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01 POINTS TO REMEMBER



*With character and a smile the boy
will overcome evils on his way.*

TO SUM UP

THE WHOLE OBJECT of our Scouting is to seize the boy's character in its red-hot stage of enthusiasm, and to weld it into the right shape and to encourage and develop its individuality so that the boy may educate himself to become a good man and a valuable citizen for his country.

By so doing we may hope to take a useful part in bringing strength, both moral and physical, to the nation.

But in developing national aspirations there is always the danger of becoming narrow and jealous of other nations. Unless we avoid this we bring about the very evil we are anxious to escape.

Fortunately in the Scout Movement we have Brother Scouts organised in almost every civilised country in the world, and we have formed already the tangible nucleus of a World Brotherhood. And the potentialities of this are being supplemented by the wider development of the cooperative sister movement, the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts).

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In every country the purpose of the Scouts' training is identical, namely, efficiency for Service towards others; and with such an object in common, we can, as an International Brotherhood in Service, go forward and do a far-reaching work.

In our training of the boy we develop the individual in both spirit and efficiency to be an effective player in his national team of citizenship. Acting on the same principle in the case of a nation, we should try to develop the right spirit and efficiency for helping that nation to work effectively in the team of nations.

If each, then, plays in its place, and "plays the game," there will be greater prosperity and happiness throughout the world, there will be brought about at last that condition which has so long been looked for-of

Thoughts to Ponder

What you are is God's gift to you;
What you make of yourself is your gift to God.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Where there is no vision, people perish.

Give me the clear blue sky over my head and
the green turf beneath my feet, a winding road
before me, and a three hours' march to dinner.

Learning is not a spectator sport...

02 From the Chief Commissioner

Mr Godwin D'Anastasi

APPOINTMENTS.

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following appointments with effect from 1st April 2007.

003/2007	Erika Micallef	Support Leader	Attard
004/2007	Anton Pisani	Scout Leader	Fgura
005/2007	James Baldacchino	Support Leader	Fgura
006/2007	Helen Demanuele	Support Leader	Fgura
007/2007	Robert Facciol	Support Leader	Fgura
008/2007	Kleaven Maniscalco	Support Leader	Fgura
009/2007	Alain Frendo	Support Leader	Fgura
010/2007	Jurgen Gatt	Support Leader	Fgura
011/2007	Joseph Zerafa	Asst. Group Sc. Leader	Fgura
012/2007	Sandra Micallef	Support Leader	Fgura

The former appointment known as Acting Leader has now been changed to Support Leader.

CANCELLATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS.

After the compilation of this year's Census returns, any names that were not re-registered are now being considered as terminated appointments and therefore they have been withdrawn and duly cancelled. Others follow the norm that is the cancellation of the old appointment on being granted a new one.

As from 1st March 2007.

028/1996	Mary Micallef	CSL	Valletta
029/1996	Sharon Darmanin	ACSL	Valletta
057/1996	Eileen Galea	Auxiliary	Sliema
058/1996	Peter V. Degiorgio	ASL	Sliema
013/1997	Pauline Debono	Auxiliary	Qormi
017/1997	Trevor Galea	ASL	St. Augustine
027/1997	Robert de Battista	ACSL	SMC
004/2000	Lino Micallef	AGSL	Valletta
005/2000	Charles Pace	GSL	Valletta
009/2000	Corinne Micallef Engerer	ASL	San Gwann
022/2001	Paul Galea	Auxiliary	Rabat
037/2002	Mariella Chetcuti	Acting Leader	Rabat
043/2002	Simon Abela	Acting Leader	SAC
045/2002	Martin P. Aquilina	Acting Leader	B'Kara
028/2003	Vincent Tanti	AGSL	San Gwann
029/2003	Marie Claire Camilleri	Acting Leader	Mellieha
030/2003	Lino Vella	AVSL	Mellieha
031/2003	Aurelio Gauci	ASL	Mellieha
032/2003	Sandro Grima	Auxiliary	Mellieha
059/2003	Deborah Xuereb	Auxiliary	IHQ
006/2004	Mary Doris Chetcuti	Acting Leader	Mosta
030/2004	Matthew Borg	Acting Leader	SAC
031/2004	Vladimiro Commodini	Acting Leader	SAC
033/2004	Nigel Borg Cardona	Acting Leader	SAC
047/2004	Gilbert Gatt	Acting Leader	Fgura
051/2004	Gertrude Bonnici	Acting Leader	B'Bugia
058/2004	Gianella Attard	Acting Leader	Dingli
067/2004	Maria Farrugia	Acting Leader	Dingli
073/2004	Joanne Lauri	Acting Leader	San Gwann
001/2006	David Grixti	Acting Leader	Tarxien
003/2006	Dolores C. Borg	Acting Leader	Tarxien
004/2006	Maria Aquilina	Acting Leader	Tarxien
007/2006	Yanika Ellul	Acting Leader	Tarxien

012/2006	Mariella Zerafa	Acting leader	Attard
022/2006	Bruce Cortis	ASL	Mosta

As from 1st April 2007

049/2004	Anton Pisani	Acting Leader	Fgura
020/2006	Joseph Zerafa	ASL	Fgura

SERVICE AWARDS

As from this year, all awards pertaining to Service to scouting are being issued directly by IHQ. After compiling this year's Censuses, the Association is now in a position to know exactly when each present serving member started his/her appointed scouting career. It is pertinent to note that some awards that are being issued date back to 1999. All certificates that were presented showed only the year when each was due. The following is the complete list issued. If someone feels that he/she has been overlooked, please contact me for verification. Most certificates were given out during yesterday's GSLs' Forum. The rest may be collected directly from my office at IHQ.

SERVICE AWARDS - INITIATED IN 2007

YEAR	SURNAME AND NAME	GROUP	AWARD
1999	DAVIES IVY	MELLIEHA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
2003	BONELLO CHRISTOPHER	ZEBBUG	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	BRIFFA ELVIO	SAN GWANN	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	CAMILLERI VINCENT	HAMRUN	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 30 YEARS CLASP
	GRECH JOSEPH G	IHQ STAFF	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 45 YEARS CLASP
	GRIMA LEO	HAMRUN	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 30 YEARS CLASP
	SALIBA JOSEPH	QORMI	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
2004	FERRANDO BRIAN	PEMBROKE	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 35 YEARS CLASP
	SCHEMBRI WILLIAM	EMERITUS	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
2005	AZZOPARDI MARIO	SIGGIEWI	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	BAJADA CHARLES	SAN GWANN	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
	BAJADA MARTIN	COSPICUA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BONNICI JOSEPH	GZIRA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BORG EDGAR	MSIDA SEASCOOTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BORG MARY ROSE	MSIDA SEASCOOTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	CALLEJA MARIO H	ST. VENERA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	CASSAR ALBERT	ST. JULIANS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	CASSAR MAY	GZIRA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	CHETCUTI PAUL	NAXXAR	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	FRENO AVRIL	IHQ STAFF	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 35 YEARS CLASP
	MANDUCA RAYMOND	SLIEMA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	MUSCAT ANITA	VICTORIA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	MUSCAT CARMEN	ST. JULIANS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	SAID GEORGE	VICTORIA	BAR TO THE SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	SAMMUT LOUIS	QRENDI	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	SCHEMBRI DAVID M	QRENDI	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	SPITERI BINETT RAYMOND	ZEBBUG	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
	SCHEMBRI PATRICK	ST. VENERA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
2006	BORG ADRIAN	SAN GWANN	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 30 YEARS CLASP
	BORG JESMOND	B'BUGIA	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	BORG SAVIOUR	XGHAJRA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BONNICI LESLIE	IHQ STAFF	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
	CALLUS JONATHAN	SAN GWANN	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	CASSAR JACQUELINE	MOSTA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	CIAPPARA STUART	ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	CUTUGNO ANDREW	SLIEMA	THE SERVICE DECORATION

	D'ANASTASI GODWIN	IHQ STAFF	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	D'ANASTASI MARIOSA	IHQ STAFF	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	ELLUL MARIO	COSPICUA	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	FRENDO YVONNE	FGURA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	HARMER VICTOR	EMERITUS	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 40 YEARS CLASP
	JOHNSON CHARLES	EMERITUS	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 45 YEARS CLASP
	MICALLEF ENGERER JOHN	IHQ STAFF	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	PACE MARY ROSE	VICTORIA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	PACE PIERRE	IHQ STAFF	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	PISANI JOANNE	FGURA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	RICHARD SAVIOUR	DINGLI	THE SERVICE DECORATION
2007	AZZOPARDI ARTHUR	ST. AUGUSTINE AIRSCOUTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BARTOLO ANNA	STELLA MARIS COLLEGE	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BARTOLO JOSEPH	STELLA MARIS COLLEGE	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BONELLO ALEXANDER	LYCEUM	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 30 YEARS CLASP
	BONNICI MARTIN J	IHQ STAFF	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	BORG EVANDER M	ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	BORG JOSEPH	RABAT	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	BRINCAT SUSAN	B'BUGIA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	BUGEJA MARIO	NAXXAR	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
	CALLEJA MARIO	MOSTA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP
	CHAPPELL MARICA	RABAT	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	CASSAR VINCENT	IHQ STAFF	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	CASSOLA EDWARD	ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	DARMANIN MARK	LYCEUM	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	FALZON DOUGLAS J	NAXXAR	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	GATT CHARISSE	ST. AUGUSTINE AIRSCOUTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	GATT CHRISTIAN	ST. AUGUSTINE AIRSCOUTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	GRIXTI CHARLES	ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 30 YEARS CLASP
	MANGION CARMEL	SIGGIEWI	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 35 YEARS CLASP
	MICALLEF JOSEPHINE	PEMBROKE	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 20 YEARS CLASP
	RAYNER MARIO E	ST. AUGUSTINE AIRSCOUTS	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	SCIBERRAS JOSEPH	MOSTA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 40 YEARS CLASP
	SILLATO GEORGE	B'KARA	THE LONG SERVICE DECORATION
	VELLA EDWARD	MOSTA	THE SERVICE DECORATION
	ZERAFA JOSEPH	FGURA	BAR TO THE LONG SERV DEC - 25 YEARS CLASP

BEAVERS.

During yesterday's GSLs' Forum, the Beavers were officially launched. The Chief Commissioner explained the whole program and what the section entailed. Just to remind you, the age limit to enable anyone become a Beaver has now been lowered to 5 years. Any details can be obtained directly from the District Commissioners, Training Department, or even from me. We augur all the best to our new tiny members. Those Leaders who up to now were in charge of this section may, if holding the necessary requirements laid down by our Training Department apply to be officially appointed as Beavers Leaders. The Colour code for the rank epaulets is turquoise block for the ABSL and Turquoise/White for BSL.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL.

A Commemorative medal to be known as the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Medal 1908 – 2008, is to be minted to be presented to all past and present members of the Association who are over 18 years of age. All uniformed Leaders, Rovers, Ventures, Lay Members of the Council, both at IHQ and Group level, Emeritus Scouters,



Fellowship Members and any past members [living locally or abroad], are eligible to apply. A certificate will be presented with the medal. All uniformed personnel will also be entitled to the cloth emblem to wear on their uniform.

Applications and further information may be downloaded from the official website, or else by getting in touch with me on 79270545, 21495562, 21224334, or else by e-mailing me on dagodwin@onvol.net

The page relating to the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Medal has been uploaded on the internet by the Chief Scout, Vincent cassar, and can be accessed through the main page of the website through a marquee just under the 2007 and 2008 badges. If one were to access the events page by clicking on the 2007 and 2008 badges, one will also find another link to the page in the 2008 events section. The page can be accessed directly on www.maltascout.org.mt/Anniv_Comm_Medal.htm

Our International Commissioner, David Schembri, has also sent a communiqué regarding the medal to the other 6 countries, namely Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, England and Ireland which are also celebrating their 100 years of their founding.

LAUNCHING OF THE 2007 AND 2008 COMMEMORATIVE BADGES.

These were officially launched also to all present at the GSLs Forum. The positioning of the badges was explained and other details given. Groups may now buy their required badges from the scout shop and sell at 55 cents each. For further info please contact your DCs.

ANNUAL RALLY 2007

This will take place on Sunday, 6th May, 2007. The day's event will start with the hearing of Mass at St. Publius Church and then with the usual rally down Valletta where HE Dr. Edward Fenech Adami will take the Salute on the Palace Square. Mass will be at 09:00 and the Contingent will march off the Floriana Granaries at 10:45.

SECURITY AT IHQ.

As previously announced, to further increase security at IHQ, cameras are being installed at various points. The installation is in progress and should be finalized by early May 2007. It also gives me the pleasure to inform you that our Conference room has now been air-conditioned to ensure better comfort to anyone who needs to use the said room.

CENSUS RETURNS.

This important source of information was this year handled by me to ensure that the maximum information provided is recovered for use. Although we have gone a long way in the actual processing of the papers, I regret to inform that the censuses are still returned with the wrong data or else with blank information boxes. This is a pity because important information might be left out.

You are all encouraged to get in touch with your DCs or myself should you require any particular help. Another point worth mentioning is that although the bulk was returned on time, we still have a few groups who hand them in very late. May I remind you that the info supplied would be required by IHQ to send the details asked for by WOSM, and this must be done by the 31st March of each year.

COMPILATION OF RECORDS.

To date the complete compilation and transferring to electronic version has been carried out on the following useful info. I would like to personally thank my wife who has helped in the whole laborious process.

- All Appointment records dating back to 1936 and up to 2000.
- All appointments from 2001 up to the present date.
- All Awards and Decorations issued by IHQ since 1920 up to the present date.
- Appointed Emeritus Scouters.
- Recipients of the Chief Commissioners Personal Award.
- GSLs and Commissioners' information
- Council members' information

It is now our intention to compile the whole list of all recipients of the Bronze Cross 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal issued in 1993 and all Warrant holders since the first issue of the first warrants locally.

You are all urged to info me of any discrepancies if you note any. One must appreciate that in such a tedious and delicate job mistakes occur.

SCOUTS OWN.



On the 6th March, 2007, the members of our Association were invited to meet the newly elected Archbishop of Malta, HG Mons. Paul Cremona, OP.

The evening's event commenced with the gathering of all the scouters at the Robert Samut Hall, where our Commissioner for Religious Dimensions lead the congregation in an evening venue of prayers and hymn signing, aptly named Scouts Own. Prior to the commencement of the event, the Chief Scout presented HG with the ICCS Stole which also had the local scout logo embroidered. The whole ceremony took just under an hour. Group Chaplains were also present and so were other members from different other religions who were also invited to participate.

HG was then accompanied to the IHQ Building by the Chief Scout, Vincent Cassar and Chief Commissioner, Godwin D'Anastasi, to enable him to meet those present. Before meeting with the members, Mons. Paul Cremona signed the Visitors Guest Book in the Chief Commissioner's Office.

The Chief Scout then read out a welcome speak to which HG replied. The Commissioner for Training, Leslie Bonnici was then invited to honour HG by donning on the Gilwell Scarf, Woggle and Beads.

It was quite an unforgettable experience for all the members present and the Archbishop. All through the evening he was seen enjoying chatting, posing with others for group photos and signing autographs. Sadly the time came when he had to depart, leaving his blessings and promising to meet us again once the opportunity presented itself.

03 Fence for the 1st Birkirkara Scout Group Camp Site

George Mangion - AGSL 1st Birkirkara Scout Group



GSL George Sillato proudly locking the new erected gate on 25th March 2007

On 24th and 25th March a fence has been erected around the camp site of the 1st Birkirkara Scout Group at Bahar ic-Caghaq. Also over 20 new trees were planted to embellish the area. This great job was done with the help of members of the Dingli and Santa Venera Scout Groups who, together with Scouts from the Birkirkara Scout Group worked relentlessly from sunrise to sunset. On Saturday evening we sat around a table fooling about and eating a much welcomed meal prepared by ASL Joe Zahra. Tired and exhausted, we slept and woke up for another day of hard work. For sure this was a fine example of good Scouting Spirit.

Now the camp site offers an upgraded kitchen, newly installed showers and toilets and an enclosed area where young members can safely have fun, surrounded by trees and nature.

**We are preparing the next issue of the Bulletin.
Please send us information, news, activities and updated calendar of events.**

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