

## **Kenneth Elliot Zinn**

### **Summary for Boy Scout Troop 103 Lifetime of Service Award**

Scouting life began for this long-time scouter in 1963 when he joined Cub Scouts with Pack 103. He earned his Arrow of Light and joined Troop 103. During the next six years, he took scouting performance seriously but enjoyed his time earning his rank advancements and merit badges, doing a good turn daily, living the scout oath and laws, loving the outdoor events. He was nominated by his fellow scouts and became a member of the Order of the Arrow and later rising to OA Brotherhood. He served as a summer camp counselor at Camp Tuckahoe. He finally reached his goal by becoming the troop's 16<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout in 1972.

After completing a four-year degree in college, he re-entered the scouting life as a professional consultant and motivator being appointed District Executive of the Chestnut Ridge District within the Westmoreland-Fayette Council in western Pennsylvania. This role gave him oversight to over 1,100 scout members comprised of 20 Cub Packs and 22 Boy Scout Troops. He would continue in this leadership role for the next five years. In 1981, he returned to the Hanover area.

In the latter part of 1983, when Troop 103's active membership was in significant decline, he had it in his heart to see that the Troop continue its heritage of helping young boys grow and develop. He assumed the role of Troop Committee Chairman, surrounding himself with a qualified group of committee members, and sought out parents within the parish who were committed to their boys and willing to take the lead in guiding and supporting the troop.

As a result and in the subsequent years, Troop 103 began to grow and prosper. This scouter maintained his role during the next 20 years bringing continuity and enthusiasm to a program that experienced seven different scoutmasters but never a shortage on a vibrant and rewarding scouting experience for all the scouts who spent time in the troop. This scouter earned the Conewago District Award of Merit in 1992 for his ongoing commitment to success and considerable contributions to both the unit and the district. During his time as troop committee chairman, 27 scouts earned the rank of Eagle.

In 2004, he decided to move his leadership skills to the Pack level where his youngest son was a young Cub in Pack 103. Again, with the support of faithful, devoted, and skilled parents and leaders, he has chaired the Pack committee since that time ensuring that the boys in the Cub Pack are adequately prepared when entering Troop 103. His efforts in oversight, motivation, and personal contributions are evident by the ongoing success at both the pack and troop levels.

Based on this success and his long-standing commitment and dedication to the entire scouting program here at St. Joseph Parish, we are honored to recognize Kenneth Elliot Zinn with this Lifetime of Service Award along with awarding him a BSA Service Pin for his 50 years in the scouting program.

*(Applause – Handshakes – Pictures)*

*After the award is presented and Ken is seated (optional)....*

“Ken,  
You know... Back in the early 1980s when the chips were down and our Troop was in decline.. Not too many individuals would have stepped up as you did to get the Troop back on track.

Although you were not alone in that endeavor. We are all here tonight in this celebration partly because of your efforts at that critical time and over the many decades.

Thank you and congratulations!”