

EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: THE STORY OF ITS FOUNDING.

AT THE 50 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING SAID "THE EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.....WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF MEN". HE CONTINUED AND SAID, "APPARENTLY THE HISTORY OF THE FOUNDING HAS BEEN LOST OR BECOME DIM".

TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, HERE IS THE HISTORY OF THE FOUNDING.

IN THE SPRING OF 1947, WHILE MY FATHER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SAINT LOUIS COUNCIL, HE HEARD ABOUT THE WAY THE KANSAS CITY COUNCIL HONORED ITS EAGLE SCOUTS IN ONE GREAT CEREMONY AT THE KANSAS CITY MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS EVENT AND INVITED JACK KEITH (THEN THE ST. LOUIS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE) CHARLES MILLS, CARL LEMLEY, (BOTH MEMBERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HEADQUARTERS) MY BROTHER LEWIS C. VOLLMAR, AND MY SELF TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO KANSAS CITY AND WITNESS THE CEREMONY . THE EVENT WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE AND ALL EAGLE SCOUTS WERE HONORED AT THIS "COURT OF HONOR".

EN ROUTE HOME FATHER MENTIONED THAT IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT IF THE ST. LOUIS COUNCIL COULD COMPILE ALL OF THE ST. LOUIS EAGLE SCOUTS INTO AN ORGANIZATION, IT WOULD BE A "POWERFUL FORCE FOR SCOUTING".

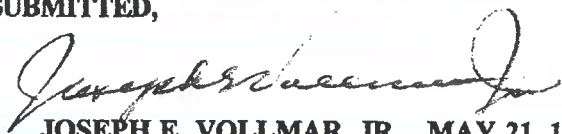
APPROXIMATELY A WEEK LATER HE INVITED TOM CURTIS, ALBERT CUNLIFF, THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE JACK KEITH AND MYSELF TO A LUNCHEON AT THE NOONDAY CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING AND ORGANIZING THE "EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION".

ALL PRESENT THOUGHT IT WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND THE VOTE FOR ORGANIZING THE "EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS" WAS UNANIMOUS.

ALBERT CUNLIFF, A LAWYER, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE HAD VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE THE ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS. THE NAMES OF THE OTHER OFFICERS WHO WERE ELECTED PERHAPS MAY BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

THOSE OF US ATTENDING THE MEETING RECRUITED SEVERAL OR MORE EAGLE SCOUTS WHO AGREED TO JOINS AND THE FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS HELD SEVERAL MONTHS LATER WITH ABOUT 30 TO 40 EAGLE SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE. THAT IS HOW THE EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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