

St. Louis Council, Boy Scouts of America

MINUTES

Eagle Scout Dinner  
Friday, July 25, 1947  
St. Louis Racquet Club

The meeting which was preceded by a dinner, was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the Chairman Col. Joseph E. Vollmar, President of the St. Louis Council. The meeting was attended by Col. Joseph E. Vollmar, Mr. C. H. Poindexter, Mr. Jack J. Keith, Mr. LeRoy Lane and the Eagle Scouts listed on the back pages of these minutes. Following his opening remarks of welcome each one at the suggestion of the Chairman stood, gave his name, Troop number, year he received the Eagle award, his present business connection, and a sentence or two on how he became an Eagle Scout. This was done in turn, starting at one end of the table and working around to the last person.

The Chairman then presented Mr. C. H. Poindexter, Treasurer of the Council, and a veteran Scouter of long standing. Mr. Poindexter spoke briefly on the 50 by 50 program and commented favorably on the formation of an Eagle Scout Club with representation on the Executive Board of the Council.

Col. Vollmar reviewed the outstanding record of former Scouts in the military service and quoted both Admiral Nimitz and General Eisenhower on their high regard for men with Scout training. The Council set-up with 20 Districts and the 50 by 50 program was also presented by Col. Vollmar.

Mr. Jack J. Keith, Scout Executive, addressed the group for a few moments and pointed out some of the service opportunities for Eagle Scouts in the St. Louis Council. Such items as service to the old Troop, service to the District as Institutional Representatives, boosting the advancement program as Merit Badge Counsellors, and the need for men of experience on Council Committees, were mentioned.

A general discussion followed Mr. Keith's talk. Excerpts from the discussion are listed below:

KARL KIRBERG thought consideration should be given to dignifying still further the presentation of the Eagle Badge. He mentioned the possibility of going back to a Council or District-wide Court of Honor with appropriate ceremony for the presentation.

MIKE CUNLIFF gave a personal testimony for Scouting and proposed that a committee be formed to bring in recommendations for a procedure in organizing the Eagle Scouts of the St. Louis Council. His proposal was re-stated in the form of a motion for the election of a steering committee of ten to work out a plan of organization. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

WALTER LORCH, JR. asked if there was anything specific that the Council had in mind for the group or if there was a particular job that needed their assistance. Col. Vollmar in replying to Mr. Lorch stated that the field was "wide open" and that the Council had no plans other than to bring the group together for the opportunity of developing their own plans if it was the desire of the group to do so.

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MACK J. KEITH  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

July 17, 1947

"BE PREPARED"

Mr. Wm. Trefts  
410 County Hills Drive  
Webster Groves, Missouri

Dear Mr. Trefts:

The St. Louis Council has felt for some time that further recognition should be made of the Scouts who have won and received the rank of Eagle Scout. We believe acquaintanceship with the "old timers" in Scout circles would also be valuable to those who have won recognition.

It was decided therefore to invite you and a few other prominent Eagle Scouts together with some of our officers as my guests at dinner on

Friday, July 25, 1947

6:30 P. M.


Maquet Club

After the dinner we thought it would be a good idea to discuss the subject of Eagle Scouts in the Council, to go over the list of the names of approximately 2,000 Eagle Scouts in the St. Louis Council, discuss a program that would dignify the position of Eagle Scouts, and lastly effect some kind of organization as a whole.

Men of your standing and experience in Scouting in the community know better than most others that to encourage boys to work for advancement there should be an objective worthy of his time and effort. You certainly are qualified to answer that challenge and I am sure that you agree that once a boy has attained the Eagle Badge he should receive some public recognition for his accomplishment.

Hoping that you will return the inclosed acceptance card at your early convenience, I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Jos. E. Vollmar  
President  
St. Louis Council, B.S.A.

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