

5 YEARS SCOUTING



- IN ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH -



Five Years of Scouting

at the

St. Joseph's Parish



BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Dedicated to:

Most Rev. Edward J. Ryan, D.D., LL. D.



I wish to give my congratulations and blessings to the Boy Scouts of St. Joseph's Parish on the occasion of their Fifth Anniversary and to express the hope that they will continue the fine work they have already inaugurated.

MOST REV. EDWARD F. RYAN, D.D., LL.D



Rev. J. H. Dussault

First Chaplain

March 1940-March 1941



Rev. E. L. Hebert

Second Chaplain

March 1941-January 1943

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

On the occasion of an anniversary the predominant thought is usually one of thankfulness. All goodness is of God and hence, the accent of our gratitude is placed primarily upon Him, most likely under the title of "The Boy Jesus." But God is unselfish in that He often gives His creatures the credit for much of His goodness, because He distributes it through them. Who are those creatures who deserve praise for the good that has come to the youth of our parish?

Our Patrons, St. Joseph and St. George, have silently, though efficiently guided our every effort. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, former Bishop of Burlington, will ever remain in our memory for having placed at our disposal a program which is directed toward the moral and physical development of our youth. With his experience of years and wisdom, our Pastor, Father Pariseau, was quick to adopt scouting for his boys. As first Chaplain, Father Dussault laid a solid foundation; this was maintained and increased by one who loved and was sincerely interested in youth, Father Hebert.

With no less energy did the laymen of the parish devote themselves to this endeavor. Through them also did God dispense His goodness and hence, do we owe them much praise and gratitude. You will find their names throughout this history. I am speaking of the committeemen and scoutmasters, without whose leadership the work of the priest would have been impossible.

Today there are approximately forty men in our parish who are working in the interest of St. Joseph's youth. Such a group cannot be passed over lightly. They form a valuable power in this parish and although already they have done great things, I have only begun to lay before them their full duties; and as they have supported me thus far in my program, I am sure they will remain faithful to the end and its entirety. And the greatest praise I can extend to these men is that they have adopted not their own methods but have actually studied the methods and policies of the Church. I am confident that your boys are in safe hands and with your cooperation we can give them much: spiritually, intellectually and physically.

REV. OMER L. DUFAULT, Chaplain

St. George
Patron of Boy Scouts



St. Joseph
Patron of the Parish



St. George
and the
Dragon

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

A terrible dragon had ravaged all the country round a city of Libya, called Selena, making its lair in a marshy swamp. Its breath caused pestilence whenever it approached the town, so the people gave the monster two sheep every day to satisfy its hunger, but, when the sheep failed, a human victim was necessary and lots were drawn to determine the victim. On one occasion the lot fell to the king's little daughter. The king offered all his wealth to purchase a substitute, but the people had pledged themselves that no substitutes should be allowed, and so the maiden, dressed as a bride, was led to the marsh. There St. George chanced to ride by, and asked the maiden what she did, but she bade him leave her lest he also might perish. The good knight stayed, however, and, when the dragon appeared, St. George, making the sign of the cross, bravely attacked it and transfixed it with his lance. Then asking the maiden for her girdle, he bound it round the neck of the monster, and thereupon the princess was able to lead it like a lamb. They then returned to the city, where St. George bade the people have no fear but only be baptized, after which he cut off the dragon's head and the townsfolk were all converted. The king would have given George half his kingdom, but the saint replied that he must ride on, bidding the king meanwhile take good care of God's churches, honour the clergy, and have pity on the poor.

Taken from the Catholic Encyclopedia.



General Committee

RANSOM LATOUR

ALBERT BENOIT

JOHN MICHAUD

HAROLD JACQUISH

EMILE MOREAU

URBAN BERGERON

REV. O. L. DUFAULT

November 13, 1944

Italy

To the Scouting Committee

St. Joseph's Parish

Burlington, Vermont

This little note is addressed particularly to the committee men whom I knew as a Scout and who worked so hard to bring the Scouts of St. Joseph's up to the top.

Perhaps only a few of you know who I am; nevertheless I wish to thank all of you for the time and effort which you certainly put in and which helped to make better men of myself and my fellow Scouts who are now in the service.

I am an Infantryman and have been fighting steadily for the last two months. It has given me a new appreciation of Scouting. You men helped me gain the benefits of Scouting. Scouting has helped keep me alive. I firmly believe that Scouting is one of the most important services you or I can perform.

Before many months have passed I hope to be home to help you carry on Scouting and, God willing, I shall. For the present I can do nothing but wish you all best of luck and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gratefully,

Pfc. PAUL K. VIENS



CUBS PACK 3
And Its Committee Members

LEO BEAUREGARD
JOSEPH POULIN
PAUL HEBERT
AURELE DION
DR. RAYMOND LAVALLEE
RAYMOND ROGERS



HISTORY OF SCOUTING

AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

In the spring of 1939, the Rev. E. Pariseau expressed his wish that Scouting be started in his Parish. He appointed Rev. Dussault as the chaplain and organizer of the committee who was to inaugurate the work.

The committee as chosen at that time and now known as the Charter committee consisted of the following: Rock Lavigne, chairman; Armand Lavalley, treasurer; Emil Moreau, historian; Arthur Goodhue, secretary; Raoul Beaulieu, activities director; A. Byron Lawrence, M. D. At this time it was thought best to start with two Troops. Accordingly Troops 15 and 16 were chartered with all the regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. These Troops fell under the jurisdiction of the Champlain District of the Long Trail Council. At that time Walter Weidman was Scout Executive, and his generous assistance and persistent interest in these Units have proved of lasting influence. The following Scoutmasters and Assistants were named: Troop 16—Norman Langlois, Scoutmaster. Rene Meunier, Assistant Scoutmaster. Troop 15—Leo Beaugerard, Scoutmaster. Paul Rogers and Roy Centebart, Assistant Scoutmasters. Charter Members of Troop 16 were: Roland Audette, Fernand Bedard, Donald Brown, Louis Gelineau, Ronald Giroux, Richard Kelly, Henry Lavigne, Paul LeClair, Bernard Moreau, Raymond Plankey, Robert Spaulding, Roy Viens and Robert Wheel. Charter Members of Troop 15 were: Raymond Basiliere, Jerome Bouchard, Richard Desautels, Maurice Giroux, Bernard Lavalley, Paul Munson, Urban Saltus, Francis Trank and Malcolm Wheel.

Of these groups above only four boys are now active in Scouting—all being in Ship 17 Sea Scouts.

As a large number of boys was enthusiastic over the new venture it seemed quite easy to start Scouting activities. The main problems before the committee, were to raise funds to obtain the necessary equipment such as tents, cooking equipment, cots and rooms for the Scouts. The Ladies of St. Joseph were co-operative in the work of sorting out the boys and publicizing in the class rooms the steps essential in recruiting.

Two rooms in the basement of the school were assigned to the use of the Troops and the boys were soon at work, furnishing equipment and supplies to give it the right atmosphere.

Under the aggressive and active leadership of Chairman Lavigne and Armand Lavalley, two successful financial campaigns were put on. The first was a turkey dinner held in the Nazareth School basement. It was largely attended and the sum of \$300 was cleared. The following year a bingo party at which an automobile was raffled off, proved to be even more profitable. With these proceeds, squad tents, cots and other equipment were bought and the camping necessities were assured.

Under the leadership of Norman Langlois, the first summer camp at Zack Woods was attended. There were 24 boys and 1 adult at the first attempt. Since then there has been a notable increase. For example—in 1941, 32 boys and 2 adults;



TROOP 15
And Its Committee Members

THOMAS LIBERTY
DR. A. B. LAWRENCE
ROBERT OLIVER
CLARENCE THERRIEN
BERNARD RHEAUME



1942, 36 boys and 4 adults; 1943, 45 boys and 3 adults; 1944, 50 boys and 3 adults.

Rock Lavigne was again chairman in 1941. Father Hebert replaced Father Dussault as chaplain. Gustave Cadieux became Scoutmaster of Troop 15 in place of Leo Beauregard. Gerald Chicoine became Scoutmaster of Troop 16 when Langlois resigned and Meunier volunteered for the Armed Services. Under Chicoine was Gabriel Trahan as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Many new activities were taken up at this time. A large Camporee at Roosevelt Park in which 60 boys took part aroused considerable interest. Squad tents and 2 new Tepees, Wall Tents and Kitchen Flys were put up and the boys spent the weekend in Scout work and sports. Supper and breakfast was served after a largely attended Communion Mass at 8 o'clock. Scouts from the Cathedral parish attended in a body and colored movies were taken of the colorful procession. In the afternoon the Burlington fire department drove 2 large engines to the field and First Aid and other demonstrations were put on before a large crowd.

In 1942, Dr. Lawrence was elected Chairman and Father Hebert continued as Chaplain. After certain changes the rest of the committee were as follows: A. J. Fisher, activities; E. J. Moreau, historian; A. Lavallee, treasurer; A. Goodhue, secretary; Victor Brown. During this year, our Eagle Scout, Bernard Moreau, was elected Scout Mayor of the City; a post which he was to hold again in 1944.

Father Hebert was able to attend Scout camp at Zach Woods and with the assistance of Dr. Lawrence, a very successful program was enjoyed by the boys. The prizes for athletics and water sports were practically all won by Troops 15 and 16 in the competition between the different Troops at camp. Father Lyons of St. Michael's College spent one day and night at camp and a very beautiful colored movie of various Scout activities was taken. The picture of early morning Mass in the depth of the Pine Forest, with the Scouts in full uniform with all Flags and a decorated altar was especially beautiful inasmuch as the bright morning sun coming over the mountains and the clear sky added to the intense color effect.

At the invitation of Father Dussault our former Chaplain, a very successful Camporee was held at Underhill over the week-end. The boys were now beginning to develop natural leaders who readily assumed the responsibility for much of the planning and work among the Patrols and Troops. Every week patrols went on hikes to various spots such as the Bishop's woods on North Avenue and to Mallett's Bay. Week-end hikes and trips of varying lengths were enjoyed at Colchester point where a permanent camp was set up on the property of Homer Porter. Here the boys went in Patrols to learn the rudiments of cooking and Scouting.

In 1943 the changes in Scouter personnel was as follows: Father Dufault became chaplain, as his predecessor, Father Hebert, was called to the parish at Milton. Victor Brown and Leon Gelineau were added to the committee because of the resignation of Lavigne, Lavallee and Goodhue. Paul Chicoine was appointed Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16.

At this time there was considerable turmoil in the administrative activities of the Scout Units, as so many of the Scoutmasters and their assistants were being drawn into the Armed Services. Mr. Couture who had done such an outstanding job as Scout-



TROOP 16
And Its Committee Members

ARTHUR FISHER
LOUIS SEYMOUR
ABEL GIROUX
MARK MEDLAR
OTIS YANDOW
MARK MOREAU

master of Troop 15 during his short tenure, volunteered in the Armed Services and Chic Chicoine now took on the added responsibility of another Troop. Couture and Chicoine, with the help of some of the committeemen, had painted the rooms of their respective Troops and heating units were installed. Large imitation fireplaces and Scout furniture and cabinets were built to take care of the needs of the Scouts, and outdoor activities went ahead despite all difficulties.

During the Fall of 1942 a plan was submitted to the committee by Dr. Lawrence for a cooperative effort by the committee and other men of the parish to establish classes in elementary woodcraft and electricity for all boys of the parish. Funds were raised and tools, lumber, large tables and other equipment were purchased. Under the leadership of Leonard Moreau, Armand Piche, Frank Viens, Mr. Desautels and Leo Dorey, both the Scouts and other boys attended these classes in large numbers twice weekly through the school year. Besides these classes, specific hours were set aside for gym classes under supervision, and showers were donated by the Mother's Club. The committee soon realized that much good could come from these Youth activities under proper supervision as all the boys seemed deeply interested. But the pressure of the demand for manpower by the Armed Forces was so grievously felt that all these men were almost immediately called away. Consequently all efforts along this line had to be dropped.

At the end of the fiscal year of 1942, Victor Brown was elected chairman. The committee and personnel of the troops remained unchanged otherwise, and the annual work of raising funds and supervising activities continued. Because of the pressure brought to bear by increased work, Mr. Brown was forced to resign and his place has been taken by Leon Gelineau.

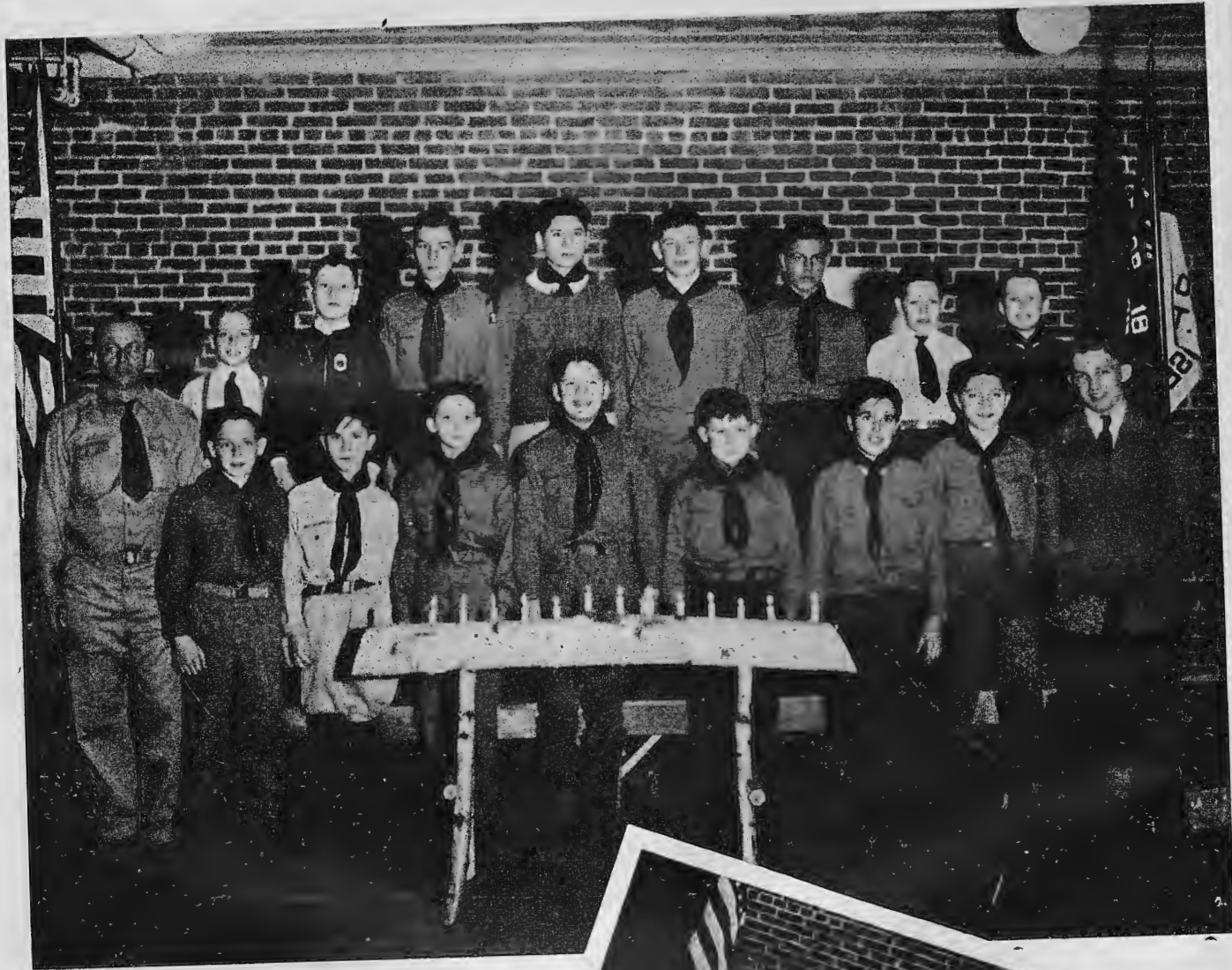
In the meantime the Scouts were busy in the following activities: 1. In the Green Feather Drive for funds, we furnished 40 boys. 2. In the Paper Collection the boys were 100% employed and 40 tons were obtained. 3. In the Rubber and Aluminum Drive 100% of the boys worked. Records show that at this time and later, 40 boys took part in police duty at parades, 40 boys aided in collecting old license plates, 20 boys did police duty at horse shows, 20 boys did police duty at the Essex Fair, 100% of the Scouts did their part as Air Raid courriers, 20 boys ushered at the Music Festival and 20 Scouts waited on table at St. Patrick's supper held in the Memorial Auditorium.

Besides the above activities a spring camporee was held at Shelburne in which 30 boys took part.

In the Fall of 1943, Walter Horsley became Scout Executive of the Long Trail Council. He deserves a place of honor in this history, as it was under his direction that three new Units were added to our Scout set-up. We appreciate and are deeply grateful to Mr. Horsley for all he has done for us.

The following year Arthur Fisher was elected Chairman. The committeemen appointed to work with him were: Frank Patnaude, treasurer; Larry Monette, Dr. Lawrence, Emile Moreau, Leon Gelineau with Father Dufault, Chaplain, R. Robear and R. Latour.

This time, a determined effort was made to obtain new personnel and to make



TROOP 18
And Its Committee Members

ANTONINE LAFLAMME

HERMAN GIROUX

SCOTT ALLEN



Scouting available to a larger number of boys. With Father Dufault's assistance, the roster was increased and it was decided to have a separate committee for each troop or unit. Moreover, a Cub Pack was organized and the committee set up to handle this were: R. T. Shepard, chairman; J. Poulin, L. Beauregard, Frank Gleason and Dr. Lavallee. On March 31, 1944, 35 boys became charter members when Cub Pack No. 3 of St. Joseph's Parish registered. During the year, their activities consisted of the following: Weekly meetings at the boys homes for advancement and handicraft, outings at the Parks, a costume Halloween Party, a Christmas Party with tree and gifts. The new number of members now total 72 boys. A system for Den meetings was established with all dens meeting at the same time on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 when the committeemen are present. A permanent Pack Room is now in use at Nazareth School, where such handicraft as weaving, basket-making, and carving, etc., is carried out.

A new troop was started to take care of the added number of boys and Leo Charron was named as Scoutmaster. The new troop registered as Troop No. 18.

Another undertaking at this time was the establishment of a Sea Scout Ship. Gerald Chicoine who had given long and faithful service as Scoutmaster in Troops 15 and 16 was appointed Skipper of Ship 17. Fourteen boys who had been with him previously as Scouts, became charter members. Active Sea Scouts now number 12. Practically all of these boys have been with Chic in Troop 16 since the beginning of Scouting and their record as Scouts is outstanding and would be in any community. For example, in Troop 16's roster, we find that there are 23 Star Scouts, 14 Life Scouts and 7 Eagle Scouts. In addition to this there are 30 boys who have been awarded the highest honor in Catholic Scouting, "The Ad Altare Dei" medal.

In July, 1944, the Scouts were given a retreat by the Rev. Louis P. Barcelo, National Field Commissioner of Catholic Boy Scouts. His presence with us for almost a week gave a new impetus which has been felt with increasing force. The good he did for our boys can hardly be expressed in these humble words. We do know that one, filled as he is with the love of God and the knowledge and experience in Scouting, was bound to leave the stamp of his personality among our boys. The special conference he held with the committeemen, in very truth, constituted a turning point in our history, since at that time were born the ideas which soon after became the policies of St. Joseph's Youth Activities. We are sincerely thankful to Father Barcelo.

In this very year of 1945 when the Scouts of the city looked for their mayor, again they came to our units and singled out Malcolm Wheel, another one of our Eagle Scouts.

The climax of the year's activities was the Minstrel Show put on for the benefit of the Scouts and other youth activities. Arthur Dorey kindly offered his services as director and an exceptional cast was obtained. The show was an outstanding success and the crowd generous in size, and much credit is due to the hard work of the chairman, Ransom Latour.

The Rev. William F. Laliberte was appointed assistant to the chaplain to watch over the Cub Unit.



SHIP 17
And Its Committee Members

BENJAMIN ROBEAR

ALBERT VERRET

PAUL FISHER

CLEMENT DEFORGE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Joy filled my heart when Bishop Brady approved Scouting for Catholics, since I had long hoped to have a definite program for the boys of my parish. I have watched our Scout Units grow and am pleased with the progress they have made. I am grateful to the many men whose devotion to this work has crowned it with success. I salute and congratulate you all on this occasion of your 5th Anniversary and shall continue to beg God to shower upon you His choicest blessings.

REV. J. E. PARISEAU, *Pastor*



HONOR ROLL

Rene Meunier	Army
Robert Viens	Army
Paul Chicoine	Navy
Frank Patnaude	Army
Robert Chicoine	Navy
Donald Gratton	Navy
Paul Viens	Army
Robert Brown	Army Air Corps
Raymond Plankey	Navy
Ronald Gero	Merchant Marine
Henry Provost	Navy

PROGRAM

APRIL 15, 1945

St. Joseph's Church:

- 8:00 a. m.—Mass and Communion
4:00 p. m.—Investiture and Court of Honor

Nazareth School Auditorium:

- 5:30 p. m.—Pot-Luck Supper
7:00 p. m.—Program:
1. Cubs, Pack 3
“Exemplification of Cubbing”
 2. Troop 15
“Scouts of the World, Brothers Together.”
 3. Song: “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”
 4. Troop 16
Play: “At Least You, My Friends”
Neil Boyton, S. J.
 5. Troop 18
“Exemplification of the Scout Law”
 6. Song: “Dear Land of Home”.....Sibelius
 7. Sea Scouts: Ship 17
Tumbling and Sea Scout Song

CONSTITUTION

- I. *Name:* St. Joseph's Youth Activities.
- II. *Purpose:* To promote and further the Religious, Physical and Social Activities of the Youth of St. Joseph's Parish.
- III. *Jurisdiction:*
 - A. The Chaplain, appointed by the Pastor, and the General Committee whose number shall be determined as the future demands arise have jurisdiction. At present, the General Committee is as follows:
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Secretary
 - 3. Treasurer
 - 4. Quarter-Master
 - 5. Activities' Director
 - 6. Librarian
 - 7. Chaplain
 - 8. One Representative from each Unit Committee
 - For the duties of each member of the General Committee cf. Agenda on "Scouting for Catholics."
 - B. Each Unit is to have its own Committee composed of the following Officers:
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Secretary
 - 3. Treasurer
 - 4. Quarter-Master
 - 5. Activities' Director
 - 6. Librarian
- IV. *Policies:*
 - A. Each Unit will elect its own officers and its Unit Representative to the General Committee.
 - B. Each Unit Officer will work with the corresponding Officer on the General Committee.
 - C. If any member of the General or Unit Committees be consistently absent from regular meetings, he shall be, after due consideration, requested to resign.
 - D. It shall be within the jurisdiction of the General Committee to elect both Honorary and Members-at-large.
 - E. Each Unit Committee will be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of their respective Units and are in turn responsible to the General Committee.
 - F. Each Unit Officer will report at the regular Unit meetings.
 - G. Each Unit Representative will report at the regular General Committee meeting.

- H. Meetings of the General Committee will be held on the first Monday of each month. Exception will be stated as the need arises.
 - I. Each Unit Committee will meet monthly.
 - J. Should a vacancy occur on the General Committee, the name or names of prospective candidates will be submitted to the General Committee for election.
 - K. Should a vacancy occur on a Unit Committee, the name or names of the prospective candidates will be submitted to the Unit Committee for election.
 - L. Each Unit Quarter-Master will be held responsible for Unit properties; furthermore, he will submit an inventory to the General Quarter-Master at quarterly intervals or upon request.
 - M. The Term of Office for General Committeemen and Unit Committeemen will be from April 1st to April 1st.
 - N. At the time of the General Election, all General, Unit and Prospective Committeemen will meet to elect the Officers, if said prospective committeemen have been duly accepted by a majority of the General Committee.
 - O. Each Committeeman must be a member of St. Joseph's Parish.
 - P. Each Unit member must be a member of St. Joseph's Parish.
- V. *Finances:*
- A. The General Committee and each Unit Committee will determine its policy governing dues.
 - B. The General Committee will raise and have jurisdiction over the General Fund.
 - C. Each Unit Committee will have jurisdiction over its current funds. And it will have the privilege of requesting additional funds.
 - D. Unit Budgets will be submitted bi-annually to the General Committee for approval.
 - E. The Finances of all Committees will be open to the inspection of the Chaplain at all times.
- VI. *The Program:*
- A. Each Unit will have a program submitted to it by the Activities' Director of the General Committee at the opening of each season. And each Unit Activities' Director will submit his program to the General Activities' Director for coordination.
 - B. The Pastor will be requested to attend the last annual meeting, at which time he will be tendered the Annual Report.
 - C. The entire Organization of the St. Joseph's Youth Activities in all or in any of its phases ultimately depends upon the Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish.
 - D. All matters of import will be decided upon by a quorum. A Quorum will be three-quarters or more of each committee.
 - E. Amendments to this Constitution can be made, providing due notice has been given to all members of all Committees of the amendment proposed.

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR A SEVEN-MAN PARISH SCOUTING COMMITTEE

(Taken from "Scouting for Catholics" by the Rev. Louis P. Barcelo, C. S. C.
and the Rev. Edward Fuller, S. J.)

The Troop Committee does not administer the Scout Program directly, but through the officers of the Troop. Neither the Scoutmaster nor Assistant may be members of the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee ~~does cooperate~~, however, with the officers and renders such assistance as it is able to ~~give~~.

- A) The Troop Committee has responsibilities to:
- a) God c) Homes e) Scouts g) National and Local Councils
 - b) Parish d) Country f) Troop Officers h) Self—to do an important job well.
- B) The Troop Committee is especially responsible for:
- a) Permanency of the Troop c) Financing
 - b) A Scout program d) Coordination and subordination
- C) The Troop Committee will accomplish its job by:
- a) A knowledge of the objectives of Scouting under Catholic auspices.
 - b) By selection of means toward that end.
 - c) An active interest of each member.
 - d) Distribution of responsibilities.

How many should serve on the Troop Committee? In order to obtain a charter, the Troop Committee must have at least three members. We recommend from five to seven members (including the Troop Chaplain who is not the Chairman of the Committee but chaplain to the entire Troop, Scouts and Scouters.

The following Troop Committee set-up distributes responsibilities among seven members. This is just a suggested plan and should be changed according to local needs.

CHAIRMAN

- a) Voting members of Local Council, represents Troop.
- b) Plans and presides at Troop Committee meetings. (Held monthly)
- c) Chairman Troop Board of Review. (Three members of Troop Committee, before which all Scouts in the Troop appear to be reviewed in subject matter before appearing at Council Board of Review. This procedure insures the carrying out of the additional religious content in the various ranks.)

- d) Contact man with home, school, etc.
- e) Troop "Good Turns"
- f) Insures meeting place for Troop
- g) Personnel of Troop
- h) Safeguards all policies
- i) Makes yearly report

SECRETARY

- a) Troop Committee Secretary; minutes of meetings, etc.
- b) Supervises Troop records and Scribe
- c) Supervises Re-registration of Troop yearly
- d) Member Council Court of Honor and Board of Review (in certain Councils)

TREASURER

- a) Supervises Troop Finances
- b) Plans Troop Budget, etc.
- c) Supervises Troop Treasurer
- d) Explains budget plan to new Scouts

QUARTER-MASTER

Supervises:

- a) Troop Morale
- b) Formations
- c) Uniforms and insignia
- d) Scout courtesy and forms of respect
- e) Troop property and Scout Quartermaster
- f) Patriotic program; health program
- g) Checks advancement; helps secure experts

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

- a) Promotes camping, hiking, educational trips, etc.
- b) Plans and consults with Scoutmaster concerning seasonal programs and objectives.
- c) Promotes participation in Council and National programs as well as participation in programs of the Diocesan Scout Committee.
- d) Supervises Patrol System and Patrol Meetings. (Be careful not to encroach on the Scoutmaster's rights)
- e) Arranges for special meetings, Parents' Night, Anniversary Meeting, Father and Son Bonquet, Retreat, etc.

LIBRARIAN

- a) Supervises Troop reading program, library, and Scout Librarian.
- b) Supervises Troop Paper and Scout Editor.

- c) Publicity representative of Troop and Committee.
- d) Supervises (promotes) individual "Good Turns".
- e) Encourages possession of Scout Handbook and manuals.
- f) Encourages subscription to and reading of THE CATHOLIC BOY and BOYS LIFE. (Both may be included as budget items)

CHAPLAIN

The Church cannot justify herself in bothering with the Scout program unless that element which she alone can add be added to the program. This is not only the idea of the Bishops' Committee on Scouting but of the Boy Scouts of America as well. Hence it will readily be conceded that the success of the Scout program depends in large measure on the Troop Chaplain.

- a) Spiritual and moral direction of all Scouts and Scouters.
- b) Blesses all insignia.
- c) Presides at Investiture Ceremonies
- d) Says annual Mass for Troop and Benefactors
- e) Where the Diocesan Scout Committee has not prepared an additional religious requirement test for various rank, he does so.
- f) Personally instructs all Scouts in the Oath and Law and passes this test. (Arrange with Scoutmaster)
- g) Certifies as to religious qualifications before Scouts advance to higher ranks.
- h) Supervises Ad Altare Dei award.
- i) Approves adults who seek admission into Troop.
- j) Approves overnight hikes over Sunday or Holy Days.
- k) Checks on facilities for Holy Mass and other religious obligations at any camp where members of the Troop may intend to go.
- l) Arranges annual retreat.
- m) Represents the Pastor if not himself pastor.

After the Troop is well under way, there will be no need for the Troop Committee to meet as a body oftener than once a month. The Troop Officers do not attend this meeting as a right but should be invited frequently to present reports and for general cooperative consultations, etc. Those Troop Committee Members who have direct contact with Scouts should see that there is no interference in the rights of the Scoutmaster in this respect.

Where more than one Troop, or a Cub Pack or Senior Scouting Program is to be established in a parish, the same Troop Committee functions and handles the Committee work for the entire Scout program in all its branches. Each Troop, Pack, or Senior unit should be represented on the Committee by a special member who has special care for that unit.

Such work is surely Catholic Action and God will bless not only the work but the worker when He is the final motive.

SUGGESTED POLICY OF SCOUT TROOP

UNDER CATHOLIC AUSPICES

(Based on a like policy in *Scouting For Catholics* by Rev. Louis P. Barcelo, C. S. C. and Rev. Edward Fuller, S. J.)

I. MEMBERSHIP

1. **Scouts:** As a policy only Catholic boys of the parish shall be admitted to membership; a boy from another parish if there is no Troop in that parish and only if his pastor gives permission.
2. **Scouters:** Only exemplary Catholics shall hold commissions in this Troop. It is desired that members of the Troop Committee be Catholic but for a good reason this may be waived by the Chaplain.
3. No boy shall be admitted to or dropped from the Troop without the approval of the Troop Committee. An effort shall be made to give the program to each boy as long as possible. Whenever possible an "honorable discharge" shall be given.
4. **Applicants:** Applications may be received. If there is an opening in the Troop the candidate may be started on his Tenderfoot training but outside of Troop meetings. It is the duty of the Troop Committee to consider the application for membership.
5. **Investiture:** Candidates shall be received into the Troop (after due tests) in accordance with the "Catholic Investiture Ceremony" as approved by ecclesiastical authority. Scouts shall be advanced to the various ranks by a like ceremony. (This may take place at a regular Investiture Ceremony). All badges and insignia, obtainable through the Troop Quartermaster only, shall be blessed at these ceremonies or in exceptional cases privately by the Chaplain.

II. MEETINGS

1. **Regular Troop Meetings:** shall begin, as far as possible at on days and close at All Scouts to be away from the meeting place by Only on special occasions, when notice should be given beforehand to the parents, shall meetings be extended beyond the specified time.
2. **Attendance:** at regular Troop Meetings is expected of every Scout unless excused beforehand, if possible, or before the next regular meeting. Excuse may be obtained from S. M. or A. S. M. Troop Committee. If these are not available then from S. P. L. or P. L. Such excuse is to be reported to the Scribe for his records. On absence from three regular meetings without excuse, a Scout shall be notified that he is subject to suspension or may be asked to resign. His case is always to be referred to the T. C.

3. *Patrol Meetings:* Each Patrol leader shall program and hold at least two Patrol meetings a month. Time and place and program to be approved by
4. *Troop Leaders Council Meeting:* The T. L. C. shall hold regular meetings to plan meetings, projects, report, be instructed, etc. Membership includes all commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers exclusive of A. P. L. who shall however represent his P. L. if he is absent.
5. *Troop Hikes* shall be conducted under the direction of an adult officer of the Troop or some other responsible party approved by the Chaplain. These hikes are not to conflict with Church, home or school duties.
6. *Patrol Hikes* shall be arranged under the approval of the Scoutmaster who is responsible for their proper supervision. These hikes not to conflict with other duties of home, school or Church.
7. *In Re Hikes:* Only qualified Scouts may go on hikes except in rare cases approved by S. M. or T. C., member in charge. No overnight hike is to be taken without the approval of the Tr. Chaplain or T. C. member in charge of outdoor activity. Permission in writing shall be obtained from the parents for overnight hikes and shall be filed by the Scribe. Fourteen-mile hike reports should be filed by the Scribe.
8. *Troop Committee Meetings:* See article on Troop Committee.

III. TROOP COMMITTEE

This Troop shall operate under the Troop Committee "set-up" recommended in the *Manual Scouting For Catholics*, a copy of the plan is attached to this policy. The duties and responsibilities of each member shall be definitely understood. The Troop Committee is responsible to the Parish for the proper conduct of the Troop and to this end shall supervise, although it does not administer, the entire Scout program and movement with relation to this Troop.

1. *Meetings:* The Troop Committee shall meet once a month on the day of the month at o'clock. The meeting place or more often if necessary on call of the Chairman or of any two members of the T. S. The meeting is not to conflict with regular Troop Meetings.
2. *Agenda:* It shall be the duty of the T. C. Chairman to prepare an agenda for meetings.
3. *Troop Board of Review:* Three members of the T. C. shall sit as a Troop Board of Review before which every Scout must appear for examination before appearing at a council or District Court or Board of Review. It is the particular duty of the T. R. Board of Review to insure the fulfillment of the added religious content to the various tests for ranks in the Boy Scout Program. They may also examine on the other matter.

4. It belongs to the Troop Committee to interpret these policies, to issue necessary regulation, to appoint all officers, commissioned and non-commissioned.
5. *Property:* Title to Troop and Patrol property shall be vested in the Troop Committee which holds it in trust and for the use of the Troop and Patrols.
6. All matters of import shall be decided by the T. C. It shall make an annual report to the Parish (copy to the Archdiocesan Scout Committee and to the Local Council).
7. In the event of chartering other Troops, Cub Packs, or Senior Units, this Committee shall operate under a sub-committee plan with a sub-chairman over each department.

IV. TROOP OFFICERS

1. *Scoutmaster:* The S. M. shall be the executive officer of the Troop and shall have direct administration of the program. He shall have all the rights and privileges and duties of Scoutmasters unless otherwise restricted by these policies or by authority of the T. C.
 - a. It is the specific duty of the S. M. to program meetings and other activities and to see that the program is carried out as far as possible.
 - b. The S. M. shall have the right to recommend for non-commissioned office.
 - c. Although not a member of the Troop Committee, the S. M. should be invited to attend the T. C. meetings to report and advise.
2. *Assistant Scoutmasters* shall fill the position of S. M. in his absence. They shall have specific duties as directed by the T. C. or on appointment by the S. M. They shall have the rights, duties, and privileges of Assistant Scoutmasters of the B. S. A. unless otherwise provided for in these policies or by the T. C.
3. *Non-Commissioned Officers* shall be recommended by the S. M. and appointed by the T. C. after confirmation in office, each shall be warranted and given the certificate of office. They shall all perform the usual functions of the respective office, J. A. S. M., S. P. L., Scribe, Quartermaster, P. L., A. P. L.
4. *Other Officers* as needed provision may be made for Troop Bugler, Flag Bearers, Librarian, Editor, etc.
5. *Green Bar System:* The Green Bar System shall be followed as far as possible. This refers to the tie-up of the Scout handling a specific office with the T. C. member supervising the like department. This must not conflict with the rights of the S. M.

V. SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

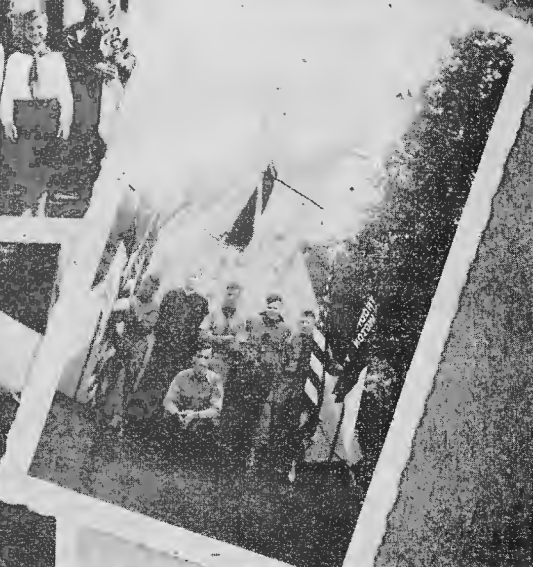
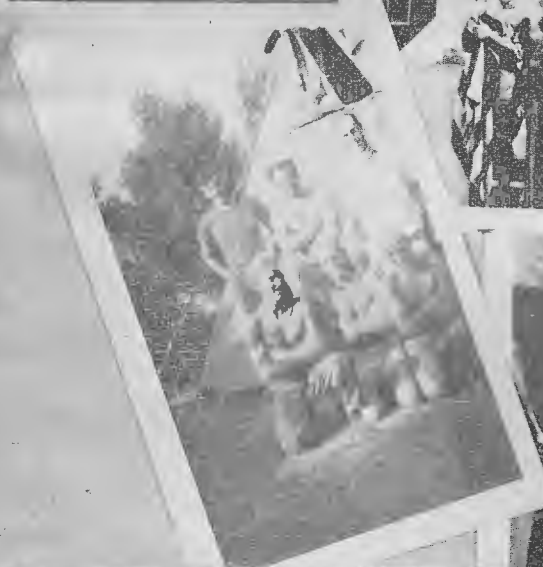
Patron Saint

1. *Monthly Communion:* All members of the Troop shall endeavor to receive Holy Communion, in a body and in uniform on the Sunday, etc.
2. *Annual Mass:* An annual Mass shall be said for the Troop and benefactors, stipend for which shall be offered from the Troop treasury. A Mass shall be arranged for on the death of any member or benefactor.
3. *Additional Requirements* for the **various** tests for Scout Ranks as imposed by the Catholic Committee on Scouting **shall be obligatory** in this Troop and shall be supervised by the Chaplain and **checked by the TR. BD.,** of Review.
4. It shall be the duty of the **Chaplain to examine (and instruct)** each candidate, in the oath, Law, Slogan, and **Motto whenever these are required as part of a Scout test.**
5. *Other Phases of the spiritual Program* shall be observed as **suggested** by the Diocesan Scout Chaplain or Area Chaplain or Troop Chaplain.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Troop shall operate on the Patrol System.
2. The Troop shall operate on the Budget System. The T. C. Treasurer shall have the obligation of making himself acquainted with this and explaining it to all.

This Policy is only a suggested one but may serve as a model to meet your specific needs. It is most desired that every Troop have definite policies. Copy to go to each member of the Troop and Staff and to the parents of each Scout.





SCOUTING AT TAYLOR LODGE

Every year during the Christmas holidays the older boys take on a feat which they consider quite important. It is the trip to Taylor Lodge. This trip takes weeks of careful planning and preparation. For to carry your own grub and the necessities of every-day life means the careful measurement of all supplies which are to be taken.

After all the implements have been gathered it is the waiting of the great day that is the hardest. Great fun is enjoyed by talking over "old times" which have been experienced by previous trips.

At last the great day arrives and we are whizzing on our way to the mountains. When we arrive our packs are unloaded from the truck and we start on the long trail to the cabin. After our arrival, preparations for a good hearty supper are started, for the "gang" is mighty hungry after the long march. Incidentally, the march is all uphill and our packs are within the area of 35 or 40 pounds.

When supper is finished all of the boys go to bed and a good night's sleep is had by all.

Before dawn, we are up getting the morning meal and tending to the everyday chores. During the day the boys perhaps roam about the woods tracking, viewing mother nature at her best, or skiing. Every day something new is learned which adds to the mounting of valuable experience.

The scenery up here is something to marvel at. On all sides of the log cabin are towering mountains. In the front of the cabin is a cliff with icicles dripping down its sides. On a sunny day the icicles glisten and some look like a rainbow. In the rear of the cabin a hill slopes down to meet with a lake. Half way down a group of fir trees can be seen. In the trees, wild life thrives in abundance and in the lake are huge numbers of trout and other species of fish. All around are trees of great magnitude which reach their branches to the sky and God. Anyone who is a nature lover should go up there and cast his eyes on the wonderful works of God.

During the days which follow a fellow gets to feel as if he would like to spend the rest of his life there scouting and being with God's creation.

A lot of people think that when Scouts go on hikes they do not eat the proper food. Here is one of the meals which was prepared up there. We had fricassee rabbit (about 15 pounds) with baking powder biscuits which were just swimming in gravy from the rabbit. Potatoes went along with this. There was a side dish and many other things. To top it off was a nice hot cup of java. Boy, if that's not a meal fit for a king, what is?

At last, to our dismay, the day of departure arrives and with last glances at the cabin we make our way back to civilization. A good time is enjoyed by all and a return to Taylor Lodge is in the hearts of all.

ROBERT BONNETTE



LIFE AT CAMP

At last it was the great day. We were just turning into the long narrow road which leads to Zack Woods. The fellows, piled on top of the equipment in the truck, ducked the overhanging trees, their happy faces, their joyous shouts ringing forth as we rounded that last turn which gave us our first view of Camp, a scene we shall never forget.

Setting up Camp was new to most of us and although there was a great deal of work involved we found it very interesting and exciting.

The first night at camp was wonderful. Everyone was so excited and happy that there was very little sleep to be had by the happy gang.

The rest of the week was run on a schedule. Outside of cleaning up around the tents there was not much work to be done. A different tent had charge of cooking every day so that everybody had a chance to work and learn as well as play.

The day's activities consisted in swimming, boating, hiking, pole-vaulting and numerous other sports and games.

The days seemed to melt away almost before they had started and before we realized it we were breaking camp and leaving for home.

We were on the long narrow path again under much the same conditions as that short week ago only this time we were going the opposite way; and on top of the equipment, was a healthier, happier and better bunch of fellows than anywhere else in the whole world.

DONALD HAMLIN



SUMMER CAMP

Everybody knows what it's like to get that horrible feeling that you're falling through space and then wake up to find you've fallen out of bed. Well, at camp almost every Scout wakes each morning with this happy sensation and of course a cheery word for the patrol leader in charge who just happened to bump into the cot. Then our happy Scout walks out of his tent to hear a petit voice saying, "Alright youse guys, fall in by patrols for flag raising". After this, the usual ceremony of an amateur bugler banging up "To Colors", the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath and Law and, "Go dunk your faces or you don't eat". So our hero takes his toilet kit, trots a mile to the pond and soaks his face in some soothing ice cold water. Ah, now for breakfast. He lines up, gets his morning fuel (which by the way is high test) and now—hasn't the day gotten off to a beautiful start?

The average morning is spent getting the grounds policed up, cutting fire wood, working on the Chaplain's conscripted gang or he might go canoeing, boating, hiking or just mischief making until it's time to go swimming. Having finished swimming he returns to camp to refuel at dinner, which vary as to quantity and quality according to the patrol that is on cooking detail. (Nothing like a little change. Ed. note).

In the afternoon everybody is free to do as he wishes unless there is a special event such as a water rodeo, athletic contest or troop competition of some sort. Although everybody has the afternoon to himself you can be sure that the swimming area will be filled with boys when the period rolls around. Then back to camp to have supper.

After supper our boy must prepare his bunk and tent for the night, and then of course he must help get the camp cleaned up again. It's very peculiar how a camp with thirty-five boys can get dirty when all the boys are so neat, but the fact remains that somehow or other it has to be cleaned three times a day. Then one likes to go canoeing until the moon comes over the top of the trees and shines on the water, sending dancing streaks of light every which way. The moon on the water is a very beautiful sight, but it seems our little friends would much rather use the water to antagonize the Scout in the next canoe than to watch it catch moonbeams. Only then is our adventurer ready to go back to camp and sit by an entrancing campfire. Songs are sung and jokes are told until everybody is hoarse and so tired they can't sit up straight. So off to bed and very few are awake when taps is blown. (Taps is the only bugle call that can be distinguished from the other calls).

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