



# The Beagle Speaks

## Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association

### SPRING 2013

**"HELPING MAKE EVERY SCOUT A CAMPER" Since 1986**



#### **Hear Yea, Hear Yea.... We are now the: JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION**

With the merging of Suanhacky Lodge with the four other OA Lodges of New York City, it was felt that perhaps something should be done to help preserve the name and legacy of Suanhacky and all that it had stood for, over the past 83 years. At the October 2012 Kohler Board meeting, a proposal was presented by **Denis Sackett** to change the name of our organization, to incorporate the word Suanhacky. The proposal was tabled, in order that all members of the Board of Directors could read the proposal, and return to our spring (May 2013) meeting so a vote could be taken. The vote was taken and the proposal passed by a vast majority.

In his proposal, Denis noted how we have always stood for keeping the memory and spirit of Jack Kohler alive within Queens Scouting, Ten Mile River and all these entailed. Quoting from the Associations' Mission Statement:

**PURPOSE: 1- To perpetuate the feeling of fellowship, love of camping and Scout Spirit that Jack Kohler lived by.** This is achieved through many programs and activities we organize and / or support.



Those same feelings of fellowship, Scout Spirit and love of camping, is synonymous with Suanhacky Lodge as well. Back in 1986 when the Kohler Association was founded, a reason was to keep Jack's name & spirit alive, so 20, 30, 40 years later, people may still have an idea of who Jack Kohler was and what he meant to so many. There are many of us in the Kohler Association that have had very strong ties to Suanhacky Lodge, and we feel strongly that 10, 25, 50 years from now, folks should know what Suanhacky Lodge was and some of its legacy, heritage and traditions.

Over the years there have been many Camps in TMR, and around GNYC and Lodges from the Northeast region, that have faded away into distant, if any memory. We hope that this will not be the same fate for the name & spirit of Suanhacky and its legacy.

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#### **JOIN US FOR OUR 2013 LUNCHEON! SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 2013**

We are excitedly looking forward to having all our members and friends join us for this year's Fellowship and Awards Luncheon . We will be honoring the recipients of our...

**Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence**  
Michael Cheverino Sr.  
Trudy Gaynor  
Eddy Petersen

**Lifetime Achievement Recognition**  
Joe Bradley

In addition to honoring these hard working Scouters, our theme will be Keeping the Legacy, Spirit and Memory of Suanhacky Lodge alive. We will have a **Parade of past Lodge Chiefs**, and more memories relived than watching old home movies!

Plus get a chance to meet and greet our guest speaker, the new Chief Scout Executive of Greater New York Councils, **Mr. Ethan Draddy**.

Of course we'll have gifts for everyone, door prizes, raffles and your favorite Emcee, OA Clown. Please see the reservation form in this newsletter.

#### **2013 CAMPERSHIPS AWARDED 27<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF CAMPERSHIPS**



This summer season, our association has designated campership funding for many Queens Scouts to go to TMR & Cub Wolrd. For this summer season we have awarded \$3500 in campership assistance. We gave \$3000 towards Queens Boy Scouts to attend a week at TMR and an additional \$500 to assist Cubs to go to Cub World at Alpine.

We worked along with the Queens Campership Committee to help select which young men are deserving to get assistance and how much for each young man.

We were happy to be able to increase the amount of financial assistance the individual Scouts receive . In this, our 27th season of helping Scouts get to enjoy the 'Outing of Scouting', our overall roster of those we have awarded is now over 900 Scouts & Cubs.



## We are now the: **JACK KOHLER-SUANHACKY**

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We are very supportive and look forward to a long lasting meaningful relationship with Kintecoying Lodge while at the same time, want to respect the memory and traditions of our history and remember our roots.



Therefore it was proposed and accepted that from this day forward, our organization will be known as the: **Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association**.

We invite anyone who may have a fond memory of Suanhacky, the Order of the Arrow, who is not yet a member of our Association, to join us. Our mission remains the same, to **help make every Scout a Camper**. We will be incorporating the Stag as part of our logo and look forward to any feedback or comments our members may have. We hope that in years to come, the name Suanhacky will be one that many in Queens and at TMR will be familiar with, and for good reason.



### Welcome Our New GNYC Scout Executive

Ethan Draddy as its new Scout Executive / Chief Executive Officer. He begins his new position effective June 1, 2013. Mr. Draddy comes to us with an extensive background in Scout Camping. He has served as a Scout Camp Reservation Director, Camp Director and a program

Director. In 2007 and 2008 he served as the Course Director for National Camping School.

### DAY ONE EVENT OF THE ALL-CITY OA KINTECOYING LODGE #4

by Denis Sackett

As the initial restructuring of the Order of the Arrow in New York City is now a done deal, and the 5 independent lodges are no more, we welcome Kintecoying Lodge into our Scouting lives. As of April 1, 2013 Suanhacky Lodge #49 (along with Ranachqua, Man-a-hattin, Shu-Shu-Gah and Aquehongian) ceased to exist as we knew them and Kintecoying Lodge was born.

On Saturday April 13, the new lodge held its first official gathering at Camp Alpine, calling it 'THE DAY ONE EVENT'. OA brothers from the 5 Lodges were in attendance, along with guest from other lodges as well as the National Chairman of the OA, Ray Capp and National

Director Clyde Mayer. Lodge Advisor, Colin Pinnavaia presided over the festivities.

The day led off with 'wide-games'. Describing how the game is played will be long, but suffice to know it was a way for all of us to mingle together and literally get intertwined together.

Lunch followed, along with climbing activities and games. The Kohler Association was allowed to have a few tables to sell our memorabilia as did the 5 lodges.

After lunch was the actual inaugural lodge meeting. It made me think to some degree, what it must have been like back in 1930 when the founding Suanhacky brothers first got together at their first meeting at Camp Man. I felt as if I was participating in history.

A ceremony, with scouts in costume, was conducted. The brief history of each lodge was told, along with how they came to have their totems (logo) and numbers and a candle was lit by the last chief of each Lodge. For Suanhacky, Anthony Lectora had that honor.

With the history & legacy of the 5 lodges been told, the name, number and totem for the new lodge was announced officially to its members in attendance. The new lodge will retain the oldest number of the 5 lodges, #4 (from Ranachqua) to help illustrate how long the OA and the traditions have been alive and active in NYC.

Now for the first act as a new lodge, the election of the premiere executive committee began. The Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Inductions, Vice Chief of Administration, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer needed to be elected. The new lodge was broken into 6. The chapters were 1 from Manhattan, one for Brooklyn, one for the Bronx, one for Staten Island and Queens will have 2 chapters. Each chapter would get 10 votes to cast, unless there

were less than 10 youth members present. Disappointingly, neither of the two Queens chapters could muster 10 youth to attend the event, so one of the new chapters had 5 votes, one each for the 5 youth there and the other chapter had 6 votes for their 6 in attendance. Considering there was plenty of notice for the event and youth were free (adults paid \$10 each). It seemed to further illustrate to some, why this merger may have been necessary. Suanhacky was said to be one of the strongest of the 5, and we could not muster at least 20 youth to attend what truly was a historic and fellowship full event.

The elections went very smoothly, and the first officers for the lodge were elected and sworn in.

# THE BEAGLE SPEAKS



**The First Executive Officers of the lodge: (LtoR) Tres; Patrick Machado, Sec; Kirwin Seger, VC; James Maxham, VC; Andrew Sommer, Chief; Nicholas Goldrosen, Advisor; Colin Pinnavaia**

The first Lodge Chief is Nicholas Goldrosen, VC of Inductions is Andrew Sommer, VC of Administration is James Maxham, Secretary is Kirwin Seger and Lodge Treasurer is Patrick Machado. We wish these 5 young men lots of luck and support. The Region Chief Tyler Allen had the honor of swearing in the new officers. The advisors to the 6 chapters were officially announced as well.



**The First Flap of Kintecoying Lodge #4**

The very first duty of the officers was the unveiling of the new lodge flap. A contest was held for any youth member of the lodge to submit a design. The first flaps were sold and all current dues paid members are able to buy a flap that has embroidered on it "Charter Member". Then the new lodge membership cards were given out. All dues paid brothers for 2013 have on their membership cards the words 'Charter Member'. A nice touch and a collector's item! How long till we see these on Ebay? At this point, all the brother said the obligation as Kintecoying members and joined together to sing the OA song.



**Charter Members of Kintecoying saying the obligation**

It was a memorable day and was great to see friends from the other boroughs. There are good unanswered questions, that I would hope to be answered in a timely fashion. When will a calendar be presented for the upcoming months & year? How will chapters conduct elections? What are the chapter responsibilities? What committees will the new lodge have? When and where will they meet? Will the lodge have a newsletter and a web site?

As the OA in NYC starts its new incarnation as Kintecoying we look forward to seeing the promotion of scout camping and to building new traditions that will make us as proud and honored to be associated with, as many of our former lodges did.

## GOOD & WELFARE

- Happy birthday, member **Ron Newsam**. You get better looking each year.
- Congratulations to Association member **Anthony Lectora** on his attaining the rank of Eagle.
- Proud father, Kohler Board Member **Mike Lectora**, on his son earning his Eagle rank.
- Speaking of earning Eagle, a big Scout Scout salute to member **Dr. Russell Schilder** on his son earning his Eagle, like father , like son!
- Our condolences to the family of **Gloria Dugan** on her passing. Husband **Tom Sr.** and son **Tom Jr.** are longtime members of our Association, both of whom earned our Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence
- Hope you're on the road to a speedy recovery, **Rick Newman** from our Florida branch.
- Best of luck to our friend, **Bernie Sussman** as he steps down as curator of the TMR Museum. Bernie has been the curator since before the doors opened on the museum, years ago.
- A hearty salute to member **Ronnie Albuja** who was the recipient this year of the James E. West Award.
- We congratulate member **John Salmon** on his receiving the Silver Beaver.
- We wish Board Member; Rev Paul Lumpkion, lots of luck as he becomes the TMR Museum Curator for this summer camp season.

- Congratulations to Member **Kelvin Willis** on his being recognized for all his hard work and dedication with the Vigil Honor.
- Speaking of the Museum, Thanks for a great job as the Chairman of the TMR Museum since it's inception, to **Dr. Gene Berman**, who is stepping down from that position after all these many years. Relax Gene, you've earned a rest.
- Mazel Tov to member **Larry Offsey** on the engagement of his son Jeremy.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We want to say welcome aboard our journey to helping to make every Scout a camper to new members:

- **John Powers**
- **Kelvin Willis**
- **Michael Fogarty**

### **PLEASE CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK**



**Ed Note:** We've asked our members, if they have memories of TMR, Queens Scouting, Suanhacky, or Scouting in general that they would like to share with us. Here is one such recollection....

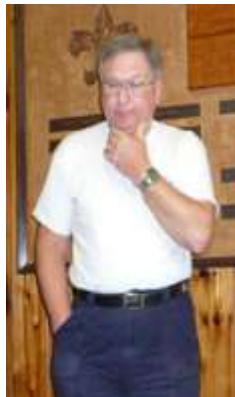
### **My Fond Memories Related to Suanhacky**

By Ron Newsam

This is a brief history of my memories related to Suanhacky. There is some superfluous items included but I thought it links the story...

Along time ago in a galaxy far away, I attended a Lodge meeting in the old jury pool room at the courthouse on Queens Blvd. Roy Kramer was the Lodge Adviser. When I walked into the room someone shouted my name. It was Roy.

"Hey Newsam," he shouted, "Were you in Troop 59 when you were a kid?"



"Yes", I replied.

Roy had old original copies of the Stag in a loose leaf binder. He showed me a copy of the issue that had my name in it. It was an article about the makeup-ordeal held at Alpine that included mine as well as others who became Ordeal members on that fateful day, October 22, 1955. I was 14 yrs.old. (I have a copy of that issue somewhere in my archives.)

I do remember two others; Kenny Lowe and Richie Litzel.

Richie was a member of Troop 164 sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Maspeth. It was his father who provided the transportation to and from Camp Alpine on that weekend. As indicated previously, I was a member of Troop 59 sponsored by the PTA of P.S. 153 also in Maspeth. Right down the block from Troop 164.

I remember working on lean-tos and trying to keep my mouth shut. I will never forget those infamous words uttered by a task master,

"Notch your bit, Scout".

As I remember, It was colder than a well diggers backside. (I cleaned that up)

As a youth I had worked on a few issues of the Stag. I might have been the editor had it not been for the fact that my folks couldn't afford a typewriter. (I was lucky my parents could afford uniforms. ("Seconds" was the uniform of the day). But I can remember cutting stencils on the current editor's typewriter. What a laborious task! I can also remember attending meetings at the Central Queens YMCA on Parsons Blvd. in a room called the Ship's Cabin.

To make a long story longer, my sons attended P.S. 153. Eventually I became the secretary of the PTA. When my boys came of age they joined Troop 164. Somewhere between my high school graduation and my discharge from the Navy, Troop 59 ceased to exist. I became the Scoutmaster of Troop 164. With all my formal training, I was a total failure at that job.

As fate would have it, the boys eventually decided that scouting was not their thing. By that time I was in so deep that I couldn't get out.

In May of 1982 I was honored by the Lodge to become a Suanhacky Lodge Vigil Honor Member, along with Vito Vitiello, Ralph DeFalco, and Franco Sagliocca. That was May 29, 1982. Roy was my guide. Returning to the Tower of Friendship for the ceremony, where I spent two years in the early '50s as a camper at Camp Man, sent chills through me.

Shortly thereafter, I was appointed as Suanhacky Lodge Adviser. That was in June of 1982.

That job was most rewarding to me personally. Had it not been for the support that I received from both youth and adult, that job could not have been done. Y'all know who you are. (I learned that when I moved to the south). As far as I'm concerned, it was the best job in Scouting, mainly because most of the youth members knew why they were there in the first place. The rest is history.

That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!

Ron Newsam Past Suanhacky Lodge Advisor

You too can honor, pay tribute or remember someone (or group) by having them put on the Heritage Society Honor Roll Plaque. All that is needed is a minimum donation of \$150 to the Kohler-Suanhacky Association, a name, short description and a biography to be read at the induction ceremony. A great way to say 'Thank You', or 'we'll always remember', or 'we owe you'.

Check out our website to see all those honored in the Heritage Society.

### **UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

At this time of year, many employees have opportunity to put in for United Way contributions. If you contribute to the United Way, please consider designating the Jack Kohler Campership Association (United Way code # **012596**).

## **2013 HERITAGE SOCIETY INDUCTIONS**

We welcome the newest inductees to the HERITAGE SOCIETY of the ASSOCIATION. The induction ceremony was held at the Keowa Dining Hall, Sunday morning of Memorial Day Weekend. The actual plaque, which is a wood base and brass nameplates, hangs in the Camp Alpine office. A replica in a frame, hangs in the Ten Mile River Scout Camps Museum. When visiting either camp, be sure to stop by and see it.



Our 2013 inductees are:

#### **No Names**

Suanhacky Lodge Cooking Crew  
1980 - 2013

#### **Suanhacky Lodge #49**

The Spirit of the Stag Lives On  
1930 - 2013

#### **Edward A. Burns**

Troop 142  
Scoutmaster & Friend  
2013\*

#### **Kintecoying Lodge #4**

The Legacy Continues  
2013