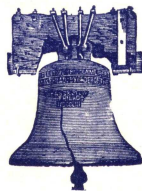


GENERAL HERKIMER COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

25th
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Anniversary Dinner



Dinner at Oddfellow's Hall 6:30 P. M.
Program at Town Hall 8:00 P. M.
Frankfort, N. Y., Thursday May 8, 1952

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

OFFICERS

President George A. Sehring
Vice Presidents Hugh Kelly
 Henning Martin
 W. A. Best
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Scout Commissioner Richard Rasch
National Council Representative C. W. Falkenhainer

SCOUT EXECUTIVE Claude C. Lapsley

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Eastern District	Roger Dussault
Western District	Clarence Yule
Central District	Robert McCarl

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Organization and Extension	George Anderson
Leadership and Training	Vernon Lee
Advancement	Richard Dimock
Health and Safety	Clarence James
Camping and Activities	Thomas Shearer
Finance	Edward Hess
Public Relations	Marx Cristman

MEMBERS AT LARGE

George Aiello	Arthur Howard
Joseph Baker	Albert LaDeau
Arnold Blumberg	J. B. Maupin
Roger Burgess	Walter Palmer
Harold Cheney	William Parsons
Fred Doolittle	Harold Rankin
Allen Goldstein	Webster Rich
Vincent Grilli	David E. Snyder
Harold Hausner	Arthur Turner

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Samuel T. Russell	Honorary President
*David E. Snyder	President
Walter Van Wiggeren	Vice President
Frank Simpson	Vice-President
William Bechtold	Vice President
Carl Betzinger	Treasurer
John W. Currie	Clerk
George F. Wallace	County Scout Commissioner
George J. Scheimer	Eastern District Commissioner
Rev. H. D. Holmes	Central District Commissioner
*Richard Dimock	Western District Commissioner
H. D. Hervey	Chairman, Court of Honor

*Still Active

Members at Large: Earl P. Watkin, William A. Bachman, George D. Carney, C. Harry Snell, Michael Hurley, Patrick H. Murphy. *Roger Burgess.

PAST PRESIDENTS

David E. Snyder, 1927-1929
Earle J. Trimble, 1930-1932
Harry W. Jewell, 1933
Marshall Lewis, 1934
Richard Rasch, 1935-1936
Vernon Lee, 1937-1939

John J. Ingraham, 1939
Joseph W. Baker, 1940-1942
Harold S. Hausner, 1943-1947
Walter E. Palmer, 1948-1950
George A. Sehring, 1951-1952

SCOUT EXECUTIVES

George A. Darlington, 1927-1935
Edward S. Lindstrom, 1935-1936
Keith K. Peaslee, 1937-1939
Raymond P. Logan, 1939-1942

D. Gregory Badger, 1942-1945
William Gelder, 1945-1950
Claude C. Lapsley, 1950-1952
John Porn, Field Exec., 1947-50

SILVER BEAVER AWARDS

George J. Sluyter, 1931
George J. Schiemer, 1932
Richard C. Dimock, 1934
Richard Rasch, 1935
David E. Snyder, 1937
Vernon L. Lee, 1938
John J. Ingraham, 1938
Thomas Shearer, 1940
G. Everett Allen, 1940
Roy Chandler, 1942
Albert Silvernail, 1942

Webster C. Rich, 1943
George Sehring, 1944
Joseph Baker, 1946
Harold Hausner, 1946
Herman Davis, 1946
George Hildebrandt, Jr. 1947
William Duggleby, Sr. 1948
Philip E. Will, 1949
Fred House, 1950
Earl Palmer, 1951

COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS

George F. Wallace, 1927-1928
George J. Schiemer, 1929-1939

Richard Rasch, 1940-1952

A SCOUT IS LOYAL

A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY

A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS

Menu

Celery, Olives, Pickles

Fruit Juice

Native Roast Turkey with Dressing

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Garden Fresh Peas - Cranberry Sauce

Cottage Cheese Salad — Home Baked Cherry Pie

Rolls and Butter - Coffee

Recorded Dinner Music Courtesy Joe Falkenhainer

Players by Herkimer High School and Herkimer County 4-H Clubs.

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

Dinner

Invocation, Father Alfred Lamanna, St. Mary's of Little Falls.

Presentation of the Birthday Cake

Note: Immediately following the dinner the program will be presented at the Frankfort Town Hall.

Program

Francis J. Guthrie, Master of Ceremonies

Greetings and Introduction.

Opening Ceremony, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers.

Greetings, President George A. Sehring

History of General Herkimer Council by David Snyder.

Our Council Scout Executive Claude C. Lapsley

Twenty-Five Years of Scouting in Herkimer County, David E. Snyder.

*Song, "America, My Heritage"

Address, Herbert T. Singer, Vice Chairman, Region Two.

Awards assisted by Kamargo Lodge, Order of the Arrow.

Presentation of 25 year pins

The Boy

Presentation of the Silver Beaver Award.

Closing Ceremony, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers.

Benediction, Rev. Leonard Keck, First Baptist Church, Frankfort.

*This song was especially written for General Herkimer Council's twenty-fifth anniversary by Mr. Melvin S. Cahn.

Square dancing music will be provided for Scouters and their wives who wish to partake. Music courtesy Robert Woodruff.

"Forward on Liberty's Team"

A SCOUT IS KIND

A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

A Brief History of the Council

Interest in the Boy Scout program developed quite early in Herkimer County. The earliest record of a Scout Troop in our County was in about 1908, when as near as can be ascertained there was a troop formed in Dolgeville by Orison S. Campbell, as Scout Master. He was connected with the American Felt Company at Dolgeville. In 1910, Roger Burgess, as Scout master, organized a Scout Troop in Frankfort, which was an outstanding troop for many years. It is said there was a Boy Scout troop as early as 1910, in Little Falls. In 1915, George J. Scheimer, as Scoutmaster, organized the Y. M. C. A., troop; this was also an outstanding troop. Troop 1, of the Ilion Presbyterian Church was organized in 1910, with Dr. French as Scoutmaster. In 1919, Troop 7 of Ilion was organized by Richard Dimock, who served as Scoutmaster for several years. In 1917 Troop 1, sponsored by the Reformed Church of Herkimer, N. Y., was organized with Eugene Huyck as Scoutmaster, who continued to serve as such for a number of years.

FIRST COUNTY COUNCIL

The first Boy Scout Council in Herkimer County was organized in 1919. Dr. R. B. Redway of Ilion was President, and George F. Wallace of Herkimer, was Treasurer. Robert York was retained as Scout Executive. This Council only functioned about a year and a half. Due to lack of funds, and lack of cooperation, the Council was disbanded in 1920.

On March 11, 1927, our present Council was organized. It was known as Herkimer County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and embraced all of Herkimer County. Hon. Walter Van Wiggeren, our present State Senator, presided at the organization meeting, which was held at the Odd Fellows Temple, in Herkimer, N. Y. In November, 1933, due to problems of distance and transportation, the town of Webb was transferred to another Council. In January, 1934, the Town of Richfield, Otsego County was added to the Herkimer County Council territory, and the name of the Council was changed to General Herkimer Council, Boy Scouts of America. In August, 1936, the Council was incorporated under the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, with its corporate name, General Herkimer Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America.

In 1927, when the Council was first organized, there were ten scout troops in the Council area, with a total membership of 150 Boy Scouts. At the present time, there are 26 troops, with 642 Scouts; 7 Explorer Posts, with 72 Explorer Scouts, and there are also 12 Cub Packs with a total membership of 339 Cubs; making a total of 45 troops, packs and explorer posts, and 1,053 Boy Scouts, Cubs and Explorers, in the Council area. There are 553 Scouters, participating in these programs.

The names of the Scout Executives who have served our Council, the Past Presidents, and charter members of the Council, and holders of the Silver Beaver Awards, appear elsewhere on this program.

The progress and advancement we have made in our Council and the success we have had in Boy Scout work, is due to a great extent, to the Scout Executives, whom we have been fortunate to have had in charge of our Council work. The Council has been most fortunate in obtaining capable and outstanding men to serve as Scout Executives.

Roger Burgess, Richard Dimock, and George J. Scheimer, former Scout leaders, Boy Scouting in Herkimer County. Messrs. Burgess and Dimock, and David Snyder, the first President of our Council are the only present active charter members of the Council.

We feel that there is a big future in Scouting to look forward to, in our Council.

A SCOUT IS BRAVE

A SCOUT IS CLEAN

CAMP RUSSELL

General Herkimer Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, operates a Boy Scout camp at Camp Russell at White Lake, in the Adirondack Mountains. This consists of a large island, and a large tract of land about fifty acres, on the shores of a beautiful Adirondack Lake, and includes a large mess hall, headquarters building, health lodge and other buildings. It is an ideal location for camping, swimming, boating, nature study, woodcraft and pioneer scouting, and was made possible through the generosity of Samuel T. Russell, late of Ilion, N. Y., and his family. Mr. Russell was a prominent business man in the village of Ilion, N. Y., and one of its outstanding citizens.

Mr. Russell became interested in Scouting in a very unusual way. He was traveling through Boston, Massachusetts, one late rainy afternoon. He had trouble with his eyesight. He was carrying a traveling bag, and was about to cross a busy street intersection in Boston, when a boy came up to him, and asked if he could help him. Mr. Russell was very glad to accept the boy's help to get across the street, and to his destination. He offered to pay his escort, but the boy declined, and said he was a Boy Scout, and was doing his daily good turn. This made a great impression upon Mr. Russell.

Some years later, in June, 1919, Mr. Russell caused a membership corporation known as Camp Russell, Inc., to be incorporated. "Its object being to own, maintain and operate a camp or camps for use of members of the Boy Scouts of America". Samuel T. Russell was one of the charter members. In October, 1919, Mr. Russell and his wife, as a gift to Camp Russell, Inc., conveyed about 15 acres of land on the shores of White Lake, to be used as a camp for Boy Scouts. At the same time, Mr. Russell built and constructed at his own expense, an office or headquarters building, a large mess hall and other buildings, on this property, so that the Boy Scouts not only had a camp site, but the necessary buildings to use for camping purposes.

Later additional gifts of adjoining lands fronting on White Lake were made to Camp Russell, by the children of Samuel T. Russell. In 1945, 1946 and 1947, Camp Russell acquired title to Russell Island, and to some 30 acres of land in the Pine Plantation so-called, immediately west of the original property, given to it by Samuel T. Russell. In 1947, Camp Russell Inc., also purchased the camp and lot of Charles G. McHarg of Ilion, New York, immediately adjacent to its property, for use as a health lodge.

Camp Russell is operated every summer during the month of July. It has complete facilities for approximately 85 boys per week, and is staffed with excellent program and camp directors, water front director and good cooks, as well as a full complement of junior staff members. Boating, swimming, fishing, handicraft and scout activities, with overnight hikes, rifle range, archery, and other activities offer a full program for boys attending. Rates are the lowest of any similar camp in the region. In addition to the regular camping season, provision is made for short term or overnight camping.

Full information regarding reservations, rates, etc. may be secured from Scoutmasters, or from the Scout Executive. Plan to have your boy enjoy this mountain top experience.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

"Who touches a boy, by the Master's plan,
Is shaping the course of the future man:
Father or mother or teacher or priest,
Friend or stranger or leader or beast,
Is dealing with one who is living seed
And may be the man whom the world will need.
For who can measure the pride and joy
That may some day come from a growing boy?"
—Anonymous.

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