



A.L.P.S. News

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THE ALPS PRESIDENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of A.L.P.S.,

Belated Easter Greetings to all of you and your families! May the Risen Lord continue to fill each of your lives with hope and joy that only the Lord can give! **"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be happy"** In the midst of a world full of turbulence, with so many wars and injustices and evil and terror attacks, there is also always that part of the world, that is filled with goodness and miracles and generosity and kindness and compassion and happiness. The beauty and love and kindness and all the brightness in the world can only be **"The Risen Lord"** Easter Blessings, and thank you for being members in our Association that always aims to bring more & more people together.



Best regards, *George Stagno Navarra*

President A.L.P.S.

CULTURAL TOUR TO HAGAR QIM & MNAJDRA ON THE 7TH MAY 2016

The year 2016 is now started and is packed with activities for you members and friends. We have in the pipeline a number of events that may hopefully be to your liking. Early next month on the **7th May**, we shall be organizing a Cultural Tour to Hagar Qim & Mnajdra temples. Special admission prices to these sites, have been obtained thanks to Heritage Malta who are in charge of the sites. Reduced entrance fee for all Karta Anzjan holders. We shall be organizing transport by private coach from near San Gwann Church at 08.30am. Light lunch at the Hagar Qim visitors' center consisting of Maltese platter plus a glass of wine or soft drink, is also added to an all inclusive price of **€15.00 per person**. We shall be having our own guide to show us around and explain the history that surrounds these beautiful archeological places. Our private bus will again drop all participants at same parking site in San Gwann after the tour & light lunch. We are hoping to fill up to maximum capacity of 52 persons. Early bookings are therefore recommended to avoid disappointment. Come join us for half a day of fun. Complete and return the booking form included on page three (3), together with payment as early as possible, directly to Secretary General Alex Borg of 'Alson' no: 82, Naxxar Road, San Gwann SGN 9032. Tel: 2137 6387 • Mob: 9988 8579 • E-mail: alpsmalta@gmail.com

THE SUCCESS FROM THE 2016 VALENTINE'S WEEK-END

We organized for the ALPS members and friends, another VALENTINE'S dinner combined with a week-end stay at the Radisson Golden Sands. This attracted a sizeable attendance filling the grand ballroom with over 330 guests. The evening kicked off with light music from our friend David Vella who continued to make the evening more pleasant with songs from the fifties and sixties that have entertained all who were present. A number of raffles consisting of nicely decorated hampers have been drawn, together with the Hotel's complimentary gifts, that have been donated to ALPS by the management of the resort. Much to our regret, we had a couple of hick-ups that may have annoyed some of the guests. Very surprisingly, the florist who was entrusted with the order for red carnations, had mistakenly short delivered a whole box of 53 flowers. Many of you know, that every year we donate one individual Red Carnation to each lady who is attending our dinner. Regrettably, we only came to realize the mistake during the distribution of the flowers. Our president had to make a public announcement for such shortage, because a number of our lady guests were disappointed at being left without the Valentine's flower token. Again, the evening gave another surprise when raffle tickets suddenly finished. We could have made more fund raising, had we realized that a whole bag with raffle tickets were left in the boot of a council member's car. Those of you who were left without tickets may have expressed their disappointment at such shortage which we honestly regret. Once again therefore, our President extends an apology to anyone who may have encountered such hick-ups during the Valentine dinner event. We promise to be extra careful so that such omissions may not be repeated in future and we thank you for understanding the situation.

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE A.L.P.S. SUMMER B-B-Q

The A.L.P.S. summer barbeque this year will be held on **Friday 1st July 2016** on the open terraces of the Radisson Blu - Golden Sands Hotel Ghajn Tuffieha. Overlooking one of the most picturesque sandy beaches in Malta, we anticipate a good attendance to this annual event that, for sure is going to be most pleasing to all who will participate. In a future newsletter we shall be sending the booking form with price and menu for such occasion. Mark your diaries and do not miss this event before the start of your summer holiday season.

PWALES CHAPEL ALMANAC

As we have done over the past years, we keep adjourning you with dates for Holy Mass at the Pwales Chapel. Regrettably, over the past two months, we have had to transfer the venue to Qawra Church. Due to some unforeseen circumstances that we are still dealing with, we can not confirm when it is intended to hold the next Mass at the old Chapel of Pwales. At least, not before all necessary works are completed and full cleaning is done.

Meanwhile, **we ask you to keep the 9th July 2016 marked in your almanac for the Festa Sant' Anna at Pwales** when we can be together and celebrate the annual feast to the Patron Sant' Anna. (*In-nanna ta' Gesù*).
All other dates remain as notified in the newsletter of January 2016.

A.L.P.S. - TRIP TO CANADA AND USA

THIS SHOULD BE ADDING ANOTHER "GOLDEN PAGE" TO THE ALPS HISTORY BOOK

As already announced to you in the January 2016 edition of ALPS newsletter, the long awaited Grand Reunion is now fully planned and booked for the 28th day of August 2016. Bookings are open and airline tickets that have been made available for ALPS can still be available on first come first serve basis. This is a unique opportunity for all the members and friends of ALPS to travel together and meet with our LICEO friends who have emigrated and are now living in Canada. We wish to make this a memorable occasion for all who may attend. For this unique occasion, we have worked hard to obtain for the members and friends of ALPS, the best travel package and of course with most advantageous prices. The program prepared by SMS-Mondial is very interesting. It combines the Grand Reunion with a very well prepared tour to other parts of Canada and will be ending in the USA. The chosen period last week August / first days of September will no doubt be expected to have mild weather, with sunny/clear skies that may enable the ALPS group to thoroughly enjoy and admire the panoramic views as we travel between Canada and USA. Having already experienced a similar trip some years back, the ALPS group, will surely enjoy this very special event and bring back many happy and unforgettable memories. The attached 'EASTERN CANADA & NEW YORK' itinerary will induce many of you to participate. Come and have a wonderful time with the ALPS president who will lead this pleasant journey with a happy bunch of members and friends from: **'The Association of Lyceum Past Students'** All Bookings strictly through SMS-Mondial of Republic Street Valletta. Because of airline ticket reservations, it is suggested that you place your booking/s with deposit as early as possible. Valid biometric passports must be produced and the travel company will even look after your travel visas and insurance requirements for Canada & USA. *ALPS is not in any way responsible before, during or after this proposed trip.*

BOOKING FORM

A.L.P.S. CULTURAL TOUR - HAGAR QIM / MNAJDRA 7TH MAY 2016

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I will / will not be able to attend the A.L.P.S. Cultural Tour to Hagar Qim / Mnajdra on 7th May 2016

Name:		Signature:	
Telephone:			
Mobile:	E-mail:		
Guest #1	Guest #2	Guest #3	
Guest #4	Guest #5	Guest #6	

at €15.00 per person (including light lunch and transport)

Enclosed please find Cheque No: for € Payable to A.L.P.S.

We shall look forward to seeing you for this Hagar Qim / Mnajdra Tour. Kindly book by not later than Thursday 5th May 2016. Please note that we cannot accept payment on the day of the function. We do not promise any refunds should there be any cancellations after the closing date: however, we will do our best to refer the matter to the caterers of this function.



NEW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

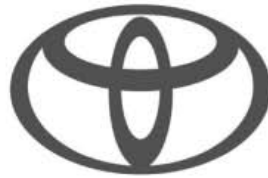
We announce to you the newly elected council members who shall be offering their services within The Association of Lyceum Past Students. George Stagno Navarra submitted a last minute nomination and having remained uncontested, he was again elected President of ALPS and will continue to guide our association for another term of three years.

The full council of Administration shall be made up as follows:

- George Stagno Navarra** - President
- Robert Ferrante** - Deputy President
- Alexander Borg** - Secretary General
- David R. Abela** - Hon. Treasurer
- Peter Tortell** - Assistant Secretary & Public Relations
- Dr. Nazarene Azzopardi** - Philanthropic Projects
- Oscar Galea / Peter Tortell** - St. Anne Chapel / Pwales
- Joseph Buttigieg** - Culture, Welfare & Benevolence
- Alfred Agius** - Membership Commission
- Joseph Micallef** - Lyceum Scouts & Youths Co-Ordinator

Under the chairmanship of our President George Stagno Navarra an editorial board of three council members, Joseph Buttigieg and Nazarene Azzopardi and Alfred Agius, will from the next edition be assisting in the preparation and editing of the ALPS News Letter.

We welcome all these gentlemen who are looking forward to work within the association for your benefit and to ensure, that the name of the LYCEUM continues to carry its high esteem in the coming years. Thank you all council members for dedicating your free time for ALPS.



We owe them our support with our business!

IN MEMORIAM

Let us always remember and pray for our dear departed Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba.



We remember and pray for ALPS member Laurie Vella, who departed this world on the 24th January 2016. Laurie was a past editor of the ALPS newsletter and had served on Council of Administration of ALPS with much care and dedication. He leaves into our records, full photo albums that he had so meticulously been preserving and recording all events that our association had organized in its initial years. Today, we are blessed with a web-site where we can upload pictures from our functions and events and everyone can browse and admire write-ups and photos of such events. Laurie had done the spade-work for the creation of the ALPS web-site and we are pleased to confirm, that it keeps getting better with every year that passes. The positive feed back that we receive through the service provider makes us ever so proud to have followed on the recommendations that Laurie Vella had given at the initial stages of projecting our association in a more easy to access method from the comfort of our homes. Thank you Laurie, for all you have done for The Association of Lyceum Past Students. We are ever so proud to have had you in our midst. Rest in Peace dear friend and colleague in ALPS. To his wife Vivien and daughters, we extend our profound sympathies and promise to keep Laurie in our prayers.

Let us also keep in our prayers all the ALPS members and friends who passed away during the past year, especially in the last few months. Last but not least, we ask you to say a prayer for all the members and friends of ALPS who are suffering from some form of sickness or who may be undergoing a specialized treatment for a condition that necessitates hospitalization with prolonged medical treatment. We know how to be happy together. Likewise, we must show solidarity with all those whose physical conditions deteriorates and need prayers.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

We do not have to change friends, if we understand that friends change...
A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they do not know or like you...
Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are there...
Friendship continues to grow even over the longest distance and, the same goes for true love...

THE A.L.P.S. TOUR TO EASTERN CANADA & NEW YORK

15 DAYS – 13 NIGHTS

26 August – 09 September, 2016

26 AUG - DAY 01: MALTA / PARIS / TORONTO

- **04h30** Meet at Malta International airport for check-in on Airmalta flight KM478 departing to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport at 06h30.
- **09h25** Arrive in Paris. Stay in transit for our inter connecting flight to Toronto airport which is expected to depart at 13h55.
- **16h10** Arrive in Toronto. An English speaking representative will meet & greet the group. Private transfer to our accommodation in Toronto.
- Installation at hotel.
- **Accommodation:** Sheraton Hotel, located in Queen's Street West, Toronto 4★(or similar)

27 AUG - DAY 02: TORONTO / EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS / TORONTO

(around 260 KM) 2 hrs each way

- **08h30** Departure to Niagara Falls and its legendary falls.
- **10h00** Stop in **Niagara-on-the-Lake**. Niagara-on-the-Lake is a well-preserved 19th-century village; it is the heart of Ontario's wine region. Niagara on the Lake is home of many historical sites. Only a few minutes from Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake is a quaint location to get that true authentic 'Niagara' feel.
- **11h30** Upon arrival at Niagara Falls, a **cruise will take you to the famous falls**. Hornblower's boat "Voyage to the Falls" Niagara Cruise will take you from the Canadian docks at the base of the Great Gorge, past the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and the awesome up-close and personal connection with the thundering water, awesome power and amazing mist of the mighty Horseshoe Falls!
Enjoy some **free time**.
Optional - Overview of Niagara Falls in helicopter
- **15h00** Back to Toronto.
- Meeting with the Ambassador for a Garden Party.
- **Accommodation:** Sheraton Hotel, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** Breakfast.

28 AUG - DAY 03: TORONTO

- **09h00 Toronto's orientation tour.** This cosmopolitan city offers all that you can find in a large North American city. You will discover the imposing skyscrapers in Canada's financial heart, the amazing Sky Dome which hosts many sports teams, the Chinatown, the Harbourfront without forgetting the CN Tower and its 553 meters height.
- **Optional - Ascension of the CN Tower**
- Meeting with the Ambassador. Alps Grand Re-union dinner
- **Accommodation:** Sheraton Hotel, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

AUG 29 - DAY 04: TORONTO / THOUSAND ISLANDS' REGION / OTTAWA'S REGION

(around 455 km) / 4 hrs.

- **09h00** Departure to Ottawa
- **14h00** Then boarding a **cruise through the Thousand Islands**. The Thousand Islands constitute an archipelago of 1,864 islands an archipelago of 1,864 islands that straddles the Canada-U.S. border in the Saint Lawrence River as it emerges from the northeast corner of Lake Ontario. They stretch for about 50 miles (80 km) downstream from Kingston, Ontario. The Canadian islands are in the province of Ontario, the U.S. islands in the state of New York. Canada is home to the majority of islands at just over two-thirds in Ontario.
- **17h00** Arrival at Ottawa.
- **Accommodation:** Delta Ottawa, 3.5★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

AUG 30 - DAY 05: OTTAWA / QUEBEC

(around 450 km) 4 hrs

- **09h00 Guidance tour of the National Capital**, you will discover the most beautiful places of the city tour. Discover Wellington and official buildings, the Canadian Parliament neo-Gothic style that dominates the Peace Tower, Sussex Drive where you will find the official residences of the Prime Minister and the Governor General and several embassies, major national museums, bustling Byward Market and Rideau Canal crossing complimentary heart of the city.
- **11h00 Visit to the Canadian Museum of Civilization.**
- Gorgeous architecture and world-renowned exhibitions convene to create Canada's most-visited museum. Located on the banks of the Ottawa River — with a stunning view of Parliament Hill, the National Gallery of Canada, and downtown Ottawa — the Canadian Museum of History (formerly the Canadian Museum of Civilization) provides detailed insight into 20,000 years of human history.
- **14h00** Departure to Quebec City.
- **Accommodation:** Hôtel Château Laurier, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

AUG 31 - DAY 06: QUEBEC

- **08h30 Guided tour** of Quebec City and its unique European style, with the imposing and unique Chateau Frontenac Hotel, The Quebec's Parliament, the Plains of Abraham, the fortifications Citadel Vauban, without forgetting the picturesque district of Petit-Champlain and Place Royale.
- **10h30 Visit of Brass Art Museum.** Albert Gilles is the creator of the doors of the Basilica of Saint Anne de Beaupré. Now it's his wife, his daughters and his granddaughter who create copper objects embossed or enamelled. Since 87 years it has been a real family passion! They are the only North American to work repoussé copper. Their expertise is unique, their creations are exclusive and they have architectural achievements worldwide.
- **11h30** Transfer to the **Parc de la Chute-Montmorency**
- Parc de la Chute-Montmorency is a few minutes from Québec City. Located between the river and the cliffs, it's one of the province's most spectacular sites. With its 83 meters high (30 meters higher than Niagara Falls), Montmorency Falls dominates the landscape.
- **Visit the Orleans Island.** The historical borough of Île d'Orléans celebrates Québec's rural tradition with its gorgeous scenery stretching along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, only a few minutes from Québec City. The island is the birthplace of New France, inhabited since time immemorial.
- **13h00 Visit and tasting** at Cidrerie Verger Bilodeau.
- **15h00** Back to Quebec and **free time** to stroll around the Old City.
- **Accommodation:** Hôtel Château Laurier, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** Breakfast & lunch

01 SEP - DAY 07: QUEBEC / MONTREAL

(around 260 km) 3 hrs

- **09h00** Transfer to Montreal.
- **11h00 Stop in Trois-Rivieres and visit of the city.**
- Trois Rivieres is one of the oldest cities in Canada. It was founded in 1632. We will see its centre area.
- **14h30** In the afternoon, arrival to Montreal.
- **Accommodation:** Delta Montreal, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

02 SEP - DAY 08: MONTREAL

- **09h00 Guided tour of Montreal (« Viens voir mon Montréal », exclusivity of Jonview).** Accompanied by a local professional guide, you will see the heart of this metropolis, this interesting tour which will take you to the Old Montreal, downtown Montreal and the residential areas. Between history and modernity, both on conventional roads and off the beaten track, this urban hike you will see and experience the real Montreal, through the eyes and the passions of a resident.
- **12h30** Afternoon at leisure.
- **Accommodation:** Delta Montreal, 4★(or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

03 SEP - DAY 09: MONTREAL / BOSTON

(around 500 km) 5 hrs

- **08h30** Departure to Boston.
- We will arrive to the Massachusetts State. Massachusetts is known as the "Cradle of History of the United States" and the heart of New England. It was here that the first pilgrims came to American soil in 1620 and since then, the legacy of state has been created by colonialists, sailors, immigrants and industrial.
- **15h00** In the afternoon, arrival at Boston area.
- **Accommodation:** Country Inn & Suites & Brockton
- **Meal included:** breakfast

04 SEP - DAY 10: BOSTON / NEW YORK

(around 340 km) 3.5 hrs

- **08h30** This morning, **Boston city tour with local guide certified.** Boston is the largest city in the region and the capital of Massachusetts, and has benefited from its multicultural impulse for centuries. Today, it is the social, economic and cultural centre of New England. It is a beautiful and compact city where it's easy to move; its historical, architectural and cultural riches are incomparable.
- **14h00** In the afternoon, departure at New York.
- **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Madison Square Garden (or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

05 SEP - DAY 11: NEW YORK

- **09h00** This morning, **city tour with a local guide certified.** We will see the Financial District, Little Italy, the Soho neighbourhood, the charming Greenwich Village, the fashion Upper West Side and the famous Central Park.
- **15h00** In the afternoon, **will we go to the top of the Empire State Building.** Its name is derived from the nickname for New York, the Empire State. It stood as the world's tallest building for nearly 40 years. The Empire State Building is an American cultural icon. It is designed in the distinctive Art Deco style and has been named as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Madison Square Garden (or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

06 SEP - DAY 12: NEW YORK

- **09h00** In the morning, **visit of Ellis Island Museum and the Statue of Liberty Island.** Today the **Ellis Island Immigration Museum** is part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and is under the care of the National Parks Service. It is a place where visitors can spend hours learning about Ellis Island's history before, during, and after its use as America's immigration station. The museum also tells the stories of why so many people immigrated to America and what became of them after they arrived.
- **The Statue of Liberty** is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City, in the United States. The copper statue, designed by Frédéric

Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor, was built by Gustave Eiffel and dedicated on October 28, 1886. It was a gift to the United States from the people of France.

- Free afternoon at leisure in Manhattan.
- **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Madison Square Garden (or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

07 SEP - DAY 13: NEW YORK

- Whole day at leisure in Manhattan.
- **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Madison Square Garden (or similar)
- **Meal included:** breakfast

08 SEP - DAY 14: NEW YORK / NEW'S AIRPORT

(around 270 km) - 2.5 hrs

- Morning at leisure in Manhattan.
- **Meal included:** breakfast
- **12h00** Transfer to John F Kennedy airport for our flight back to Malta. Flight leaves at 16h20. Sit back, relax and enjoy your transatlantic flight aboard Air France flight AF023.

09 SEP - DAY 15: PARIS / MALTA

- **05h40** Arrival in Paris Charles de Gaulle airport. Stay in transit for our flight back to Malta on KM479 departing at 10h15.
- **13h00** Flight lands in Malta.

RATES PER PERSON IN EURO

Twin or double sharing	Euro 4,199 – Lm 1,728
Single	Euro 5,199 – Lm 2,140

PRICE INCLUDES

- **Round trip flight Malta/Paris/Toronto – New York/ Paris/Malta with Airmalta & Air France.**
- **All transportation mentioned in private motor-coach from Day 1 to Day 14.**
- **English speaking guide throughout the whole programme.**
- **The accommodation on the suggested hotels or similar for 13 nights.**
- **The mentioned meals on this programme.**
- **Tea or coffee and water served during the meals.**
- **Visits and excursions mentioned in the program.**
- **Taxes and service charges.**

THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- **Meals that are not mentioned in the programme.**
- **Beverages.**
- **Optional activities.**
- **Tips for local guides, guide and bus drive.**
- **ESTA / ETA (Visa for USA/Canada is approx. €25)**
- **Biometric Passport is a must.**
- **Travel Insurance (highly recommended).**

CONDITIONS: Immediate deposit of Euro 1,250 equiv Lm 515 per person has to be paid upon booking. Final payment has to be paid till 15th Jun 2016. No bookings are accepted without the presentation of passports (any change of name will incur a charge). SMSMONDIAL shall be responsible for all bookings/payments and reservations to Canada and USA from the 26th Aug till 09th Sep 2016, Alps are not responsible for any bookings before, during or after this Trip. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Subject to last minute alteration to above programme, depending on conditions prevailing.

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