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Dedicated to Preserving the Memories of T.M.R. Campers

## The Newsletter of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum - April 2023

In this issue of Smoke Signals you will learn some TMR history as well as current events. Our reader series continues with another memory shared by Ken Heisler. If you have a TMR memory you would like to share please email it to us.

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### From the Chairman



The last few months have been great. I am excited to report that we are moving the leanto I slept in when I was on Chappy Troop 721's staff in the 80s to the museum. We expect to place it near the Kunatah Trading Post. To make room for the leanto and another building that will be discussed in greater detail in the future we had to chop down a huge tree. This tree needed to be



cut. It was waiting to fall and could have caused damage. I want to thank Mikey "The Birdman" Herbert for staying on top of this project for quite a while. - Mitchell Slepian, Chairman, TMR Scout Museum

# Museum Webinars



Our spring webinar season has kicked off. On Wed., April 19, Museum Co-Director Glenn Pontier led an interesting discussion on the history of Narrowsburg. If you missed it, check it out on our YouTube channel.

## [The World of Narrowsburg](#)

The webinar series continues on Wednesday, May 10th, with "Monarch Butterflies".

Monarchs are the masters of migration, traveling up to 3000 miles every year from North America to Mexico and back. Some of these colorful and amazing insects can be found on the milkweed plants around TMR. Learn about these endangered butterflies - and the new museum exhibit describing their journey - at the museum webinar on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

[Register here](#)

You can watch all of the TMR Scout Museum's webinars plus other Museum videos at our YouTube channel.

[YouTube Channel](#)

# OFF-SEASON OPEN DATES



The Museum is planning to be open the three Shooting Sports Weekends: April 21-23, April 28-30, May 5-7  
[Shooting Sports Weekends](#)

The Museum will also be open the weekend of the Raft-O-Ree: June 9-11.

[Raft-O-Ree](#)

# Kintecoying Lodge Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On April 1st Kintecoying Lodge celebrated its 10th anniversary at Alpine Scout Camp. The lodge was joined by many past lodge chiefs and advisors. The lodge unveiled their brand new Kintecoying 10 year neckerchiefs and the Camp Alpine Raise the Roof Fundraiser CSP. All proceeds from the Raise the Roof Fundraiser will go towards replacing the roof at Orbach Activity center. All donations towards the fundraiser will be matched by the lodge up to \$25,000.

Everyone had a great time at the event and is excited to keep celebrating the Lodge's 10th Year through cheerful service and devotion to others.



Pictured is the 2023 Kintecoying Lodge Vigil Class. Alex Halligan, Shannyn Bartkowski, Greg Peterson, Ed Halligan, Dawn Bartkowski, and Pierce Murphy (Not Pictured). Congratulations!



Pictured are Kirwin Seager, Alexander Cacciato, Vincent Mirabella, Shannyn Bartkowski, and Jake Harmon (Left to Right). Past, Present, and Future Lodge Chiefs.



Pictured are the 2023 Founders Award Recipients and Awards and Honors Committee. Dave Coleman (Advisor), James Bisceglia (Recipient), Katherine Geraci (Recipient), and Vincent Mirabella (Chair). Congratulations!



Pictured are 4 Shu-Shu-Gah Brothers having fun at the Kintecoying Lodge 10 Year Celebration! 3 of which are on Camp Staff and 1 a past Lodge Chief.

## TMR Alumni Day 2023



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:**

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# The History of Brooklyn and Queens Council Camp Emblems

By David Malatzky

The Museum recently published two booklets containing the histories of camp emblems issued by Brooklyn and Queens Councils between 1913-1937. For each emblem, they identify the years they were issued, their picture or description (when known), their requirements and quantities issued. There is also a lot of information on the early N.Y.C. summer camps and the vital role the emblems had in their camp programs. Some camp emblems were famous and valued but are completely unknown today.

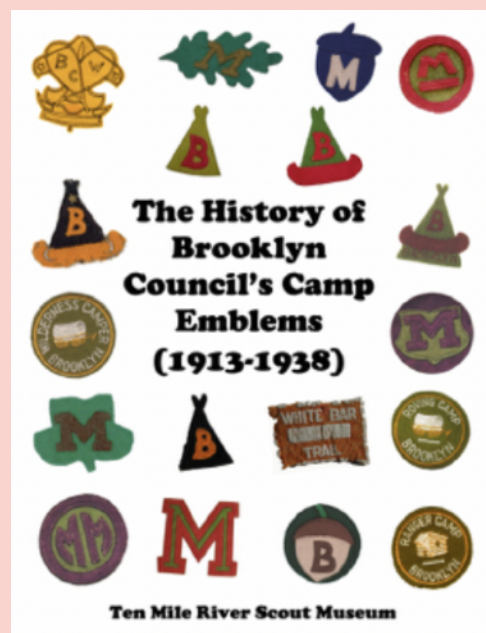
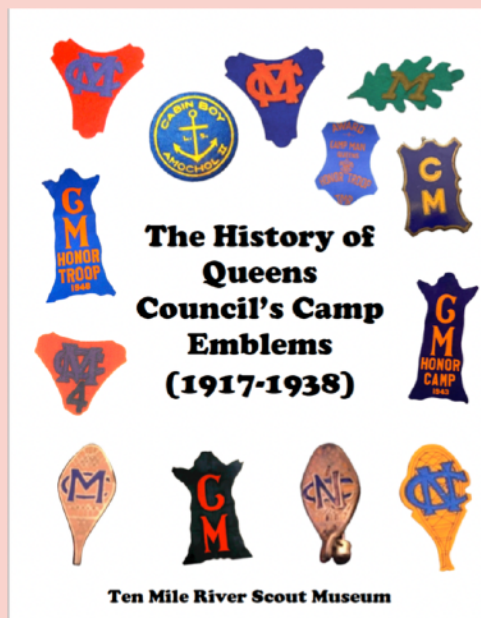
These are the first publications of their kind. While we always knew about N.Y.C. Scouting camp emblems from the 1920s and 1930s (See *A Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps - 2nd ed.*), we had only the vaguest idea when and why most of the emblems were issued. The information was just not available. Now we know this for the Brooklyn and Queens summer camps in amazing detail. The reason is an interesting story.

In 1929, Brooklyn Council was the largest Boy Scout Council in the United States, with over 12,000 Scouts in 350 Troops. Scouting was big news, especially to local Brooklyn papers like the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* and the *Brooklyn Times Union*. Some local papers regularly dedicated full pages to Scouting news. Brooklyn and Queens Scouts receiving emblems in camp quickly saw announcements in print, sometimes in multiple papers. The Queens Council camps were also covered by the Brooklyn newspapers, but to a lesser degree. Various Queens newspapers covered them in more detail.

Most of the news came from camp reporters with bylines in the local papers, frequently with their own weekly columns. Camp and rank awards presented at the council fires were forwarded by the camp reporters to the local newspapers for publication, usually within the week. Accumulate and organize all of this data across dozens of newspapers over twenty-five years and you end up with an excellent idea of what camp emblems were issued and when.

Just a few years ago, this task would have required visually reviewing hundreds of rolls of microfilm, a huge job. However, today you can log on to [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com), search for a camp name and all pertinent articles appear on your laptop in seconds. Since the required data can be obtained relatively easily, these publications are now feasible for the first time.

This is tremendous N.Y.C. Scouting camp history. If you are interested in the subject, you can purchase the two booklets from the Museum's website: <https://www.tmr museum.org/online-museum-store>. Their titles are: *The History of Brooklyn Council's Camp Emblems (1913-1938)* and *The History of Queens Council's Camp Emblems (1917-1938)*.



# More TMR Memories from Ken Heisler

My first glimpse of TMR was in 1962 when my cousin Bob Chvala and I, both of us age 12, got off the bus at Keowa (Bob Carr, Camp Director) and dragged our footlockers up Broadway to the Chippewa campsite. By the end of Period 1, we were so enjoying ourselves - and our straw tics were by then so well broken in - that we convinced Bob's dad, my Uncle George who had come up to camp ostensibly to bring us home, to sign us up for Period 2. That cost \$42.50, each of us, for the two weeks!

As it happened, our Troop 444 Manhattan had been scheduled to go to Ranachqua (Blackfoot campsite) for Period 2, so we got to see the workings of two camps in our first year at TMR.

When I got home my mother was delighted to learn that the scouts had to take regular turns in the Ranachqua dish-washery (and by the way, in 1962 the camp was definitely called Ranachqua not Stillwaters).

In 1963 we were in Keowa with the Troop for Periods 1, 2 and 3.

In 1964 we (and over the decade Bob's TMR resume was the match of mine) spent Periods 1, 2 and 3 in provisional Troops in three different Keowa campsites.

In 1965 we went to Philmont. The bus trip to and from New Mexico plus the actual time spent on the trail took up all of July, but once we got home we just had to spend two weeks at TMR, this time at Rondack (George Renwick, CD; Artie Shack his #2).



By 1966 Bob and I had signed up for the CIT Corps and graduated the two year course in 1967. Our assignments included two-week stints at long gone Iphetonga, Lakeside, Nianque and Chappelat (although by then Chappy had been converted into a Period 4 Aquatics camp). Our assignments also included a couple of runs through Headquarters and a period in each year at Keowa - again George Renwick, CD.

In 1968 I was hired to be the Nature Director at Keowa and Bob was to be the Scoutcraft Director ... John Knight, CD In 1969, 70 and 71 Bob and I were two of the three Camp Commissioners at Keowa. You can see me and Bob Chvala labelled by name in each of the Keowa staff pictures of 1968, 69, 70 and 71. [BTW, in the 1969 picture, a good number of those depicted had just been to Woodstock since Yasgur's Farm was just a short (!) seven-mile stroll from Keowa, TMR's northern border. But that's another story]

Re the attached pictures:

The first photo ...

That's me in 1971 next to my spacious 7' x 9' wall tent (not one of those measly 7' x 7's) at the east end of Broadway at Keowa. I was a newly minted B.A. out of Columbia; my career as a heavyweight oarsman was over. In a few weeks, I was to start my first year at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University. I may also have been anticipating a visit from my bride-to-be!

The second photo ...

Fast forward fifty years. The picture is at Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island, 2021. I had been going there with Troop 40 of Falmouth Massachusetts on Cape Cod since 1998. Last year I put a wrap to a 19-year run as Scoutmaster (44 Eagle Scouts!). I'm still on the Exec Board of the Cape Cod & Islands Council. Lots of fruit salad accumulated over the breast pockets in these latter years but I still kind of hearken for the austere olive uniform of those former days.

# William A. Stumpp



William A. Stumpp (frequently "Chief" Stumpp) was born in the Bronx on July 20, 1884. He joined Troop 161, Mott Haven Reformed Church, and served as Troop Scribe, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Treasurer. In June 1914, he was appointed Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 161 and Scoutmaster in July 1917. Prior to professional employment with the Boy Scouts, he was assistant to the Secretary of the Bronx Board of Trade, from January 1914 - February 1919.

Mr. Stumpp served as a Bronx District Scout Commissioner from August 1915 • March 1919. On March 1, 1919, he was appointed Bronx Council Executive, a position he held until he retired in 1959. Note: In the four years before his appointment .

Stumpp was preceded by eight Bronx Council Executives. Under his leadership the number increased from 1,528 to 13,000. Perhaps 150,000 youth joined the Bronx Scouts during his term of service as Council Executive

In August 1920, he founded Ranachqua Lodge No. 4, Order of the Arrow, at Camp Ranachqua, then at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. He served as Lodge Chief of Ranachqua Lodge from its founding to September 1949.

Mr. Stumpp served as Camp Ranachqua Director from 1922-1946. This spanned the years at both the Kanohwahke Lakes and the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. Indian lore was a highlight at Camp Ranachqua and the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. He performed the role of Hiawatha in a 1926 pageant seen by thousands of Scouts.

Ranachqua Lodge was the fourth lodge organized of the Wimachtendienk W. W. (today's Order of the Arrow). Mr. Stumpp was very involved in the Grand Lodge, the national organization of the W.W.W. He served as Grand Scribe from 1924-1926 and National Grand Chieftain from 1926-1927. In 1927, Ranachqua Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge meeting of the W.W. W. at Camp Ranachqua, then at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps.

In 1937, Stumpp served as Quartermaster of the first National Scout Jamboree in Washington D.C. For the next four Jamborees, he was the Director of Special Feeding, responsible for providing kosher food to orthodox Jewish campers. In 1963, he was recognized as one of 'Scouting's dynamic Pioneers' at the National Scout Executives Conference at the University of Illinois. Mr. Stumpp was a founding member of Ranachqua Foundation and later served as a Chairman of the Board and as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

# The Museum's Website Store

By David Malatzky

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This includes most every patch set issued by the Museum in recent years, the 2021 *Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps*, Indian Cliff puzzles, Scout Service Corps CSP's from 1996-2003, and the two new booklets on Brooklyn and Queens Council emblem histories.

**SPECIAL DEAL:** For a limited time only, you can purchase the Boy Scout Foundation 100th Anniversary Backpatch with a FREE TMR 95th Dangle. Only \$14 for the two patches.



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