

# A.L.P.S. 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 the Association of Lyceum Past Students.

It's been two years since the world as we knew it, was forever changed by the Coronavirus pandemic. I realise of course you probably do not need this reminder and there are many of you reading this who do not like such reminder. But a reality it has been and we all have been through it. With the unemployment and essential work lockdowns and empty grocery store shelves as well as the keeping of social distances or perhaps even isolation, zoom or teams rooms (*not tea rooms*) mask mandates and sometimes even police fines for breaking lockdown rules, a local election in between, vaccines and boosters, masks off and masks on again and our lives were truly disrupted. One might call all this a revolving door of fear, fatigue, anxiety and sometimes even anger, uncertainty, suffering and loss. Yes loss of a dear member of our closest family or friend. On the other hand, we may have also experienced some surprising amount of joy and kindness and delight which had come our

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way during all the mentioned turbulence. It may be difficult to digest all this and remember we have been through all this over the past two years. But one thing is certain “we are still here and we've changed”

The Association of Lyceum Past Students looks back on some of the most valuable lessons from the last two years and encourage all its members and friends to now look forward. Let us remember there may have been times that have perhaps helped change our way of thinking and which has kept us moving from the start of the pandemic. And now dear colleagues in ALPS, let us concentrate “how to let more joy enter our life. Let us think that

laziness does not exist, time is a building block of our life and let us all start to find satisfaction in our circle of friends that we have”

On the 24th September this year after an absence of three years, the association could hold its annual reunion. It was a most encouraging exercise that has brought together a large number of members and friends for the celebration of holy mass at tal-Gizwiti church in Valletta. This was followed by a very well attended reception inside the Old Liceo Building. Addressing the numerous gathering for this function has given me great satisfaction at seeing again so many happy and cheerful people. You have done yourselves a great favour by joining ALPS on this memorable occasion that certainly brought back many happy memories of a past and rekindled the love that prevails between Lyceum past students who remain comrades for ever. Age was not a barrier and young and old together with their better halves could be seen enjoying such a wonderful evening. And with more events being planned for the future, let me remind you



to start thinking of a long Yuletide weekend between the 2nd to 4th December 2022, which normally attracts a large attendance. This year I wish to see an even larger participation and let us make up for the lost occasions during covid. The more that we are, the better it can be. Let us sing and perhaps some of you may also prefer to dance to make the Christmas function this year 2022 more enjoyable than we have ever done before.

May I through this message extend to you the first greetings and wishes for a most Peaceful and Happy Christmas day with family and friends. May the coming year 2023, bring better things into our lives and above all to keep us all healthy.

Sincerely  
 George dei Conti Stagno Navarra









# Reporting on the ALPS tour to Gozo 25th June 2022

As announced in the last edition of ALPS news of June this year, the day tour to Gozo was fully booked and a bus load of members and friends left early in the morning by coach from San Gwann to the ferry terminal at Cirkewwa. The weather was pleasant and except for the fact that the ALPS president George Stagno Navarra and his wife had to make a last minute cancellation because of Covid quarantine, the tour ran very smoothly from beginning to end. Secretary General Alex Borg took charge of the group. On arrival in Gozo, four mini-vans awaited the group and drove them to the Magro Food Village in Xewkija, where they were given a guided tour of the manufacturing side of The Magro Food division. Kavallier. Joe M. Attard had worked for that group and without any doubt, he felt really at home explaining about the raw products arriving at the factory and the processing that finally ends up in cans and in jars ready for the super market shelves and for consumption. Leaving the Magro factory and shops,



the group was then driven to The Astra 'La Stella' Band Club where they were met by none other than the president of the club who explained about the latest refurbishing that has taken place and the preparations in hand for the Opera Carmen that has been performed on the 27th & 29th October this year. ALPS Deputy president was with the group and took the opportunity by presenting a copy of the latest edition of The

Chanticleer magazine to Kav. Joe M. Attard together with a latest copy of the ALPS Newsletter that had just rolled out from the printers in June 2022. Nearing mid-day and all participants on this tour were taken for a set lunch at the Lantern Restaurant of Marsalforn. A very good meal was served and some free time was given. In the afternoon the group went to Ghasri where they met with Fr. Dominic Sultana who

ushered them all into the parish church for Holy Mass. After mass, the ALPS group boarded the mini-vans and were taken to Dwejra to admire latest renovations made in Kappella Sant Anna.

Some of the participants even ventured and went to see the Inland Sea. Others preferred to take a walk by the seashore and inhale the fresh cool air blowing from across the sea. Time was pressing and the mini vans then drove the ALPS group back to the ferry terminal for their return journey to Malta. One may describe this day tour to Gozo as pleasant and full of relaxation and a great success. After an absence of three years all those who took part this year had nothing but positive views and comments and thanked the Association of Lyceum Past Students for organizing such an interesting tour to the sister island of Gozo.

*Photos courtesy of co-opted Council member Mark Darmanin who was part of the group on the Gozo Day Tour)*

# Announcing a Cultural Tour to Fort St Elmo & War Museum 26th November 2022

Now that the number of Covid infections continue to subside and, noting that ALPS members and friends have been deprived for so long from being out together on a cultural tour, we have decided to again start organizing for you such events. We shall be starting with Fort St. Elmo & The War Museum Valletta on the 26th November 2022. And to make it even more simple for our participants, we shall be having a coach that leaves from near San Gwann Church at 09.00 sharp to near the Conference Center Valletta and back after the event. (around 14.00 hrs)



The program for this cultural tour:

- 9:30 – Coach arrival Fort St. Elmo Valletta
- Start with the guided tour of the Fort
- See a 15 minute audio visual show on the Cavalier (may need to divide participants into groups for the show.)
- 10:45 (depending on how many shows we do) - a stop for tea/coffee break

- This will include the following:
- Tea /Coffee / Still Water / Juice / 2 types of biscuits / 1 pastry
- 11:15 – Guided Tour of the National War Museum\*
- 12:15 – End of tour & a light lunch break
- This will include the following: Tea, Coffee, Still Water, Juice, Pastizzi (1pea and 1 ricotta), ham and cheese sandwich and cake

Adults shall be admitted Free of entrance fees when showing their Heritage Senior Passport. All other participants without the Heritage Pass will pay at €1.00 admission fee at the door. The association is offering this long awaited cultural tour for an all-inclusive price of €24.00 per adult. ( children up to 11 years @ €16.00 each ) Come and join ALPS for an interesting tour that

serves as a break and relaxation time to us all. The coach takes 50 persons and therefore we shall accept bookings on first come first serve basis. Bookings are now open Send your payment to Secretary General Alex Borg Alson No: 82, Naxxar Road San Gwann. E-mail: [alpsmalta@gmail.com](mailto:alpsmalta@gmail.com) / Tel: 2258 7418 / Mob: 9988 8579. Cheques payable to ALPS.

# The planned activities including Holy Masses at Kappella Pwales in the coming months

We continue to offer to our members and friends more events for the coming months:

- Cultural tour of Valletta with spot of light lunch on 26th November 2022.
- Holy Mass at Kappella Pwales on the 19th November 2022 time at 16.30hrs.
- ALPS Yuletide week-end 2nd to 4th December 2022 Golden Sands resort
- Thanksgiving Mass at Kappella Pwales on 13th December 2022 time at 11.00hrs.
- The ALPS Christmas dinner 3rd December in main ballroom at Radisson Resort

As mentioned in the President's message above, we are looking forward to large attendance at each one of the remaining events up to the month of December 2022. Start penciling your diaries and make sure that you come and join the ALPS in all the remaining events for this year.



## News from Kappella Pwales

Much that the association was planning to organise the FESTA SANT'ANNA this year on the 9th day of July 2022 we again had to make a last minute decision and cancel this event for this year. Drinks and snacks were already prepared for this occasion but Covid circumstances have made us change our plans and notify you, that the celebration was not taking place. Many were those who

were disappointed but we simply could not take the risk of adding more Covid infections that were on the increase during the first days of July this year. In the months of August and September the chapel was kept closed and our appointments at Pwales that have resumed on 22nd October. Next, on 19th November @ 16.30hrs, provided that the pandemic numbers remain under control

with few or no infections. A thanksgiving mass is planned for Tuesday the 13th December 2022 at 11.00 am. Carols will be sung during mass in preparation for the Christmas festive season. Meanwhile our kind hearted chapel neighbours continue to look after and clean the place so that you will find it well prepared at a next function this month.

## The ALPS Summer Barbeque was held on the 29th July 2022

This year's ALPS summer barbeque went exceptionally well. Considering that many of our members could have already started their summer cruise holiday or travel abroad after a lapse of two years, we still managed to have a sizeable number of guests nearing the 135 persons. The number of Covid infections had suddenly dropped and so we took the bold decision of going ahead with the B-B-Q because it was being held on the open terraces of the Radisson Resort and therefore tables were well spaced between one and the other. The evening proceeded nicely to the wonderful songs that were played by David Vella who was entertaining those present



throughout the whole evening. The food was fantastic and ALPS has received some favourable comments after this event.

Raffles were drawn and special prizes donated by the Radisson have been won by lucky winners who heartily ran to choose their

prize. We can easily say that this year ALPS had a wonderful Barbeque night after missing this occasion for two years running.



# Reporting after a successful ALPS reunion on 24th September 2022

The 24th September this year has seen quite a large number of ALPS members and friends getting together at The Jesuits church in Valletta for Holy Mass to mark a 28th Anniversary from foundation date of ALPS.. The Rev Dr. Nicholas Doublet celebrated mass to a large congregation who listened carefully to his well prepared sermon. The Rev. Mons. Lawrence Gatt was concelebrating with Fr. Nicholas and the church function lasted nearly one hour. Afterwards, our guests were treated to a nice party that was organised inside the Old Liceo Building ( Università l'Antika ) Many favourable comments have been received from members and friends of the association telling us

how wonderful it made them feel, after an absence of three years since we last organised for them a reunion in 2019. Covid was the main culprit that has kept us waiting for this years' reunion. It should remind us, how happy we can feel when we are together, commemorating a big event that makes us proud to have been LICEO old boys. When the association President addressed the gathering, he truly emphasised on the continuity aspect and how important it is for ALPS to organise such events and making its members and friends to enjoy each other's company. He went on to say that we are all getting on in age and the time is fast approaching for a younger

generation of council members to be elected for continuity. The ALPS members will be informed of names who will contest the next elections in February 2023. It is well expected from each member, to vote and to ensure that The Association of Lyceum Past Students shall continue on its successful course to a sound future for the benefit of us all. The present administrative council members promise to always remain available, to guide a newly formed council and to help with any problems that may surface from time to time. Don't be afraid to change. Vote for the younger boys with more energy and vitality and who will continue to take the ALPS to greater success in the future. The

success of every reunion depends on the satisfaction of our members and friends and this was not in the least lacking this year. It has made the President and council members really happy to have managed to see big smiles again on your faces. Well done to those who have come to share this wonderful experience and to those who could not make it this time , we augur that they will do their very best to attend on a next occasion. Of course one must not forget the members and friends who have wished to attend but sickness or old age precludes them from taking an active part. We shall never forget you and we do promise you our prayers to feel better. Viva S-Serduq. Viva L-Liceo.

## May we remind you to settle your ALPS membership renewal

The Association of Lyceum Past Students is made up of many happy individuals who still enjoy being in the company of their Lyceum colleagues. ALPS send this gentle reminder in case that your membership with ALPS was due for payment in the past/current year and inadvertently remained unpaid. Do please find the time to renew your membership as we kindly invite you to make your payment and remain part of our association. This ensures that you continue to stay in touch with your schoolmates.

From the beginning of this year 2022, you could effect payment : EITHER

1. BY REVOLUT SYSTEM through ALPS Council member (stating your membership number) Carlo Farrugia - mobile to mobile +356 9945 3434, Email: carlo@carlofarrugia.com. Skype: carlo.farrugia1
2. Via E-banking, details of our Bank of Valletta account as follows: ALPS account number 40017112381/IBAN MT96VALL22013000000040017112381
3. By Cheque made payable to ALPS; for past/present renewals payment of €24.

This will certainly not effect your subscription rate that continues to remain unchanged. ALTERNATIVELY, if you will decide to become a Life Member you make a once only payment of €70, that offsets outstanding renewals and for all future



years.

POST to Mr David R Abela Hon Treasurer ALPS, "JUNIPER" Triq Ganni Vella , Tal-Qattus B'Kara (Mob. 99020845/ 21487693)

4. The Friends of ALPS are also being asked to use the same method of payment,

either by REVOLUT, E-banking or if made by cheque it has to be for €21, covering a two year renewal.

Life members and those who are up-to-date with membership renewals. May we say "THANK YOU" and we ask you to please ignore this reminder.

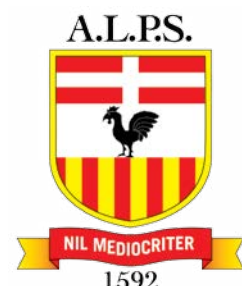
# The ALPS Yuletide weekend 2nd to 4th December 2022

At the Radisson Golden Sands Resort Ghajn Tuffieha tariffs for direct hotel bookings are shown hereunder and we encourage you to start making your reservations with choice of accommodation for those who prefer to book a room with sea view.

rooms tariff

Hereunder please find the rates for various options

- ONE NIGHT STAY IN DOUBLE ROOM FOR 2 PERSONS FROM 3RD. TO 4TH DEC. ON HALF BOARD BASIS **€160**
- TWO NIGHT STAY IN DOUBLE ROOM FOR 2 PERSONS FROM 2ND DEC TO 4TH DEC ON HALF BOARD BASIS **€320**
- ONE NIGHT STAY IN SINGLE ROOM FOR 1 PERSON FROM 3RD. TO 4TH DEC. ON HALF BOARD BASIS **€120**
- TWO NIGHT STAY IN SINGLE ROOM FOR 1 PERSON FROM 2ND TO 4TH DEC. ON HALF BOARD BASIS **€230**
- THIRD ADULT SHARING WITH TWO ADULTS FROM 3RD. TO 4TH DEC ON HALF BOARD BASIS DAILY **€70**
- THIRD ADULT SHARING WITH TWO ADULTS FROM 2ND TO 4TH DE. ON HALF BOARD BASIS DAILY **€70**
- CHILDREN SHARING PARENTS ROOM 12 YEARS TO 15 YEARS ON HALF BOARD BASIS **€35 PER CHILD DAILY**
- CHILDREN 0 TO 12 YEARS SHARING PARENTS ROOM ON HALF BOARD BASIS **FREE**
- ALL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE OFFERED ON RUN OF THE HOUSE SYSTEM. CLIENTS SPECIFICALLY REQUEST SEAVIEW ROOMS WILL BE CHARGED **€25 EXTRA PER NIGHT.**
- EXTRA NIGHTS ON BED & BREAKFAST FROM MID DAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022 ONWARDS [SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION]
- DOUBLE ROOM [2 PERSONS] FROM 4TH DEC ON BED & BREAKFAST **€90 PER ROOM PER NIGHT**
- SINGLE ROOM [1 PERSON] FROM SUNDAY 4TH DEC ON BED & BREAKFAST **€90 PER NIGHT**
- 3RD ADULT SHARING A DOUBLE ROOM FROM 4TH DEC **€30 PER PERSON PER NIGHT**
- CHILDREN 12 YEARS TO 15 YEARS SHARING PARENTS ROOM **€25.00 PER PERSON PER NIGHT**
- CHILDREN SHARING PARENT ROOM 0 - 12 YEARS **FREE**
- DINNER ON FRIDAY 2ND DEC. WILL BE AT THE FLAVOURS RESTAURANT [ BUFFET DINNER]
- SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER ON SATURDAY 3RD. DECEMBER WILL BE HELD AT THE GRAND BALL ROOM
- WELCOME DRINK 7.30 P.M ALL SEATED AT 8.00 P.M
- SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU AS SHOWN HEREUNDER:
- THERE SHALL BE HOLY MASS INSIDE THE RADISSON GOLDEN SANDS ON SUNDAY 4TH December AT 11.00AM
- BOOKINGS WITH PAYMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECT TO HOTEL - CONTACT RESERVATION DEPT MS DANIELA EBEJER
- Tel: +356 2356 1000 | ADDRESS: Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Golden Sands, Mellieha, Malta, MLH5510



## GALA DINNER

In the Grand Ballroom  
Date: 3rd December 2022

Welcome drink will be served from 19.30 hrs

### MENU

Pork belly and ham hock terrine, pear and star anise puree, truffle oil and crispy herb crostini

Zucchini and goat cheese risotto  
with parmesan shavings and sun-dried tomato oil (v)

### FROM THE BUFFET

Slow cooked roast beef with cabernet Sauvignon wine jus (carvery)  
Stuffed turkey with sage and onion stuffing, crispy pancetta and creamy jus,

Pork medallions with caramelized apples and cider jus  
Grilled seabass with a fennel, cherry tomato and marjoram soffritto  
Vegetable lasagne with fior di latte mozzarella (v)  
Fennel seed and onion roast potatoes (v)  
Panache of vegetables with garlic butter (v)

Chocolate mousse, forest fruit pistachio cake and cinnamon ice-cream

### COFFEE & MINCE PIES

### BEVERAGES

2 glasses of Local wine  
½ bottle of Local water

### KIDS BUFFET

Chicken nuggets  
French fries  
Potato Smiles  
Pasta with tomato and cheese  
Juices and soft drinks

### CHARGES

€38 for adults who are not in house  
€19 for kids who are not in house

### DRESS:

Smart Suit / Jacket & Tie

Special dietary requirements are to be notified at latest two days before the event

**RAFFLES SHALL BE DRAWN TO HELP RAISE FUNDS  
FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS**



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## HOME



## Welcome to ALPS website

Welcome to the official website of the Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS), which was launched as part of the activities for the Association's 10th anniversary.

Also officially known as the *Ghaqda 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 have sat 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 commemorated by the ALPS emblem which features the Lyceum school badge.

### ALPS STATUTE

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### LATEST NEWS

THE ALPS VALENTINE  
WEEK-END 7TH to 9TH  
FEBRUARY 2020

Holy Mass at St Anne's  
chapel Pwales 18-01-2020 /  
time 16.30 hrs

ANNOUNCING THE PASSING

# ALPS continues to come to you via its website and now even through Facebook page

The Association strives hard to be in touch with all its members and friends both locally and abroad. We have a well maintained ALPS website thanks to service providers Steve and Nick D'Alessandro. We update on regular basis all information that concerns every activity of ALPS.

The photo gallery is a

marvellous tool to let you browse and reminisce from those past events that the association has held since 1994. On many occasions you could have been captured in some of the photos. It would be very satisfying to see them. Remember your friends from past years. Write and give us your thoughts and feelings and

what we may perhaps add to enhance such web-site. We are ready to listen and improve where this can be possible to the benefit of ALPS.

And quite recently, with the co-opting of Council Member Mark Darmanin, the association started to get even wider exposure because of a Face Book page that has

been created specifically for you to share and to comment and to give us your ideas. Every suggestion will be given due consideration if it proves to be beneficial to our association. Our friend Mark, will acknowledge every communication and will pass on to council all that you may have to tell ALPS.

We keep asking for your correct home and e-mail addresses. If we are not informed of changes you may have done to your home/ e-mail addresses, you will not be receiving publications and information that ALPS sends out periodically to its members and friends. It is very important that you send to us a correct e-mail/or home address (if you have effected any changes over the past years). Help us to update our data base and you will be helping yourselves to continue receiving our communications. Every month we announce Holy Mass at Pwales chapel, cultural or social events and sometimes we even ask for members and friends to offer prayers when someone is undergoing difficult times. The Association of Lyceum Past Students wishes to keep in touch with each and every one of you. Why not hit the send button with a correct e-mail address and forward to [oscgalea457@gmail.com](mailto:oscgalea457@gmail.com) / mob: 7989 6293 ALPS remains there for everyone of you dear members and friends. We are always available.

## Laughter is the best medicine

What is the difference between anger and exasperation !

A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked: "Dad, what is the difference between anger and exasperation ?

The father replied "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean" With that the father went to the telephone and dialled a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said: Hello, is Melvin there ? The man answered: There is no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial. "See," said the father to his daughter. "That man

was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something and we annoyed him.. Now watch" The father dialled the number again. "Hello, is Melvyn there ? asked the father." "Now look here" came the heated reply. "You just called this number and I told you that there is no Melvyn here ! You've got a lot of guts calling again !" The receiver slammed down hard. The father turned to his daughter and said: "You see that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means" He dialled the same number, and when a violent voice roared: "HELLO!" The father calmly said: Hello, this is Melvyn. Have there been any calls for me?





# Lyceum Boys Reunion

Our group was the last group that went to the Lyceum in Hamrun by passing the national exam and we have seen a big change between our predecessors and those coming behind us due to the change in the educational structure at the time. However, we still managed to go through this upheaval notwithstanding the numerous hurdles we had to overcome. As a closely knit group we decided, about 20 years ago, to form our own association of Lyceum students for our academic year and we keep in contact through a WhatsApp group through chats and phone calls. Sometimes we also organise events to get together and remember the old days. One such occasion was planned for June this year at Corradino with a theme and we were very happy to meet and re-establish contact after so many years. It was a very nice occasion and we thoroughly enjoyed it since we rekindled old friendships with other ex-students as well as some teachers that were also invited



to attend.

We also organised mass last month for our dear departed colleagues and invited their family members. It was a very touching moment and we really cherished those moments in which we could remember them and share experiences with their family members. Then we went to have something to eat to get even closer and to remember old stories. We are also in close contact with ALPS and have invited council members to our activities since

we believe that we indirectly also form part of ALPS due to our association with the Liceo. Some of our colleagues are also ALPS members and we will strive to continue working together as past Lyceum students for the benefit of the associations.

**Written by one of the boys named Carlo Farrugia, who already forms parts of the ALPS council**

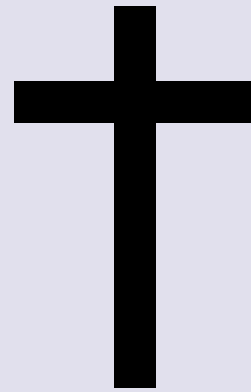
*The President of The Association of Lyceum Past*

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*Students (ALPS), is very pleased to include this piece of reporting from a younger age group, who may be following in our footsteps and hopefully stepping into our shoes for continuity of a dynamic association. As demonstrated in the photos the group of Liceo friends continue to stay in touch and keeping alive those happy Lyceum days.*



## IN MEMORIAM



As customary we remember our dearly departed members and friends of the association who used to be with us for many of the ALPS events. May they all Rest in Peace. Prayers are also recommended for our Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba who passed away on 7th December 2004.

And other recent bereavements who are needing our prayers include:

Major Maurice Agius ( died aged 101 on 2nd August 2022

Mr. Louis P. Naudi

Mr Joseph Spiteri Staines

Mr Carmel Esposito

Rev Fr. Marius Zerafa Boffa

Mrs Dolores Zahra (wife of Hon. Life Member, Winston Zahra)

The Association of Lyceum Past Students never forgets and always remembers and offers prayers for past members who have died. We promise them our prayers whenever we gather at the Pwales chapel for Holy Mass. Finally, let us remember those members and friends of ALPS who are now confined to their homes and not driving any more, or may have moved into a care home. They too continue to form part of the ALPS family. We shall keep them in our thoughts and prayers. To those of you who are in good health, reserve some time every week and make a phone call to some one of these past members, who now have mobility difficulties. Give them a call and crack a joke and bring a smile to their face. Smart phones today can do miracles with their two way cameras. Break that solitude for them because they all deserve to remain part of the happy ALPS family. Don't forget, that ALPS was created to bring more and more LICEO past students together. What we do with others now, shall be reciprocated to us in later years.

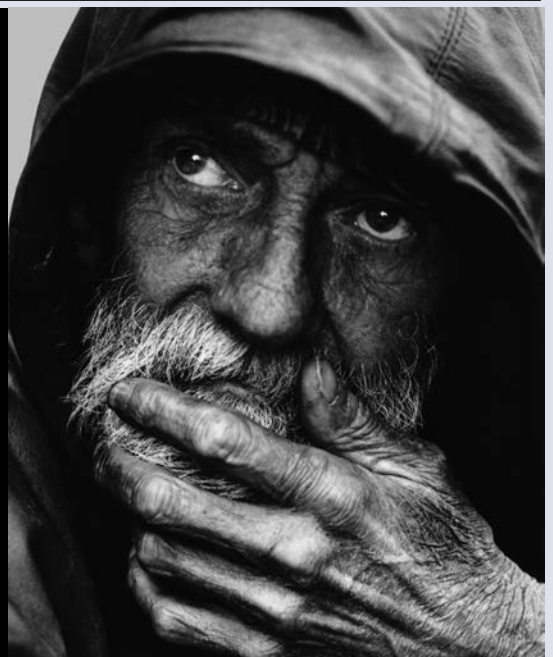
### LET US NOT FORGET TO PRAY FOR ALL COVID-19 VICTIMS RIP

We show solidarity with the stricken families who have suffered the loss of a family member or even a friend as a result of Covid-19. They deserve to be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. *May they all Rest in Peace Amen*

And let us be remembering our dear friends in ALPS, who are sick or in a senior's home or in hospital. We keep them always in our thoughts and prayers. When health restrictions may be relaxed and most things return to normal, we resume the home visits. Send to us a note that we may know who to visit. Meanwhile we include them in our prayers, when we can celebrate Holy Mass at the Pwales Chapel.

## A Thought for this Month...

*Do not take for granted, anyone who is  
close to you. Hold that person in your heart  
because you might wake up one day and  
realise that you have lost a diamond whilst  
you were cutting stones*



# Year 2022 ALPS Summer cruise aboard the Mein Schiff 5

The long awaited cruise since the year 2020, has finally arrived. A number of ALPS members made it to an eight days cruise on Meinschiff 5, visiting the Greek islands and a touch of Turkey. The holiday was most pleasant and relaxing for those who took part. They all brought back happy memories. For the year 2023, we shall be planning another trip abroad and details will follow at a later stage. People were literally starved from overseas travel and this was the first time that our members and friends ventured out of the Malta harbour to go and spend some quality time together. The ship that we chose for this cruise has given us a most rewarding holiday full of relaxation and of course included plenty of good food and entertainment every day. Never a dull moment. The organised land excursions have also proved to be very educational and we could walk and admire the streets at every port we have visited. Thanks to the SMS/Orange Travel



Group who have organised this cruise for ALPS. They merit a big thank you for looking after the ALPS group so well from the first moment we boarded the ship at cruise terminal Valletta on the

11th September to stepping off on our return to shore on the 18th September. The association will now start thinking well in advance for another ALPS holiday in the coming year 2023. Details

shall be announced hopefully in our forthcoming publication so that you may start saving and placing early reservation bookings to join the ALPS holiday in year 2023.

## Great minds make the association proud - creating a world for all ages

Over the recent past weeks, we have heard in the news, of a prestigious award bestowed upon one of our members by the name of Henri' Diacono. For those of you who participate to the ALPS week-end breaks at the Radisson Golden Sands resort, you will for sure remember the face of a most gentle and humble person, who greets every guest on entering the resort. Henri is the best investment that the resort could have. He is a great ambassador for portraying politeness and a cheerful disposition to assist and make everyone be welcome at the Radisson Golden Sands. No wonder he was chosen for the Intergenerational Solidarity Award for this year 2022. As a Liceo colleague, we are truly proud and would certainly like to mention this in our newsletter. There is no age gap in active aging. Work and dedication within community between Youth and Elderly, is



extremely beautiful when they work together. This certainly

creates a world for all ages and we wish to our dear friend

Henri, greater success in the future.









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