

A Brief History of Boy Scouts in Castleton

Formed in 1924, as Troop 1, Fort Orange Council. Later designated as Troop 53, during a reorganization that took place approximately 1929. Fort Orange Council merged with the Uncle Sam Council in 1963, to become the Fort Orange Uncle - Sam Council. In 19xx the council became known as the Gov. Clinton Council and after merging in 1989 with the Schenectady and Sir William Johnson Councils it took on a new name that continues until today, the Twin Rivers Council

- Troop #1, Castleton formed March 7, 1924. They were chartered through the "Troop Committee". They were part of Fort Orange Council out of Albany. They met at the "Noyes Fire House", on the corner of Green Avenue and First Street.

- In 1925, the meeting location was Castleton Union School

- In 1927, the meeting location was Com. Hall, which is believed to be Village Hall.

- On February 5, 1929, a new charter granted for Troop 53. This leaves a gap from March 1928. The institution is listed as the American Legion Post 738, however this was crossed out and a "Group of Citizens" was inserted.

- In March of 1929, Post 738 is listed as the chartering institution.

- In 1943, St Paul's Methodist Church becomes the chartering institution.

- In June 1947, the Castleton Kiwanis Club becomes the chartering institution. For the first time, a district is listed on the charter. The troop was under the Eastern District of the Fort Orange Council

- In July 1951, the troop meets at Castleton Union School. The troop is now under the Capitol District of Ft Orange Council.

- In 1958, Castleton Union School becomes Castleton Elementary School.

- In 1961, the troop meets at "Fire House", believed to be the First Street Firehouse (Noyes Building, F.P. Harder Hose Co., John McKnight Hose Co.).

- In 1968, the troop starts to meet at "Garafalo's" which was a bar/restaurant on the west side of main street, next to the public parking lot.

- In 1969, the troop is again meeting at the firehouse.

- From March 31 1970 to November 1970, the troop losses its leader and the few members of the troop decide to join Troop 253 in South Schodack. The remnants of the troop form a patrol known as "The Spirits of 53".

- Reforming in November 1970, the troop is chartered through the Village of Castleton, and meets at the First Street Firehouse.

- In 1974, the troop moves its meeting location to Castleton Village Hall.

- In 2005, fallout from a recent ACLU lawsuit led National no longer will allow a municipality to sponsor a scout unit, and the Castleton Kiwanis, takes over as our sponsor. Troop 53 and one other unit in Twin Rivers Council, were the only two units to be sponsored by a municipality.

Scoutmasters

1924 W. B. Mifflin

1925 W. B. Mifflin, ASM Paul F. Hanreeder

1926 Paul F. Hanreeder

1927 Paul F. Hanreeder

1928 Paul F. Hanreeder

1929 Edwin M. Dufur

1930 Edwin M. Dufur

1931 Edwin M. Dufur

1932 Edwin M. Dufur

1933 Edwin M. Dufur

1934 Edwin M. Dufur

1935 Reverend Edward Ton

1936 Reverend Edward Ton

1937 Reverend Edward Ton

1938 Reverend Edward Ton

1939 Reverend Edward Ton

1940 Everett J. Peter, ASM Al Bleadow

1941 Everett J. Peter, ASM Al Bleadow

1942 Robert W. Boenig, ASM Douglas Deppe

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1944 Earl C. Bristo, Jr.

1945 Manuel Borrás

1946 Manuel Borrás

1947 No Records (Lost in Council Move)

1948 Everett J. Peter

1949 Everett J. Peter
1950 Russell J. Conlin
1951 Russell J. Conlin
1952 Russell J. Conlin
1953 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1954 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1955 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1956 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1957 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1958 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1959 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1960 Russell J. Conlin, ASM Al Bleadow
1961 Vaughn G. Mudge, ASM Al Bleadow
1962 William R. Monty
1963 William R. Monty
1964 Donald C. Carpentier
1965 William R. Monty
1966 William R. Monty
1967 William R. Monty
1967 Earl Simpson
1968 Ron Martin
1969 Ron Martin
1970 John Paul LeRocque
1971 Paul K. Albertine, ASM Michael W. Corey
1972 Paul K. Albertine, ASM Michael W. Corey
1973 Paul K. Albertine, ASM Michael W. Corey
1974 Michael W. Corey
1975 Michael W. Corey
1976 Michael W. Corey
1977 Michael W. Corey
1978 Michael W. Corey
1979 Michael W. Corey
1980 Ken Stinner
1981 Ken Stinner
1982 Ken Stinner
1983 Ken Stinner
1984 Ken Stinner, ASM Alfred Wolff
1985 Peter Jenkins, ASM Alfred Wolff
1986 Peter Jenkins, ASM Alfred Wolff
1987 Peter Jenkins, ASM Alfred Wolff
1988 Peter Jenkins, ASM Alfred Wolff
1989 Glenn Olf, ASM Alfred Wolff
1990 Glenn Olf, ASM Alfred Wolff
1991 Glenn Olf, ASM Alfred Wolff
1992 Norman Wiley, ASM Alfred Wolff
1993 Richard Herr, ASM Alfred Wolff
1994 Richard Herr, ASM Alfred Wolff
1995 Richard Herr, ASM Alfred Wolff
1996 Richard Herr, ASM Alfred Wolff
1997 Richard Herr, ASM Alfred Wolff
1998 Paul D. Albertine, ASM Alfred Wolff
1999 Paul D. Albertine, ASM Alfred Wolff
2000 Paul D. Albertine, ASM Alfred Wolff
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2002 Paul D. Albertine, ASM Alfred Wolff
2003 Paul D. Albertine, ASM Alfred Wolff
2004 CMDR Donald K. McKnight, ASM Alfred Wolff
2005 CMDR Donald K. McKnight, ASM Alfred Wolff
2006 CMDR Donald K. McKnight, ASM Alfred Wolff

41 Eagle Scouts

| # | TROOP 53 EAGLES | B O R | AWARD |
|----|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | Carlos Morgan | 04/16/1929 | |
| 2 | Thurston T. Paul, Jr. | 06/22/1931 | |
| 3 | Jay E. Paul | 07/13/1931 | |
| 4 | Raymond Dieffenbach, Jr. | 10/28/1932 | |
| 5 | Donald T. Paul | 03/05/1937 | |
| 6 | Thomas C. Latham, Jr. | 04/19/1937 | |
| 7 | Albert Bleadow | 10/04/1938 | |
| | Bronze Palm | | |
| | Gold Palm | | |
| 8 | Raymond A. Kirsch | 01/13/1940 | |
| 9 | Paul Ton | 06/02/1942 | |
| 10 | Russell Van de Wal | 06/22/1942 | |
| 11 | Gordon Shillinglaw | 06/22/1942 | No Ceremony |
| 12 | Guy F. Rappold | 03/06/1946 | |
| 13 | Chris R. Martin | 10/22/1968 | |
| | Bronze Palm | 11/26/1969 | N/A |
| 14 | Tom E. Sparks | 04/16/1969 | 1969 |
| 15 | Michael W. Corey | 04/16/1969 | 1969 |
| 16 | Paul D. Albertine | 07/21/1976 | 11/26/1976 |
| 17 | Donald K. McKnight | 08/04/1976 | 11/26/1976 |
| 18 | D. Scott Van Nederynen | 05/16/1978 | 08/28/1978 |
| 19 | Geoffrey Schad | 01/24/1980 | |
| 20 | James Patrick Ray | 11/28/1980 | 01/16/1981 |
| 21 | Gary Favour | 06/28/1981 | |
| 22 | Michael David Jenkins | 06/13/1983 | 09/16/1983 |
| | Bronze Palm | 01/05/1984 | N/A |
| | Gold Palm | 03/21/1985 | N/A |
| | Silver Palm | 04/21/1986 | N/A |
| 23 | Richard Charles Folmsbee | 08/21/1984 | 11/17/1984 |
| 24 | Christopher j. Hansen | 07/18/1985 | No Ceremony |
| 25 | Matthew Todd Stinner | 06/25/1985 | No Ceremony |
| 26 | Anthony G. Harris | 09/21/1987 | 02/07/1988 |
| 27 | Daniel Paul Jenkins | 06/17/1987 | 09/11/1987 |
| 28 | Steven Arthur Van de Wal | 12/29/1987 | 05/15/1988 |
| 29 | Patrick Burke | 03/30/1995 | |
| 30 | Michael Wiley | 10/06/1996 | |
| 31 | David Warner | 11/24/1996 | |
| 32 | David Harris | 04/11/1997 | |
| | Bronze Palm | | N/A |
| 33 | Brian Herr | 06/04/1998 | No Ceremony |
| 34 | Steven Wiley | 01/29/1999 | 04/18/1999 |
| | Bronze Palm | 04/29/1999 | N/A |
| 35 | P. David Albertine, II | 12/06/2002 | 03/09/2003 |
| 36 | Robert J. "Robbie" Roth | 06/25/2004 | 12/11/2004 |
| 37 | Seth Hiser | 04/10/2005 | 07/10/2005 |
| 38 | Michael Warner | 08/15/2005 | No Ceremony |
| 39 | Adam Butterworth | 08/15/2005 | No Ceremony |
| 40 | Daniel J. Albertine | 10/07/2005 | 05/28/2006 |
| | Bronze Palm | 01/07/2006 | N/A |
| 41 | Dustin "Dusty" J. Albertine | 01/16/2006 | 05/28/2006 |
| | Bronze Palm | | N/A |

Two Eagle Scouts have transferred in from other troops, after earning Eagle Scout in their prior troop. These Eagles are not included in the list above. Lawrence Ayer (Troop unknown) and Rick Matters, Jr. (Troop 253).

World War II Veterans

*William Grooten (KIA)
*William Stolp (KIA)
*Edwin Fulgo (KIA)
*Peter Andrews (KIA) US Marine Corps
*George Earing (1LT)(Bronze Star)(KIA) US Army

Thurston Paul, Jr. (Eagle), (Ret. Brigadier General)
Raymond Kirsh (Eagle)
Albert Bleadow (Eagle)
Russell Van de Wal (Eagle)
Gordon Shillinglaw (Eagle) US Navy

Donald Paul
Everett Peter SM (Town Justice)
David Van de Wal
Lester Van de Wal
Benjamin Pasqiseletti
Edward Hotaling
George Lewis Corson
Russell Leonard
William Hotaling
Frank Stolp
Thomas Latham, Jr. (Eagle)
Harris Boos
Ernest Hutchinson
Cornuils Boel, Jr.
Charles Johnson
Raymond Van de Wal
Jack Ray, (LTjg) US Navy

William R. Monty, Sr., SM US Army Air Corps

Korean War Veterans:

Paul K. Albertine, SM US Navy

Vietnam War Veterans:

*Kenny Jaros (KIA) US Army
Jim Gibbons

Grenada:

Panama:

Desert Storm:

CDR Donald K. McKnight, USN (ret) SM (Eagle) US Navy

Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Steve Wiley (Eagle) US Army
P. David Albertine, II (Eagle) US Marine Corps

Operation Enduring Freedom:

Biography of Troop 53's First Scoutmaster

William Biddle Mifflin

Willow Street

Castleton, NY

Home Phone : 59-F-2 (1924)

Business Phone : M-1755W or M-1755u (1925)

30 years old as of March 7, 1924, DOB unknown (Year of Birth either 1895 or 1896)

No Boy Scout experience as a youth.

One year prior service as a Scoutmaster in 1916, Clayton, NY (on the St. Lawrence River)

Experience working with boys as a Sunday School Teacher and Asst. Supt. of Intermediate Dept. of SS, Ithaca, NY

Occupations during the last 3 years: Student and Civil Engineer, Surveyor (1926), Contractor (1927)

Employer: Hudson River Connection Railroad Corporation at Castleton, NY (1924)

Methodist Episcopalian, member

Married with no boys (1924)

First Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Castleton, NY

Served as Scoutmaster during 1924 and 1925, then as a Committee Member in 1926 and 1927.