

SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION

Formerly the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky, previously Jack Kohler Campership Association

1986-2016

THE FIRST 30 YEARS

Where we came from, what we do, what we've done,
where we're going....



2016 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Jack Kohler Campership Association, now known as the Suanhacky Campership Association. As we kick off the 30th anniversary, let's reflect on our origins and history. How did this organization come around, who are we, why was the organization started, what are our objectives and goals? These and other questions, we hope to answer in this presentation, reflecting on our first 30 years.

JACK KOHLER



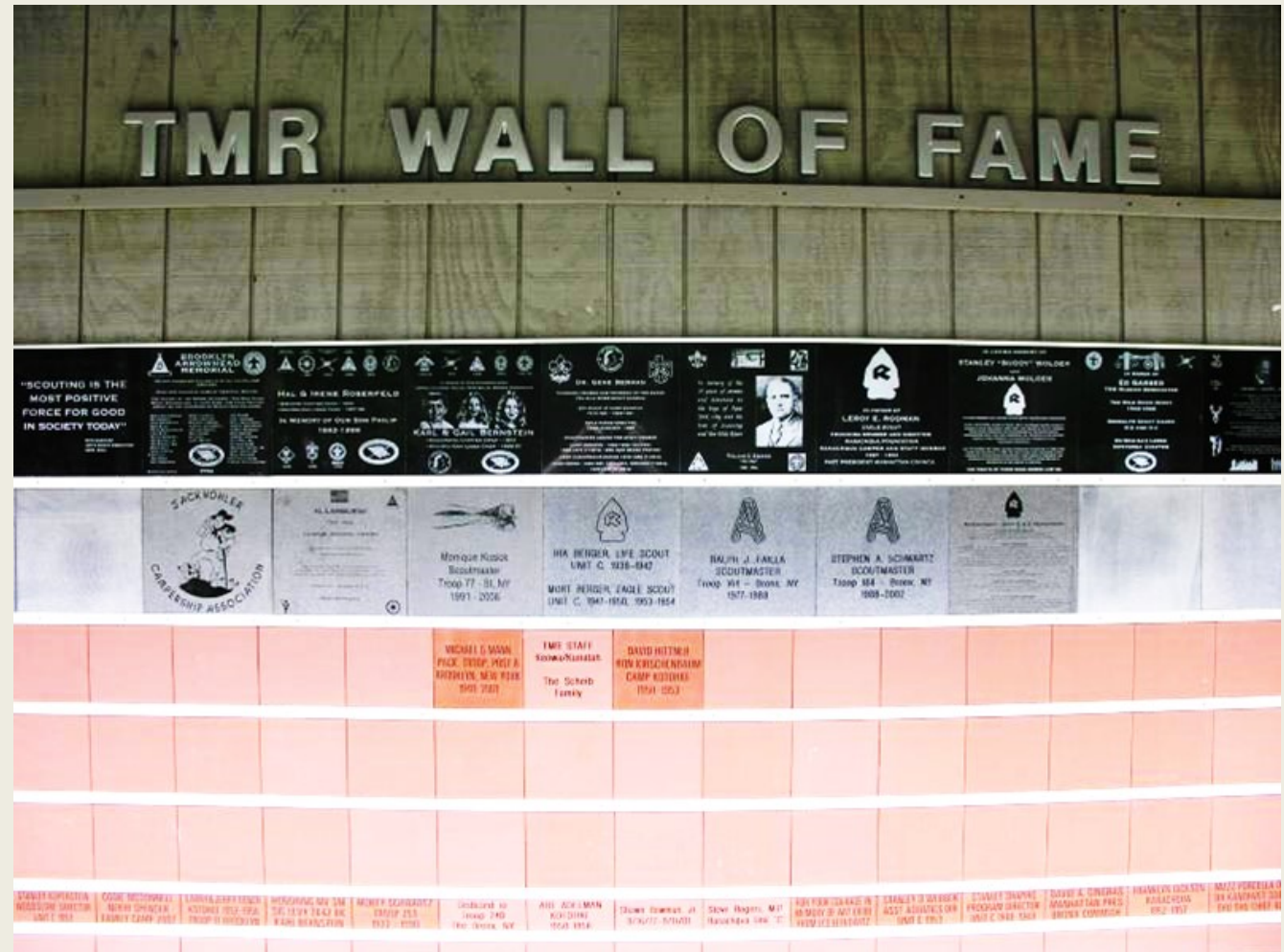
Jack Kohler was a 50+ year member of the Boy Scouts. He was beloved by young and old alike. Over the years he made friends and had a strong love of Scout camping, especially Ten Mile River and Suanhacky Lodge.



Leaders of Queens Council 1960's-70's (L-R) Bill Phillips, Joe Slater, Concil President Rusa, Jack Kohler, Murray Juvelier, Dan Garvey, kneeling is Harold Edwards

Jack was heavily involved with all Queens Scouting activities. He was always seen at any camping event. Then, for his 50 years of service his friends threw a party for him in 1982 at Queens College and over 400 people attended.

Jack was recipient of the Vigil Honor, Silver Beaver, was the first person in the nation awarded the Order of the Arrow Founders Award, The King George Award, Scouters Key, Medal of Merit, Citations from the Mayor of New York City, Governor of New York State Queens County and the Congress of the United States. Since his passing, Jack was inducted into the TMR Hall of Fame and also enshrined along with the Association on the TMR Wall of Fame.



TMR Wall of Fame: Kohler Assoc Plaque

2nd row, 1st on from Left.



Young Scouts of New York City in the 1930's

Jack began as a young Scout in Elmhurst Queens in 1932. The second son of a New York City Police Lieutenant and a hard working bookkeeper, housewife. He was lucky to enjoy summers at Ten Mile River's Camp Man, along with thousands of other fellow Scouts from Queens.



When World War II broke, Jack went off to Europe to fight the Axis, putting some of what he learned at Ten Mile River to good use on the road to victory.



Suanhacky Logo of the 40's & 50's, Taken from the Camp Man Logo

Upon his return from the Army, he again renewed his association with the Boy Scouts, Suanhacky Lodge and Ten Mile River. Jack became the Advisor of Suanhacky Lodge from 1952 till 1956 and also a member of the Greater New York Councils Camping Committee. He was instrumental in allowing the OA a larger presence in TMR, and was one of the key planners behind the building of the Suanhacky Lodge House.



Jack Kohler served as the very first Advisor to the 5 Lodges of New York City

In addition to his duties with Suanhacky Lodge and on the GNYC Camping Committee, Jack was appointed the first advisor overseeing the 5 Lodges of New York City, a position that our own Mitch Morgenstern would later hold.



He was
instrumental
in seeing that
the OA lived up
to its founding
principles of
promoting and
serving Scout
Camping at
camp and
back home in
Queens.

**Suanahcky had a rich history of tradition and service that
Jack Kohler strived to maintain and grow**



For his career, Jack worked for the City of New York, becoming the Director of Social Services for Kings County. In this capacity, he was able to put to use, much of the Scout Law; Friendly, Kind, and Courteous, to help families that needed assistance.

**Brooklyn Boro Hall Jack Worked here in
the Department of Social Services**



Camp Man 1952

Jack Kohler 2nd from right

He still would spend many weeks, every summer at camp, either as a Provisional Scoutmaster, or serving as a Staff man in one capacity or another or with his own Home Troop from Queens.



Jack ‘the Actor’ (center) in a Camp Show Skit

He became quite involved with the Camp Shows each summer, which is one of the reasons he was given the Lenape name- Achewelon, translated as ACTOR, when he was awarded the Vigil Honor.



1973 Lodge Training Conference at Camp Alpine

Jack continued with serving camp year round as the Queens Council Camping Chairman for a tenure of over 25 years. He also began his second stint as Advisor to Suanhacky Lodge in 1972 thru 1979.



Queens Council Camping Committee on TMR inspection- Summer 1974

As the Camping Chairman, he instituted a program of having the Suanhacky Chief as part of the Camping committee, in the position of Recording Secretary. He also saw to it that the Lodge conducted a Council wide as well as district wide camp promotions and service projects each year.

Barryville on the Delaware became home to Jack and many guest over the years



Jack so loved Ten Mile River that he bought property near the camp in Barryville, NY and after his retirement from New York City moved up there full time. He had an open camp policy in Barryville, where he would often allow anyone, Scouts or not, to camp on his property to enjoy the outdoors.

Kernochan & Keowa Staff's Jack directed



While a resident of Barryville, Jack also became a Staff man once again at TMR. Over his final years, he served as Reservation Wide Services Director, than as Director of Kernochan and later Director of Keowa.





Jack Kohler: Gone Home July 1983

Jack Kohler dedicated his life and energies to Ten Mile River, Scout Camping, Suanhacky Lodge and his friends. Jack passed away after a brief hospitalization in July 1983. His friends, OA Brothers and Scouting comrades felt the loss of Jack in many ways.



The Founding Fathers

Mitch Morgenstern, Murray Juvelier, Denis Sackett, Bill Schieb

After Jack Kohler passed away, the same Scouter friends, spearheaded by Mitch Morgenstern, along with Bill Schieb, Murray Juvelier and Denis Sackett, the same crew who had organized the 50th Anniversary of Jack's Scouting Dinner-Dance, got together to see about doing something to honor their friend, their mentor, their brother.

How to honor a man who devoted his life to Ten Mile River, promoting camp, the Order of the Arrow? First things first and the founders approached GNYC/Queens Council executives to advise them of the desire to do something to honor Jack's memory and at the same time, help Scouts within Queens/GNYC. The organization was given the Council blessing to go forth and multiply.





It was decided that creating a fund, to help Scouts from Queens who needed some financial aid, was a wonderful tribute to Jack. We would **‘Help Make Every Scout A Camper’**. It was further planned, to make it an organization that would have a perpetual reason for being, by raising the campership funds, going into the future.

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Boy Scouts so that they may attend the long
term Summer Scout Camp of Greater New
York Council, Ten Mile River**

In addition, it would also help support Suanhacky Lodge with advice, certain financial help to offset cost to programs and try to bring back former members of Scouting and the OA back into the fold to some degree, an alumni if you will.



The Association has brought together Scouters from the 40's, 50' 60's,70's and beyond

(LtoR) Donal McCarthy 1940's & 50's Camp Man Staff, Denis Sackett 1973-74 Lodge Chief, Guenther 'Gunner' Hecht 1950-51 Lodge Chief, Mitch Morgenstern Queens Camping Comm 1970's-80's Lance DePlante Rockaway Chief & Camp Lakeside 1950's



Fellowship- Brotherhood- Cheerfulness

Further, because Jack was so full of joy and fellowship, the organization would try to have fun, fellowship activities that Jack would have loved to have been part of.

Queens College, the site of Jack Kohlers' 50th anniversary in Scouting Dinner-Dance & the first number of Association meetings



A number of Scouters who showed interest in such an organization were invited to the inaugural meeting of the Association at Queens College in early 1986.

Bylaws were drafted for the organization.

Our purpose was stated:

1. To perpetuate the feeling of fellowship, love of camping and Scout Spirit that Jack Kohler lived by. This is achieved through many programs we organize and/or support.
2. To provide financial assistance to Queens Boy Scouts so that they may attend the long term Summer Scout Camp of Greater New York Council, Ten Mile River

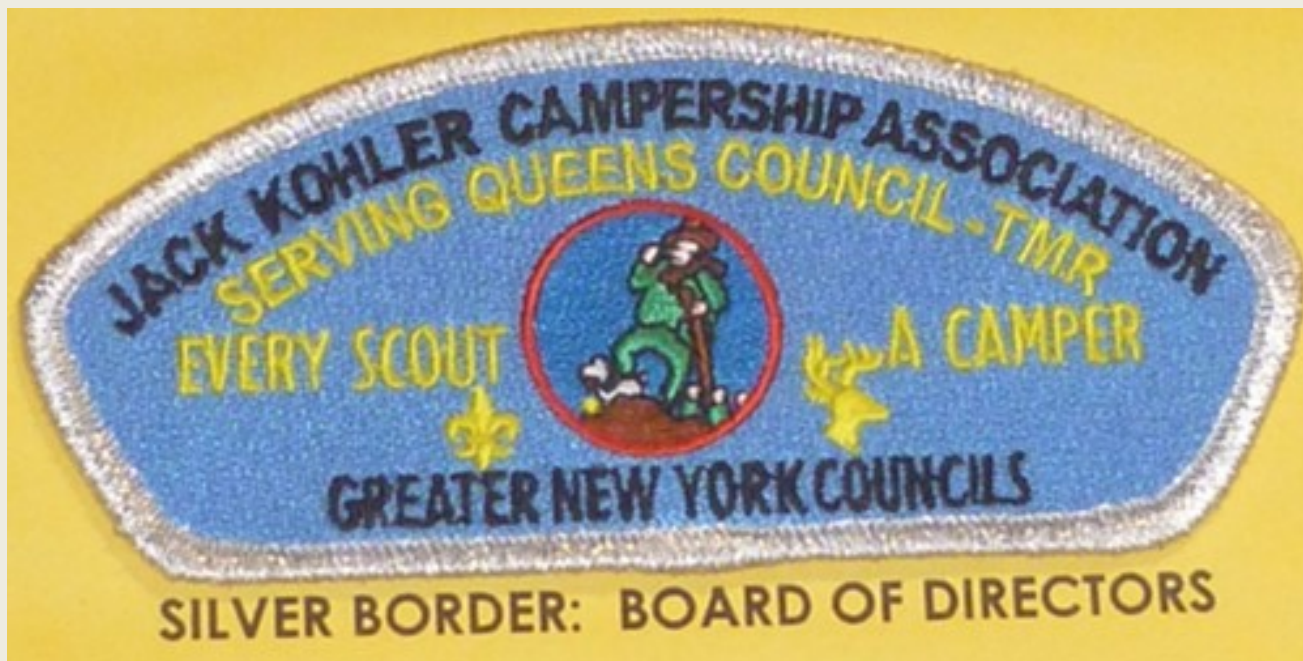
Once this organizational outline was formalized, a search for an initial Board of Directors was done. To find Scouters who knew Jack Kohler, worked with him in Camping, in the OA, or other aspects of Scouting.



**Jack Kohler
Campership Association
1st patch 1986**

The original, Founding Board members were nominated and voted in. They were; Chairman- Mitch Morgenstern, Murray Juvelier, Bill Schieb, Father Barry Frazzitta, Larry Offsey, Frank Janoscak, Roy Kramer, Denis Sackett, Jerry Reimer, Cliff Follenius, Lenny Rasmussen, Vincent Kohler and Pierre Thyvaert.

Over the years we have lost a number of our Board members and expanded the ranks to be more inclusive of Scouters from the area.



Board of Directors

Today's Board of Directors are:

Mitch Morgenstern –
Chairman
Bruce Cobern
George Cuhaj
Kevin Dolce
Brother Hugh Dymski
Elizabeth Figueroa
Dennis Gaynor
Michael Lectora
Deacon Paul Lumpkin
Robert Petrillo
Ed Pino
John Pritchard
Paul Romain
Denis Sackett
Mike Schulte
Pierre Thyvaert
Anthony Zalak



Board Members

Gone Home:

*Gordon Bennett,
Art Brace,
Ralph Calman,
Tom Evans
Cliff Follenius,
Father Barry Frazzitta,
Murray Juvelier,
Vince Kohler,
Jerry Reimer,
Bill Schieb,
Jim Tranchina*

(Top row) John Pritchard, Bruce Cobern, Dennis Gaynor

(Middle Row) Tom Evans, Elizabeth Figueroa, Denis Sackett

(Seated) Robe Petrillo, Mitch Morgenstern, Art Brace, Gordon Bennett



Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association Board

Standing Bruce Cobern, Mike Lectora, Kevin Dolce, Ed Pino, Anthony Zalak, John Pritchard, Dennis Gaynor, Rob Petrillo, Paul Romain. Seated: (L to R) Mitch Morgenstern, Elizabeth Figueroa, Tom Evan, Denis Sackett

Early on the group grew by word of mouth and various mailings. We reached out to old TMR scouts & staff from Queens. We visited Round Tables to announce who we were and were hoping to do. We put word out in local newspapers. Board members were active in Scouting and spoke to their friends about joining our crusade to help make every Scout a camper. Soon we had people joining, not only from Queens, but from New Jersey, Brooklyn, Upstate New York, California, Florida, Puerto Rico, Massachusetts and other areas, including Kazakhstan.



**The Association grew, especially with those who held
TMR memories in esteem**



Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association has helped open up Scouts to all of what TMR has to offer

The summer of 1986, the first camperships were awarded to 8 Scouts from Queens. So as not to have conflicts with how GNYC gave out camperships or the criteria they used, we advised Council that we would be awarding camperships above and beyond to whatever the council was going to do, so as not to cut down on what would have been going out to begin with. We asked them to tell us what Scouts and Units needed the assistance. We've operated more or that way ever since. The following year 12 Scouts received our assistance. Each year we would try to match what we did the previous year or increase it, eventually awarding 32 camperships a summer for a number of years. As camp fees kept growing, we revamped the amount we would give to individual Scouts, based on their specific needs.

To date over 1100 Camperships have been awarded.

Early on, we realized the need to raise funds for future campership, because dues alone would not do the trick.

We asked folks to donate Scouting memorabilia that we would then sell at various Trade-o-rees. This became very successful for us and we continue that to this day.

We now, not only visit local trade-o-rees, but will sometimes sell on Ebay, or advertise many items we have on the Association web site. Over the years we have raised many campership dollars by trying to keep up with the desire for Scout memorabilia.

We were an original partner with Suanhacky Lodge when they had annual Trade-o-rees.

We've been attending many Trade-o-rees ever since and have raised thousands of dollars over the years from these events.



Trade-O-Rees



Kohler Barbecue!

**We offered great food to all on the OA Memorial
Day Weekend**

Kohler Cooking Crew

**(L to R) Art Brace, Charlene Louiseau, Denis Sackett, Jim
Tranchina, Paul Lumpkin, Bill Schieb, Mitch
Morgenstern, Jason Schieb**

We also wanted to have fellowship activities, and out of this our annual Memorial Day Barbecue was born. At first it was for members only, on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at Ten Mile River. Then we recognized conflicts that had with timing of other weekend events, so it was then decided to do it on Friday evening of the weekend.

This way, those arriving would not have to stop on the way to TMR and could come straight to camp and have a good meal before the weekend began.

We opened it to all there, with members eating for free and non members paying a nominal fee to cover some of our cost. Changes in the local Order of the Arrow precluded us from continuing this program a few years ago.



Early on, we recognized the value of Receptions to honor Some others in Scouting. Our idea of the **OUTSTANDING SCOUTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** was born out of this. Our very first recipient in 1988, was Father Barry Frazzitta at a Dinner Dance held, once again in Queens College. Two years later, in 1990, we honored Queens Council Executive, Dennis St. Jean. We have been thrilled to honor many deserving Scouters since then.



JACK KOHLER – SUANHACKY CAMPERSHIP ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING SCOUTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
HONOR ROLL

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1988</u> FATHER BARRY FRAZZITTA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1997</u> FLORENCE CADOGEN RICHARD CORDES BOB MADSEN ROBERT PETRILLO</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2011</u> WALLY CARY HEDY DEBONET JIM MCKAY AMY SHAPIRO HENRY ZALAK</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1990</u> DENNIS St. JEAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1999</u> FRANK BOCCABELLA III BRUCE COBERN BROTHER HUGH DYMSKI FRANK IMOSI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2013</u> MICHAEL CHEVERINO Sr. TRUDY GAYNOR EDDY PETERSON</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1992</u> HENRY BEHRENS KEVIN DOLCE NORMAN KARA JIM TRANCHINA HENRY JOERZ, Sr.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2001</u> GEORGE CUHAJ THOMAS DUGAN, Jr. MARCELLE GRANT GREG HOFER ROY KRAMER RICK MARTIN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2015</u> LAURIE HANDLER MICHAEL LECTORA TOM MAHER RICHARD PIGNATELLI TOM REILLY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1993</u> GORDON BENNETT RALPH DeFALCO LEONA KNOOPS FRANK KULE JERRY REIMER WILLIAM SCHMITT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2003</u> BOB ASHMAN LORRI McGREGOR ANTHONY ZALAK CHARLIE ROGERS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2017</u> SCOTT BOSWORTH DIT CHEUNG JOHN ENGLER AL KOBE PAT STEFFACIO KELVIN WILLIS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1995</u> ARTHUR H. BRACE RALPH CALMAN THOMAS CURRY AL DOCKET THOMAS DUGAN, Sr. FRAN FALK LOUISE KARA JACK KNOOPS CHARLENE LOISEAU JOHN PRITCHARD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2006</u> DAVID RISUENO REIN OLVET MITCH MORGENSTERN JOHN ZSELLER</p>	

I'm A Kohler Camper

In our desire to help promote Scout Camping, we developed the 'I'm A Kohler Camper' award program. Open to any and all Scouts this program rewarded scouts that went on weekend camp outs, participated in District Camp-o-rees and attended TMR. Scouts would receive an "I'M a Kohler Camper' patch and certificate from us if they completed the very achievable goals of this award. This program lasted 22 years and hundreds of Scouts received their Kohler award.



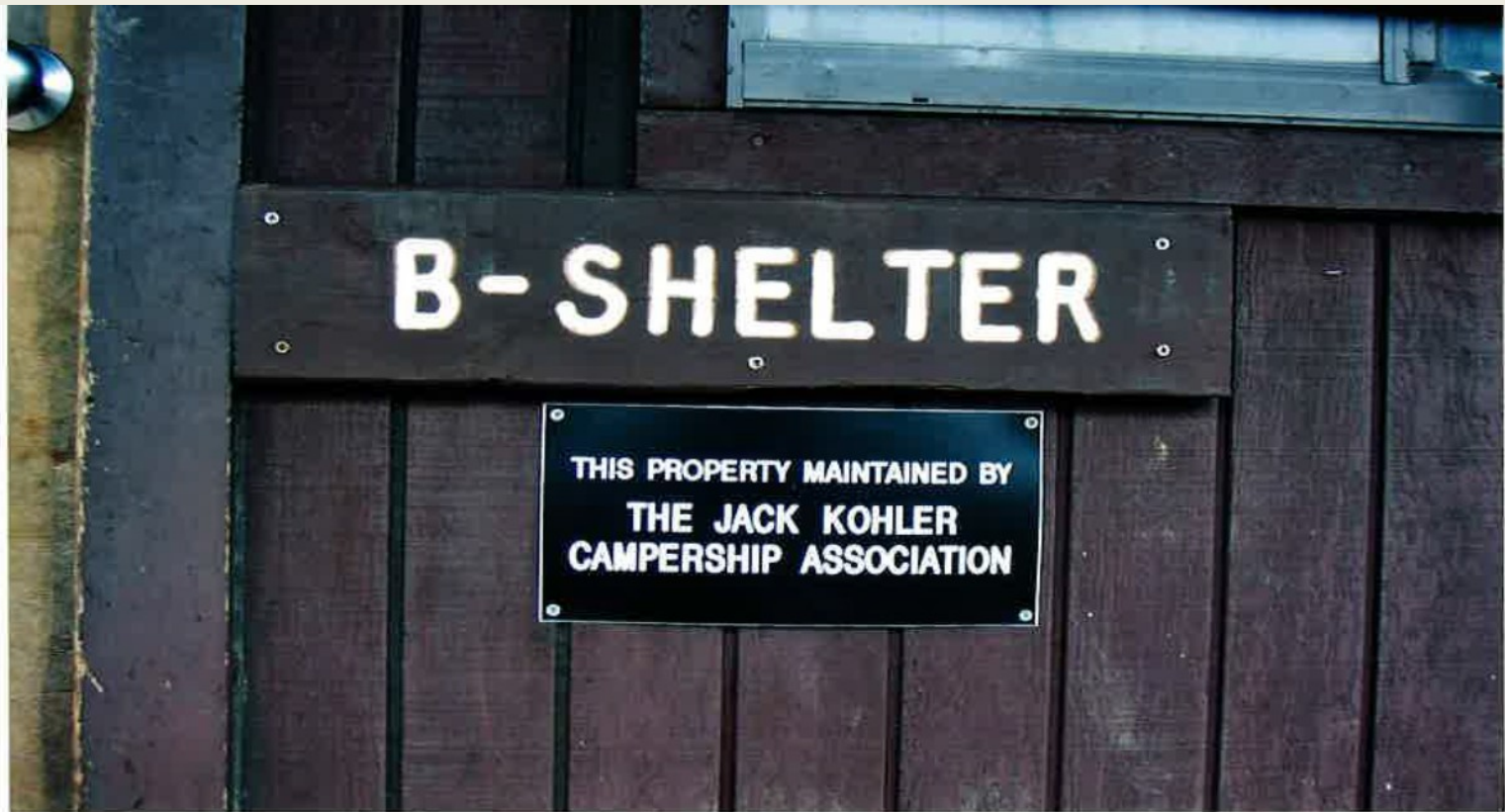
Hundreds of Scouts have earned the ***I'm A Kohler Camper Award***
*An award we created to promoter weekend camping, District Camporees and
TMR Camping
(3 different issues of the patch)*



The very first Heritage Society induction, Memorial Day Weekend, 1989



Our friend and Council Exec at the time, Dennis St. Jean came up with a wonderful idea for us to help accomplish some of our goals. Dennis knew we needed to raise money for the camperships, he also knew we wanted to honor folks from Scouting who in many cases were not receiving recognition for their time and devotion. He suggested a '**Heritage Society**', where donations could be made in some ones name. We took that idea and ran with it, by making a plaque and getting it approved to hang at Scout Camp for all to see. To date the Heritage Society has been one of our most successful on going fund raisers.



Before it became the Jack Kohler Cabin, it was known as B-Shelter

Camp Alpine, there was a rundown cabin, B-Shelter that our Association adopted and started putting funds and man hours into, so that it would not have to be torn down due to negligence, as so many structures in our camps had happen over the years.

Have you camped in the Kohler Cabin?



We helped get new electric, new appliances, windows, flooring, bunks, we had a work weekend and painted. In recognition for what the Association had done for the cabin, it was renamed by Greater New York Councils, The Jack Kohler Cabin.

We had a dedication ceremony to unveil the new name that was a fun time for everyone. We continue to fund upkeep for the cabin, recently having new doors put in and committing to new lighting as well.



Dedication of the Jack Kohler Cabin

When tragedy struck our community, with the murder of our Association member and New York City Police Officer, John Williamson, or Association wanted to do something to honor this hero. Because John was active in the OA, was involved with training, the Association decided to do something to fulfill some of his priorities.



John Williamson, NYPD
Killed in the Line of Duty



A recipient of the Williamson NOAC Scholarship and Chairman Morgenstern

We established a Scholarship in John's name for Suanhacky Lodge OA youth members to earn to attend a NOAC. The John Williamson NOAC Scholarship has been awarded over a dozen times to Queens OA youth brothers to attend NOAC since its inception in 1993.



Barnaby Beagle

Through most of the 1960's-early 80's Jack was often seen around camp or various events with his dog, Barnaby Beagle.

Royal Order of Barnaby Award



A way for us to thank those who have worked especially hard for our Association, from time to time they have been awarded a special recognition, the Royal Order of Barnaby Award. As it says on the certificate, not because you look like a dog, or smell like a dog, but because you work like a dog for the Association.

Our Royal Order of Barnaby Honor Roll is:

- Murray Juvelier :1995
- Kevin Dolce : 1995
- Art Brace : 1996
- Ralph Calman : 1996
- Denis Sackett : 1999
- Jason Scheib : 2003
- Elizabeth & Hector Figueroa: 2006
- Monica & Tom Evans :2006
- Mike Schulte: 2015



Some of what we have accomplished...

Over the years the Association has gotten involved with many other venues to help strengthen and improve upon the Scout Camping experiences of the Queens Scouts.



Funded improvements to the Suanhacky Lodge House

- **Helped offset cost of new windows in Lodge House**

Underwrote cost of spagehetti dinners for camp promotion nights



- Underwrote spaghetti dinners for Boro Wide Camp Promotions for Queens Camping Committee and Suanhacky Lodge

- Created and had put up signs for the Old Camp Man area of Ten Mile River.



**Had signs produced and placed on the
grounds of old Camp Man**



**Created an English-Lenape Dictionary, underwrote
and produced a History of Queens Council....**

- Underwrote the cost of Cracker Barrels at many Suanhacky Lodge training conferences



**Sponsored Cracker Barrels
at Lodge events**



Vigil Honor Breakfast underwritten by the Association



Vigil Honor recognition patch

Red – All Suanhacky Vigil

Gold- 25 Year Veteran of being Vigil

- Created a special limited edition Lodge Flap honoring the history of Suanhacky and welcoming the new OA Lodge



**Associations' limited edition
Tribute Flap for Suanhacky Lodge**



Father Barry Chapel, Camp Alpine

- Helped with some cost and manpower for the Father Barry Chapel at Alpine



- Created a special limited edition CSP set to allow our members to show off their pride of being Kohler Members and also to honor Eagle Scouts.

Kohler Assoc. CSP's: limited edition

Red Border= All Members

Gold Border= Lifetime members

Silver Border= Director of Assoc

White Border= Eagle Scout

- Support and promote Alumni Days at TMR, bringing together old friends, back by the old campsites



Kohler-Suanhacky has been present at all TMR Alumni Day, with many old timers often showing up

We have supported the TMR Museum, with promoting it, visiting it and we have also given the museum, on loan, items of historical interest (for Camp Man Suanhacky & Queens).



Ten Mile River Museum

We have supported the museum with attendance as well as loaning some of our historical pieces for display



Thanks for thinking of us

Recognitions:

As an organization, we do not seek awards or recognition, but we have been recognized for much of what we have accomplished and hope to do. Here is just a sample of some recognitions we have received;



Dedication of the Jack Kohler Cabin

- GNYC renamed the Camp Alpine B-Shelter, The Jack Kohler Cabin

- From National Council, Boy Scouts of America we were recipients of the prestigious Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award recognizes outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from low-income backgrounds.



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BSA Whitney Award presented to the Association. Presentation was made by GNYC Scout Executive Ethan Draddy and presented to Mitch Morgenstern



The Whitney Award was presented to the Association at our November 2013 luncheon. The presentation was made by GNYC Scout Executive Ethan Draddy and presented to Mitch Morgenstern on behalf of the Association.

- The City of New York, declaring the date November 13, 2011 as Jack Kohler Campership Association Day in New York City in commemoration of 25 years of service.



NYC shows appreciation for our good deeds by proclamation

The proclamation was presented by a member of the
New York City Council at our 2011 luncheon.



November 13, 2011
Jack Kohler Campership Association
Day in New York City



What's In A Name?

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In fall of 2012, with the merging of the 5 GNYC lodges, Suanhacky Lodge #49 would cease to exist as it was known. The Association unanimously voted to include Suanhacky in our name, to help keep the name and spirit living on, hence we became the Jack Kohler-Suanhacky Campership Association.

Looking Towards the Future



The Suanhacky Campership Association work will carry on supporting the Scouts of Queens with financial assistance so that they may continue to get the most out of Scouting at Ten Mile River. We have shown that we are an important spoke in the wheel of Scouting. We have given the opportunity to Scouts to go to Ten Mile River and Cub World, who may otherwise not have been able to afford it. The Association has also helped finance other activities that we feel strongly about. The Association has been able to link up with and get former Scouts and Scouters back involved to some degree, allowing them to share some of their experiences with others. We do not know what the future holds in store, but we do know that the Suanhacky Campership Association, will give it the old Scouting try and spirit to succeed in our goal of "Helping Make Every Scout