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“Traditions and Challenges”

The Scoutmaster's Corner - Dr. Ken LaPolla



Well, we find ourselves at yet another year of Scouting. There have been a few changes this year: the addition of Family Scouting which encompasses female-gender Cub Scout Dens and Troops, and we have seen a significant increase in the national dues.

But Troop 101 has continued to carry on. I see the boys in our Troop planning and leading in a similar fashion as they have always done. I'm always reminding them that they can “plan in the future or panic in the present!” Or as Dan Wasko reminds them, “if you fail to plan then you are planning to fail”. They often parrot these back, but in the end, the job gets done and the

lesson learned.

This past year we had six of our Scouts advance to the rank of Eagle and saw 12 of our Scouts going to Philmont as a Troop, a first in our Troop's history and a tradition for us in the future. We have also been asked to lead the way to help with the Norman Rockwell collection for the BSA. This is very exciting for us and yet another challenge going forward.

Continuing to look forward, I'm excited, yet anxious as we return to Canada this Summer. Jeff Wagner will lead and I will assist with this year's canoe trip. Matt McCracken, will take the lead on the base camp trip. Together, traditions continue and legacies will be remembered.

I recently retired my 29 ½ year commission from the United States Navy Reserves, which will free up one weekend a month and two weeks out of the year from my schedule, so I can now devote to family and other obligations. Just having a regular weekend at home to get caught up on chores and obligations will reduce the stresses that pile up as I fulfill other obligations to family, work, community and Scouting.

As always, the support and understanding of my family and Scouting friends has enable me to do all that I have been able to do over the past years. I am grateful to them for this and am excited about 2020 as we proceed with a “clearer vision” for our program and our Troop's future!

-Ken

Cullen Faulk & Ken, Philmont



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Norman Rockwell's Original Boy Scout Paintings Will Soon Call the Valley "Home"

Ned Gold, Troop 101 Alumnus, Helps Land a National BSA Art Treasure



The National Boy Scout Museum's entire collection of the original world-renowned Norman Rockwell Boy Scout paintings will soon have a permanent home in Howland, thanks to the efforts of Warren attorney and Troop 101 Alumnus Ned Gold.

When the National Boy Scout headquarters in Irving, Texas decided against moving the Rockwell collection to the new Scout Museum at Philmont Ranch in New Mexico, it caught Ned's attention. The collection not only includes the 65 Rockwell BSA paintings, it includes the entire BSA fine arts collection consisting of a total of over 350 works of art.

"With all its beauty and grandeur, the new Scout Museum at Philmont was determined not fully-equipped to handle the delicate environmental conditions vital to the life of these precious paintings," explained Ned. "The paintings require a special facility with the proper temperature, humidity and other environmental controls to ensure a long life, which the new museum at Philmont unfortunately could not sustain, but fortunately for us, the former Howland Butler museum, which is owned by Foundation Medici and now known as the Medici Museum of Art, will!"

Medici board member John A. Anderson told the Warren Tribune-Chronicle that Medici doesn't want to wait for the Rockwell works before reopening the museum and filling its walls with art. The BSA collection will have to be cataloged and evaluated once it is transported to Howland, which will take time. "Spring 2020" was the closest thing to a date offered for

the first exhibition featuring the Rockwells.

"We are concerned about the gap from today to where we could have the Rockwells hanging, I don't want a long gap. I want this place to be alive as soon as possible," said Medici's Anderson.

In a transaction completed in December, Foundation Medici terminated its lease with The Butler Institute of American Art, headquartered in Youngstown, which had operated the Howland museum as a satellite for 25 years.

A long-time area Boy Scout volunteer and former Butler Art Museum board member, Ned says the Rockwell Boy Scout collection will be in good hands.

"We have reached an agreement with the Boy Scouts of America, signed December 10, to bring the entire BSA fine art collection to the Medici.

The historic Norman Rockwell Scout is one of the finest, if not the finest, collection ever to be housed in the Mahoning Valley. Ned said Norman Rockwell is considered in the art community to be one of the greatest of American artists. He adds, "Because Medici is dedicated to preservation of American art, having the Scout collection with its 65 Rockwell paintings, is very special, not just at Medici in Howland, but for our entire northeast Ohio area."



Beth Kotwis-Carmichael, executive director of the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau and sister of Troop 101 Eagle Scout #33 John A. Kotwis, told the Tribune-Chronicle that the prestige of the collection and its subject matter will increase the area's desirability as a tourist destination.

"Our job is to welcome visitors, and we can't wait to welcome the numbers of visitors we expect it is going to draw to Trumbull County and this area," said Carmichael. "Our marketing focus is a 250-

mile radius from Pittsburgh to Cleveland and Columbus and in between. This collection and the work of this museum is going to give our marketing efforts more of a national reach.”

Ned tells the Alumni Quarterly that plans are in the works to welcome and celebrate the arrival of the Rockwell originals this spring involving all area Boy Scout Troops. “Troop 101 will play a significant role in this event,” said Ned, who also indicated there will be an opportunity for other museums throughout the country to lease parts of the collection in support of their local Boy Scout Councils.

Stay tuned for more information on this event. We hope to have details in the April edition of the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly.

In 1912, at the age of 18, Norman Rockwell was hired as a staff artist for Boy’s Life magazine. He was promoted to art editor in 1916 beginning a relationship with the Boy Scouts of America that would span more than six decades. This 60 + year-long partnership generated more than 450 Rockwell images for a wide-range of Scout periodicals.

From 1925 through 1976, Rockwell did paintings for the annual Boy Scout calendar published by Brown & Bigelow. Each painting depicted Boy Scouts in action, portrayed with meticulous accuracy as only Rockwell could do. The Boy Scout calendar became the most popular in America and remained so for many years.

In 1938, in recognition of his service to Boy Scouts, Norman Rockwell was awarded the Silver Buffalo, the highest honor the Boy Scouts of America awards to people who give noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth.

His association with the Boy Scouts encompassed an age, as Rockwell himself put it, “When America believed in itself, and I was happy to be painting it.” Rockwell passed away in 1978 at the age of 84.



From left, Howland attorney Ned Gold, Beth Kotwis Carmichael, Trumbull County Tourism Bureau executive director, and Foundation Medici board member John A. Anderson stand in the currently empty Howland museum that will display original works by Norman Rockwell and other pieces from the art collection belonging to the Boy Scouts of America. (Photo courtesy of the Tribune-Chronicle, R. Michael Semple, Photographer.)



Welcome to 2020 and Happy New Year to All!



Every now and then when I'm out and about, I have the good fortune to run into some of our former Troop 101 Scouts. Many of them are Eagle Scouts. Some are not.

Unfortunately, we do have our fair share of boys who, for one good reason or another, departed the Troop before achieving the coveted Eagle rank. Some

came so very close — only to call it quits before “aging out” — their 18th birthday.

What is most remarkable about this group of men, now in their 20s, 30s and some in their 40s, is what they tell me.

Those who didn't quite make it to Eagle all speak well of Troop 101 and our program. They speak glowingly of their experiences with the Troop. We share laughs about their camping stories and all sorts of tales about their fellow Scouts and Leaders. It's so good catching up today with these men I once knew as boys, long ago. There is still that Troop 101 bond.

And then, before we go our separate ways, they all, almost universally, say the same thing; how much they deeply regret not hanging in there and getting that Eagle rank. I feel their pain, but I guess getting older gives one a sense of perspective of “what could have been”.

On the other hand, I take great delight in stories such as Paul Kuszmaul's on page 6 in this issue, describing what the Eagle Rank has meant to his fine family. Yes, it's these stories that make me smile.

What gives Eagle Scouts the edge and ability to climb high? I recently read an excellent article written by an Eagle Scout, which described traits ingrained in every Eagle Scout, setting them apart from the rest.

Team Leadership. Eagle Scouts lead by example, understanding the power of a team because of the experiences they've had as Boy Scouts.

Eagle Scouts do not lead by fear. It's easy for a someone in charge to stand on a desk and scream orders. That doesn't mean their team will obey, and it doesn't make them a leader.

Eagle Scouts fully understand the power of enabling people and allowing them to grow instead of being “on top” of a person at all times.

The Scout Oath and Law is their moral-guiding compass. One cannot achieve the rank of Eagle Scout without taking the Oath and Law seriously.

From day one in the Scouting program, our Scouts understand they will eventually become a leader and are pushed to communicate their thoughts. They are thrown into the public speaking world in the process. To rank up in the program, you must hold a leadership position. It helps them become better leaders and operate with confidence.

In Scouting, they lead with that confidence and take advantage of situations to further their growth and personal development. In fact, many of our Eagle Scouts say they value the “education” and learning experiences Scouting gave them, often overshadowing their expensive college degrees.

Countless number of employers recognize the leadership value of an Eagle Scout. Industry and technology hiring managers have told me that, in situations of all things on a job resume being equal, the job candidate who is an Eagle Scout will land the position.

As noted in our Council's December newsletter, all across the country, and in our own communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will need tomorrow to guide our nation.

From once-in-a-lifetime adventures, to merit badges that spark interests and future careers, from campouts under the stars, to Eagle service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities, our Troop's year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow, thrive — and lead!

Happy New Year to each and every one of you — and especially to the Eagle Scouts Troop 101 produces each and every year!

-Tim

Hall of Eagle Scouts

Troop 101's Eagles of 2019



#153 - Christopher McMahan
February 28, 2019



#154 - Marty Nelder
April 25, 2019



#155 - Zach Hudson
July 25, 2019



#156 - Cullen Faulk
July 25, 2019



#157 - Dylan Wood
August 15, 2019



#158 - Miles Wagner
December 19, 2019

The Paul Kuszmaul Family

Family of Eagles



Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Kuszmaul is taking his Troop 101 Scouting volunteerism to a whole new level, stepping up to serve all Troops, Packs and Crews across Trumbull County as the Arrowhead District Commissioner.

In this role, Paul will lead the Scouting portion of the Great Trail Council's operations in Trumbull County, plus the Garrettsville and Parkman areas. District Commissioners are select volunteers. Their mission is to help all Scouting units succeed with coaching and consulting.

The Kuszmaul family is the consummate Scouting family with Paul as District Commissioner, wife Kris as Troop 101 Committee Chair, and their Eagle Scout sons, Bryce, Cole and Gage.

Paul recently took time to chat with us.

AQ: The Eagle Rank is a Kuszmaul family tradition.

Paul: Yes, it is. I was an Eagle Scout with Troop

9 in Warren having achieved Eagle in 1982. I began Boy Scouts with Troop 21 in Champion and continued through my Life rank when the Troop disbanded. I then moved over to Troop 9 to finish my Eagle.

AQ: With all three of your boys having achieved the Eagle Rank, this really gives you and Kris a front row seat to what it's all about.



Kuszmaul Family - Cole, Gage, Kris, Paul, Bryce

Paul: Yes, it does. Kris and I are proud parents of Troop 101 Eagles #125 (Bryce), # 138 (Cole), and #152 (Gage). Each of our sons took a different approach to completing their ranks, and in retrospect, their methods matched their personalities.

The path to becoming an Eagle Scout is not an easy one, especially with the distractions that the 21st century lays before our young people. Anyone who takes on this challenge and completes it has my upmost respect and deserves

any accolades that they receive from here on out; "Once an Eagle- Always an Eagle".

AQ: How did the Trail to Eagle prepare your boys for life?

Paul: I tell everyone that it is a "dress rehearsal for life". By the time a young person completes the trail to Eagle, they've already had several public speaking opportunities, had overcome adversity on many occasions, been forced to follow, been forced to lead, have been put on the spot multiple times with interviews, not to mention the exposure to various career-forming experiences through the merit badge program. These lessons have not been duplicated to this extreme by any other youth organization that I know of.

AQ: So, you have seen first-hand the benefit of such lessons?

Paul: Yes, by witnessing the independence that my boys have acquired and the confidence that they display as they approach challenges as adults. At my son Bryce's commencement, the college president challenged the class to "untie their bow line, leave their safe harbor, and go into the world and make a difference". He (Bryce) has done just that by moving to Salt Lake City, not knowing anyone and obtaining job



Kuszmaul Family - Kris, Cole, Gage, Bryce, Paul

within the aerospace industry. There is no doubt in my mind that the confidence he gained through the Troop 101 program provided him with the tools to fulfill his college presidents request.

Cole is our only Eagle to serve as the Troop SPL and is in the process of completing a challenging degree in Integrated Science. He has taken on leadership roles in various organizations within his major as well as with the Troop – leading this year's Philmont contingent. When he graduates, his long-term goal is to obtain a supervisory role in the education system.

AQ: Gage is your youngest. How did the Troop 101 experience benefit him?

Paul: Immensely. Gage is a high school senior and has already completed several college classes and has gained recognition from his teachers by leading student recruiting sessions and even faculty hiring interviews. He currently has an internship during his final year at a nationally renowned additive manufacturing company and plans on studying Aerospace Engineering next fall at Clarkson University in upstate New York.

AQ: Looking at that vast Eagle Wall of Fame in the Potjunas Scout Center, what do you see?

Paul: We have been around the Troop long enough to get to know and witness more than one third of the Eagles on that Eagle Wall who take these same lessons and make something of themselves as adults, as well. This Troop program truly prepares any young

person for life. I've heard many Eagles say that they value their rank at or above their college degree and that really puts a price tag on that, and it puts into perspective the value of this program.

I credit this wonderful experience to Mr. P and all the adult leaders and scouts who have joined together over the years to make something special happen in Warren, Ohio. I have seen Troops from all over the country through my Jamboree experience and have yet to meet Troop 101's equal.

Thank you to all the Troop's predecessors who provided me and my family the opportunity to experience this program!



Jim Holds Gage upside down Paul in Background

From the Editor - Ed Byers Sr.

Editor, Troop 101 Alumni Association Newsletter



Happy New Year!

I don't pop on these pages too often (please hold your applause), but there is cause for celebration. This new year, 2020, brings several notable anniversaries for the Troop 101 Scouting Family.

With nearly 160 Eagle Scouts and counting, the Troop is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year! You can certainly bet that our 50th anniversary in 2025 will be marked with a huge celebration of our Scouting heritage.

Another milestone, we also just marked the 20th anniversary of Cub Scout Pack 101 – our “feeder” Cub Pack.

The idea of forming a 101 Cub Pack was hatched late one night in the autumn of 1998 during a Troop campout at Tomlinson Run, West Virginia. At that time, Vic Dasbach and I were Assistant Scoutmasters with the Troop, also serving as Pack 122's Cubmaster and Committee Chair, chartered to Howland United Methodist Church. Pack 122 had just topped out at 135 boys, the largest in the (then) entire Greater Western Reserve Council.

Jim knew it was high time to tap into those numbers by forming a Troop 101 “feeder” Pack, ensuring a natural transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts under the Troop 101 umbrella. Vic and I finished the year with Pack 122, resigning our positions and went right to work on the Troop's historic foray into the world of Cub Scouting.

The following February (1999), with support from Father Donald King, Pack 101 was officially launched and chartered to Blessed Sacrament Church by the Greater Western Reserve Council.

Our first recruitment drive was held in April of '99 at Howland Township Park, with 10 Tiger Cubs signing up. Our first full school-night recruiting drive was held in September of '99 with 20 Blessed Sacrament school boys signing up. Today, 20 years later, we have a highly successful and vibrant Cub Pack with outstanding leadership.

Jim floated the idea of starting a new Troop Alumni Newsletter. It had been many years since an Alumni Newsletter was published and Jim felt it was time to engage the Alumni.

Jim asked me to write and edit the new newsletter and Matt McCracken (Eagle Scout #93) quickly volunteered to contribute his awesome talents as layout specialist. Matt is the guy who puts A LOT of work and effort into each issue. He is responsible for taking all the articles and photos and putting them all together into a great newsletter that you see four times a year. In addition to his duties as Troop Assistant Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout Matt has also recently begun writing for the newsletter, which I'm happy to see.

So, 10 years and 40 editions later we're still at it, thanks to Scoutmaster Dr. Ken, Matt, Alumni Association President Tim Ross, the Alumni Board of Directors; Kris Kuszmaul, our Troop Committee Chairman, along with Directors-at-Large Stacey Hoover and Alan Copp.

And then there's a whole bunch of you who have taken the time to contribute to our feature profiles; all of you, Eagle Scouts, young and old alike. Your stories and memories have certainly resonated with so many people!

As you can clearly see, there is much reason to celebrate the 10, 20 and 45-year anniversaries of Troop 101 excellence.

The best part of all? There is so much more to come.

Happy New Year to you and yours!

-Ed



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• January

17 - 19 - Winter Event at Stambaugh

• February

7 - 9 - Beumont

• March

27 - 29 - Blessed Sacrament Service Overnight

• April

5 - 42nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

24 - 26 - TBD

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE Troop CALENDAR AT
<https://Troop101.net/?Page=Calendar>

Recent Troop Events



October 13, 2019

Beaver Creek

The Troop Returns from another camping trip, this time from Beaver Creek State Park.



Yes, this may be in the top 10 most haunted places in Ohio, but they weren't afraid of the ghosts... well, most weren't.

There were Knots, Lashings, Compass games, Deer Stalker and more.

October 28, 2019

Halloween Party



It was a blast at the Troop 101 Halloween Party tonight. There were awesome games, a Haunted Trail, Food, and Great Costumes tonight.

November 10, 2019

Seven Ranges



This weekend the Troop took a trip over to Seven Ranges. There they practiced Fire Building, Knots, and Lashings. The weather was cool, but everyone stayed warm and had a good time. Four Webelos joined us, and we thank them for coming and look forward to seeing them again.



We even had a young Lab wander into camp and have fun with our Troop the whole day.

Saturday, we wrapped up the evening with our Annual Thanksgiving Feast, as well as a fantastic Campfire program.