



# A.L.P.S. News

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**SPECIAL EDITION**

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Dear Colleagues & Friends of A.L.P.S.,

The long awaited visit to Rome for a General Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis, is getting nearer. The Association of Lyceum Past Students, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and we thought, that the best event in the history of A.L.P.S., can not be better than a trip to the Vatican. Hereunder, you will find details of a proposed three nights stay at a hotel close-by to Piazza San Pietro. If it has been your dream to make this trip a memory of a lifetime, now is the time for you to decide and place your airplane/hotel bookings through SMS Mondial, who have been entrusted with all reservations on behalf of A.L.P.S. members and friends.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE AT THE VATICAN ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2014., WITH RESERVED SEATING IN PIAZZA SAN PIETRO for THE A.L.P.S. GROUP (we have been informed that we should be seated close to the front )**

We are now pleased to advise you that through SMS Mondial, we have finalized packages @ €349 PP. In triple rooms, €359 PP in double rooms and for single person it will cost €381. Prices shall be inclusive of air tickets to and from Roma, airport taxes, coach transfers from Rome airport and back, B & B accommodation at Hotel Pacific close to Piazza San Pietro. We also have the services of an SMS tour leader for the period 4th November to 7th November 2014. This gives us a good chance to go around Rome and enjoy the many beautiful sights that this city has to offer. Please note that SMS Mondial shall be solely responsible for all the bookings. A.L.P.S. Is in no way involved nor is it responsible for any loss or damage that may be incurred before / during or after such a tour to Rome.

Please find the PNR as follows:

<b>Leaving on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	<b>Flight KM 612H</b>	<b>MLAFCO</b>	<b>08.30/ 10.00hrs (AM)</b>
<b>Returning on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>	<b>Flight KM 613H</b>	<b>FCOMLA</b>	<b>11.00/12.25hrs (AM)</b>

Because of a limited number of airline tickets and hotel rooms, we recommend that you approach at earliest SMS Mondial of 311 Republic Street Valletta and pay a deposit of €150 per person ( full balance becomes payable to SMS Mondial at 1st week of Oct 2014 ). You may ask for M/s Ruth Fero' at the travel office and she will take all the bookings (Tel: 2277 6016) This ensures seating on the plane for a Papal Audience on the 5th Nov 14. Plane tickets and hotel rooms are on first come first serve basis. **Please take the passports with you when paying the deposit.**

We shall be looking forward to see many of you joining us on this memorable tour.

Best regards,

**George Stagno Navarra**

President A.L.P.S.

## THE ST GREGORY CHURCH CHOIR HAVE BEEN ENTERTAINED

Following a wonderful performance at The Mdina Cathedral in March during the Grand reunion Celebration Holy Mass, the St. Gregory's choir sang and enriched the ceremony to everyone's delight. Therefore, The Association of Lyceum Past Students have reciprocated to all choir members by organizing for them some refreshments. At a get together with the St. Gregory's Parish Priest Fr. Victor Scicluna, the 22 choir members have been entertained at Peppi's Restaurant in Sliema on Tuesday the 8th July 2014. They all enjoyed the event and are looking forward to being of service to A.L.P.S. at some future event. We say a big thank you to The Choir from St. Gregory's church.

## The A.L.P.S. SUMMER BARBEQUE

With much pleasure we report, that the A.L.P.S. summer B-B-Q this year was another great success. With a participation of 125 members and friends, we filled the Radisson Golden Sands resort open terrace. Under a starry night and to a wonderful breeze, the participants have really enjoyed the fantastic food that had been prepared by the Golden Sands resort for the occasion. Many positive remarks have been showered on the association council for a great evening that has pleased everyone in no small way. The many raffles that had been specially prepared for the occasion have been won. The resort itself have donated two vouchers for one night stay for two as well as pizza for two at same hotel. These were also raffled and won. This years fund raising from such event, were specifically targeted for one council member who is presently facing heavy medical expenses with overseas treatment of a daughter suffering from cancer. It is also worth mentioning that through the sponsorship from TKS The Kitchen Store, we have received a number of free items that have all been added to the hampers that were raffled. Thanks Alex Borg for your kind gesture to further assist in such a good cause.

## FESTA SANT'ANNA at Pwales Chapel held on the 12th JULY 2014

This year the feast of Sant'Anna at the Pwales chapel turned out to be a great success. The friendly neighbours residing around and / or working the fields nearby, have taken it upon themselves to bring fruit from their own fields and entertain the congregation that had gathered for Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. William Bartolo. A.L.P.S. always caters for a small reception after mass with refreshments handed out on the chapel parvis. The biggest surprise of course, came with a fireworks display that had

unknowingly been prepared also by the farmers, who have integrated with and simply love to participate at Festa Sant Anna. The statue of the venerated saint "the Grand Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ" is prominently displayed inside the chapel on a strong and mobile wooden & steel pedestal. Many thanks to all the participants at this years' festa but, a special thanks of course goes to the neighbours of the Pwales Hamlet who gave so generously from the heart to ensure success.

## CULTURAL EVENTS THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE

As already intimated in an earlier edition of ALPS newsletter, the two cultural events will take place as follows:

**Saturday 4th October** - Visit to Birgu, Inquisitor's Palace and the Maritime Museum. We also arranged for light lunch at Bacino Café' restaurant after the last tour in same area.

**Saturday 29th November** - Visit to St John's Cathedral and The President's palace in Valletta (we have arranged for light lunch at Caravaggio Café on St John's Square at the end of the tour.)

More details to be following in another newsletter. Meanwhile, we are doing our best to obtain free entrance without payment at all the mentioned places that will be visited. Tour guide has been booked to explain in detail the history of the places we shall visit. From now, kindly pencil your diaries for these dates that are firmly booked. We wish to see many of you coming along on the two dates as listed above.

## Monday 8th DECEMBER 2014 - ST ANNE CHAPEL

This year we make an exception and we shall be celebrating the Feast of Immaculate Conception with Holy Mass at The Pwales Chapel. Time will be 11.00AM. There shall be Christmas Carols to enter the spirit of the Nativity of Baby Jesus.

## GALA DINNER ON THE 13TH DECEMBER 2014

The closing of the 20th Anniversary Celebrations for this year, shall be with a ' GALA Dinner ' and overnight stays at The Radisson Golden Sands resort Ghajn Tuffieha between the **12th to 14th December 2014**. (dinner on Saturday the 13th December). It would be nice if this year we can have a larger number of participants to fill up the Ballroom at Golden Sands resort. More details with booking forms and prices shall be transmitted at a later date.

Enjoy your summer holidays. Be Happy and stay Healthy and always keep a smile on your faces.

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