to any questions from the floor. The association president then delivers a short speech before proceeding for the election of Secretary General and Hon. Treasurer plus another

eight council members who will form the incoming new council of administration for 2020/21.

The AGM comes to a close by the President's speech who shall welcome all newly elected candidates. Kindly take this message as official circular and pencil your diaries for attending to this important annual event. It is the duty of every ALPS member to attend and support those who are dedicating time and energy for the benefit of the Association of Lyceum Past Students. Your kind support is earnestly needed.

Friends of Ghaqda ex-Studenti Liceo are cordially invited to attend for this AGM but are not eligible to vote.

Short Message after the ALPS Holiday Cruise

Just as sleep is necessary for our body, similarly holidays are important for relaxation and change - they provide relief from the monotony of our daily routine. They are important for our mental and emotional wellbeing. Holidays give us a break from our routine and help us to refresh ourselves and go back to work with renewed energy. During holidays we can live our life as we want. There are no rules for getting up in the morning and having breakfast, having lunch, going out on excursions or during free time stroll along the busy city streets doing window shopping and acquiring some bargains for



bringing home to ourselves or to our family members and friends. We become our own rulers as we manage our time and that is exactly what the ALPS cruise has meant to all who participated this year aboard the Mein Schiff Hertz. After working hard throughout the year, the ALPS cruise holiday was eagerly awaited by everyone. **The Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS)**, has always believed in organising an annual holiday when a good number of its members can travel together and have a good time. This year was no exception. The first port of call was in Corsica... then

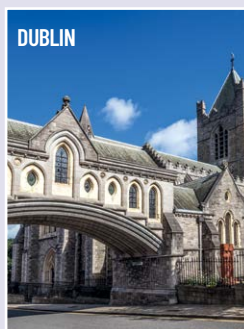
we proceeded to Sardegna and after that, to Roma and Napoli... Without any shadow of doubt, we have all enjoyed this last holiday to the full. Truly excellent memories of places that we visited, time spent together and the wonderful evenings spent in each other's company, sipping a drink or sharing jokes... or sometimes even sharing a plate of chips in the small hours of the morning (around one o'clock)... before retiring to our ship cabins, Another memorable ALPS holiday cruise. Start saving and join the council members for our next ALPS holiday away from our shores.

THE PLANNING OF AN ALPS SUMMER HOLIDAY IN 2020

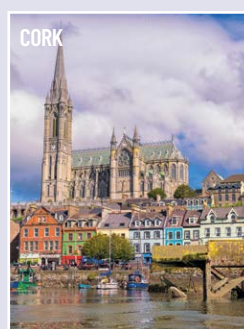
Having received a good number of requests from members and friends of The Association of Lyceum Past Students, we have held lengthy negotiations for best prices through SMSMondial the tour operators who shall handle our next year's summer cruise. With much pleasure we now announce to you the chosen destination. It will consist of a 12 nights cruise around **THE BRITISH ISLES** between the **4th to 16th September 2020**. It shall be aboard the luxurious NCL vessel The Norwegian Star and is going to include visits to Edinburgh/Invergordon and Greenock in Scotland, Belfast in Northern Ireland, Holyhead in Wales 2 days in Dublin, Ringaskiddy in Cork Ireland and then to Portland England. The cruise shall end on 16th Sept, at Southampton the same port where it starts. *(Return Airmalta flights to London including checked-in luggage allowance are included).*



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