



A.L.P.S. News

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Live a Fulfilling Life Dear Members and Friends in A.L.P.S.

It is important that we celebrate happy times. The 20th anniversary celebrations this year, seem to have brought us closer together.

We should continue to stick together in the coming years too. I truly wish that you will continue to share your dreams and experiences within A.L.P.S. in the hope, that many more ex-Lyceum students can become interested to join our association. We always need enrollment increases. Over the years we lose some of our membership and therefore we must be on the lookout to always find new faces who can replace what becomes missing. Some of the members pass on to eternal life, others may become housebound or sick or can be moved to private homes for constant care. It is therefore expected that membership numbers may sometimes shrink. Nevertheless, with the ongoing activities throughout the year that certainly please one and all, gives an impetus to our association for new recruits to become part of The Association of Lyceum Past Students.

We thank God for 20 years of unity amongst Liceo Past Students. With an incredible two decades of continued growth and success, this year was an unforgettable chance to get together and celebrate a great event since our foundation date. The continued popularity of A.L.P.S.,

proves that it was and remains a phenomenon of some historic proportion. The success of The Association of Lyceum Past Students in Malta and even overseas, has gone beyond the Founder President's dream. The fact that we continue to draw and excite large numbers for every event that we organize, deserves a "THANK YOU" message to each and every member on this 20th Anniversary Celebration Year. Twenty years after we made our first steps, we are still here and getting stronger and greater day by day. We always aim high and this must be a phenomenal feeling to all A.L.P.S. members who belong to a nonprofit association. This years' celebrations have focused visibility on our past accomplishments and goals and which could result in additional members and projects for the future.

Your association has made leaps and bounds of progress since its foundation date in March 1994. Let us therefore celebrate the very many happy events that we have organized like the number of overseas travel tours that have taken us together to other countries. The amount of money that we have channeled for worthy causes, the cultural events we have prepared for our members locally, the initiative we have taken each year since the start of Maratona Bir-Roti at the Lyceum, the philanthropic projects that we

have undertaken for mission lands like Pitazz u Lapes, the Help Amanda Smile and many many more.

Twenty years ago, the dress, culture, music were perhaps much different from today's. But of course, the feelings deep in the hearts of members and friends of The Association of Lyceum Past Students remain untouched. As great an achievement as celebrating a 20th Anniversary is, it is recommended to each member to look forward to the future with more optimism. Where do you expect A.L.P.S. to be at the end of the next twenty years? How many more members would each of you have managed to recruit in this association of ours? What new advances will take place within A.L.P.S.? Let us all use a futuristic setting in our hearts and minds and be all determined to bequeath what we have inherited from our Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba LL.D., to a new generation that comes after us and who it is hoped, may continue and improve on what we are doing today. Thank you dear members and your families for the continued support. May God bless your lives and shower you with good health & much happiness.

Let us continue to plant the seeds that may grow newer and younger members in A.L.P.S. who, shall make a greater impact on tomorrow's community. Thank you



for the continued best support over the past twenty years. We hope you have enjoyed celebrating with us this year, the past, present and the future projections. Continue to help us share the story of how A.L.P.S. can make an impact on the lives of its members and friends.

I now leave you with a small saying for Christmas and wishing you all the very best to the forthcoming Festive Season:

"Christmas is full of shiny things that sparkle, gleam and glow, these holiday pleasures dazzle us and yet deep down we know, that Christmas has its special gift but your year round joy depends on the cherished people in your lives your families and friends"

"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2015"

**Very Sincerely
 George Stagno Navarra
 President A.L.P.S.**



Successful Tour to Birgu

The bright sunny morning of the 4th October 2014, saw a gathering of 51 members and friends of the A.L.P.S., meeting at Couvre Porte in Birgu.

They were all greeted by the association President and by the appointed guide M/s Agnes Spiteri who gave a short explanation of what we were about to experience during the walking tour. It started with a guided tour inside the Couvre Porte fortifications. Slowly slowly it proceeded to the Inquisitor's Palace. Gaining entrance to the courtyard of the palace M/s Spiteri explained the history of the palace and what went on through the centuries from the time of the knights to the present day preservation and restoration that brings out the splendor of such a magnificent palace.

Luck being on our side, a new exhibition of antique sacred articles, vestments, furniture and paintings with history of varying stages from inquisitor's reign in Malta, was made accessible to the A.L.P.S. group on this cultural tour.

From the Inquisitor's palace the participants then proceeded to the Maritime Museum at the Birgu Water Front. Everyone was amazed at the splendid restoration that has of late taken place at this location. Those who joined this tour were given full details of the artifacts inside this building with history of how they came to be collected and made into a permanent exhibition for everyone to visit and admire.

The tour then gathered at the 'Café Al Bacino' which happens to be within walking distance from the museum to share a light lunch.

To end this tour, The Association of Lyceum Past Students have made arrangements with the Birgu Archpriest Fr. Cilia and Holy Mass was celebrated at St Lawrence Basilica by the spiritual director Fr. William Bartolo. That was a great success and we now look ahead to yet another cultural tour of St. John's Cathedral and the President's Palace in Valletta on the 29th November. We are hoping that another nice group can be joining us for such tour.



Visit to San Anton Palace and Holy Mass inside the Russian Chapel

By kind permission from Her Excellency the President of Malta, M/s. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, a large congregation in excess of a hundred A.L.P.S. members, families and friends as well as families from the Pwales hamlet, attended for Holy Mass inside the newly restored Russian Chapel at the San Anton Gardens. In a beautiful setting and surrounded by the private palace gardens, our spiritual director Fr. William Bartolo, celebrated Sunday Mass with a short and very meaningful homily that has kept everyone carefully listening to every word that was said. A small group from the Fleur-de-Lys community was in attendance and, directed by M/s Veronique de Gabriele Ferrante, the Faith Voices filled the chapel with such beautiful sounds of music and hymns that were prepared for the occasion. Thanks to this small group of young choir singers, Holy Mass was even nicer. The Association of Lyceum Past Students is very



thankful to Her Excellency the President of Malta for giving us such a unique and prestigious opportunity that we could bring our members and their families to the President's quarters inside San Anton.

The morning ended with an invitation by Her Excellency, who received every member of the A.L.P.S. group for coffee and biscuits at the palace garden. Accompanied by Mr. Edgar Preca her husband H.E. could greet each one and shake hands and spend some time talking before leaving for another presidential engagement. This was another good example of showing to our members how much we care and how much we do our very best to take them to places where they have never been before. This is why, we tell you that we aim high for the benefit of all our members and friends of the association. Your continued participation is our best satisfaction.



The Pwales Chapel will receive Her Excellency the President of Malta

To show our respect and to reciprocate to her Excellency The President of Malta, we have extended an invitation for her, to come visiting us at The Pwales Chapel this month. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Parish Priest of St Paul's Bay Fr. Arthur Cutajar together with our spiritual director Fr. William Bartolo inside the Pwales Chapel on Saturday the 22nd November 2014 at 16.00 hrs. Come along and share with us this unique opportunity. Weather permitting, we shall have extra chairs prepared outside the chapel. Refreshments will be served after mass.

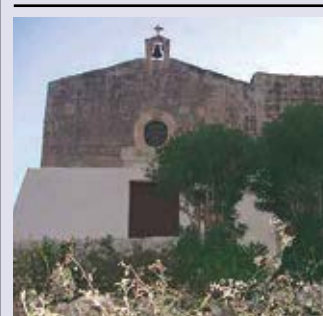
The Valletta Cultural Tour on the 29th November 2014

For those who have not as yet booked for this cultural tour to St. John's Cathedral and The President's Palace in Valletta, we kindly urge you to submit the booking form with your food choices at the very earliest. After the tour we shall be going for a light lunch

at The Caravaggio Cafeteria in St John's Square Valletta. Send in your booking form with payment to Secretary General Alex Borg at Alson no 82 Naxxar Road San Gwann / Tel: 2138 6812 – 2137 6387 / e-mail: alpsmalta@gmail.com by not later than 27th November

2014. Meeting at side entrance (opposite Law Courts) and tour starts exactly at 09:30hrs.

Again, we shall be having tour guides who will explain the history of the two historical places that we shall be visiting on this tour.



Holy Mass at Pwales Chapel for the month of December 2014

For your diary, the very last meeting taking place at the Pwales chapel for this year, shall be on the **8th December** feast of Immaculate Conception, when Holy Mass at 11.00am with some Christmas carols will be celebrated by Fr. William Bartolo. We are looking forward to meet our members and their families on that day so that we may together enter into the Christmas spirit for this year.

The A.L.P.S. Spiritual Retreat at Manresa House in Gozo 24th to 26th April 2015

You may think that it is still very early but, seeing the great success from previous years with a large number of bookings to this retreat, we kindly bring to your attention that sleeping accommodation at Manresa House is very restricted. The number of rooms is very limited and therefore allocation shall be on first booked / first served basis. Of course, you may still attend for this week-end retreat but

with sleeping arrangements that can be made through A.L.P.S., at another address in Rabat Gozo. This year, we shall be having Fr. Brendan Gatt who will direct this week-end of recollection. We therefore kindly ask you to send in your intentions for attendance by communicating with Secretary General Alex Borg on tel: 2137 6387 / 2138 6812 / mob: 9988 8579 / e-mail: alpsmalta@gmail.com

The charge for the retreat attendance with food and lodging on full board basis, shall be at €34.00 per person per day. This spiritual retreat is another means of getting as many as possible A.L.P.S. members and friends together and, in true Christian spirit we share the life experiences and offer suggestions, for living our lives in a more meaningful manner that can please God our Savior.



Write-ups for the Chanticleer Magazine Edition 2015

As already announced to you in an earlier edition of ALPS news letter, the closing date for receiving your write-ups and contributions that may be added to the forthcoming publication of The CHANTICLEER magazine, is the end of December 2014. Please put your pen to paper and write about anything that can possibly be included with the A.L.P.S. magazine. We want it to be a bumper issue especially after the twentieth anniversary celebrations. We shall have many many things to write about and portray the history of A.L.P.S. from foundation year 1994 to the present day.

The more that we can receive of your submissions, the more interesting that this next edition can be.



The Opera Nabucco at Astra Theatre in Gozo

Yet again this year, Cultural Commission Chairperson Joseph Fenech, was leading a sizeable group of A.L.P.S. members and friends to the sister island of Gozo and attending to the opera NABUCCO by Giuseppe Verdi at The Astra

Theatre on the 25th October 2014. It was one of the finest operas that the A.L.P.S. have ever seen. Thanks to Joe Fenech, we can each year look forward to another best performance at the Gozo theatre.

Kindly Pay Your A.L.P.S. Renewal Subscriptions before the End of Year 2014



Some members and friends of the Association of Lyceum Past Students, may have overlooked the payment for this years' subscription.

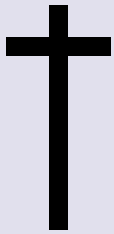
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**Let us not forget
to keep in our
prayers also:**



The month of November brings us together, to remembrance mass for those who have departed this world before us. At the head of the list of course, we find the name of our much respected and loved Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba.

We also remember all those members and friends who have passed away since the foundation date of A.L.P.S. in 1994.

During these past weeks we report the demise

of: Dr. Alexander Cachia Zammit (A.L.P.S. Member), Lt. Col. Antoine Pace Bonello (A.L.P.S. Member), Mr. John Aquilina (brother of A.L.P.S. member Oreste Aquilina in Australia), Mr Lino Spiteri (who served as government minister for some years).

We keep in our prayers the sick and the aged members of A.L.P.S., who may no longer take part in regular events. We must show them that we continue to care for each one and promise to them our prayers that they may feel better.

*A Thought
for this Month...*

*‘APOLOGIZING’
does not always mean that you’re
wrong and the other person is right.*

*It just means
that you value your relationship
more than your ego.*





A.L.P.S. Gala Dinner at Radisson Golden Sands 13th December 2014

Closing of this years 20th **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**, shall be with a Grand Gala Dinner inside the Ballroom of The Radisson Golden Sands resort Ghajn Tuffieha. A full week-end of leisure and pleasure is planned for the 12th to 14th December 2014. Special Gala Dinner is planned for the Saturday

the 13th December 2014 time 20.00 for 20.30hrs. Dinner price with accommodation packages for those who wish to spend a week-end in style are shown with the booking form. Please send your bookings **as early as possible with also your food choices so that we can inform the catering**

staff of the hotel accordingly. Any special dietary preferences are to be given to us well before the event itself.

This Christmas dinner shall bring to a close the full years' celebrations of a twentieth anniversary commemoration in the history of

A.L.P.S. Holy mass in hotel 14th December at 11:00hrs

Do make an effort to come along this year and celebrate with us this great event and bring with you family and friends who may also share and participate at such occasion.

Additional Packages

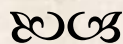
1 Night Stay for 2 People including Christmas Dinner on Sat 13th & B'fast on the 14th	€130.00
2 Night Stay for 2 People including , Dinner on 12th , B'fast on 13th , Christmas Dinner on Sat 13th & B'fast on the 14th	€205.00
1 Night Stay for 1 Person including Christmas Dinner on Sat 13th & B'fast on the 14th	€90.00
2 Night Stay for 1 Person including , Dinner on 12th , B'fast on 13th , Christmas Dinner on Sat 13th & B'fast on the 14th	€155.00
Additional rate for 3rd person joining for 2 nights HB including Saturday Christmas's Dinner	€100.00
Additional rate for 3rd person joining for 1 night HB including Saturday Christmas's Dinner	€65.00
Children 0 -12 sharing with Parents supplement	
Children 12 + sharing with Parents supplement	€31.00
Christmas Dinner only on the 13th - Adults (not staying in house)	€35.00
Christmas Dinner only on the 13th - Children (not staying in house)	€16.50
Sunday Buffet Lunch on the 14th	€29.00



ALPS Gala Dinner Menu at Radisson Golden Sands 13th December 2014

Time: 20:00 for 20:30hrs

Welcome Drink and Canapes

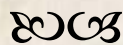


Smoked Salmon Rosette

Smoked salmon, pink grapefruit, shisho salad with a fine touch of caviar



Penne with Pancetta and Asparagus Cream and Parmesan shavings



Grilled Sea Bream fillets.

fondant potato, bouquetiere of vegetables, sea urchin dressing

or

Fresh Rump of Beef

with cinnamon scented puree, black olive gallette,
bouquetiere of vegetables, merlot jus

or

Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings.

potato gallette, bouquetiere of vegetables, cranberry sauce



On a sweeter note...

Layered chocolate delight, dark chocolate and forest fruit cake,
white chocolate ice cream



Fresh Brewed Coffee & Mince Pies



Beverages Included:

2 glasses of Local Wine Half bottle of Local Water

Dinner Only: €35 per person
(Please notify Food Choice)



Mission Accomplished by the A.L.P.S. in Rome

A group of 109 members and friends from The Association of Lyceum Past Students have participated in an 'Udienza Generale' at St. Peter's square - Vatican City on Wednesday 5th November. A.L.P.S. president George dei Conti Stagno Navarra was really pleased to see such a large number joining for this trip. The enthusiasm and the joy could be seen on the faces of all the participants. Some have taken with them their wives and children to this great event. Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona, himself a Lyceum Past Student was also with the group on this tour to Rome. Special head caps and shower ponchos with the A.L.P.S. anniversary badge were prepared for the occasion. The Holy Father was only feet away from the Maltese group when he was driven in his Pope Mobile through the center aisle. Because this year, happens to be the 20th anniversary of The Association of Lyceum Past Students (1994 -2014), the council of administration of A.L.P.S. have come up with the idea of making a monetary presentation to His Holiness Pope Francis. Such money may be directed for special causes that the Pope is assisting throughout the year. Together with His Eminence Cardinal Prospero Grech, our Archbishop Emeritus Mons. Pawl Cremona could personally hand over to the Holy Father, a gift of one thousand euro that came from the hearts of all the A.L.P.S. members and friends of the association who have participated in this short trip to Italy.

The A.L.P.S. banner was very prominently displayed at a vantage point where a TV transmitting camera that was high up on the Bernini colonnade, has caught the A.L.P.S. group and its banner in the middle of Piazza San Pietro. One may access such video from a special web-site: http://www.laikos.org/Papa-frangisku_udjenza_05112014. You may view the full Papal Audience of the 5th November. His Holiness mentioned Malta and, at the beginning (9.13th minute) the A.L.P.S. banner can



Papa Francesco in front of the A.L.P.S. Group

be clearly seen. At the very end of this video, the Maltese Cardinal Prospero Grech who personally introduced Archbishop Emeritus Pawl Cremona to the Pope, can be seen during the handing over of a special gift of €1000 from the members and friends of A.L.P.S. Without any doubt this was one of the greatest events and shall be written in golden letters in the history of our association. Well done to all who have helped in the preparations for the event and thank you all who have participated in this pilgrimage to Rome.

Besides the General Audience in Piazza San Pietro, the A.L.P.S. group visited Tivoli for sightseeing. The next day, the Archbishop joined the A.L.P.S. group for an excursion to Montecassino, where he celebrated Holy Mass in the crypt under the Abbey. The group have also taken another excursion to Assisi and, in the Basilica inferiore, Archbishop Emeritus concelebrated Holy Mass with Mons. Paul Vella (who travelled from Rome with the Maltese group) and with Fr Charles Baldacchino who made all the necessary arrangements on behalf of A.L.P.S. Mrs. Irene Saliba the wife of Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba did not miss this opportunity, because



Gift Card & Cheque of €1000

with the A.L.P.S. members and friends, she also wished to form part of this pilgrimage to Italy.

Gift Card that was handed to The Holy Father Pope Francis

For the special occasion of a General Audience with Pope Francis on the 5th November 2014, the Association of Lyceum Past Students have prepared a nice gift card that has included the name of every person who was travelling with A.L.P.S. for the event. To those who accompanied the group in Rome, a printed copy has already been handed to them. But, for all other members

and friends of the association, we are producing a copy so that you may be in the know about the 20th anniversary gift that has been given to His Holiness. Such gift of €1000 was fully paid up by a small contribution of €10.00 per person forming the A.L.P.S. group. The Vatican already acknowledged by letter and receipt.

The Apostolic Nunzio has recommended that the bankers draft be simply addressed: "PAPA FRANCESCO"

On the same gift card we have included a write-up with the history and origin of our much loved LICEO.



On the special occasion of its 20th Anniversary Celebrations

**THE ASSOCIATION OF LYCEUM PAST STUDENTS
A.L.P.S.**

*presents to His Holiness Pope Francis
all good wishes coming from the heart
of all its members and friends in Malta and overseas
and kindly invokes the Holy Father's blessings
on all its members and their families and friends.*

*May this unique and memorable occasion bring
all the A.L.P.S. Members closer to each other
in true Christian Spirit and Fortitude.*

George dei Conti Stagno Navarra
President A.L.P.S.

5th November 2014



ELEMOSINIERE DI SUA SANTITÀ

Dal Vaticano, 11 Novembre 2014

Prot. N. 308/2014

Ill.mo Presidente,

m'è gradito rispondere al biglietto del 5 c.m., consegnato nelle mani del Santo Padre in occasione dell'Udienza Generale in Piazza San Pietro, con il quale Ella, a nome di tutti i membri dell'*Association of Lyceum Past Students*, Gli ha donato un assegno di 1.000 euro per le Sue opere di carità verso i più poveri.

Mentre La ringrazio di cuore a nome di Sua Santità Papa Francesco del generoso dono, m'è gradito comunicarLe che Egli ha molto gradito e apprezzato tale gesto di filiale adesione alle Sue sollecitudini pastorali per i poveri e gli emarginati e lo ricambia invocando copiose ricompense celesti ed impartendo di cuore a Lei, a tutti i membri e amici di codesta Associazione e alle rispettive famiglie una particolare Benedizione Apostolica.

Colgo infine l'occasione per assicurare anche la mia preghiera e per porgere un cordiale saluto

✠ Konrad Krajewski

Ill.mo Signore
Sig. GEORGE DEI CONTI STAGNO N
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