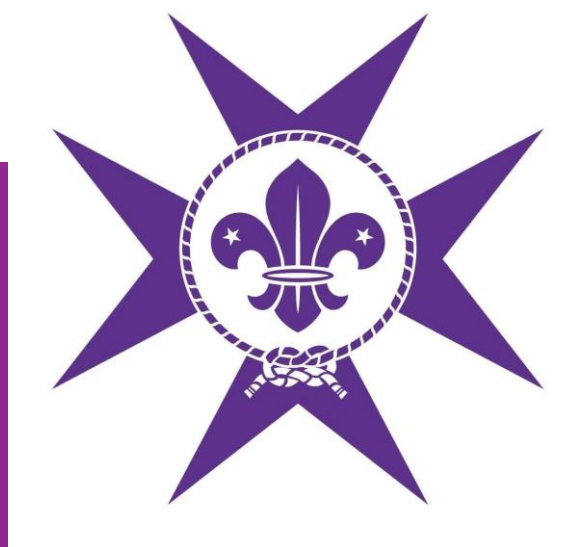


# ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2021



The Scout Association of Malta

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# Annual Report for Year Ending 2021

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## **Chief Scout's Annual report for 2021**

After coming out of a difficult 2020, the beginning of 2021 seemed to give us some hope of things improving, but this was not to be, since numbers of Covid-19 cases started to rise again, and most scouting activities were relegated to an online platform again. Despite these drawbacks, I am pleased to state that 2021 was a very productive year, especially for the National Scout Council which continued to meet regularly at least once a month to discuss matters and take important decisions via online meetings. There were also quite a few sub-committee meetings held, where issues were being tackled by smaller groups and this helped speed up the work of the Council. Some of the highlights involved changing the financial procedures within the Association and the setting up of an effective new Finance Audit & Risk (FAR) committee as well as matters pertaining to the proper set-up and recognition of the Scout Fellowship, amongst others.

Since we could not physically have the Annual Parade in Valletta due to Covid-19 restrictions, a Mass was held at the Archbishop's Seminary in Rabat in April for representatives of the various Scout and Girl Guide groups. Holy Mass was celebrated by HG The Archbishop, whilst HE The President of Malta (and patron of The Scout Association) and Mrs Vella graced us with their presence. November saw the Wood badge and Awards ceremony also at the Archbishop's Seminary, and this event brought many leaders together again before the end of the year.

2021 seems to be the year we are slowly getting out of the pandemic and where hopefully scouting activities will resume to a "new normality." I auger that it will be a better year for all of us.

Capt. Reuben Lanfranco

**Chief Scout**

## **Training Department Annual Report 2021**

2021 was a year of evolution for the training department. Due to the unprecedented effects of the coronavirus pandemic, till mid-year, all training was being held online. New guidelines were established so that leaders following such courses could continue with their joint activities to be able to complete their courses. When things started to get better, and we were approaching normality some courses like the Basic Course was held in person. Therefore, the first evolution was the start to get back to physical activities after two years of online meetings.

This was also the time when Marlon Psaila decided not to put his name in the hat for the role of Training Commissioner for a further term of 5 years. Marlon was in charge for both the Adult Resources and the Youth Programme and Development.

This brought about another evolution, this time in the way the Training Department should operate. To ensure that the necessary attention is being given to both aspects of the Training function, two roles ensued. One commissioner role dedicated for the Adult Resources and another for the Youth Programme and Development. Vanessa Mangion a former team member of the Training Department assumed the role as Commissioner for Adult Resources and Daniel Cassar, who at the time was Commissioner for the Scouts Programme, now assumed the role of Commissioner for Youth Programme and Development.

The Training Awards Ceremony held in November was the last activity that encompassed all these changes and to recognize the efforts of those who finished part or all of their woodbadge training. Following this eventful year, the training team is now looking forward to continue to implement changes needed to ensure that we deliver quality training for both our current and future leaders as well as quality programmes for our youths.

## *International Department*

### **Covid-19 Restrictions**

Due to the pandemic, we had no international exchanges and all planned gatherings/camps were either cancelled or transferred online.

### **Scout.org updating**

The scout.org website has been updated with this year's final accounts and the minutes of the AGM. A copy of the census was published accordingly. The yearly membership fee paid on time

### **World Scout Conference**

The 42nd world Scout conference and the 14th World Scout Youth forum were held virtually in Augusta and brought together a total of more than 3,000 leaders from 170 National Scout Organizations and global partners to shape the future of the world's leading educational youth Movement. Our association fully participated by voting for constitutional amendments and for the election of the new committee, appointing Andy Chapman as the new Chairperson.



### **Global Youth Summit**

The 2021 edition of the Global youth summit happened online between the 21st and the 23rd of April. Our Association was represented by two youths after a selection process. A total of 152 countries and partners delivered 70 hours of incredible and impactful content. The WOSM was one of the Big 6 youth organizations working hard to create a better world.

### **Jota Joti 2021**

Numerous groups participated in this year's edition of the JOTA JOTI organised by WOSM between the 15th and the 17th of October. This is the world's largest digital Scout event that takes place on the Internet and over the airwaves and connects millions of young people around the world for a full weekend of online activities that promote friendship and global citizenship. JOTA-JOTI enables young people and volunteers to participate in fun and engaging group activities over the Internet and amateur radio focused on developing 21st century skills through Scouting.

### **The Academy**

This year's edition of the Academy was carried out virtually between the 30th of October and the 7th of November. The event was open to anyone holding a role at national level in a WAGGGS or WOSM. The staff members and volunteers, ranging from members of working groups up to Chief Commissioners come from all over the world. Our association fully participated in most of the events held throughout the week. The Academy is a unique Scout and Guide event designed to enable participants to get high quality training and networking opportunities around the core priorities of the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM.

### **EuroJam 2021 - Cancelled**

The 2020 European Jamboree, which was scheduled to happen in Poland in 2020 and postponed for 2021 had to be cancelled due to the risks caused by covid-19. The international department made sure that the local participants who have registered to participate in this event get back most of the refunds paid as deposits.

### **IC Forum**

#### **Webinars/Information session/Meetings**

The International department is very active and continuously promotes international events and exchanges. The team also participate in various training which the Region and WOSM organises.

Webinar on ScoutShip 25th November 2020

Edward Vella

**International Commissioner**

## National Events



The pandemic heavily impacted all mass gatherings, including the Scout national events. In such circumstances, instead of the Annual Rally, the Scout Association of Malta together with Malta Girl guides organised a National Scout and Guide Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. One leader from each group was physically present at the Archbishop's Seminary main chapel, whilst members and the public were able to join the thanksgiving mass virtually through Facebook live. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna and afterwards, a speech was delivered by the President of Malta George Vella.



During the past months, the national events department launched an initiative to thank all Scout leaders within the Scout Association of Malta. Recently, these individuals received a certificate of appreciation and a 'Scout at Heart' pin badge.

Scout at Heart symbolises the fact that we remained active during the pandemic, despite the limitations to hold Scouting activities. In fact, Scout at Heart was a follow-up initiative on Scout at Home. This gesture was appreciated by all leaders within the association.

Sean Bartolo

**National Events Commissioner**







## **Procurement Department Report 2020**

2021 was a continuation of the previous year. The Covid-19 pandemic was in full force with all the restrictions implemented by the authorities. Sales suffered but we continued to thrive on slowly but steadily.

With the Badge Shop operating online, we had some teething problems but we are operating efficiently, not perfectly.

The main highlight for 2021 was the printing of the Second Edition of the Beavers Handbook, which was upgrade with the present Beavers Program Badges and their placement on the new uniform.

Pierre Mangion

**Procurement Commissioner**



## **Malta Scout Fellowship Report**

The Malta Scout Fellowship, as many other organizations, had to weather the storm of the Covid pandemic again in 2021. As it was not advisable to meet physically, the Fellowship did its best to stay in contact with its members via regular newsletters.

As our members are mostly senior citizens the holding of physical activities, in keeping with the Health Authorities' protocols and recommendations, was not possible.

Our only activity for the year was the organization of on-line Lenten talks in March by Reverend Anton Briffa. The Annual Christmas Get Together and our Annual General Meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute because of the rise in Covid cases as we felt it would not be prudent to put the health of our members at risk.

The Executive committee continued to hold its' meetings on line on a regular basis in order to deal with the on-going business of the Fellowship. The main focus during the year was the change of bankers from HSBC to APS due to the monthly charges being imposed by the former bank on the account held by the Fellowship.

The future organizational status of the Fellowship remained a major topic of the year and the Executive committee had a number of online meetings with The Chief Scout, Chief Commissioner and Honorary Secretary in an effort to reach an agreement on the way forward. The discussion at these meetings mainly centered around the Fellowship Units in the Scout Groups and the uniform to be worn by members of the Fellowship.

Currently the Malta Scout Fellowship has thirty-six (36) members having sadly lost two (2) of our members, Mr. Charles Johnson and Mr. Michael Brockdorff during the year. On a brighter note, Ms. Rose Laporto, one of our last two remaining founder members of the Fellowship, besides Mr. Vincent Cassar, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

May Cassar

**Honorary Secretary - Scout Fellowship**

## **Declaration for Honoraria and Reimbursements**

Following the adoption of the Declaration of Interests by the Association, and in the spirit of the “Code of Good Governance, Practice and Ethics for Administrators of Voluntary Organisations”, the Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner are making the following declarations for 2021:

### **Chief Scout**

Honoraria received: Nil

Reimbursement of personal expenses: Nil

Gifts received (with an estimated value per gift of more than €20): Nil

Note: this excludes invitations to events where a personal donation was given to the unit issuing the invitation.

### **Reuben Lanfranco**

#### **Chief Commissioner**

Honoraria received: Nil

Reimbursement of personal expenses: Nil

Gifts received (with an estimated value per gift of more than €20): Nil

Note: this excludes invitations to events where a personal donation was given to the unit issuing the invitation.

### **Anton Pisani**

## The National Team and Scout Group as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021

<u>Member</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Elected/Appointed</u>
<b>National Scout Council</b>		
<b>Elected by the Council</b>		
Capt. Reuben Lanfranco	Chief Scout	24 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
<b>Ex Officio</b>		
Mr Anton Pisani	Chief Commissioner	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
<b>Elected by the Assembly</b>		
Dr Joseph Calleja	Member of the Council	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
Mr David Darmanin	Member of the Council	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015
Mr William Spiteri Bailey	Member of the Council	24 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
Dr Kevin Camilleri	Member of the Council	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
Mr Leslie Bonnici	Member of the Council	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
Mr Martin Bonnici	Member of the Council	
Mr Mike Borg	Member of the Council	
Prof Reuben Borg	Member of the Council	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
Mr Vincent Micallef	Member of the Council	
<b>Appointed by the Council</b>		
Ing George Cassar	Honorary Secretary	5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019

<u>Member</u>	<u>Position</u>
<b>National Scout Youth Council</b>	
Ms Elsa Cassar	Chairperson
Ms Raquel Sammut	Secretary
Mr Garrett Bonello	Member
Mr Michael Borg	Member
Mr Thomas Borg	Member
Mr Beppe Galea	Member
Mr Kim Gatt	Member
Ms Martina Maria Grech	Member
Mr Ben Grillo	Member
Mr Mark Mifsud	Member
Mr Daniel Refalo	Member

<b>Awards Committee</b>	
Ms Edel Cassar	Chairperson
Mr Vincent Cassar	Member
Mr Martin Azzopardi	Member
Mr Kenneth DeMartino	Member
Mr Mark Pizzuto	Member

<b>FAR (Finance, Audit &amp; Risk) Committee</b>	
Mr Yves De Barro	Chairperson
Mr Joseph Portelli	Member
Mr Andrew Cutugno	Member
Mr David Darmanin	Member

<b>The Executive</b>	
Mr Anton Pisani	Chief Commissioner
Ms Vanessa Mangion Bezzina	Training & Programme Commissioner
Mr Edward Vella	International Commissioner
Mr Peter Degiorgio	Finance Commissioner

<b>Communications Team</b>	
Mr Timmy Cutugno	Communications Officer – Public Relations
Mr David Mallia	Communications Officer – Photography and Social Media

<b>Administration Department</b>	
Mr Daniel Catania	Asst Commissioner Administration
Mr Martin Bonnici	Asst Commissioner Administration – Rinella Scout Centre
Mr Pierre Mangion	Asst Commissioner Administration – Procurement
Mr Mario Ellul	Archivist
Mr Ian Mangion	Officer – Badge Shop

<b>Spiritual Dimension</b>	
Fr Anton Briffa	Archbishop's Delegate/Island Chaplain

<b>Training &amp; Programme Department</b>	
Ms Claudette Camilleri	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Mr John Micallef Engerer	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Mr Kenneth Mangion	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Mr Steven Sultana	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Mr Daniel Cassar	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Ms Sarah Galea	Asst. Commissioner for Training and Programme
Ms Erika Micallef	Officer - Training and Programme
Mr Andre Brincat	Officer - Training and Programme
Mr Joseph Camilleri	Officer - Training and Programme

<b>International Department</b>	
Ms Martha Bartolo	International Officer

<b>Finance Department</b>	
Mr Steve Bartolo	Asst. Commissioner for Finance

<b>National Events</b>	
Mr Sean Bartolo	Commissioner for National Events
Mr Beppe Grech	Asst. Events Coordinator

<b>Scout Groups – Group Scout Leader/Scouter in Charge</b>	
<b>Scout Group</b>	<b>Group Scout Leader/Scouter in Charge</b>
Attard Scout Group	Mr Benjamin Micallef
1 <sup>st</sup> Birkirkara Scout Group	Ms Caroline Galea
Birżebbuġa Scout Group	Mr Sebastian Azzopardi
1 <sup>st</sup> Cospicua Scout Group	Mr Mario Ellul
Dingli Scout Group	Mr Julian Abela
Fgura Scout Group	Mr James Baldacchino
1 <sup>st</sup> Hamrun Scout Group	Mr Kurt Galea
Iklin Scout Group	Mr Emanuel Grech
Lyceum Scout Group	Mr Mark Darmanin
1 <sup>st</sup> Marsa Scout Group	Mr Alexander Cutajar
Mellieħa Scout Group	Mr Johann Aquilina

Mosta Scout Group	Mr Sean Bartolo
Msida Sea Scout Group	Mr Cedric Cutajar
Mtarfa Scout Group	Mr Antoine Vella
Naxxar Scout Group	Capt Douglas Falzon
Paola Scout Group	Mr Patrick Borg Ballucci
Pembroke/St Andrew's Scout Group	Mr Richard Caruana
Qawra Scout Group	Mr Joseph Sciberras
1 <sup>st</sup> Qormi Scout Group	Mr Joseph Abela Medici
1 <sup>st</sup> Rabat Scout Group	Mr Jason Deguara
San Anton School Scout Group	Ing Gordon Dimech
San Ġwann Scout Group	Mr Carmel Bajada
Seminary Scout Group	
Sigġiewi Scout Group	Ms Stephanie Buhagiar
1 <sup>st</sup> Sliema Scout Group	Mr Timmy Cutugno
St Aloysius College Scout Group	Mr Edward Cassola
St Augustine College Scout Group	Mr Mario Rayner
St Julian's Scout Group	Ms Carmen Muscat
St Michael School Scout Group	Ms Caroline Portelli
Santa Venera Scout Group	Mr Glen Catania
Stella Maris College Scout Group	Mr Joseph Bartolo
Tarxien Scout Group	Mr Bernard Fenech
Victoria Scout Group	Mr Jesmond Scerri
Xagħra Scout Group	Mr Josmar Azzopardi
Xgħajra Scout Group	Mr Marcel Borg
Żabbar Scout Group	Mr Marco Cassar
Żebbuġ Scout Group	Mr Mario Micallef
Żejtun Scout Group	Mr Adrian Ferriggi
Żurrieq Scout Group	Mr Franco Bugeja

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>TSAM Limited</b>	
Ing Anthony Rizzo	Chairman of Board of Directors
Ing Gordon Dimech	Company Secretary & Director
Mr Mario Micallef	Director



Mr Anthony Debono	Director
Mr Simone Cappellone	Campsite Operations and Manager (FT Employee)
<b>Nominees at International Fora</b>	
Dr Kevin Camilleri	WOSM Consultant for Good Governance and Growth
Mr Adrian Farrugia	Consultant to European Scout Region
Mr Timmy Cutugno	Global Scouting Communications Network Representative
<b>Legal Office of the Scout Association of Malta</b>	
Azzopardi, Borg & Abela Advocates	
<b>The Scout Association of Malta Nominee on the MCVS Council</b>	
Mr Leslie Bonnici	
<b>The Scout Association of Malta Nominee on the MCESD – Civil Society Committee</b>	
Mr Leslie Bonnici	

<b>Related Organisations</b>	
<b>Leap (Scouts) Foundation</b>	
Mr Mark Pizzuto	Chairman
Mr David Darmanin	Member
Mr Leslie Bonnici	Member
<b>Malta Scout Fellowship Committee</b>	
Mr Vincent Cassar	Chairman
Ms May Cassar	Honorary Secretary
Mr Saviour Richard	Treasurer
Mr Joe Dalli	Member
Mr Teddy Farrugia	Member
Mr Brian Ferando	Member
Mr Harry Haig	Member
Mr Joseph Vassallo	Member

**Census**

<b>Group</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Attard	83	100
Birkirkara	77	153
Birzebbugia	64	66
Cospicua	203	204
Dingli	109	178
Fgura	132	170
Hamrun	69	80
IHQ		72
Iklin	44	70
Marsa	100	118
Mellieha	75	128
Mosta	177	195
Msida	31	58
Mtarfa	50	44
Naxxar	96	101
Pawla	17	32
Pembroke	33	42
Qawra	46	84
Qormi	123	165
Rabat	102	109
San Anton	39	38
San Gwann	122	184
Scout Fellowship		25
Seminary		50
Siggiewi	38	76
Sliema	103	133
St. Aloysius	108	122
St. Augustine	35	34
St. Julian's	54	60
St. Michael's	123	110
St. Venera	81	75
Stella Maris	139	228
Tarxien	50	98
TSAM Ltd		4
Victoria	119	127
Xaghra	111	177
Xghajra	66	87
Zabbar	65	59
Zebbug	74	108
Zejtun	120	139
Zurrieq	74	121
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3161</b>	<b>4224</b>

No. of Members

