

William A Klein Jr

Summary for Troop 103 Lifetime of Service Award

There are many Eagle Scouts attending here this evening. Only 4%-5% of all scouts in the world will earn the Eagle rank in scouting. For the other 95% who do not, they come up short for a variety of reasons. Many of them have regrets years later for not making that final push to reach the top. We have a scouter here tonight who will tell you he was close to earning Eagle after becoming a Life Scout with Troop 103. He will also tell you, he later regretted not making that final push when he was 17 years old.

At the age of 30, knowing the value and benefit of scouting and what the program did for him as a youth, he made up his mind to become involved in scouting again. He vowed to help and encourage youth to become fully engaged in their scouting program, to do their best, work hard and learn all they can.

For the past 45 years, this scouter has never given up.

- He was a Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Cubmaster with Pack 103,
- Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 103, and served as the St. Joseph Parish's Religious Emblems Coordinator for 15 years.
- He is a **Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow**.
- He has earned the **Scouter's Key Award** for his work as the District Commissioner within the Conewago District.
- He received the **District Award of Merit** recognizing him for his work throughout the district in starting a troop in New Oxford, supporting each of the units, and encouraging scouts and scouters toward excellence.
- He was an Explorer Advisor and district advancement chairman sitting in on rank advancements and Eagle Scout Board of Reviews.
- He is the recipient of the St. George Religious Award and has served on both the Pack 103 and Troop 103 Committees. He is currently active with the Troop Committee.

We are honored and proud to recognize and present the Boy Scout Troop 103 Lifetime of Service Award to this scouter who may have come up a little short as a boy scout but is making the most of it as an adult scouter. Please join me in congratulating William A Klein Jr. for his dedicated years in scouting and loyal support of the scouting programs at St. Joseph.

Applause – Handshake – Pictures

One last thing, Bill, this award is a Lifetime of Service Award meaning while there is life there is time for more service and we would appreciate you sticking around and helping us for many years to come. Thank you and congratulations.