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The Gozo Philatelic Society was founded on 3 September 1999
for the promotion of the hobby,
the provision of a point of reference and co-ordination.
Front cover—**Commemorative Card—18th Annual Exhibition**

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RELATIVE TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY

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If you are shopping in Valletta, why not pop into the newly launched Postal Museum? Our latest heritage attraction is situated at 135, Archbishop Street adjacent to the Grandmaster's Palace and explores centuries of postal history. The Museum promises an enjoyable experience for all the family together with *Peppi Pustier*, our museum mascot.

Christmas at the museum includes an interactive treasure-hunt, letter writing to Santa, personalised stamps and weekend decoupage workshops with our specially trained team.

MALTA POSTAL MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10.00hrs - 16.30hrs
(Last recommended entry 15.00hrs)

Saturday: 10.00hrs - 14.30hrs
(Last recommended entry 13.00hrs)

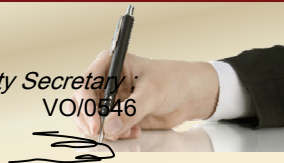
www.maltapostalmuseum.com



(66) *G.P.S. Diary*

Antoine Vassallo Gozo Philatelic Society Secretary ;

VO/0546



28 September 2017 Committee continues to prepare for Exhibition and receives President's resignation for health reasons.

October GPS exhibits Cover sets at the new-style Maltex, now organized by MaltaPost; numerous members participate too.

13 October Times of Malta covers Maltex, prominently featuring GPS exhibits and GPS officer Anthony Grech's productions.

October Newsletter #69 includes Exhibition application/regulations, uploaded earlier on GPS FB page.

3 November Exhibition Cover produced by Anthony Grech for personalized stamp and MaltaPost handstamp (see page 28)

3 November Exhibition officially opened by Minister Justyne Caruana (see 29)

4 November Exhibition Jury evaluates exhibits (under a new classification system)

10 November Exhibition dismantled

10 November Committee members take part in special private guided visit to MaltaPost Museum (coordinated by Il-Haġar).

11 November New Haġar exhibit: "A-Zed Stamps"

17 November Anthony Grech prepares and posts "Christmas card" with Nadur *Bambin* stamp. (see front cover)

17 November Committee confirms Exhibition prizes and prepares for AGM.

PS We have just noticed that a GPS member from France is a Bureau member of the Maximaphily (maximum cards) Commission at the International Philatelic Federation: Pascal Bandry - who actually participated with a most interesting thematic Maximum Card exhibit in last year's GPS Exhibition. The Malta delegate, John Cardona, is a friend too!

BEGINNINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS STAMP

Zachary Borg

It is a matter of some debate as to which is the **first Christmas stamp**.



Austria Post issued a set of 2 identical stamps on 12 December 1937. The design consisted of flowers and the signs of the zodiac, thus with no reference to Christmas. Thus it is believed that these stamps were intended to be used on all greeting cards, including Christmas or New Year and birthday cards.



Canada issues regular Christmas stamps since 1964 but in 1898 it had issued a stamp actually intended for the inauguration of the "Imperial Penny Postage" rate, showing a world map with British possessions marked. Since the inscription "Xmas 1898" was added, it can be considered as the first postage stamp related directly to Christmas. What happened was that William Mulock (Postmaster General) proposed to Queen Victoria that the new stamp be issued on

November 9, to honour the Prince (thinking of the Prince of Wales). Victoria asked what Prince Mulack was referring to. The quick-thinking PMG, realizing the displeasure of Her Majesty, quickly answered "Why, the Prince of Peace, ma'am" (referring to Jesus). According to this "legend", Victoria obviously had no option but to give her imperial permission!

In 1943 Hungary became the first country to issue stamps depicting the true Christmas scene, the Nativity of Jesus Christ. However this was not followed up by this country until 1988.



Silent Night Holy Night on Austria Stamps

Lara Grech



Silent Night Chapel

a couple of years 1817. Just before Christmas eve Fr. Mohr showed the lyrics to Franz Xaver Gruber, schoolmaster and organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf, and asked him to compose a

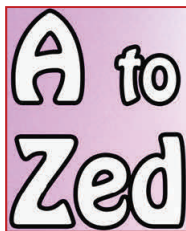
“**S**ilent Night (or *Stille Nacht*, *Heilige Nacht* in German) is considered as the most popular Christmas song the world over. It was performed for the first time on Christmas Eve 1818 at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in the Austrian Empire. Legend has it that young priest Joseph Mohr wrote the lyrics of this song just before arriving in Oberndorf in



melody for the song. Together they performed the new carol during Christmas Eve Mass on the night of 24 December, accompanied by a guitar. Austria, where the song was composed, is the country that has issued the greatest number of stamps dedicated to “Christmas Night, Holy Night”. The first appeared in 1948.

Our Newsletter has previously featured Christmas stamps: in issues 6, 10 and 14, among others.





Gozo Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition

3—9 November 2017

List of Participants

Juniors

**Joseph Galea—Zachary Borg—Lara Grech
Rebecca Xerri—San Lawrenz Primary School
Team.**

**MARIO CASINGENA (B) (S)
ANTHONY GRECH (G) (G) (G)
GEORGE GALEA (B)
JACQUELINE MARY ATTARD (B)
REV. ANTON SCHEMBRI (B)
MARYGRACE XERRI (G)
MARK ANTHONY POULTON (S)
ANTOINE VASSALLO (B)
JOHN VASSALLO (G) (G)
NICHOLAI VELLA (B)
JESMOND BORG (G)**

**Winner of the George Vella Chalange Cup
JOHN VASSALLO**

G = GOLD MEDAL

S = SILVER MEDAL

B = BRONZ MEDAL

**A special thanks goes to Mr Carmel Navarro and
Mr Samuel Parnis
for their sterling work in judging all sections of the
exhibition**

Frankie Vella organizer

Catalogue of Commemorative Cards and Covers

Issued by The Gozo Philatelic Society

PART 2—2012-2017

Cards marked “A” are still available
Each card costs €2.50 mailed Postage Free.
For Part 1 please refer to issue No. 49 (3-2012)



Card No.73.
Gozo Related Stamps
First day of issue Postmark
26 September 2012.
Postmark by MaltaPost plc.
Postcard designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 50.



Card No.74.
Gozo Related Stamps
First day of issue postmark.
26 September 2012.
Postmark designer MaltaPost plc.
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 50.



Card No.75. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
First day of issue postmark.
31 October 2012.
Agius de Soldanis
Postmark & Card designed by A.Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.76.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
‘Majesty’ GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.77.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
'Majesty' GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.77.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
'Majesty' GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.78.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
'Majesty' GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.79.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
'Majesty' GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.80.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
10 November 2012.
'Majesty' GPS 13th Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.81.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
30 March 2013.
HE Vincent Tabone.
Postmark designed by Justin Falzon
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.82.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
29 April 2013.
150 Anniv. Il Leone Musical Society.
Postmark designed by George Vella.
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.83.
Gozo Related Stamp
Comino Hare
20 June 2013.
Postmark designed by MaltaPost.
Card designed by Anthony Grech
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.84.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
1 July 2013.
100 Anniversary-Circolo Gozitano.
Postmark designed by George Vella. Card
designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.85.
Gozo Related Stamp
First Gozo Bus
27 August 2013.
Postmark designed by MaltaPost.
Card designed by Anthony Grech
Limited edition of 75.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.86.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
21 October 2013.
'Times & Themes'
GPS 14 Annual Exhibition.
Postmark & Card designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.87. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
22 November 2013.
10 Anniv. Għarb Filarmonik Society.
Postmark designed by MaltaPost
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.88. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
7 December 2013.
350 Anniv. Confraternity of the Immaculate.
Postmark designed by George Vella.
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.89. A
Gozo Related Stamp
Lunzjata Valley Fountain
3 January 2014.
Postmark designed by MaltaPost.
Card designed by Anthony Grech
Limited edition of 75.



Card No.90.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
28 February 2014.
100 Anniv. Good Friday Xaghra Statues.
Postmark designed by George Vella.
Card designed by Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 65

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS

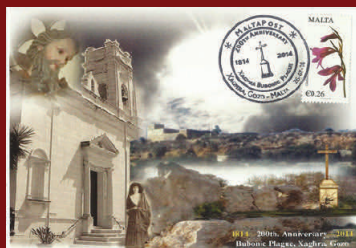


Card No.91.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 April 2014
100 Anniv. Good Friday Xaghra Proces-
sion.
Postmark & Card designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 75.

A



Card No.92.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
23 April 2014.
175 Anniv. Statue of St. George-Gozo.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



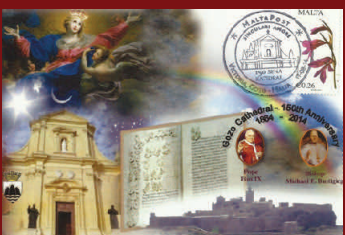
Card No.93.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
26 July 2014.
200 Anniv. Bubonic Plague— Xaghra.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.94.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
19 July 2014.
Relic of the arm of St. George in Gozo.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.95.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 August 2014.
150 Anniv. Gozo Cathedral.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.96.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
21 October 2014.
400 Anniv. Donation of bust of St Ursula.
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by Paul Falzon
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.97. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
8 November 2014.
250 years S. Coronato Relics in Nadur
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.98. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
14 November 2014.
GPS Annual Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 150.

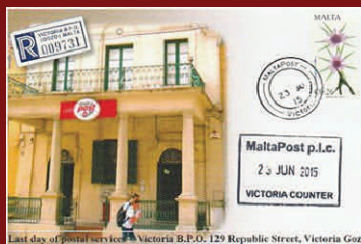


Card No.99. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
5 December 2014.
Milied f'Ghawdex-Christmas in Gozo
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.100. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
19 March 2015.
L-Imsallab fi Triqatna.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.101.
Gozo Related Event
23 June 2015
Last day of Old Victoria Post Office
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.102.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
20 June 2015.
80 Anniversary Coronation of Our Lady of
Ta' Piny Altarpiece
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.103. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
6 November 2015
GPS 16th Annual Exhibition.
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 103.



Card No.104. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
5 December 2015.
Milied f' Ghawdex-Christmas in Gozo
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

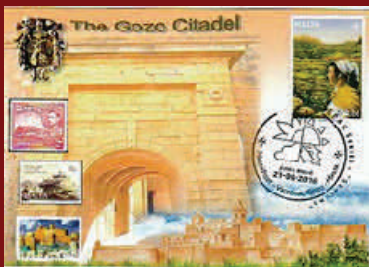


Card No.105. A
Special Handstamp Cancellation
6 May 2016
Gozo Celebrates Dun Gorg .
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.106.
First Day of Issue on Gozo Related Stamp
9 May 2016
Il-Mit[jna ta' Kola—Xaghra
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 80



Card No.107.
First Day of Issue on Gozo Related
Stamp
21 June 2016
TheCittadella Gozo.
Card designed by A. Grech.
Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.108.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
8 August 2016
40 Anniv. "Victory Band Club" Xaghra
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 80.



Card No.109.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
24 September 2016.
Inauguration Altar Għarb Church
Card by A. Grech. Postmark MaltaPost
Limited edition of 100.



Card No.110.
First Day of Issue on Gozo Related Stamp
15 October 2016
Corbel at Għajnsielem
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 85.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.111.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
4 November 2016
150 Anniversary of the Gozo Seminary
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100

A



Card No.112.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 November 2016
Gozo Philatelic Society 17th Exhibition
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.113.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 November 2016
Gozo Philatelic Society 17th Exhibition
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.114.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 November 2016
Gozo Philatelic Society 17th Exhibition
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

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Card No.115.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
11 November 2016
Gozo Philatelic Society 17th Exhibition
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

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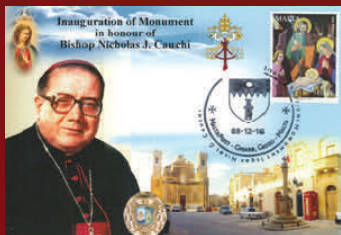
COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.116. A
 Special Handstamp Cancellation
 11 November 2016
 Gozo Philatelic Society 17th Exhibition
 Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
 Limited edition of 100.



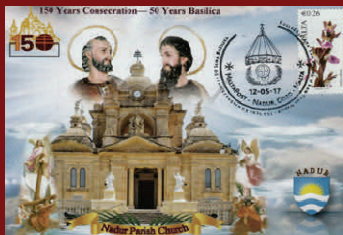
Card No.117.
 Special Handstamp Cancellation
 3 December 2016
 Milied f'Ghawdex—Christmas in Gozo
 Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
 Limited edition of 75



Card No.118. A
 Special Handstamp Cancellation
 3 December 2016
 Inauguration Monument Bishop N. Cauchi
 Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
 Limited edition of 100.



Card No.119.
 First Day of Issue on Gozo Related Stamp
 9 May 2017
 Gorgion Tower—Xewkija
 Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
 Limited edition of 75 A



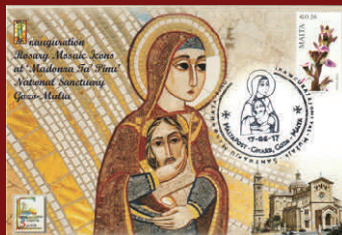
Card No.120. A
 Special Handstamp Cancellation
 12 May 2017
 Nadur 50 years Basilica & 150 Consecration
 Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
 Limited edition of 100.

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS



Card No.121.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
3 June 2017
20 th. Anniv. Victoria Arts Festival
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.122.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
17 June 2017
Inauguration Mosaic Icon at Ta' Pinu
Card & Postmark designed by A. Grech.
Limited edition of 200

A



Card No.123.
First Day of Issue on Gozo Related Stamp
14 August 2017
St. Mary Statue at Gozo Cathedral
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.124.
First Day of Issue on Gozo Related Stamp
14 August 2017
St. Mary Statue at Zebbuğ Parish Church
Card by A. Grech. Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 100.

A



Card No.125.
Special Handstamp Cancellation
29 August 2017
50th. Anniversary Basilica—Xaghra
Church Card & Postmark designed by A.
Grech.
Limited edition of 100.

A

CARDS ISSUED IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES



Card No.A7. A
Special Hand Stamp Cancellation
Official Opening of Il-Hagar Museum.
Given from Victoria BPO.
23 February 2013.
Postmark and Postcard designed by
Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 400.
In collaboration with
Fundazzjoni Belt Victoria



Card No.A8.
Special Hand Stamp Cancellation
50th Anniversary of the Victoria (Gozo)
Scouts Group.
Given from Victoria BPO.
13 July 2013.
Postmark and Postcard designed by
Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 250.
In collaboration with
Victoria-Gozo Scouts Group

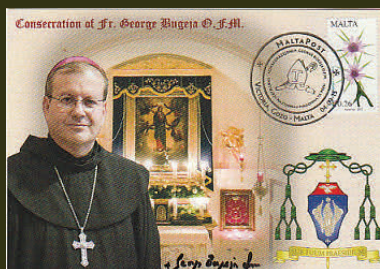


Card No.A9.
Special Hand Stamp Cancellation
Re-opening of the museum
'Dar Karmni Grima.'
Given from Gharb SPO.
7 December 2013.
Postmark and Postcard designed by
Anthony Grech.
Limited edition of 250.
In collaboration with
Ta' Pinu Sanctuary Administration



Card No.A10.
First Day of Issue Hand Stamp
Gozo Related Stamp
St George's Feast—Gozo Giv-
en from Victoria Gozo Post Office.
16 June 2015.
Postcard designed by Anthony Grech.
Postmark by MaltaPost
Limited edition of 150.
In collaboration with
"Il-Hagar Museum"

CARDS ISSUED IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES

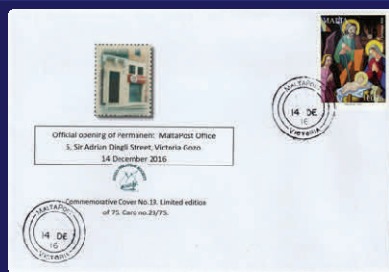


Card No.A11. (marked as A10) A
 Special Hand Stamp Cancellation
 Consecration of Fr. Gorg Bugeja OFM.
 Given from Victoria BPO.
 4 September 2015
 Postmark and Postcard designed by
 Anthony Grech.
 Limited edition of 300
 In collaboration with "Ta' Pinu Basilica"



Card No.A12. A
 Special Hand Stamp Cancellation
 100 Years of Scouting in Gozo
 Given from Victoria BPO.
 30 November 2016
 Postmark and Postcard designed by
 Anthony Grech.
 Limited edition of 250.
 In collaboration with Gozo Scouts
 Groups

COMMEMORATIVE COVERS



Cover No.19
 Official Opening of Permanent
 Post Office at Victoria
 First day postmark given
 15 December 2016.
 Cover designed by Anthony Grech.
 Limited edition of 75



Card No.B8

SPECIAL CARDS
 Card No.B8.
 17 November 2014
 Card No.B9.
 18 November 2016
 First Day of Issue
 on Christmas Stamp
 GPS Christmas
 Card free to all
 members.
 Card by A. Grech..

Card No.B9 A

CARD SERIES NO 1. ISSUED 2014

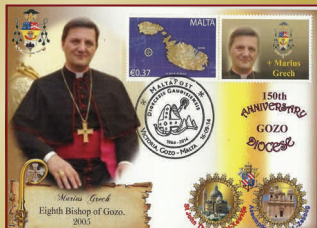
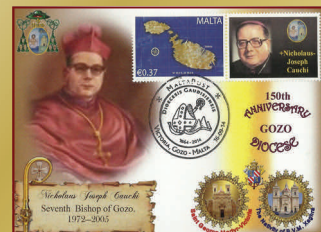
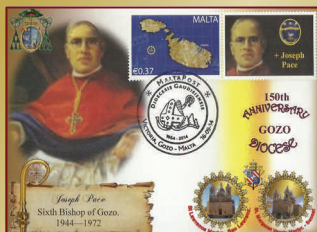
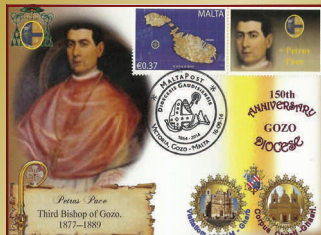
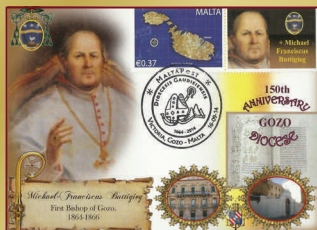
To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Malta,
40th Anniversary of The Republic of Malta,
35th Anniversary of Freedom Day,
10th Anniversary of Malta's Accession to the European Union
And To Honour Malta's Prime Ministers.



Cards and Personalised stamps designed by Anthony Grech

CARD SERIES NO 2. ISSUED 16/9/2014

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Gozo Diocese and to Honour Gozo's Bishops.



Cards and Personalised stamps designed by Anthony Grech

Still available cards up to no 71 as listed on the First Card Catalogue issue No. 49 (3-2012)

No 3 Ta' Kola Windmill– Xagħra (2003)
No 11 GPS 5th Annual Exhibition (2004)
No 12 GPS 5th Annual Exhibition (2004)
No 21 Holy Week FDC (2006)
No 23 FDC Reprint 1c Stamp (2006)
No 24 GPS Annual Exhibition (2006)
No 25 In Memoriam of Anthony Fenech (2006)
No 28 Inauguration of Post Office at Xlendi (2007)
No 30 GPS 8th Annual Exhibition (2007)
No 31 GPS 9th Annual Exhibition (2008)
No 34 Don Bosco oratory Anniversary (2009)
No 35 Don Bosco oratory Anniversary (2009)
No 56 Main Altar S. George's Basilica (2010)
No 60 Gozo Civic Council 50th. Anniversary (2011)
No 69 FDC Card Bateman paintings stamps (2012)
No 71 FDC Card Comino Stamp (2012)

Each Card costs
€2.50
postage
included

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Overseas members €15.00

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The Secretary, Gozo Philatelic Society
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For more information please write to

The Secretary ,
Hobbies Society, Sqaq il-Għajn, Hamrun,
Malta

CIRCULAR TO ALL GPS MEMBERS

I have



pleasure

to invite you to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at IL-HAĠAR - HEART OF GOZO (*Pjazza San Ġorġ*)
on Sunday 21st **January** 2018 at **9.30 am** with this **AGENDA**:



- 1= Minutes of previous AGM
- 2= Financial Statement
- 3= Secretary's Report
- 4= President's Address
- 5= Election of Members for Committee
- 6= Motions
- 7= Other Matters

I thus invite paid-up members to: nominate themselves (or others)
for the new **Committee** and submit notice of **Motions**.

è The AGM continues with
the **Distribution** of Certificates and Prizes (mainly sponsored by
MaltaPost plc including a copy of Malta Stamp Collection for
Best Item in Show)

to all **GPS Exhibition** participants (Open Classes and Juniors),
together with the new initiative of Medal awards and the inauguration of a
new Exhibit in the permanent **showcase** set up to house temporary phila-
telic exhibitions.

Junior exhibitors can invite their family too

Members are encouraged to offer themselves for nomination to the Committee
Members can propose Statute amendments (copies of which are available from the Sec-
retary) or other Motions.

All members are heartily encouraged to attend.

Antoine Vassallo GPS Secretary

World known personalities – and philatelists too!

Joseph C. Camilleri

You can never tell who has been bitten by the philatelic bug: the person you meet in the street every day, members of royal families, heads of state or pop stars....!

Prince Rainier III of Monaco, American President Franklin D. Roosevelt and French President Nicolas Sarkozy are just three examples of world leaders with a passion for stamp collecting.



Rainier III

When His Serene Highness Prince Rainier inherited the title of Prince of Monaco in 1949, he also inherited a large stamp collection which had been in the Grimaldi family since 1917. He did his best to add to this vast collection. He also took an active role in the design, creation and production of the stamps issued by his country during his reign. In fact the philatelic department of the Monaco post office had a policy that no stamp could be issued without his official approval. His marriage to the American actress Grace Kelly turned Monaco stamps into items of wide interest – and not just for Americans.



President Roosevelt

Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States of America built up an extensive stamp collection which he used to carry everywhere he went. Once President Roosevelt said: "I owe my life to my stamp collecting." helped him to recover from serious illness.

When President Roosevelt used to take a great interest in stamps to be issued: he actually kept doing so even during serious dangers, such as the Great Depression and the Second World War. It is worthwhile to recall that one of his final acts as head of state was the approval of a new issue - a stamp to mark the formation of the United Nations, was issued on 12 April 1945.



was the 32nd President of the United States. He managed to build up a large stamp collection, which he carried everywhere he went. President Roosevelt said: "I owe my life to my hobbies, especially stamp collecting." This pastime even helped him to recover from serious illness.

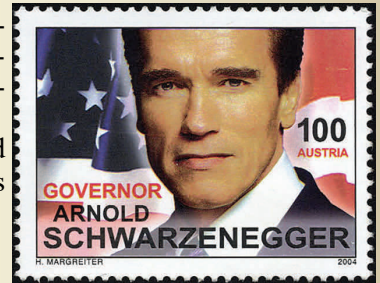
President Sarkozy



Nicolas Sarkozy started collecting stamps in childhood. His collection grew especially thanks to the wonderful gifts he received from some head of states such as Queen Elizabeth II – as well as others such as Arnold Schwarzenegger when Governor of California. When he was elected President of France, he became a member of the Elysée Philatelic Club, named after the official presidential residence. He kept on

collecting even during periods with time-consuming responsibilities such as the revitalization of the French economy and the EU Presidency.

Can I venture to suggest that philately offered these gentlemen the means to develop the skills that are so much needed to hold high office?!



An experienced postman was instructing a new postman on how to deliver mail. When they came to a long street, the young postman suggested that they should divide the street in two. One was to deliver the mail to addresses on the right and the other on the left of the street, so that they will finish

the job in half the time. Agreeing the young postman asked politely which side did his instructor preferred.

“It will be right for me to take the left, and then it will be left for you to take the right” answered the teaching postman.



innovative - and successful - exhibition

As announced, this year's Exhibition had some important changes which seem to have given positive results.

We did not have a fixed theme and actually allowed participants to decide their Class. This immediately meant a widened interest. In fact exhibits included Open, Postal History, Social Philately, Thematic and Traditional Philately. Moreover, for the first time ever, we even hosted Numismatics - an almost complete run of Maltese Banknotes.

Another change was the classification by the Jury as Gold, Silver or Bronze awards. The level was more than satisfactory: numerous Golds - and quite a few over-90s!

As far as Juniors go, the level was again very good - though we are disappointed that schoolchildren seem to tend to shy away. This situation will have to be given attention by the incoming Committee. However one must note the participation by San Lawrenz Primary School - surely due, not least, to enthusiastic Head Saviour Tabone!

Thanks are also due to Gozo Minister Dr Justyne Caruana who accepted our invitation to officially open the Exhibition (at the usual Ministry Halls) on 3 November - and offered encouraging words. Secretary Antoine Vassallo took the opportunity to acknowledge Ministry staff support.



Special thanks goes to the Judging Team, Mr Carmel Navarro and Mr Samuel Parnis.

We were very pleased that the audience included Mr Joseph Said, Chair of MaltaPost (who are our main sponsors).

Inauguration of the Gozo Philatelic Society 18th. Annual Exhibition by Hon, Dr Justyne Caruana Gozo Minister

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Abbreviations; Op.=Overprint or Overprinted.
Ins.= Inscribed, Sur.=Surcharged
Prot=Protectorate



**FIUME
& KUPA
ZONE**

**Op. "ZONA OCCUPATA
FIUMANO KUPA" ON
YUGOSLAVIA STAMPS
1941**



**FRANCE
1849**



**FRANCE
COUN-
CIL OF
EUROPE**

**Op.
"CONSEIL
DE L'EUROPE" ON
FRANCE STAMPS
1950**



**FRANCE
COUNCIL OF
EUROPE
OWN ISSUES 1958**



**FRANCE
FREE
FORCES IN
LEVANT
Op. "FORCES FRANCAISES LIBRES
LEVANT" ON SYRIA STAMPS
1942**



**FRANCE
U.N.E.S.C.O.
1961**



**FRANCE
FRENCH
COLONIES
1850**



**FRENCH
CONGO
Op.
"CONGO
FRANCAIS"
ON
FRENCH COLONIES
STAMP**

1891



**FRENCH CONGO
OWN ISSUES
1900**



**FRENCH
EQUITORIAL
AFRICA
Op "AFRIQUE
EQUATO-
RIALE FRAN-
CAISE"
ON MIDDLE CONGO STAMPS
1936**



**FRENCH
EQUITORIAL
AFRICA
OWN ISSUES
1937**



**FRENCH
GUIANA
Op. "DEC 1886
GUY FRANC
OF 05"
ON FRENCH COLONIES
STAMPS
1886**

 FRENCH GUI- ANA PROTECTORATE ISSUES 1892	 FRENCH GUINEA OWN ISSUE 1904	 FRENCH INDIAN SETTLE- MENTS Srg. “ETABLISSEMENTS DE L’INDE” ON FRENCH COLONIES STAMPS 1892	 FRENCH INDIAN SET- TLEMENTS PROTEC- TORATE ISSUES 1914		
 FRENCH LEVANT Op. IN PIASTRE FRENCH COL- ONIES STAMPS 1885	 FRENCH MOROCCO Op. PROTEC- TORAT FRAN- CAIS” ON FRENCH COLONIES STAMPS 1914	 FRENCH MOROCCO PROTEC- TORATE OWN ISSUES 1917			
 FRENCH OCCUPATION OF HUNGARY Op. “OCCUPATION FRANCAISE” ON HUNGARY STAMPS 1919	 FRENCH POLYNESIA 1958				
FRENCH POST OFFICES ABROAD-FRENCH COLONIES STAMPS					
 CHINA Op. “CHINE” 1894	 CRETE Ins. NAME 1902	 MOROCCO Ins. VALUE 1891	 TANGIER Op. “TANGER” 1918	 TURKISH EMPIRE Op. VALUE 1885	 ZANZIBAR Sgr. VALUE 1894

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