

95th Anniversary Celebration

Troop 147 BSA – Nutley, NJ

Sponsored by the Franklin Reformed Church

Saturday April 30th 2016

Held at the Franklin Steakhouse



Program

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Opening/Flag Ceremony	Troop 147 Scouts
Benediction	Reverend Jill Fenske
Opening Comments/Introductions	Scoutmaster Al
Town Proclamation	Commissioner Steven Rogers
Troop Awards*	Scoutmaster Al
Scout Activity	Troop 147 Scouts
Buffet Dinner	All
Alumni sharing during dinner	Troop 147 Alumni
Summer Camp Plans	Mike Groome
Thanks for Support!	Scoutmaster Al
Closing	Troop 147



Golden Eagles

* Thanks to John Greiss of Advanced Engraving, 973-766-6415 for donating the plaque engraving!

Welcome Scouts, Scouters, Parents, Alumni and guests!

Congratulations and **THANKS** to everyone who helped us over the past year.

The recent movie, *The Revenant*, the story of real-life trapper and frontiersman, Hugh Glass who was mauled by a grizzly bear in 1823 but managed to survive, (played by actor Leonardo DiCaprio who won the Best Actor Oscar) reminded me of our Troop's situation. Revenant means "one that returns as if from the dead or a long absence".

Three years ago our troop had five registered Scouts, who weren't really participating, to keep the troop barely alive. It was as if the troop was dead. Then a miracle happened. In April, 2013 five Scouts from Troop 142 transferred in to our troop plus two new Scouts joined. Then in May, 2013 four Webelos Scouts from Pack 141 registered in our troop, and we came "back from the dead".

Interested Scouts and parents recognized the past accomplishments of Troop 147 and used that as a springboard to help propel our Troop onward and upward, with the added help of our Scout Leaders, back to the land of the living. The skills learned by the Scouts are always evident in Klondike Derby competition and on camping trips. What the boys are learning is not only how to take care of themselves in any situation, but how to help and take care of each other while having fun. I enjoy the laughter I hear from Scouts at Troop meetings because it indicates that the boys are doing what Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wanted them to do over a hundred and eight years ago, when he said, "Scouting is a game, played by boys, under the guidance of adults". Scouts are learning and having fun while learning. Before they join the Troop none of the boys knew how to tie a Clove Hitch, apply an ankle bandage, lash poles together, rope rescue a swimmer, orient a map with a compass, take a degree reading, plan a weekend menu for a group, find the North star, tell the difference between an oak and a maple tree, pitch a tent, plus many other Scout skills. In addition, not many boys had taken a five mile hike. And, I can venture to guess there was lots of laughter when doing these things.

Earlier this month, our Scouts in their uniform with their brand-new 95th Golden Eagle troop neckerchief were honored by Commissioner Steve Rogers, Commissioner Tom Evans and Mayor Al Petracco at a ceremony held by Commissioner Rogers office, for their exceptional service to God and country. The Scouts looked sharp and no doubts all the parents there and the Troop Leaders couldn't be prouder.

This leads us to our theme for 2016:

"Onward and Upward While Learning and Having Fun"

So what are you waiting for? Let's go!!!

Blow the dust off your brand-new Scout Handbook, crack the binder, read the information, ASK FOR HELP, pass that test, earn your next rank, keep moving onward and upward and, most important, have fun doing it.

Yours in Scouting,



Scoutmaster for Troop 147 (43 years)

A Final note: In the 1940's and 1950's, there used to be 11 or 12 Scout Troops in Nutley, now Troop 147 is the only one still active.



Dear Scouts, Parents, Alumni and Guests,

Welcome. This troop has participated in numerous and spectacular events in the past year, as well as in the past ninety-five years. For starters, we had the annual Klondike Derby which is something that every scout looks forward to. This year, we had two teams participate and one took home an award for best in town. Other events and trips were Summer Camp, Rifle Camp, Cabin Camping, and the soup kitchen that the boys volunteered at, which earned them four community service hours. This year, we are planning many great things, which are soon to be announced.

This year, the ninety-fifth anniversary, we have many trips and events planned, some of which are parties like our Christmas party or our father-son night. We also have many fun camping trips planned that I can't wait to attend.

Yours in Scouting,

Anthony Gingerelli
Senior Patrol Leader
Troop 147



Mike, Anthony & Al at the Camp NO-BE-BO-SCO Cabin camping trip - January, 10, 2016

Troop 147 Today!

Anthony Gingerelli SPL

Jim Quinn TG

BULLDOGS

Frank Bartell PL

Robert Harbison APL

Rocco Galasso

Anthony Gola SC

Edward Greig

James Martzen

Christopher Sousa

Eric Long

STAG

Jake Shoemaker PL

Bhuvan Dave APL

Scott Bolton QM

Pranav Kumara

Praneth Kumara

Jose Medrano

Joseph O'Halloran

Aakash Patel

WOLF

Suvan Bhat PL

Alvaro Flores APL

Anish Kumar

Ryan Lui

Archer St. Amant

Garret Wallace

Al C Welenofsky SM

Diane Bolton SA

James Quinn SA

Jillaine Gingerelli COR

Mike Groome CC

Peter Balma CM

Debbie Bartell CM

Scott Bolton CM

Joanne Ventura-Gola CM



Troop 95th Anniversary Recognition with Mayor Al Petracco and Commissioners Steve Rogers, Tom Evans on April 2, 2016

Appalachian Trail Hike through Maryland

July 1986



Members of Scout Troop 147 pose in Civil War garb at a Harpers Ferry, W. Va., photo studio. Seated, from left, are Sean Coffey and Assistant Scoutmaster Bela Schwartz. Standing, from left, are Eddie Burke, Jr.; Assistant Scoutmaster Steven Ralston; Scoutmaster Al Welenofsky; Georges Bergen; Andrew DeMars; Jim Quinn, Jr.

For a week last July, eight members of Nutley, N.J., Boy Scout Troop 147, sponsored by Franklin Reformed Church, hiked 52 miles along the Appalachian Trail from Harpers Ferry, north across Maryland into southern Pennsylvania. The group consisted of Scoutmaster Al C. Welenofsky, Assistant Scoutmasters Bela Schwartz and Steven Ralston, and Scouts Sean Coffey, Georges Bergen, Eddie Burke, Jr., Jim Quinn, Jr, Andrew DeMars, and the troop's mascot, Welenofsky's dog, Joli.

The group backpacked 32 miles in the first three days. This part of the trip helped the boys meet a requirement for the backpacking merit badge. The first four miles were along the towpath of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, which parallels the Potomac River for 184.5 miles from Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md. From there, the group went straight up rough, rocky terrain some 2,000 feet. Camp that evening was set up on top of South Mountain. The next day, the group hiked 14 miles and spent the night at a state campground with hot showers—a real treat after hiking in 95 degree heat.

The Trail along South Mountain passes through the same area where, on Sept. 14, 1862, the Civil War battle of South Mountain was fought. The Union Army of the Potomac, led by Gen. George McClellan, was attempting

to prevent the Confederate army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, from capturing Harpers Ferry. Many skirmishes took place, resulting in more than 6,000 men dead, wounded, or missing on both sides. By dawn the next day, the Union held all the mountain passes and was in position to descend the western slope of the mountain toward Lee's army.

Three days later, both armies met again on the banks of Antietam Creek for the bloodiest day of the Civil War. Two other historical landmarks along the Trail are the Old South Mountain Inn and Dahlgren Chapel. The 200-year-old Old South Mountain Inn, visited by several presidents, is one of the oldest public houses along the Appalachian Trail. Opposite the inn is the stone Gothic Dahlgren Chapel, built by the widow of Admiral Dahlgren, inventor of the Dahlgren cannon, which was used in the battle of the ironclads, U.S.S. Monitor and the C.S.S. Merrimac, off the Virginia coast.

The next day, the group hiked to Washington Monument State Park where, on July 4, 1872, the residents of Boonsboro, Md., erected the first monument in memory of George Washington. The monument, located on top of South Mountain, served as a look-out post during the Civil War. That night, the group slept in a small lean-to typical of most A.T. shelters. Due to the dry weather, the group had to rely on its own supply of water, obtained from springs along the Trail, because the spring near the campsite was bone-dry.

After three days of backpacking, the Trail had taken its toll on the group. Blisters and sore feet, as well as general aches and pains, plagued the group, and some boys were hesitant about hiking the remaining 20 miles. Then, "Appalachian Granny," a 70-year-old A.T. hiker walked by, giving the boys renewed vigor. In the past seven years, she had hiked over 1,300 miles of the Trail.

The last two days of hiking (20 miles) were done without packs as the group shuttled to and from their campsite in Gettysburg, Pa., to the Appalachian Trail. After completing the 52-mile adventure, the group toured the Gettysburg Museum and saw the famous "electric map," a narrated exhibit that shows the three days' action of the Union and Confederate troops during the battle of Gettysburg.

Two of the highlights of the trip were meeting and talking with many hikers, who were spending the whole summer on the Trail, and the fabulous scenic views from the tops of the mountain ridges.

Before beginning the hike, the group performed over 36 man-hours of cleanup on Virginius Island, adjacent to Harpers Ferry, as a service project for the National Park Service. Other service projects included cleaning up garbage and glass in a parking area along a country road where the Trail crosses and dismantling a number of rock dams across streams at Caledonia State Park in Pennsylvania. These service projects, totaling 10 hours of work, coupled with the 52 mile hike, entitled each member of the group to earn the 50-miler award from the Boy Scouts of America.

With the completion of this part of the Appalachian Trail, Scoutmaster Welenofsky and Assistant Scoutmaster Schwartz both earned the Mason-Dixon Historic Trails Award, which they began working on in 1971. The award is given those who complete 46 miles on the A.T., including the 28-mile Forbes Road Trail near McConnellsburg, Pa.; the 10-mile Antietam Battlefield Historical Trail; and 64 miles along the C & O Canal from Harpers Ferry to Hancock, Md.

Troop 147 at the Start of C&O Canal Trip - August 14, 1976



Left to right: Pete Balma, Ralph Morris, Bob Zachowsky, John Scheckel, Mark Malanga, Robert Diachesyn, Jim Maguire, Paul Scheckel, Pete Greco, Sean McDonough

Summer Camp July 1987 – Resica Falls, Pennsylvania



From left: Frank Ventura, Mike Groome Jr., Tommy Windheim, Bill Sheerin, Mike Dokachev, Eric Conrad, Jonathan Fagioli, Chris O'Brien, Steve Rizzi, Jeff Quinn, Graham Gardner, Kerry Cook, Ray Chick, Jose Raboy, Ryan Landrigan, Joe Gibaldi, Brendon Hoch, Mike Groome Sr.

Troop 147 Wins 10th Consecutive Klondike Derby - 1991



Governor "Kiondike" Al Welenofsky (left) and Lieutenant Governor "Yukon" Mike Groome Sr. (far right) stand with the captains of the winning teams in the 43rd annual Klondike Derby (from left to right): 1st place-Marc Gingerelli, Troop 147, Nutley; 2nd place-Mike Dokachev, Troop 147, Nutley; 3rd place-Jeff Jeremias, Troop 2, Bloomfield; 4th place-Sung-Bok Lee, Troop 301, Belleville; 5th place-Stephen Rizzi, Troop 147, Nutley/Troop 22, Bloomfield.

Troop 147 - 2013 Renaissance



Troop 147 Scoutmaster Al C Welenofsky is surrounded by his Scouts as they commemorate 90 years of meeting in the Franklin Reformed Church Community House. Pictured left to right, in the first row are Scott Bolton, Frank Bartell, Jayson Mejia, Jimmy Quinn, and Zach Mackiewicz. In the back, left to right, are Anthony Gingerelli, Anthony Gola, Scoutmaster Al, Gabe Camacho, Robert Harbison, and Assistant Scoutmaster Jim Quinn. Missing when the picture was taken were Scouts Jake Shoemaker and Richard Robinson.

Troop History

The troop was chartered in June 1917 under Scoutmaster W.J. Gray with Franklin Reformed Church minister Rev. Harold F. Schenck, and lasted two years to 1919. Perhaps the First World War contributed to the troop's end due to lack of leadership. The troop had met in the basement of the church before the Community House was built. Nine scouts had joined the troop.

With the completion of the Community House in 1923, the troop was re-chartered in February of that year and met in this building under Scoutmaster David Halliday with help from Schenck, who also served as the troop's committee chairman.

Troop 147 has had continuous tenure there for the past 93 years. Other ministers who also served as executive officers included the Rev. Arthur Rosenraad (1928-1962), the Rev. Leonard Jones (1962-1980), the Rev. Eugene Roberts (1981-1989), Interim Minister the Rev. John Hart (1989-1991) and the Rev. Jill C. Fenske (1991 to present).

The troop has had 14 scoutmasters in its 95-year existence. Current Scoutmaster Al C. Welenofsky joined the troop when he was 12-years-old in October 1949 under Scoutmaster James Swan. In February 1950, Mark F. Hallam Sr. became the Scoutmaster and led the troop until February 1965 when Welenofsky, the 13th Scoutmaster, who was trained by Hallam, took over and kept that position until February 2000 when Anthony Dalfino became the leader. In February 2008, Welenofsky again became the Scoutmaster and has totaled more than 43 years in that position. He has however, served as a Scout Leader (Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster) for over 61 years.

23 Scouts are currently in the troop. There have been 121 Troop 147 boys who have earned Eagle Scout with the first two boys, Arwid Michaelson and Frank W. Scamell, earning the award in 1929. Scamell later became the Scoutmaster from 1935-39. In April 1952, Welenofsky was the 11th Scout to earn Eagle in the troop. Many Assistant Scoutmasters assisting Welenofsky have earned Eagle Scout. Al has 72 of the 121 Eagle Scouts to his and their credit.

Troop 147 meets Tuesdays at 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Franklin Reformed Church Community House at 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ, 07110 and is open to all boys 11 thru 17 years of age.

Troop Records



The Eagle Scouts of Troop 147



Name	Date	Highest Palm Earned	Name	Date	Highest Palm Earned
1 Arwid Michaelson	1929	Bronze	62 Karl Kjellberg Jr.	October 18, 1968	
2 Frank W. Scamell	1929		63 Peter Balma	June 20, 1969	Gold
3 Richard Sachs	1931		64 Allan Wood	June 20, 1969	
4 William Fritze	1934		65 Marc Norton	June 19, 1970	Gold
5 Russell Wester	1934		66 Alan Mandveno	October 16, 1970	Gold
6 Hugh M. Maxwell	December 17, 1940		67 Gregory Meola	Jan. 15, 1971	Bronze
7 Edward C. Seufert	August 6, 1949	Bronze	68 Ray Oram	Jan. 15, 1971	
8 Thomas C. Spatz	September 21, 1951	Bronze	69 Albert "Buddy" Turi	February 19, 1971	Bronze
9 Carl L. Schulerud	September 21, 1951		70 Richard T. Virgin	February 19, 1971	
10 Peter S. Shelley	December 28, 1951		71 Bela Schwartz	December 17, 1971	Bronze
11 Al C. Welenofsky	April 7, 1952	Triple Silver & Bronze	72 R. Gregory Nicholls	Jan. 21, 1972	Double Silver & Bronze
12 Gary L. Seufert	May 9, 1952	Bronze	73 James LaManna	Jan. 21, 1972	Bronze
13 William R. Kay	October 24, 1952	Gold	74 David Zablocki	April 21, 1972	Silver
14 Leo E. Dion	July 2, 1953	Silver	75 Gordon Flint	February 9, 1973	
15 Kimberly Huron	October 27, 1953	Bronze	76 Walter Glomb Jr.	Jan. 21, 1974	
16 Richard Siegel	November 27, 1953	Bronze	77 Anthony Malanga Jr.	Jan. 21, 1974	Gold
17 Robert Siegel	May 28, 1954	Bronze	78 James Maguire*	August 29, 1976	
18 Ted R. Nothaft	June 25, 1954	Gold	79 Mark Malanga*	November 8, 1977	Bronze
19 Harry Wright	June 25, 1954		80 Jon R. Welch Steel*	November 8, 1977	Silver
20 Robert Klaus	September 24, 1954		81 Charles Ennis Jr.*	November 22, 1977	
21 Mark F. Hallam Jr.	September 24, 1954		82 Ralph Morris*	June 27, 1978	
22 Robert J. Welenofsky	November 26, 1954	Silver & Bronze	<i>* 24 merit badges required for Eagle during this period</i>		
23 Douglas Slade	November 26, 1955		83 Richard Craine	September 21, 1978	
24 Earnest Dion	December 30, 1955		84 Frank Malanga	November 30, 1981	Bronze
25 William McMahon	February 28, 1958		85 Michael Abidiwan	July 29, 1982	
26 Albert Hallam	March 28, 1958	Bronze	86 Gregory Bernhardt	February 16, 1983	
27 Robert W. Deemer	April 25, 1958		87 John Hsu	February 16, 1983	
28 Jeffrey Clarke	October 24, 1958		88 Ken Martin	February 16, 1983	
29 Andre Jack Jackson	June 17, 1960	Gold	89 David Miller	February 16, 1983	
30 Hans Irmer	June 17, 1960	Bronze	90 Chris Malanga	February 16, 1983	
31 John Wilson	September 16, 1960		91 Sean O'Brien	December 27, 1983	Bronze
32 E. Errol Ernstrom	October 21, 1960	Gold	92 Jeff Ford	July 15, 1985	Silver & Gold
33 Gregory Shaffer	October 21, 1960	Silver	93 Alex Conrad	February 27, 1986	Bronze
34 Martin Torres	November 18, 1960	Bronze	94 Sean Reilly	February 27, 1986	Bronze
35 Bertram Barron Jr.	December 16, 1960		95 Frank Ventura Jr.	April 21, 1987	Bronze
36 Robert Patterson Jr.	September 15, 1961		96 Gus Coldebella	November 24, 1987	
37 David Pezzutti	June 15, 1962	Bronze	97 Georges Bergen	November 24, 1987	Bronze
38 Jack Pope	May 17, 1963	Bronze	98 James Bombolevicz	April 26, 1988	
39 Stephen Reiners	June 21, 1963		99 Chris O'Brien	December 20, 1988	Bronze - Al's 50th Eagle!
40 Paul Smith	June 21, 1963		100 Erik Conrad	February 16, 1989	Bronze
41 Paul Perna	September 20, 1963		101 Joseph Gibaldi	June 13, 1989	
42 Ray DeBaun Jr.	December 20, 1963		102 Chris Wentworth	June 13, 1989	
43 Richard Davis	June 19, 1964		103 Gerald Ryan	April 10, 1990	
44 Mark Smith	June 22, 1964		104 Brendon Hoch	December 23, 1990	
45 Robert Verlezza	December 30, 1964		105 Kerry Cook	December 23, 1990	
46 Claus Hauer	Jan. 15, 1965	Bronze	106 Matthew Smith	February 19, 1991	
47 Ronald Hallam	Jan. 15, 1965		107 Jeffrey Quinn	July 23, 1991	
48 Laren Rackell	February 19, 1965		108 Marc Gingerelli	October 8, 1991	Silver & Bronze
49 Bruce Henderson	February 19, 1965		109 Ryan Landrigan	July 28, 1992	Bronze
50 Jonathan Rowland	May 19, 1965	Al's first Eagle!	110 Stephen Rizzi Jr.	October 13, 1992	Gold - 50th Troop 147 Eagle to earn a Palm
51 Gary Schroller	February 18, 1966		111 Mark C. Smith	October 13, 1992	
52 Mark Perry	May 31, 1966		112 David Hagedorn	June 15, 1993	
53 Mark Schreiner	April 21, 1967		113 William Lillis Jr.	October 26, 1993	
54 Gary Torres (twin)	May 19, 1967	Gold	114 Daniel Farabaugh	Jan. 11, 1994	Silver & Gold - Al's 65th Eagle!
55 Glen Torres (twin)	May 19, 1967	Bronze	115 Joseph JJ Bocchiaro Jr.	June 14, 1994	
56 Stanley Kiwor	June 16, 1967	Bronze	116 Zachary Maichuk	February 16, 1995	
57 Paul Arents	October 20, 1967		117 Tom Evans	February 16, 2000	Gold
58 James Balma	October 20, 1967		118 Peter LaFountain	December 21, 2000	
59 William Edelman	December 15, 1967		119 Carmine Rizzi	June 22, 2005	Bronze
60 James LeMaire	December 15, 1967	Bronze	120 Robert Wagner	February 6, 2006	Bronze
61 Richard Meola	October 18, 1968	Bronze	121 John Papa	February 6, 2006	Silver



Last Three Eagle Scouts

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Nutley Sun

Thursday, June 15, 2006

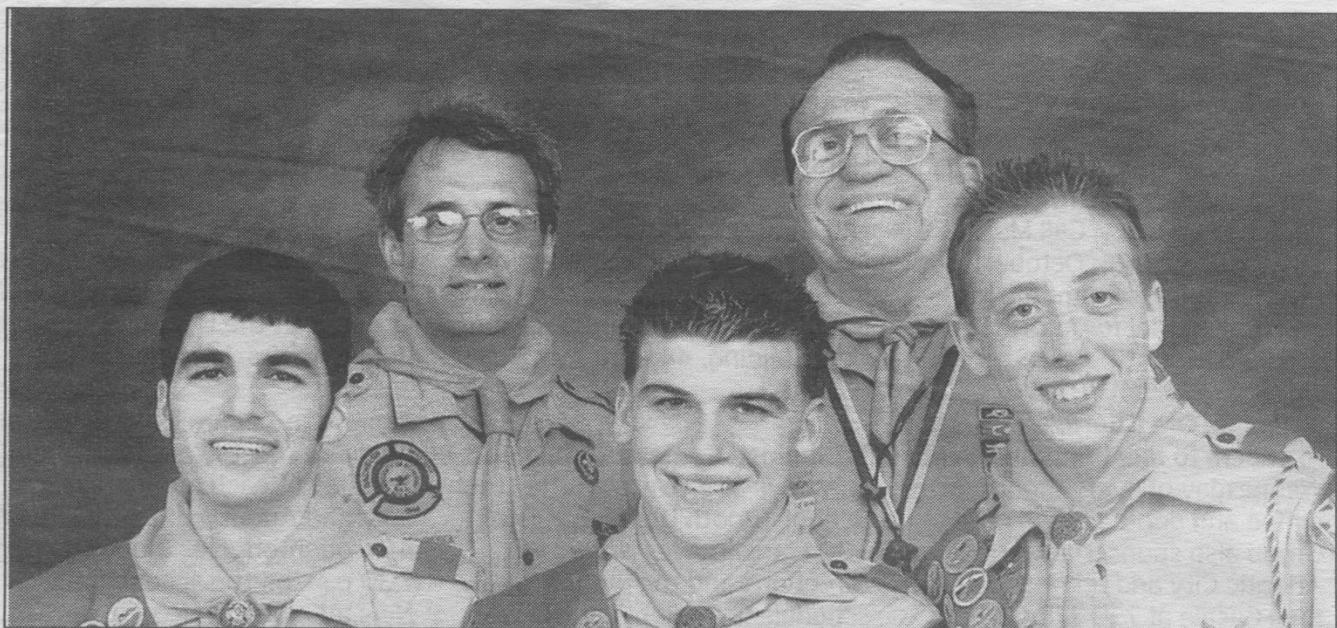


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Tony Dalfino (left rear), Troop 147 Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmaster Al Welonofsky present their newest Eagle Scouts: Carmine Rizzi, Robert Wagner and John Papa.

Troop 147 Members Who Have Earned Eagle Scout Elsewhere

Raymond DeBaun Sr.	April 30, 1932	Troop 10, West Orange	
Mark F. Hallam Sr.	July 5, 1933	Troop 10, West Orange	Silver & Bronze
Walter L. Brightman	March 25, 1935	Troop 164, Rutherford	Bronze
Carl Verdi	June 1, 1956	Troop 148, Nutley	
Jim Hoft	November 1, 1963	Troop 68, Jamaica, New York	Silver
Arnis Mangolds	November 16, 1964	Troop 141, Nutley	
Andrew Porter	January 14, 1967	Troop 142, Ponce, Puerto Rico	



Eagle Palms

6 Eagles	Al Welenofsky	10 Palms	Triple Silver & Bronze Palm (50 extra merit badges)
	Greg Nicholls	7 Palms	Double Silver & Bronze (35 extra merit badges)
	Jeff Ford	5 Palms	Silver & Gold Palm (25 extra merit badges)
	Dan Farabaugh	5 Palms	Silver & Gold Palm (25 extra merit badges)
	Bob Welenofsky	4 Palms	Silver & Bronze Palm (20 extra merit badges)
	Marc Gingerelli	4 Palms	Silver & Bronze Palm (20 extra merit badges)

5 Eagles

Silver Palms

3 palms (15 merit badges after Eagle)

Leo Dion	Greg Shaffer
Dave Zablocki	Jon Welch Steel
John Papa	

11 Eagles

Gold Palms

2 palms (10 merit badges after Eagle)

Bill Kay	Ted Nothaft
Andre Jack Jackson	Errol Ernstrom
Gary Torres	Pete Balma
Marc Norton	Alan Mandveno
Anthony Malanga Jr.	Stephen Rizzi, Jr.
Tom Evans	

33 Eagles

Bronze Palms

1 palm (5 merit badges after Eagle)

Arwid Michaelson	Ed Seufert	Tommy Spatz
Gary Seufert	Kim Huron	Richard Siegel
Robert Siegel	Al Hallam	Hans Irmer
Marty Torres	Dave Pezzutti	Jack Pope
Claus Hauer	Glen Torres	Stanley Kiwor
Jim LeMaire	Richard Meola	Greg Meola
Albert "Buddy" Turi	Bela Schwartz	Jim LaManna
Mark Malanga	Frank Malanga	Sean O'Brien
Frank Ventura Jr.	Alex Conrad	Sean Reilly
Georges Bergen	Chris O'Brien	Erik Conrad
Carmine Rizzi	Ryan Landrigan	Robert Wagner

55 of our 121 Eagles have earned at least 1 palm

Recipients of The Religious Award

Ad Altare Dei - Catholic

Leo Dion	1954	Chris Malanga	1978
Al Welenofsky	1955	Peter Greco	1978
James Mianecki	1959	Ken Heim	1978
Paul Perna	1961	Ken Martin	1978
Alan Mianecki	1961	Greg Bernhardt	1978
Stanley Kiwor	1965	Tom Pfister	1978
Jack Cox	1966	David Miller	1979
Gary S. Torres	1966	Paul Bruno	1979
Glen Torres	1966	Marc Bruno	1979
William Wilson	1966	Nick LaPoma	1979
Gregory Apicella	1966	Billy Padner III (w/Troop 152)	1979
James Balma	1967	Robert Hoarle Jr.	1981
Gary Schroller	1967	Brian Hoarle	1981
Paul Arents	1967	Jim Bombolevicz	1986
Peter Balma	1967	Ed Burke Jr.	1986
Robert Kiwor	1967	Sean Coffey	1986
Fred Lane	1967	Gus Coldebella	1986
Richard Meola	1967	Erik Conrad	1986
Marc Norton	1968	David Hoppe	1986
Richard Wilson	1969	Sean Reilly	1986
Francis Tiene	1969	Gerard Tusa	1986
Walter Glomb Jr.	1969	Phillip Tusa	1986
Gregory Meola	1969	Frank Ventura Jr,	1986
Richard T. Virgin	1969	Chris Wentworth	1986
Robert Maffia	1969	Marc Gingerelli	1992
Alan Mandveno	1969	Stephen Rizzi Jr.	1992
James Glomb	1970	Ryan Landrigan	1992
David Zablocki	1970	Bill Lillis Jr.	1992
James LaManna	1972	Michael Cesena	1992
Raymond Marx	1972	Carmin Rizzi	2004
Anthony Malanga Jr.	1973	Jake Shoemaker	2015
John Scheckel	1973	Anthony Gola	2016
John Scheckel	1973	Alvaro Flores	2016
Frank Malanga	1978		

Pope Pius XII - Catholic

Tom Evans 2000

Pro Deo et Patria - Lutheran

Gregory Shaffer 1962

Living Faith-God & Church - Lutheran

David Dombrowski 1996

God and Country - Episcopal

Sean O'Brien 1982
Bob Brouillard Jr. 1982
Chris O'Brien 1985

Light is Life - Eastern Rite Catholic

Andrew De Mars 1986

Scouters

Bronze Pelican Award - Catholic

Phil A. Tusa 1987
Richard Landrigan 1989

Ner Tamid - Jewish

Allan Dorfman (w/Troop 141) 1963
William Edelman 1965
Mark Schreiner 1967
Bela Schwartz 1970
Judson Boff 1974

St. George Award - Catholic

Bob Welenofsky (Lynnwood, V) 1980
Phil A. Tusa 1989

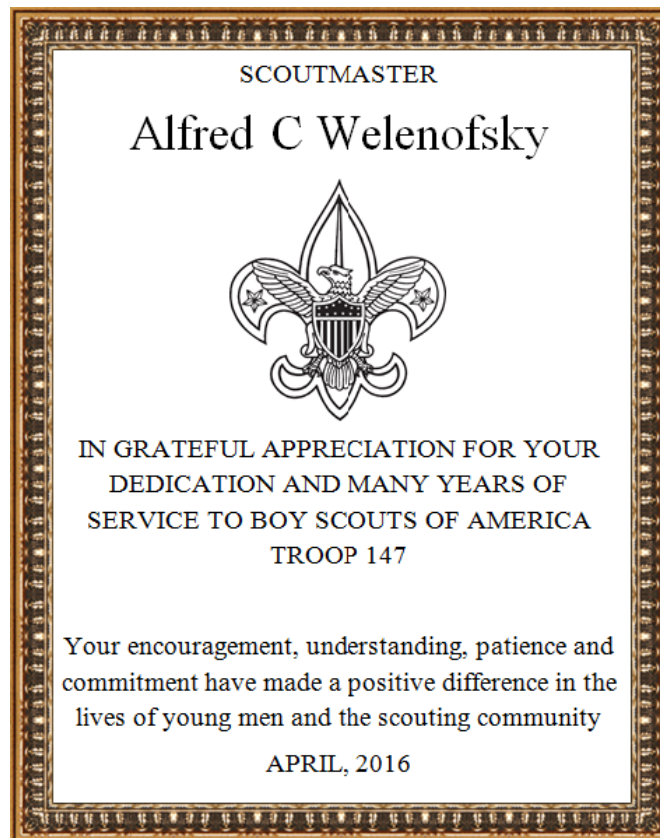
Fleur de Lis Award - Catholic Den Leaders

Rose Heim



March 1st 1965: Al becomes Troop 147 Scoutmaster. Mark Hallam had been the Scoutmaster for 15 years. Mark became the Committee Chairman.

Al's Plaque!



Troop 147 Scoutmasters

			Council
1	W.J. Gray	June 1917 to June 1919	2d class (Nutley)
2	David Halliday	Feb. 1923 to May 1925	Nutley
3	James Roe Jordan	May 1925 to Dec. 1926	2d class (Nutley)
4	Chester R. Bellows	Dec. 1926 to Feb. 1930	Bloomfield-Nutley
5	Welcome Williams	Feb. 1930 to Feb. 1932	Bloomfield-Nutley
6	Clinton E. Rose	Feb. 1932 to Feb. 1935	Bloomfield- Nutley*
7	Frank W. Scamell	Feb. 1935 to Feb. 1939	Tamarack
8	John Del Grosso	Feb. 1939 to Feb. 1942	Tamarack
9	Howard H. Gillingham	Feb. 1942 to Feb. 1944	Tamarack
10	J.H. Boyd	Feb. 1944 to Feb. 1945	Tamarack
11	James P. Swan	Feb. 1945 to Feb. 1950	Tamarack
12	Mark F. Hallam Sr.	Feb. 1950 to Feb. 1965	Tamarack
13	Al C Welenofsky	Feb. 1965 to Feb. 2000	Tamarack, Essex
14	Anthony Dalfino	Feb. 2000 to Feb. 2008	Essex, Northern New Jersey
15	Al C Welenofsky	Feb. 2008 To Present	Northern New Jersey

* Clinton E. Rose was Scoutmaster of Troop 147 and Scout Executive of Bloomfield-Nutley Council. In 1935, Rose became the first Scout Executive of Tamarack Council (333), after its incorporation. At that time, North Arlington, Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Wood Ridge and Moonachie joined Nutley and Bloomfield to form the new council, Tamarack.

Troop 147 Committee Chairmen

John F. Clark, Harold W. Schenck and George Hill	June 1917 to June 1919
John F. Clark, Harold W. Schenck and George A. Hill	Feb. 1923 to Feb. 1925
Harold W. Schenck, A.P. Newkirk and John F. Clark	Feb. 1925 to Feb. 1926
Harold W. Schenck	Feb. 1926 to Feb. 1928
Chester H. Ryan	Feb. 1928 to Feb. 1929
John F. Clark	Feb. 1929 to Feb. 1930
Chester H. Ryan	Feb. 1930 to Feb. 1933
John T. Hancock	Feb. 1933 to Apr. 1937
J.A. Scamell	Apr. 1937 to Feb. 1939
Ralph L. McCoy Sr.	Feb. 1939 to Feb. 1941
J. Howard Maxwell	Feb. 1941 to Feb. 1942
Arthur S. Page	Feb. 1942 to Feb. 1943
Howard W. Stoddard	Feb. 1943 to Aug. 1962
E. Einar Ernstrom	Aug. 1962 to Feb. 1965
Mark F. Hallam Sr.	Feb. 1965 to Mar. 1974
Paul Arents	Mar. 1974 to Feb. 1995
Michael E. Groome, Sr.	Feb. 1995 to Feb. 1998
Anthony Malanga Jr.	Feb. 1998 to Feb. 1999
Tracy Scheckel	Feb 1999 to Nov. 2002
Marilyn Dalfino	Nov. 2002 to Feb. 2008
Anthony Dalfino	Feb 2008 to Feb. 2011
Michael E. Groome, Sr.	Feb. 2011 to Present

Troop 147 Chartered Organization Representatives (formerly called Institutional Representative and Scouting Coordinator)

1	Howard P. Clark	Feb. 1947 to Feb. 1956
2	Arthur S. Page	Feb. 1956 to Feb. 1963
3	Cesar Torres	Feb. 1963 to Feb. 1970
4	Warren Reiners	Feb. 1970 to Feb. 1978
5	Dave Dey	Feb. 1978 to Oct. 1986
6	Michael E. Groome	Oct. 1986 to Feb. 1988
7	Dave Dey	Feb. 1988 to Feb. 1995
8	Phil A. Tusa	Feb. 1995 to Feb. 1998
9	Michael E. Groome	Feb. 1998 to Feb. 2011
10	Peter Balma	Feb. 2011 to Feb 2016
11	Jillaine Gingerelli	Feb. 2016 to Present

Ministers of Franklin Reformed Church (during Troop 147 tenure)

1	Rev. Harold F. Schenck	June 1917 to June 1919 Feb. 1923 to Feb. 1928
2	Rev. Arthur Rosenraad	Feb. 1928 to Feb. 1962
3	Rev. Edwin T. Jones-Interim Minister	March 1962 to Aug. 1963
4	Rev. Leonard Jones	Sept. 1963 to Dec. 1980
5	Rev. Eugene Roberts	Summer 1981 to July 1989
6	Rev. John Hart-Interim Minister	Fall 1989 to Feb. 1991
7	Rev. Jill C. Fenske	March 1991 to Present

A Century of Troop 147

1st 25 years: 1917-1919, 1923-1946	6 Eagle Scouts	11 Scoutmasters (10 + Jim Swan)
2nd 25 years: 1946-1971	64 Eagle Scouts	3 Scoutmasters (Jim Swan, Mark Hallam, Al Welenofsky)
3rd 25 years: 1971-1996	46 Eagle Scouts	1 Scoutmaster (Al Welenofsky)
4th 25 Years: 1996-2021	5 Eagle Scouts	2 Scoutmasters (Tony Dalfino, Al Welenofsky)
Total	121 Eagle Scouts	14 Scoutmasters

Troop 147 Councils

1917 to 1929 - Nutley Council #352	1929 to 1935 - Bloomfield Nutley Council #333
1935 to 1986 - Tamarack Council #333	1986 to 1999 - Essex Council #336
1999 to Present - Northern New Jersey Council #333	

TROOP 147- IN THE BEGINNING

The first troop meeting was held in the lecture room of the Church because the Community House had not yet been built. Charter members listed on the first charter, June 1917 to June 1918, include:

Scoutmaster	W.J. Gray
Assistant Scoutmaster	John F. Mitchell
Assistant Scoutmaster	?????
Troop Committee	John F. Clark
	Harold Schenck
	George A. Hill

Scouts	Date Joined
1 William Hathaway	June 1917
2 Ralph P. Smith	June 1917
3 William Peters	June 1917
4 Joseph Day	June 1917
5 E. Dixon Williams Jr.	June 1917
6 ?????	?????
7 ?????	?????
8 Alfred Heike	Jan. 1918
9 Gordon Scorso	Feb. 1918

SENIOR PATROL LEADERS of TROOP 147

Thomas Spatz	Sep. 1951 to Jan. 1952	Mark Malanga	Mar. 1977 to Dec. 1977
Al C Welenofsky	Oct. 1952 to Oct. 1954	Joe Gillies Jr.	Dec. 1977 to Apr. 1978
Ted Nothaft	Sep. 1954 to Dec. 1954	Jerome DiGiovanna	Apr. 1978 to Apr. 1979
Bob Klaus	Sep. 1954 to Feb. 1958	Frank Cordero, Jr.	Apr. 1979 to Nov. 1979
Bob Welenofsky	Nov 1954 to Dec. 1955	David Miller	Nov 1979 to Sep. 1980
Mark Hallam Jr.	Sep. 1955 to Sep. 1958	Greg Bernhardt	Sep. 1980 to Sep. 1982
Albert Hallam	Sep. 1958 to Feb. 1960	John Hsu	Sep. 1982 to Mar. 1983
Jim Miannecki	Sep. 1959 to Oct. 1960	Gerard Tusa	Mar. 1983 to Oct. 1984
Hans Irmer	Oct. 1960 to Mar. 1962	Sean O'Brien	Oct. 1984 to May 1987
Andre Jackson	Oct. 1960 to Mar. 1962	Alex Conrad	May 1987 to Feb. 1988
Robert Patterson	Oct. 1961 to Sep. 1963	Chris Wentworth	Feb. 1988 to Feb. 1989
Paul Perna	Sep. 1963 to Sep. 1964	Chris O'Brien	Feb. 1989 to June 1990
Ray DeBaun Jr.	Sep. 1964 to Mar. 1965	Matthew Smith	June 1990 to Feb. 1991
Larry Rackell	Mar. 1965 to Sep. 1965	Mark Smith	Feb. 1991 to June 1991
Gary Schroller	Sep. 1965 to Sep. 1967	Marc Gingerelli	June 1991 to Sep. 1993
Mark Schreiner	Sep. 1967 to Sep. 1968	Dan Farabaugh	Sep. 1993 to Feb. 1995
Peter Balma	Sep. 1968 to Feb. 1971	David Reilly	Feb. 1995 to Sep. 1996
Richard Virgin	Feb. 1971 to Aug. 1972	Michael Testa	Sep. 1996 to June 1997
Greg Meola	Aug. 1972 to May 1973	Chris Villani	June 1997 to Oct. 1998
Bela Schwartz	May 1973 to May 1975	Peter LaFountain	Oct. 1998 to ?
Dave Zablocki	May 1975 to Mar. 1976	Carmen Rizzi	? To March 2003
John DiGiovanna	Mar. 1976 to Oct. 1976	John Papa	March 2003 to?
John Scheckel	Oct. 1976 to Mar. 1977	Anthony Gingerelli Jr.	July 2014 to ?

Troop 147 Summer Camp & Summer Trips

Year Location		Leaders	Year Location	Leaders
1947	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1978	Rodney Scout Reservation, MD
1948	Camp Tamarack	Provisional		Camp Tamarack
1949	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1979	Rodney Scout Reservation, MD
1950	Camp Tamarack	Jack Ferrair SM	1980	Camp Tamarack
1951	Camp Tamarack	Ed Seufert Sr. SM, Herb Laird		Firelands Scout Reservation, OH
1952	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1981	Camp Tamarack
1953	Camp Tamarack	Mark Hallam, Sr. SM		DC/VA/MD 60th Anniv. Hiking Trip
1954	Camp Tamarack	Andy Blum, Sr. SM		Firelands Scout Reservation, OH
	High Point, NJ	Mark Hallam, Sr. SM	1982	Camp Tamarack
1955	Camp Tamarack	Andy Blum, Sr. SM		Firelands Scout Reservation, OH
	High Point, NJ	Mark Hallam, Sr. SM		Maryland/DC Hiking Trip
1956	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1983	Camp Tamarack
	Sussex (cow pasture)	Bob Welenofsky, Ted Nothafft, Ernie Dion, Bob Klaus		VA/MD/PA Hiking Trip
1957	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1984	Camp Allamuchy
1958	White Rock Lake, NJ	Mark Hallam, Sr. SM		Pennsylvania Hiking Trip
	Camp Tamarack	Provisional	1985	Camp Tamarack
1959	Camp Tamarack	Leo Dion SM		Shiloh Hiking Trip
1960	Camp Tamarack	Leo Dion SM		Charleston, SC Hiking Trip (12/85-1/1986)
1961	Camp Tamarack	Bob Welenofsky SM	1986	Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco
1962	Camp Tamarack	Bob Welenofsky SM		Appalachian Trail Hike
1963	Camp Tamarack	Bob Welenofsky SM, John Voolgaris, Jr., Bob Deemer	1987	1987 Ressica Falls, PA
1964	Camp Tamarack	Al Welenofsky SM, Steve Reiners		Alaska Trip
1965	Camp Tamarack	Al Welenofsky SM, Paul Smith, Ron Boedart	1988	1988 Rodney Scout Reservation, MD
1966	Ken-Etiwa-Pec	Al Welenofsky SM, Bob Sommerkamp	1989	Rodney Scout Reservation, MD
1967	Camp Tamarack	Bob Sommerkamp SM, Ray DeBaun, Jr., John Voolgaris, Jr.		Boston Hiking Trip
1968	Camp Tamarack	Al Welenofsky SM, Craig Jackson, Ray DeBaun, Jr.	1990	Winnebago Scout Reservation
	Minnesota/Ontario Border Lakes Canoe Trip	Al Welenofsky, Gene Conners	1991	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1969	Camp Tamarack	Richard Conklin SM	1992	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1970	Camp Tamarack	Craig Jackson SM, Paul Arents	1993	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1971	C&O Canal, MD 50th Anniv. Trip (184.5 mile hike)	Al Welenofsky, Pete Balma, Paul Arents and others		Philmont Scout Ranch, NM
1972	Camp Tamarack	Pete Balma, SM, Paul Arents	1994	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
	Memphis Scout Trip	Al Welenofsky, Pete Balma and others	1995	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1973	Camp Tamarack	Pete Balma SM, Gary Schroller	1996	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1974	Camp Tamarack	Al Welenofsky SM	1997	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
	NY Adirondack Canoe Trip	Pete Balma SM, Paul Arents	1998	Forestburg Scout Reservation, NY
1975	Camp Tamarack	Al Welenofsky SM	2013	Winnebago Scout Reservation
	NOAC/Hiking Trip	Al Welenofsky, Bela Schwartz	2014	Camp Somers, Allamuchy Scout Reservation
1976	Camp Tamarack	Bob Maffla SM, Alan Mandveno, Bela Schwartz	2015	Camp Somers, Allamuchy Scout Reservation
	C&O Canal, MD (184.5 mile hike)	Pete Balma, Paul Arents, Bob Maffla		
1977	Camp Tamarack Wk 1	Bob Maffla SM, Alan Mandveno, Bela Schwartz		
	Wk 2	Bela Schwartz SM		

Troop 147 Summer Camp Honor Campers

In 1964, Al developed the Golden Eagles and the Eagle Ts, a white T-shirt with a black Eagle stenciled on the left breast pocket, a tradition at summer camp well into the 1980s. When scouts were required to wear their uniforms to breakfast as well as dinner, Troop 147 would wear their Eagle Ts and a yellow neckerchief to breakfast instead.

As part of this program, at the end of each week of summer camp, the boys would elect the scout who best lived up to the points of the scout oath and law.

Year	Location	Honor Campers	Year	Location	Honor Campers
1964	Camp Tamarack	Mark Perry, Jimmy Balma	1982	Camp Tamarack	Sean Coffey, Sean O'Brien, Georges Bergen
1965	Camp Tamarack	Stanley Kiwor, Robert Kiwor	1983	Camp Tamarack	Gerard Tusa
1966	Ken-Etiwa-Pec	Richard Virgin, Richard Meola		VA/MD/PA Hiking Trip	Gus Coldebella
1961	(amp Tamarack	Peter Balma, Steven Shapiro	1984	Camp Allamuchy	Jim Bombolevicz
1968	(amp Tamarack	Richard Virgin, Greg Meola		Pennsylvania Hiking Trip	Gerald Ryan
1969	(amp Tamarack	Alan Mandveno, Walter Glomb, Jr.	1985	Camp Tamarack	Jim Quinn, Jr., Philip Tusa
1970	Camp Tamarack	Bela Schwartz, Keith Greengrove	1986	Camp No-Be-Bo-Sc	Jim Bombolevicz, Joe Gibaldi
1971	C&O Canal, MD 50th Anniv. Trip	Bela Schwartz, Keith Greengrove		Appalachian Trail Hike	Steve Ralston
1972	Camp Tamarack	Charles Ennis, Jr.	1987	Ressica Fall's Scout Res., PA	Jose Raboy, Joe Gibaldi
	Memphis Scout Trip	Tom Infusino, Jr.	1988	Rodney Scout Res., MD	Jason Nottle, Matthew Smith
1973	Camp Tamarack	John DiGiovanna, Eugene Beyer	1989	Rodney Scout Res., MD	Mike Dokachev, Jonathan Fagioli
1974	Camp Tamarack	Jerome DiGiovanno	1990	Camp Winnebago	Stephen Rizzi, Marc Gingerelli
	NY Adirondack Canoe Trip	Keith Greengrove	1991	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Aaron Stoddard, Dave Hagedorn, Bill Lillis, Jr.
1975	Camp Tamarack	Sean McDonnough, Robert Diacheys	1992	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Joseph JJ Bocchiaro
1976	Camp Tamarack	Roger Haight	1993	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Jason Quinn, Mike Cesena
	C&O Canal, MD	Ralph Morris	1994	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Daniel Farabaugh, Richard Ziccardi
1977	Camp Tamarack	Greg Bernhardt, Peter Greco	1995	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	David Reilly, Michael Testa
1978	Rodney Scout Res., MD	John Hsu	1996	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Joe Gugel III, Chris Villani, Peter lafountain
	Camp Tamarack	Peter DeAngelo	1997	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Tommy Evans, Eugene DePersio
1979	Rodney Scout Res., MD	Michael Abidiwan	1998	Forestburg Scout Res., NY	Lee Testa, Michael Somma, Tommy Evans
	Camp Tamarack	Dave Miller (on Tamarack staff)	2013	Winnebago Scout Reservation	Frank Bartell
1980	Camp Tamarack	William Padner III, Greg Bernhardt	2014	Camp Somers	Jake Shoemaker
1981	Camp Tamarack	Peter Keim	2015	Camp Somers	Jake Shoemaker, James Quinn
	DC/VA/MD 60th Anniv. Hiking Trip	Sean Coffey			



National Scout Jamborees Attended by Members of Troop 147

Year #	Location	Attendees
1937 1st	Washington, DC	Mark Hallam, Sr. (as member of Troop 10, West Orange)
1950 2nd	Valley Forge, PA	Tom Spatz, Ed Clary, Ed Seufert, Carl Schulerud
1953 3rd	Irvine Ranch, CA	Al Welenofsky, Bill Kay, Leo Dion, Teddy Kucinsky, Mark Hallam, Jr.
1957 4th	Valley Forge, PA	Ade Welenofsky, SM of Jamboree Troop for Tamarack Council (Al visited)
1960 5th	Colorado Springs, CO 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee	Steve Reiners, Andre Jack Jackson, Marty Torres, Hans Irmer, Walter Meinshausen, Bob Patterson
1964 6th	Valley Forge, PA	Claus Hauer, Larry Rackell, Paul Smith, Richie Davis
1969 7th	Farragut State Park, ID	Allan Wood, Rich Meola, Jim LeMaire, Chris Jackson
1973 8th	Farragut State Park, ID Moraine State Park, PA	Paul Arents (staff), Dave Zablocki (Al visited)
1977 9th	Moraine State Park, PA	Jon Welch Steel
1981 10th	Fort A.P. Hill, VA	
1985 11 th	Fort A.P. Hill, VA 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee	Jeff Ford
1989 12th	Fort A.P. Hill, VA	Chris Wentworth (staff)
1993 13th	Fort A.P. Hill, VA	Justin Hoft

Other Scout Jamborees Attended by Members of Troop 147

1967	Latvian Scout Jamboree, Kalamazoo, MI - Arnis Marigolds
	XII World Scout Jamboree, Farragut State Park, ID - Mark Schreiner
1995	XVIII World Scout Jamboree, Dronten, Netherlands - Bela Schwartz (1 day visit)

National Order of the Arrow (NOAC) Conferences Attended by Members of Troop 147

1965 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 50th Anniversary O/A Conference	Al C Welenofsky
1975 University of Miami, Oxford, OH 60th Anniversary O/A Conference	Al C Welenofsky, Paul Arents, Bela Schwartz, Dave Zablocki
	Chuck Ennis, Jr., John DiGiovanna
1977 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	John DiGiovanna
1983 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	Dave Miller
1990 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 75th Anniversary O/A	Dave Dey, Frank Ventura Jr.



Silver Beaver Recipients - Troop 147

Adolf Welenofsky - 1960

Mark F. Hallam Sr. - 1961

Al C Welenofsky - 1974

John Voolgaris, Jr. - 1974

Rose (Sis Welenofsky) Heim - 1986

Bela Schwartz - 1991

Harry Ford - 1992

David Dey - 1993



District Award of Merit Recipients - Troop 147

Bob Welenofsky* - 1974

Rose (Sis Welenofsky) Heim - 1980s

Bela Schwartz - 1987

Al C Welenofsky - 1988

David Dey - 1989

Paul Arents and Phil A. Tusa - 1990

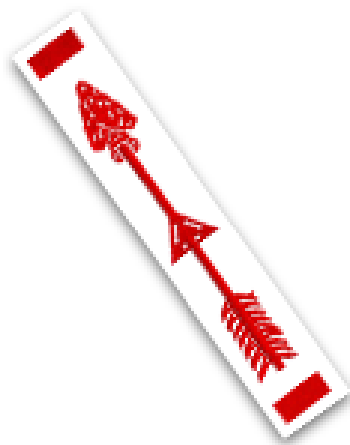
Mike Groome, Sr. and Harry Ford - 1991

Frank Ventura, Jr. - 1992

Jim Hoft and Jim Quinn, Jr. - 1994

Chris Wentworth - 1995

** w/Mene Oto District, Santa Clara County Council, CA*



Vigil Honor Members of Troop 147

Year	Name	Indian Name	Interpreted As
	1962 Adolf Welenofsky*	Witschewan	Helpful One
1	1963 Al C Welenofsky	Amocholes	Canoe
2	1963 Jim Mianeki	Weuchsowagan	One Who Has Knowledge
3	1965 Bob Klaus	Tschitanitehen	Persevering One
4	1966 John Voolgaris Jr.	Achgameu	Wide One
5	1969 Bob Verlezza	Klamachpin	Quiet One
6	1971 Peter Balma	Woapalanne	Eagle
7	1972 Richard T. Virgin	Achpamsin Sakima	Hiker Chief
8	1973 Paul Arents	Klanhattenamin	One of Calm Mind
9	1973 Richard Meola	Nagatamen	Reliable One
	1973 Robert Welenofsky**	Lattoniken	One Who Searches
10	1974 Bela Schwartz	Gischitehen	Determined One
11	1975 Dave Zablocki	Achpamsin	Hiker
12	1975 Walter Glomb Jr.	Gischeleman	One Who Creates With Mind
13	1976 Dave Dey	Gachpallan	Lifesaver
14	1977 Bob Maffia	Gunammochk	Otter
15	1977 John DiGiovanna	Nanatschitaquik	Business Manager
16	1979 Mark Malanga	Espan	Raccoon
17	1979 Gary Schroller	Gebtschaat	Clown
18	1982 Greg Bernhardt	Alluns	Arrow,
19	1982 Jim Balma	Ktemaque	Beaver
20	1983 David Miller	Lekhiket	Secretary
21	1983 John Hsu	Achpateuny	East Wind
22	1984 Ken Martin	Hanicus	Squirrel
23	1985 Sean Reilly	Kittelendamwagan Dar	Earnest Muskrat
24	1989 Chris Wentworth	Apatschin Alluns	One Who Came Back to the Arro
25	1990 Frank Ventura, Jr.	Kschikan	Knife
26	1993 James Quinn Jr.	Ganschapuchk Pemsit	Big Rock Walker
27	1995 Joseph "JJ" Bocchiaro	Genteen	Dancer

* Formerly a Troop 147 Assistant Scoutmaster, received from Wakanta Lodge #84, Tamarack Council

** Received through Miwok Lodge #439, San Jose, California



Troop 147 First Place Teams

KD#	Year	Team	Placed	Captain	Date	Comments
4	1952	Beav-Haw	1st	Joe Welenofsky	1/12/1952	Tamarack Council
6	1954	Alaskan Mermen	1st	Robert Siegel	1/16/1954	Scouts
7	1955	Beav-Haw	1st	Mark Hallam Jr.	1/15/1955	
8	1956	Beav-Haw	1st	Al Hallam	1/14/1956	
9	1957	Beav-Haw	1st	Al Hallam	1/12/1957	Four 1st places in a row
14	1962	Beav-Haw	1st	Steve Reiners	1/13/1962	<i>Heaviest trophy-cast iron frying pan</i>
15	1963	Beav-Haw	1st	Dave Pezzutti	1/12/1963	
16	1964	Frigid Bardot	1st	Ronnie Hallam	1/11/1964	Scrub team
18	1966	Neves Yeltun	1st	Mark Perry	1/15/1966	Al's first derby as SM
19	1967	Golden Eagles	1st	Mark Schreiner	1/14/1967	
20	1968	Beav-Haw	1st	Jim LeMaire	1/20/1968	
24	1972	Beav-Haw	1st	Walter Glomb Jr.	1/15/1972	
25	1973	Beav-Haw	1st	Bela Schwartz	1/13/1973	
26	1974	Beav-Haw	1st	Jon Getting	1/12/1974	
27	1975	Golden Eagles	1st	Ralph Morris	1/25/1975	
28	1976	Beav-Haw	1st	Jim Maguire	1/24/1976	Five 1st places in a row!
31	1979	Beav-Haw	1st	Billy Smith III & Peter DeAngelo	1/27/1979	
32	1980	Beav-Haw	1st	David Miller	1/26/1980	
34	1982	Beav-Haw	1st	Scott Ballou	1/23/1982	
35	1983	Golden Eagles	1st	Sean O'Brien	1/29/1983	
36	1984	Beav-Haw	1st	Sean Reilly & Peter Tusa	1/28/1984	
37	1985	Beav-Haw	1st	Alex Conrad	1/19/1985	
38	1986	Golden Eagles	1st	Colin Alevras & Joe Gibaldi	1/25/1986	Tie in points, won by time
39	1987	Golden Eagles	1st	Jose Raboy	1/24/1987	First derby with Essex Council
40	1988	Beav-Haw	1st	Matt Smith & Jeff Quinn	1/30/1988	
41	1989	Beav-Haw	1st	Mark Smith	1/28/1989	
42	1990	Beav-Haw	1st	Mark Smith	1/27/1990	First consecutive 1st place wins by one captain since 1956-57
43	1991	Golden Eagles	1st	Marc Gingerelli	1/26/1991	
44	1992	Golden Eagles	1st	Marc Gingerelli	2/1/1992	
45	1993	Filthy Pierre and the Swamp Scum	1st	Marc Gingerelli	1/31/1993	Open class with 15, 16 and 17 year olds
46	1994	Filthy Pierre and the Swamp Scum	1st	Dan Farabaugh	1/30/1994	Open class with 15, 16 and 17 year olds
47	1995	Golden Eagles	1st	David Reilly	1/28/1995	
51	1999	Golden Eagles	1st	Matt Testa	2/6/1999	First derby run by Great Falls District, Northern New Jersey Council

Multiple KD Trophy Years for Troop 147

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place

1983

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Neves Yeltun
- 3 Beav-Haw
- 4 Frigid Bardot

1984

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 2 Golden Eagles
- 3 Frigid Bardot
- 4 Tundra Thumpers

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

1985

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 2 Golden Eagles
- 3 Frigid Bardot

1993*

- 1 Filthy Pierre & The Swamp Scum
- 2 Golden Eagles
- 3 Beav-Haw

1st, 2nd, & 5th Place

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw
- 5 Frigid Bardot

1st, 4th & 5th Place

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 4 Frigid Bardot
- 5 Golden Eagles

1st & 2nd Place

1966

- 1 Neves Yeltun
- 2 Beav-Haw

1973

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 2 Golden Eagles

1975

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw

1979

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 2 Golden Eagles

1987

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw

1988

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw

1992

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw

1994*

- 1 Filthy Pierre & The Swamp Scum
- 2 Golden Eagles

1999

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 2 Beav-Haw

1st & 3rd Place

1964

- 1 Frigid Bardot
- 3 Beav-Haw

1967

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 3 Beav-Haw

1968

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 3 Neves Yeltun

1974

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 3 Golden Eagles

1980

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 3 Golden Eagles

1986

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 3 Beav-Haw

1st & 4th Place

1988

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 4 Golden Eagles

1995

- 1 Golden Eagles
- 4 Beav-Haw

1st & 5th Place

1972

- 1 Beav-Haw
- 5 Golden Eagles

2nd & 3rd Place

1961

- 2 Beav-Haw
- 3 Frigid Bardot

1970

- 2 Beav-Haw
- 3 Golden Eagles

2nd & 4th Place

1977

- 2 Beav-Haw
- 4 Golden Eagles

1998

- 2 Beav-Haw
- 4 Golden Eagles

2nd, 5th & 7th Place

1997**

- 2 Golden Eagles
- 5 Beav-Haw
- 7 Tundra Thumpers

** In 1993 and 1994, the 1st place trophy was won by boys 15,16 and 17 in the Open Class*

*** Trophies were awarded for 1st through 7th place in 1997*

Troop 147 Klondike Derby Trophy Summary

Data as of 1999

Team	Place					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	7th
Alaskan Mermen (scouts)	1	1				
Beav-Haw	19	14	7	2	1	
Frigid Bardot	1		3	2	1	
Golden Eagles	9	6	3	3	2	
Neves Yeltun	1	1	1			
Tundra Thumpers				1	**	1
Filthy Pierre and the Swamp Scum	2*					
	33	22	14	8	4	1

* 1st place win by 15,16 and 17 year olds in Open Class

** Webelos Team from Pack 141 with Captain from Troop 147 - unofficial finish

	Troop	ACW**	MFH**	JPS**	+
Total Derbies:	51	34	15	2	
Total Trophies:	82	68	14	0	
Number 1st Place Teams:	33*	25*	8	0	
% Derbies First Place:	64.71%	73.53%	53.30%	0.00%	

* Includes two 1st place win by 15, 16 and 17 year olds in Open Class

** ACW= Al C Welenofsky; MFH = Mark F. Hallam; JPS=Jim P. Swan

Troop 147 Best Placing in Non-First Place Years

Scout or Regular Division		
KD #	Year	Finish
1	1949	rumored 15th place
2	1950	4th or 5th place
3	1951	3rd place
5	1953	2nd place (scouts); 5th place (Explorers)
10	1958	4th place
11	1959	5th place (tied with Troop 183)
12	1960	2nd place
13	1961	2nd and 3rd place
17	1965	5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place (7 Tr 147 teams entered)
21	1969	4th place
22	1970	2nd and 3rd place
23	1971	2nd place
29	1977	2nd and 4th place
30	1978	2nd place
33	1981	2nd place
45	1993	2nd and 3rd place; 1st place (Open Class)
46	1994	2nd place; 1st place (Open Class)
48	1996	3rd place; 8th place (Open Class)
49	1997	2nd place, 5th place, 7th place
50	1998	2nd place, 4th place

The Early History of the Franklin Reformed Church



From: A History of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church at Franklin, Essex County, NJ, 1855 - 1955

During the early years of the 19th century this area was part of the Town of Belleville, and was generally called North Belleville, while the part of Belleville, immediately to the south, and up to Joralemon Street, was referred to as Spring Garden. However, the land in North Belleville, on both sides of "the brook" or the Third River, was commonly called "The village of Franklin." Several mills, which had been erected along the Third River to utilize its water power, drew many families to the vicinity among whom were the families of a number of master craftsmen, who had come from Scotland to operate the mills. Prominent among them were the Duncans, who, since there was no Presbyterian church nearby, united with The Protestant Reformed church of Belleville. To that church also belonged the descendants of the Dutch and French Huguenots, who had settled in this neighborhood years before.

The need of a Sunday School for local children soon made itself manifest. A consecrated layman; Mr. John T. Dodd devoted himself to the task and organized a Sunday School, which met in his home and for which he was the only teacher. Mr. Dodd's residence was located on the east side of what is now Park Drive, and somewhat south of Chestnut Street.

Mr. Dodd's school grew rapidly, until there was an attendance of forty or more each Sunday -- too large a group for its quarters and for one man to manage effectively. In 1825, Mr. Dodd made an agreement with Mr. John J. Kingsland, of Spring Garden, who offered the use of his barn as a meeting place for the school. Fortunately a student attending the Academy at Bloomfield became interested and volunteered his services as a teacher, and brought with him a few students from the Academy to serve in a like capacity.

Since sessions in a barn could be held only during the warmer months of the year, arrangements were made with the public School authorities for the use of the School house, near the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Centre street, not later than 1826. Naturally a Public School building could not be used indefinitely and Mr. John W. Stitt agreed to erect a building "designed for the purpose" and to rent it to the Sunday School on a long term basis. In the spring of 1839 the Sunday School moved into its new home, and it soon became known as "The Lecture Room." It was located on the east side of what is now Vincent Place, and a little to the north of where William Street and Vincent Place come together, or according to the Church records, "near the mill site of Duncan and Cunningham."

During the latter 40's the need of a Church began to mature in the minds of the people, and on Monday, the 5th of November 1849, those interested met in the Lecture Room to organize an association "to raise \$6,000 to be used to support the gospel" and organized "The Permanent Fund Association of the 1st or 2nd Reformed Dutch Church at Franklin Village, or its Vicinity." At this same meeting the lady members of the association formed a subsidiary organization, known as "The Female Association," whose aim was to "raise funds by donations or trade to furnish the edifice to be erected at some future period." The Female Association is the fore-runner of the present Woman's Guild."

We now come to the organization of the Church itself. Early in 1855 a number of the residents of Franklin Village petitioned the Classis of Bergen that they be organized into a Church, and at the meeting of the Classis in April of that year the petition was received and favorable action was taken. The Classis appointed a committee which was commissioned to consummate the organization in the name of the Classis. On Sunday, May 6th, 1855, said committee met with the applicants in the Lecture Room. Following a religious service, consisting of hymns, scripture reading and prayer the Rev. Demund of the Reformed Church of Belleville read the names of 28 individuals. Of this number seven were men and twenty-one were women [and who had been dismissed from the Reformed Churches in Belleville and Newark, and the Presbyterian Church in Greenfield, NY to the new Church].

After the reading of the names, the committee, together with the seven male members, retired to elect a Consistory. Sebastian Duncan and John Barnes were chosen as Elders, and Robert Duncan and Henry A. Ventress as Deacons. The names of the Elders and Deacons elect were then announced after which Rev. Demund preached a sermon on Songs 6:10. After he concluded his sermon, Rev. Demund, in the name of the Classis of Bergen, pronounced the Church as organized, and to be known as "'The Protestant Reformed Dutch Church at Franklin, Essex County. New Jersey." There followed a hymn and the benediction.

Great enthusiasm was aroused in the hearts of the people, after Mr. Lott's installation on October 12, 1859, and the desire for the erection of a church edifice came to the fore among the members of the church, as well as the community as a whole. Just twelve days after Mr. Lott's installation, Mr. Henry Stager, although not a member, offered to deed over and transfer title to a half acre lot which he owned on the west side of Franklin Avenue, between the Rusby store on the south and the property line of Mrs. Garretson on the north. He made but one condition, namely that the land was to be used for the erection of a church and the establishment of a cemetery. Mr. Stager's offer was accepted with great gratitude and appreciation, and a committee was immediately appointed to raise funds for the building project. A building committee was also appointed.

Soon after, on January 6, 1860, Baldwin and Paterson offered to donate whatever brownstone would be needed for the construction of the Church. On October 18, 1860, the lot which Mr. Stager had deeded to the Church was, by mutual consent, exchanged for another, somewhat larger in size, and which would make possible the erection of the church on a hill, instead of on lower ground. Mr. Stager was given \$50.00 to compensate him for the difference in size. The new lot extended from Prospect Street on the west, with a width of 100 feet or more, eastward to Franklin Avenue. It lay to the north of what is now Church Street, which was not then in existence

The first question to be settled was whether the church should be built to face Prospect street, or to face Franklin Avenue, i.e., toward the east. The latter idea prevailed, and this is why the church stands in its present position, with the cemetery at the Prospect street end of the property. When, in the early 70's, Church Street was opened, it seemed as though the building was erected with its side toward the street. However, in the early days, a lane or driveway led directly to the front of the church from Franklin Avenue, and was lined on both sides with cedar trees, which presented a beautiful prospect as one looked at the Church from the Avenue. Wagon sheds were also built on the property line, to the north of the church, for the convenience of those who drove to the church from the more distant parts of the Village. When the brownstone foundation had been built, the cornerstone was laid at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday July 9th, 1861

After the laying of the cornerstone building operations seem to have progressed slowly, and in April, 1862, we find a minute that states "On account of the stringency of the times our church building has remained incomplete." The policy of the Consistory was to borrow no money, although at one time they were tempted to do so, and the records of April 9, 1863, state "we are not in debt." The cost of the Church was approximately \$4000.00, not counting the cost of the basement. It was not until January 17, 1864, that the basement, or "Lecture Room," was dedicated to the worship of God. Finally, on November 6, 1866, the church auditorium was dedicated. Since Mr. Lott resigned in 1865, he never preached as minister in the main auditorium.

The Cemetery

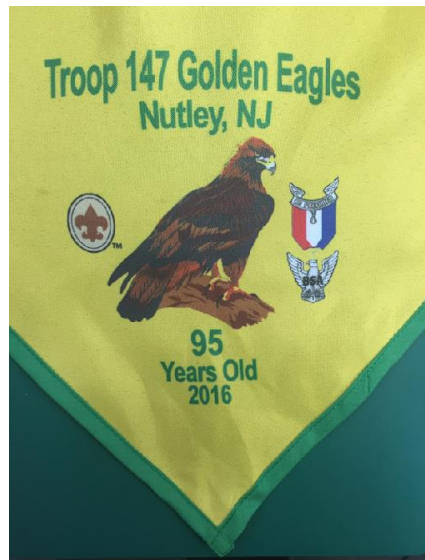
In 1860 when Henry Stager donated land for the building of a church he stipulated that a part of it was to be used as a cemetery. The first burial was that of Richard Stager, in 1860. Henry Stager was buried in 1869. Civil war veterans are buried here, as are veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Many of the family names are some of Nutley's earliest settlers, and several streets and homes also bear their names: Duncan, Speer, Van Riper, Vreeland, Kingsland, Coeyman and others. There are two interesting stories about people buried in our cemetery:

There was a time when a traveling circus would stop in Nutley as a fund raiser for the Red Cross. The circus had a clown who always looked sad and tired, named Weary Willie, who had promised a sack of coins to anyone who could make him smile. While the circus was in Nutley, Weary Willie died. He had no family and no money, and was buried in our cemetery. Later a corn stalk toy horse was found on his grave, and soon after an evergreen tree was planted beside him, which has since grown to be a magnificently tall and beautifully shaped tree known as the clown tree. Weary Willie's sack of money was never claimed, but he continues to make everyone else smile.

Little Willie is an unknown child of nine months buried in the cemetery. A small recumbent figure of a small child lies on top of his monument, which is marked only with his name, his dates and a scripture quote. Many stories are told about Little Willie; a favorite is that if you walk around Little Willie's monument at midnight the night before an exam, you will receive an excellent grade. From time to time, little gifts are found on the monument.

"We must preach and live a seven-day-in-the-week gospel If we are to be of full value to our communities. If our message is good for one or two days it is good for seven. We must place the stamp of constructive Christian policies on the world of business, on the factory system, on the home, on civic institutions, on our educational program, and we must equip ourselves accordingly. If churches are to live and be of value, they must be more than sounding-boards of pretty theories; they must be laboratories for the demonstration of living truths and the moulding of character In the name of Christ."

Rev. Harold W. Schenck announcing construction of the Community House, The Christian Intelligencer June 30 1920



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See you at the 100th Celebration!

