

## History of Kuskitannee Lodge

Kuskitannee Lodge is the result of the consolidation of two lodges, Unalachtigo 168, founded in 1939, and Packanke 419, founded in 1949. They merged in 1973 when Lawrence County Council and Pioneer Trails Council consolidated. The number 168 was retained partly because Lodge 168 was the older lodge. Thus Kuskitannee was formed from Unalachtigo 168 and Packanke 419.

### Unalachtigo Lodge 168

Butler-Armstrong Area Council  
Pioneer Trails Council  
Totem: Eastern Wild Turkey  
1939-1973

### Packanke Lodge 419

Lawrence County Council  
Totem: Indian Chief  
1949-1973

### Kuskitannee Lodge 168

Moraine Trails Council  
Totem: Brook Trout  
1973-Present



Our lodge history was researched, compiled and written by Dean Antoniazzi, who used all the resources he could find to make this accurate. W. Craig Spink, Terry Groth and Dan Brown helped with editing. Some data on section leadership came from a history of western Pennsylvania OA leadership compiled by Tom Price of Wagion Lodge.

## History of Unalachtigo Lodge 168

William F. Livermore, Scout Executive of what was then Butler Armstrong Area Council, is recognized as the founder of Unalachtigo Lodge 168. In 1939, he conducted the first Ordeal Ceremony of Lodge 168, having been secretary of the national Order of the Arrow. From that humble beginning, the lodge advanced under the trained leader who gave the unit an extra spurt.

The name of the lodge, Unalachtigo, is in the language of the Delaware Indian and means "eastern wild turkey". The Wild Turkey was chosen as the totem of the lodge because it was hunted by the Indians in the area of what is now Butler County.

The first ceremonial was held, in 1939, on the old ball diamond at Camp Bucoco, which is believed to have been located in what is presently the parade field, south of the Dining Hall. There was no fire at that ceremony at which William Graham became chief.

In 1942, the first Brotherhood ceremony was conducted inside Camp Bucoco's old headquarters building. This building was the old cook's cabin. The Brotherhood ceremony was not moved to the outdoors until after World War II, in 1945. During these years, membership in Brotherhood was obtained by election only after serving a minimum of two years as an Ordeal.

In 1947, Arch McKinney, who was a member of Wagon Lodge 6 in Westmoreland County Council, came into Unalachtigo Lodge 168 as a Vigil member. His move was the result of Butler-Armstrong Area Council taking in three townships in Westmoreland County, including Apollo and Vandergrift. The new council was named Pioneer Trails Council. Hence, McKinney was the first Vigil Member of Unalachtigo, since he came with the tract. The Vigil honor was not conferred on McKinney by Unalachtigo.

The first conferred Vigils in Unalachtigo Lodge were Ralph "Pop" Charlton and William C. Graham, first lodge chief from 1939 to 1942.

In 1946, an arrowhead shaped fireplace was built in the council ring, which is now the Delaware campsite. Ceremonies for the lodge were held at this site until 1951. With the enlargement of the camp, OA members realized there was a need for a more secluded and larger council ring to provide facilities for the 1951 Area Conference. A new site was selected and a council ring created. In 1961, that site became what is presently the Blackfoot campsite. The OA moved deeper into the woods to the site of the present council ring. The first ceremonies were held here in the fall of 1961.

As the Order of the Arrow matured, it was decided that nearby lodges should convene for training and friendship, so the nation was divided into Areas.

Unalachtigo was initially placed in Area F and some members of Lodge 168 attended the first Area Meet at Camp Twin Echo (*ed. 2013: currently part of Laurel Highlands Council*), in 1948. From 1949 until 1953 Lodge 168 was in Area III-B and Lodge 168 hosted the III-B Area Meet at Camp Bucoco in 1951. From 1953 until 1973, Lodge 168 was in Area III-F. Area Meets (currently called Section Conclaves) were hosted at Bucoco in 1957, 1962, and 1968.

It appears that Unalachtigo 168 of Moraine Trails Council attended the 1973 Area III-F meeting in September 1973.

As of 2014, there are still several men who were members of Unalachtigo Lodge 168 who are still members of Kuskitannee Lodge 168. They are Keith Duncil, Ray Dunn, Jim English, Clyde Jones, Ron Miller and Dennis Rickard.

## **Packanke Lodge 419**

Packanke Lodge 419, chartered to Lawrence County Council, was organized August 4-5, 1949, by a group of Scouts and Scouters, and a field executive from the “mother lodge” of Erie. A total of 15 were united into that organization. The group took their Ordeal and were initiated at Camp Sequoyah (*ed 2013: no longer a BSA property*). Those taking part were Scout Executive T. G. Allen, Field Executive John D. Lawson, Jim Norton, Jack Brooks, Frank Connor, Bill Hauschild, Byron Brooks, Charles West, Willis Peacock, Harry Wright, Jim Kennedy, Ray Zeigler, N. J. McCluskey, Charles Follette and Robert Leasure.

After being accepted into the Order of the Arrow, at Sequoyah, the group returned home and the following October put on its first Ordeal at Camp Agawam, the Lawrence County Council camp. It was two years before Packanke had its first Brotherhood member and not until 1955-56 did Lodge 419 gain its first Vigil Honor member.

Packanke Lodge was part of area III-B through all its 24 years. The members of Lodge 419 attended all Area and national functions. At times, the delegations were not large but the members were enthusiastic. III-B Area meets were hosted by Packanke at Camp Agawam in 1956 and 1965. At the 1965 Area III-B Conclave, Lodge 419 won ribbons in the phys-o-rama and other events for a total of eight.

The lodge chose Chief Packanke, prominent leader of the Munsee (Wolf) Clan of the Delaware tribe and chief of the Kuskies town Indians, about 1749, as the totem. The original patch was green and white with the chief’s profile on it.

In addition to being active in attending area and national events, Lodge 419, in “being mindful of our higher traditions we have strived to promote Scout camping, but have also spent hours in service work at Agawam for its improvement and the benefits of future campers,” the Packanke historian wrote in 1965. The lodge presented Camp Agawam with a canoe and several rowboats that year. They also provided several tables and chair sets for the camp dining hall.

According to the 1973 III-B Area Meet booklet, Packanke Lodge ceased to exist at the end of that event on August 19, 1973. As of 2014, the members of Packanke Lodge 419 who are still active members of Kuskitannee Lodge 168 are Tom Patton, Dale Siar and Gene Singer.

### **Legend of Packanke Chief Packanke Friend of the White Man**

There is more tradition and spirit behind Lodge 419 than a list of names. When the OA at New Castle selected Packanke as their totem they had behind the selection the tale of a great figure in Indian Lore.

Chief Packanke played a big role in helping the English and white settlers in defeating the French who claimed the Western Pennsylvania section. He was one of the first Indian warriors and leaders won over to Christianity.

Chief Packanke was first mentioned as being at Kuskuskies town, now New Castle, about 1749. The Munsees were a division of the Delaware tribe who lived on the upper reaches of the Delaware River above the Lehigh River junction, which empties into the bigger river in Easton, Pa.

Packanke is mentioned again by Christian Frederick Post, a Moravian lay missionary and Colonial emissary who was sent into Western Pennsylvania by the Provincial Philadelphia government to try to lure the Delawares away from the French who were laying claim to that Wilderness area. Post wrote in his personal journal of 1758 that Chief Packanke was one of the Indian leaders at Kuskuskies who helped keep the French forces and their Indian allies split while Gen. John Forbes on Nov. 25, 1758, captured Fort Duquesne at what is now Pittsburgh.

Post may have started the conversion of Packanke to Christianity on his trips, first in July 1758, and again, in November 1758.

White men and their families poured into the wilderness area after Fort Duquesne, at the "Forks of the Ohio", fell and became Fort Pitt. With the coming of more white settlers, many Indians moved further west into the Ohio Territory. Chief Packanke was one of these. Some of the Kuskuskies went to the Tuscarawas Valley in what is now New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Our data on the chief is sparse from the time of the move about 1772 when Moravian missionaries and Delaware Indians are known to have begun Schoenbrunn Village southeast of today's New Philadelphia. They occupied some 60 dwellings here but the village was abandoned in 1777 probably due to the stepped-up border warfare by the British and Indian allies as the Revolutionary War increased in intensity.

There is a cemetery called "God's Acre" in Schoenbrunn Village, which has been reconstructed with a schoolhouse, a church, a museum with recovered relics and other log cabin buildings similar to those built by the Moravians and Delawares. Buried in that cemetery is a man called "Solomon", a Christian name given to Chief Packanke, once the mighty brave and proud chief of the Wolf Clan. Packanke was believed to have been baptized at Lawunakkanek (today East Hickory, on the Allegheny River above Tionesta, Pa.) Dec. 25, 1769 by David Zeisberger.

Chief Packanke was admitted to Holy Communion March 28, 1771 and had only four years to enjoy life with the Moravians at Schoenbrunn. These must have been trying years with the British fighting the Colonials and the Indian not understanding how a few decades before, the British and Colonial settlers were allies. Packanke was probably a puzzled old man when he died at Schoenbrunn Village Sept. 28, 1775.

It would be a nice gesture on the part of the Lodge 168 Arrowmen if they made a pilgrimage to Schoenbrunn to pay tribute to the chief of the Kuskuskies, one of their "own" Indian heroes

It is with much pride that 419 brought Packanke into the present lodge "fold."

### **Kuskitannee Lodge**

When Pioneer Trails Council and Lawrence County Council consolidated in 1973 to form Moraine Trails Council, it appears that there was much dissent to the merger. The two lodges, Unalachtigo 168 and Packanke 419 continued to operate independently throughout most of 1973 which explains why there

are chiefs listed for both Unalachtigo and Packanke. Unalachtigo's final event appears to have been the 1973 Area III-F meeting in September of 1973. Packanke's final event appears to have been the Area III-B meeting in August of 1973. As of this writing, this author has been unable to locate any record of activity of Kuskitannee 168 until the spring of 1974.

The lodge name selected for the new lodge was Kuskitannee Lodge #168, W.W.W. The name was derived by using Kusk from the Kuskuskiees, and Kittany, the name of the trail which stretched across Butler County from New Castle to Kittanning and also the name of a village on the Allegheny river. The totem selected was the Brook Trout which inhabited Slippery Rock Creek, which bound the two council camps, Agawam and Bucoco. The lodge neckerchief and pocket flap naturally bear this totem. A lodge fighting song was adopted. Special T-shirts and jackets were also soon available and caps given to active working Arrowmen of the lodge bore the insignia.

Kuskitannee's first chief was Bill Wilson of New Castle. The lay advisor was Harry Wright also of that city. Professional advisor was Bruce D. McElroy, program director of the council. As of this writing, this is in dispute as two other names are listed as first advisor of Kuskitannee: Ole hunter and Clyde Braun.

The new lodge went to DuBois, Pa., Camp Mountain Run, to the final Area III-B Conclave Aug. 17-19, 1973. (*ed. the 1973 III-B Meeting program booklet states that Packanke Lodge 419, Moraine Trails Council would cease to exist at the end of this event*) After that, National realigned and Kuskitannee became part of Northeast Section 5-C.

In 1975, Kuskitannee Lodge hosted the Section 5-C Conclave at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Lawrence County, with the young lodge's officers getting into the "thick of the action". It was thought the college would give the section meeting a new atmosphere.

In 1983, Lodge #168 hosted the 5-C Conclave at Camp Bucoco as the policy shifted again. More than 300 Arrowmen attended that meeting.

Kuskitannee with its traditions of two fine lodges behind it continued to offer leadership at the Area level. It grew stronger and in 1977 adopted new by-laws to keep up with national OA changes.

In the early 1980's, Glacier Ridge District senior executive Vincent Dunn, who joined the council in 1979, became the lodge's staff advisor. Under his tutelage, Lodge 168 earned four E. Urner Goodman Awards for its excellence. Dunn pushed the lodge hard and helped to weld it into one of the finest in the nation. He retired and left the council after the June, 1991 conclave which was hosted at Camp Bucoco.

A special patch was designed to mark the tenth year of the lodge and more activities were scheduled. Now there would be the Fellowship winter weekend, the Spring Ordeal, the Big Three, after camp closed, and the annual Father-Son dinner. Special awards, like a hat, and pins would be given to members who attended the four most important yearly events. In '90, at the recognition dinner three members received their 11th pin for 11 years of full participation.

By 1988, Kuskitannee had hosted 5-C Section Conclave and furnished at least three Section Chiefs. George Andrews, was elected lodge chief, then became Section Chief, then later was Northeast Region Chief. Tony Sbarra, Jr., in 1983, and Thom Gaiser were also section chiefs. Other lodge members have been secretary or held other posts.

In 1984, the lodge erected the beautiful metal lettered sign at the entrance to Camp Bucoco on Route 8 north of Butler.

Bill Graham, first lodge chief of Unalachtigo, estimated in 1989 that between 4,500 and 5,000 youth and men had become members of the lodge from 1939 as the lodge marked its 50th anniversary July 22, 1989 at Bucoco.

When Kuskitannee 168 became official on January 2, 1973, officers to help Bill Wilson, chief, were: Ron Badger, also of New Castle, vice chief; Dave Bock, secretary, and Tony Lucas, treasurer, also of New Castle. W. A. Waggett, council program director, was the professional advisor, and lay advisors were Ole Hunter, and William Clark, associate. Harold Ramsey of New Castle, designed the Brook Trout blue patch.

The new lodge was ready for action at both Bucoco and Agawam. About 30 members attended the final III-F Conclave at California State College of PA, hosted by Kiasutha #57, Allegheny Trails Council. Neal Bronder, Lodge 168, was the last area chief for Area III-F.

In June, 2008, Kuskitannee was moved from section NE-4B to the new section NE-4A  
In service, Lodge 168 has contributed to both camp Bucoco and camp Agawam. Such projects have included erecting a brand new sign for camp Bucoco in 1984 and are responsible for many roofing projects. These projects could not have gone underway without the help of many of Kuskitannee's lodge chiefs.

In 2010, Kuskitannee Lodge received a National Service Grant from OA National for \$2500. The lodge added \$5000 to this to install lightning detection and warning systems at both Camp Agawam and Camp Bucoco.

Rae's Cabin: Kuskitannee Lodge has a building dedicated to the exclusive use of the lodge. It is located across the parking lot from the trading post at Camp Bucoco. It was built to honor the memory of Rae Creasy, one of our youth members who passed away at the age of 14 from cystic fibrosis.

Rae W Creasy was born July 1, 1984. When he was old enough, he became a Cub Scout and then a member of a short lived Boy Scout Troop, Troop 734, in Neshannock Twp. (New Castle, PA). He joined Troop 733 in New Wilmington and was soon elected to membership in the Order of the Arrow and took his Ordeal in August 1996 at just a bit over 12 years of age.

He became a brotherhood member of Lodge 168 in August 1997. He served the lodge as a member of the Lodge Executive Committee. He was Service Chairman, and Chairman of the Brotherhood and Elangomat Committees, and also served on the Dance Team where he was a traditional dancer and hoop dancer. There is a picture of him, in uniform, on the wall of Rae's Cabin. The Boy Scouts and especially the Order of the Arrow were his favorite activities.

From birth, Rae suffered from a nasty disease called Cystic Fibrosis which affects the digestive system and respiratory system. His typical breakfast was a bowl full of pills.

Rae never complained about his problems. He never did anything physical fast; Always slow and deliberate. He would do a 30 minute dance show then go home and sleep for two days to recover.

He was reviewed and recommended for the rank of Eagle on September 29, 1998. In late October 1998 he developed pneumonia. On the evening of November 4, 1998 his Eagle badge was pinned on to his hospital gown while he was comatose in Childrens' hospital in Pittsburgh. His mother swears there were tears in his eyes. Twelve hours later, at 7:30 AM on November 5, 1998, he went home to be with the Creator. His body simply was not strong enough to fight the pneumonia. He was just 14 years old.

His family wanted to do something in his memory for his favorite group. Rae's Cabin is that something and Kuskitannee Lodge 168 is that group. He loved the Boy Scouts but he really loved the OA and his fellow Arrowman brothers.

The gift was announced at the lodge banquet in February 1999. Ground was broken in March 1999 and the building was dedicated in August 1999. That is a truly ambitious timeframe for any building, but even more so when you realize two things;

- 1) The family donated funds for all the materials. And,
- 2) the labor was 100 percent volunteer. Not one penny was spent on labor. Rae's family, friends, troop, fellow arrowmen, neighbors and more than a few people that never even met Rae, showed up to help. Every weekend from March through August there were anywhere from 3 to 70 people at Camp Bucoco working on what was to become Rae's Cabin.

This building is dedicated to the exclusive use of Kuskitannee Lodge. Lodge executive committee meetings, dance team practice, ceremony team practice and other lodge specific activities are held there. Only good thoughts, good actions, good things take place there. There is a lot of fun, a lot of laughter and a lot of important work done in Rae's cabin.

## National Competitions:

The Kuskitannee Lodge Northern Drum team took first place at the 2004, 2006 and 2009 NOAC competitions. Kuskitannee Lodge is the only Lodge ever to win this three times in a row. Andy Meyer won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for dance at the 2009 NOAC. Dillon Ward won first place for chicken dance at the 2012 NOAC.

## Section and National Leadership

**Kuskitannee Lodge has had many Brothers serve as Section, Region or National Officers: The table below lists all our members who have held section or national office.**

Bruce McMarlin	Section III-B Chief 1951
John Davenport Jr.	Section 3-F Chief 1958
William Theis	Section 3-F Vice Chief 1961
William Theis	Section 3-F Chief 1962
Ted Ferris	Section 3-B Chief 1969
Neal Bronder	Section 3-F Secretary 1972
Neal Bronder	Section 3-F Chief 1973
George Andrews	Section NE-5C Chief 1979
George Andrews	NE Region Chief 1980 <b>AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD</b>
Pat Sedlak	Section NE-5C Chief 1980
Tony Sbarra Jr.	Section NE-5C Chief 1984
Tony Sbarra Jr.	Section NE-5C Chief 1985
Thom Geister	Section NE-5 Chief 1989
Michael Kostic	Section NE-5 Chief 1997
Christopher Wells	Section NE-4B Chief 1999
William Stone III	Section NE-4B Chief 2003
Derek Minto	Section NE-4B Chief 2005
Dustin Ferris	Section NE-4B Vice Chief 2005
Duncan Groth	Section NE-4B Vice Chief 2013
Josh Nussbaum	Section NE-4B Secretary 2013
Max Cravener	Section NE-4B Vice Chief 2014
Max Cravener	Section NE-4B Chief 2015

## Adult leaders:

Bill Wittmer stepped down as Lodge Adviser in 2000 and became NE-4B Section Adviser in 2001 and served until June of 2011. He had moved to Penns Woods Council in 2001 so he was actually a member of Nachamawat while serving as Section Adviser.

W. Craig Spink was Associate Section Adviser of NE-4A in 2009 and 2010 and, after a Region reorganization, became Section Adviser of NE-4B in June of 2011. As of December 2014 he continues as NE-4B Section Adviser.



**CHIEFS OF UNALACHTIGO LODGE #168**

William Graham	1939-1942
Robert Anderson	1944-1945
James Westerman	1946-1947
Robert Braun	1948
Wayne Fair	1948-1949
Bruce McMarlin	1950
Joseph Burnett	1951
DeWayne Miller	1952
George P. Neyman III	1953
Tatterson Smith	1954
Charles Burkhart	1955
John Davenport, Jr.	1956
Francis Carl	1957
Thomas Heilman	1958
Donald Miller	1959
William Theis	1960
Corbett Stewart	1961
John Sankey	1961
Richard Pennington, Jr.	1962
Larry Bachman	1962
Charley Shirey	1963
William Green	1964
Jack Shick	1965
Bruce Eberle	1966
Dennis Rickard	1967
Keith Luczak	1968
Bob Smolen	1969
Neal Bronder	1970
Myron Green and Neal Bronder	1971
Scott Luppe	1972
Dick Waggett	1973

**CHIEFS OF PACKANKE LODGE 419**

Frank Connor	1949
Joe MacKenzie	1950
Elvin Milnes	1951
Dan Pearse	1952
John Streeter	1953
H. J. Walter, Jr.	1954
Robert Smith	1955
Bob Bock	1956
Ed Wright	1957
John Bender	1958
Tom Whiting	1959
Ken Mehard	1960
Hugh Shearer	1961
Ken Mehard	1962
John Brown	1962-1963
Jim Smith	1964
Dave Dobi	1965-1966
Ted Ferris	1967-1969
James Scarazzo	1970
Ken Dombar	1971
T. Michael Hanna	1972-1973

**CHIEFS OF KUSKITANNEE LODGE #168**

Bill Wilson 1973-1974  
 Roy Zimmerman 1975  
 Matt Vavro 1976  
 Kevin O'Brien 1977  
 George Andrews 1978  
 Roger McCombs 1979  
 John Krestel, Jr. 1980  
 Paul Early 1981  
 Dave Brewer 1982  
 Tony Sbarra, Jr. 1983  
 Bill Stevenson 1984-1985  
 Tim Cornetti 1986  
 Ken Young 1987  
 Thom Gaiser 1988  
 Gary Wiles 1989  
 Anthony DiTullio 1990  
 John Boris, Jr. 1991  
 Doug Janaszek 1992

Jamie Fischer 1993  
 Misha Hill 1994  
 Chris Wells 1995  
 Mike Waite 1996  
 Matt Grubbs 1997  
 Mike Baker 1998  
 Daniel T. Brown 1999  
 Nathan Leard 2000  
 William H Stone III 2001  
 Anthony Bury 2002-2003  
 Dustin Ferris 2004  
 John Dambaugh 2005  
 Dan Pollock 2006  
 David Spink 2007  
 Dominic Paunovich 2008-2009  
 Jack Libengood 2010  
 Chris Mitchell 2011  
 Duncan Groth 2012  
 Max Cravener 2013  
 Stephen Costello 2014-2015

**Unalachtigo lodge advisers**

William C. Graham 1939 1946  
 William C. Graham 1946 1957  
 ??? 1957 1960  
 Howard Bolam 1960 1963  
 William Pepler 1964 1966  
 Edward J. Luczak 1967 1969  
 Charles Luppe 1969 1972  
 Oliver Hunter 1973 Merger

**Packanke lodge advisers**

R.J. Leasure 1949-1968 ???  
 Harold L. Ramsey 1969- 1970  
 Martin Stolpe 1970 to merger

**Kuskitannee lodge advisers**

Harry Wright 1973 1976  
 Timothy Walters 1976 1977  
 Tony DiTullio 1977 1982  
 Neil Bronder 1982 1984  
 Tom Einsporn 1984 1988  
 Dennis Trabbits 1988 1992  
 Anthony J Sbarra Sr. 1992 1993  
 Richard A. Wilson 1993 1996  
 Bill Wittmer 1996 2000  
 Lloyd Haseleu III 08/2000 -08/2006  
 W Craig Spink 08/2006-8/2010  
 Phillip Lucas 08/2010 -1/2011  
 W. Craig Spink 01/2011-03/2011  
 Terry Groth 03/2011 Present

**Vigil Honor members, the year they took their Vigil and the lodge they were members of. U=Unalachtigo, P=Packanke, K=Kuskitannee**

Ralph M. "Pops" Charlton	1948	(U)	Donald Miller	1959	(U)
William C. Graham	1948	(U)	Charles E Ritchey	1959	(U)
Herbert J. Platts	1949	(U)	Benton Arnovitz	1960	(U)
James E. Westerman	1949	(U)	Peter T. Cherry	1960	(U)
Ferdinand Erk	1950	(U)	John P. Fern	1960	(U)
Eugene Moore	1950	(U)	Robert Pollierone	1960	(U)
Howard Bolam	1951	(U)	Robert Rorick	1960	(U)
Kenneth W. Mugridge	1951	(U)	Frank Toncini	1960	(U)
Michael Remetta	1951	(U)	William Hofer	1961	(U)
Blair E. Westerman	1951	(U)	Dennis Mulligan	1961	(U)
Joseph Alsippi	1952	(U)	Robert Prowell	1961	(U)
Stanford W. Coston	1952	(U)	William Thies	1961	(U)
Raymond Graham	1952	(U)	Gregg Haughey	1962	(U)
Bernhard D. Hetrick	1952	(U)	John I. Moore	1962	(U)
Bruce McMarlin	1952	(U)	John Sankey	1962	(U)
Ralph Moore	1952	(U)	Robert A. Shaffer	1962	(U)
John W. Snedden	1952	(U)	Corbett Stewart	1962	(U)
James Bier Jr.	1953	(U)	Thomas Tindell	1962	(U)
Robert L. Ellis	1953	(U)	Thomas H. Coyle	1963	(U)
William R. McKinney	1953	(U)	Richard W. Hobaugh	1963	(U)
Don C. Sutton	1953	(U)	Thomas McGrath	1963	(U)
Donald A. Kiel	1954	(U)	Charles J. Shirey	1963	(U)
Charles D. Klingensmith	1954	(U)	Edward M. Shirey	1963	(U)
De Wayne Miller	1954	(U)	Norman Wigton	1963	(U)
John D. Poolick	1954	(U)	Edward Beck	1964	(P)
James Schultze	1954	(U)	John A. Brown	1964	(P)
Maynard Shannon	1954	(U)	Charles Crawford	1964	(U)
John K. Davenport Sr	1955	(U)	Sam Jones	1964	(U)
Arthur B. Eckstrand	1955	(U)	Wesley McKnight	1964	(U)
John F. Luppe	1955	(U)	Donald Pepler	1964	(U)
Wendell H. Miller	1955	(U)	William Pepler	1964	(U)
George P. Neyman III	1955	(U)	Norman Beck	1965	(P)
Lloyd J. Root	1955	(U)	Jerry Courson	1965	(P)
Duane L. Weiss	1955	(U)	William J. Green	1965	(U)
Raymond Carpenter	1956	(U)	Jack Shick	1965	(U)
Charles Frantz	1956	(U)	George E. Shirey	1965	(U)
Donald Tretchick	1956	(U)	Bruce C. Eberle	1966	(U)
Claude Walter	1956	(U)	John Ewing	1966	(U)
Richard Wolfe	1956	(U)	David Fox	1966	(U)
Robert F. Smith	1956	(P)	J. Bryan Martin	1966	(U)
J.W. Oxley Jr.	1957	(P)	Clyde McClymonds	1966	(U)
John K. Davenport Jr	1957	(U)	Mark M. Retter	1966	(U)
Eugene Gumbert	1957	(U)	Lewis Webber	1966	(U)
Paul Payung	1957	(U)	David A. Dobi	1966	(P)
Joseph Walton	1957	(U)	Ted Ferris	1966	(P)
Paul Frerotte	1958	(U)	Robert J. Leasure	1966	(P)
William Headley	1958	(U)	Clarence Emery	1967	(P)
Francis Karl	1958	(U)	Hugh Shearer Sr	1967	(P)
Larry Shedwick	1958	(U)	Clyde Braun Sr	1967	(U)
Thomas Heilman	1959	(U)	Charles Hunger	1967	(U)

Keith Luczak	1967	(U)	Tony DiTullio	1979	(K)
William Moorehead Sr	1967	(U)	Jonathan Johnson	1979	(K)
Dennis Rickard	1967	(U)	Roger McCombs	1979	(K)
Sam Stello	1967	(U)	Charles W. Duncil	1980	(K)
Donald Hoyt	1968	(U)	Paul D. Early	1980	(K)
Neal Rzepkowski	1968	(U)	John Krestel Jr	1981	(K)
Jon Vanarnam	1968	(U)	James Ritchey	1981	(K)
Blaine Borman	1968	(P)	Tim Vogel	1981	(K)
William Estock	1968	(P)	Paul Bohlen	1982	(K)
Joe Harlan	1968	(P)	Dave Brewer	1982	(K)
John Polovina	1968	(P)	William Ehrhart	1982	(K)
Edward J. Loczak	1968	(U)	Tony Sbarra Jr.	1982	(K)
Barry A. Bandura	1968	(U)	Tony Sbarra Sr.	1982	(K)
Michael Chuhra	1968	(U)	Richard Graham Sr	1983	(K)
Clyde T. Jones Jr	1968	(U)	Dave Libengood	1983	(K)
David Lindey	1968	(U)	Richard Luchs	1983	(K)
Daniel E. Musko	1968	(U)	John W. Sandala	1983	(K)
Harold Peters	1968	(U)	Joe Scarramuzzo	1983	(K)
Neal Bronder	1969	(U)	J Dale Siar	1983	(K)
Donald H. Wagner	1969	(U)	John Ferraro	1984	(K)
Robert L. Smolen	1969	(U)	Samuel E. Daugherty	1984	(K)
Earle Anderson	1970	(U)	Thomas D. Einsporn	1984	(K)
Robert P. DeNoon	1970	(U)	Thomas M. Einsporn	1984	(K)
Myron Greenert	1970	(U)	Thomas Siar	1984	(K)
Charles Luppe	1971	(U)	William R. Stevenson	1984	(K)
Thomas McKinney	1971	(U)	Kenneth Emerick	1985	(K)
Raymond Stoner	1971	(P)	Shawn Kellerman	1985	(K)
Charles Adams	1972	(U)	Regis Nichter	1985	(K)
Scott T. Luppe	1972	(U)	Ronald Nichter	1985	(K)
Dennis M. Stephens	1972	(U)	Gene Singer	1986	(K)
David M. Harlan	1972	(P)	Tim Cornetti	1986	(K)
Edward E. Wright	1972	(P)	Thom Geiser	1986	(K)
Michael T. Hanna	1973	(K)	Dave Pasekoff	1986	(K)
Richard Waggett	1973	(K)	Mike DiTullio	1987	(K)
Harry L. Wright Jr.	1973	(K)	Dennis Trabbits	1987	(K)
Harold L. Ramsey	1973	(K)	Brian R. Henry	1988	(K)
George Beck	1974	(K)	Brett A. Hoffman	1988	(K)
Ralph L. Downs	1974	(K)	Douglas Kerens	1988	(K)
William D. Waggett	1974	(K)	Nelson Noto	1988	(K)
William Wilson	1974	(K)	Gary Wiles	1988	(K)
Joseph Scarnato	1975	(K)	Richard A. Wilson	1988	(K)
Larry Streitman	1975	(K)	Roy Baker	1989	(K)
J William Shiner	1975	(K)	Mike Brennerman	1989	(K)
Eldred C. Ferringer	1976	(K)	Doug Hardt	1989	(K)
Kevin O'Brien	1976	(K)	Brian Wiles	1989	(K)
James W. Shiner Jr	1976	(K)	Garett Wiles	1989	(K)
Matt Vavro	1976	(K)	Frank Granberry	1989	(K)
George Andrews	1977	(K)	John A. Boris Jr	1990	(K)
Ronald E. Miller	1977	(K)	John A. Boris Sr	1990	(K)
Mark Murray	1977	(K)	Shawn Bowser	1990	(K)
Gaylord G. Willis	1977	(K)	Tony DiTullio	1990	(K)
Chalmers D. Blair	1978	(K)	Keith Duncil	1990	(K)
Brian M. Bleakney	1978	(K)	Douglas Janaszek	1990	(K)

Jamie Fischer	1991	(K)	Daniel Leard	2000	(K)
Rick Hardt	1991	(K)	Kim Creasy	2000	(K)
Bob Hitchcock	1991	(K)	Timothy Fleissner	2000	(K)
Steve Wargo	1991	(K)	Rev/ E Charles "Deac" Smith	2000	(K)
Bob Hardt	1991	(K)	Jonathan Spink	2000	(K)
George Scott	1991	(K)	William H. Stone III	2000	(K)
Robert Boyer	1992	(K)	Jeremy Waite	2000	(K)
Paul Raisley	1992	(K)	Steven Zanella	2000	(K)
Larry Raybuck	1992	(K)	Ryan Bloser	2001	(K)
MIke Raybuck	1992	(K)	Chad Fleissner	2001	(K)
David M. Dunn	1993	(K)	Dean Painter	2001	(K)
Raymond E. Dunn	1993	(K)	Christopher Roos	2001	(K)
Misha Hill	1993	(K)	Dale Roos	2001	(K)
Michael D. Maxwell	1993	(K)	W. Craig Spink	2001	(K)
Scott D. McCreary	1993	(K)	John Worst	2001	(K)
Aaron D. McKivigan	1993	(K)	Johnathan Ferraro	2002	(K)
Jeffrey J. Neigh	1993	(K)	Dustin Ferris	2002	(K)
Donald Rodgers	1993	(K)	Brian Herman	2002	(K)
Dean A. Antoniazzi	1994	(K)	David Herman	2002	(K)
Timothy J. Bianculli	1994	(K)	Bill Kennedy	2002	(K)
Charles G. Cogley	1994	(K)	Andy Meyer	2002	(K)
Gerald W Cogley	1994	(K)	Michael Studeny Sr.	2002	(K)
William R Hastings	1994	(K)	Ryan Righi	2003	(K)
Stephen Leonhardt	1994	(K)	Anthony Bury	2003	(K)
Norman P. Bennett Sr.	1995	(K)	James English	2003	(K)
Christopher Dunn	1995	(K)	Steven D. Miller	2003	(K)
Jason Keltz	1995	(K)	Christopher Worst	2003	(K)
Thomas Keltz	1995	(K)	Paul Worst	2003	(K)
Michael Waite	1995	(K)	David Wills	2003	(K)
Albert Whalen	1995	(K)	William Essary	2004	(K)
Charles Douglas IV	1996	(K)	Christopher Stone	2004	(K)
Gary Butia	1996	(K)	Derek, \ Minto	2004	(K)
Matthew Grubbs	1996	(K)	Alan Cooper	2005	(K)
William Hastings	1996	(K)	John Dambaugh	2005	(K)
Eugene Novak	1996	(K)	Ryan English	2005	(K)
Dennis Seth	1996	(K)	Kevin Shook	2005	(K)
Michael Baker	1997	(K)	Jonathan Elm	2006	(K)
Arthur Broge	1997	(K)	James Ferraro	2006	(K)
Lucas Klobetanz	1997	(K)	Sean Hayden	2006	(K)
Douglas Marner	1997	(K)	Gary A Park	2006	(K)
Shawn Scott	1997	(K)	Dan Pollock	2006	(K)
Joshua Seth	1997	(K)	David Spink	2006	(K)
Christopher Wells	1997	(K)	Chris Covert	2007	(K)
Daniel T Brown	1998	(K)	Clyde Priestler	2007	(K)
Gerald Heindl	1998	(K)	David J Sigworth Jr	2007	(K)
Jason Cashmere	1998	(K)	Todd Stephenson	2007	(K)
Charles Douglas	1998	(K)	Patrick Wilver	2007	(K)
Aaron J. Boyd	1998	(K)	Alex James Connell	2008	(K)
Lloyd Haseleu III	1998	(K)	Andrew Costello	2008	(K)
Nathan Leard	1999	(K)	Catherine Einsporn	2008	(K)
Lowell Scott	1999	(K)	Dominic Paunovich	2008	(K)
Thomas Smith	1999	(K)	Andrew Flugher	2009	(K)
Daniel Waite	1999	(K)	Kenny Greene	2009	(K)

Ernie Paunovich	2009	(K)	Andrew Macheimer	2012	(K)
Matthew John Johnntony	2010	(K)	Kelvin Brundage	2012	(K)
Nicholas Kasunic	2010	(K)	Max Cravener	2013	(K)
Matthew Kennedy	2010	(K)	Duncan Groth	2013	(K)
Phillip Lucas	2010	(K)	Terry Groth	2013	(K)
Tyler Lucas	2010	(K)	Kody McConnell	2013	(K)
Douglas Robert Moon	2010	(K)	Zachary Matuch	2013	(K)
Ryan Douglas Moon	2010	(K)	Andrew Brock	2014	(K)
Jack Libengood	2011	(K)	Randall Costello	2014	(K)
Jonathan McCracken	2011	(K)	Stephen Costello	2014	(K)
Neal T Skibicki	2011	(K)	Chad Gallagher	2014	(K)
Ray Tennent	2011	(K)	Adam Goliwas	2014	(K)
Donald Wagoner	2011	(K)	Barbara Libengood	2014	(K)
John Whitford	2011	(K)	Joshua Nussbaum	2014	(K)
Kevin Goliwas	2012	(K)			

**Founder's Award:** The Founder's Award is a National award that is intended to be more exclusive than the Vigil Honor. Kuskitannee awards two per year, one to a youth member and one to an adult.

### Founders award recipients

1986	Vincent J. Dunn	2005	Derek Minto
1988	Thomas M. Einsporn	2005	Dennis Trabbits
1990	J Dale Siar	2006	Ryan English
1992	Doug Hardt	2006	James Hughes
1994	Richard Wilson	2007	Bill Kennedy
1996	Eric F Bloom	2007	Steven Miller
1996	John Sandala	2008	Chris Covert
1996	Josh Seth	2008	James English
1998	George Scott	2009	Kenny Greene
1998	Matthew Grubbs	2009	Ryan Righi
1999	Bill Wittmer	2010	Andrew Flugher
1999	Daniel T. Brown	2010	Dominic Paunovich
2000	Aaron J. Boyd	2011	Jack Libengood
2000	Dennis Seth	2011	Douglas Robert Moon
2002	Michael Kostic	2012	Gerald W Cogley
2002	W. Craig Spink	2012	Alex James Connell
2002	William Stone III	2013	Josh Nussbaum
2003	Dean Antoniazzi	2013	L. Eugene "Gene" Singer
2003	Steven Zanella	2014	Matthew Johnntony
2004	Dustin Ferris	2014	Charles Douglas
2004	Lloyd Haseleu III		

The Silver Chief is a special award given to Kuskitanees Lodge members to recognize outstanding service to the lodge and the OA. It was first awarded in 1949. It was created to be a more exclusive award than the Vigil Honor. Kuskitanees awards two per year since 1996, one to a youth member and one to an adult.

### Silver chief recipients

1949	William Graham	1991	Rod Shank (staff)
1950	Kenneth Mugridge	1991	John Sandala
1951	James Westerman	1992	Jamie Fisher
1952	Eugene Moore	1993	Richard Wilson
1953	Archie Starr	1994	Dennis Trabbits
1954	Ralph "Pops" Charlton	1995	Scott McCreary
1955	Arch McKinney	1996	Josh Seth
1956	Don Sutton	1997	Chris Wells
1957	Blair Weterman	1997	Albert Whalen
1958	John Davenport Sr	1998	Aaron Boyd
1959	Howard Bolam	1998	Shawn Scott
1960	Eugene Gumbert	1999	Dean Antoniazzi
1961	Donald Miller	1999	William Stone III
1962	Donald Kiel	2000	Michael Creagh (Staff)
1963	Ralph Moore	2000	James R. Hughes
1964	William Thies	2000	Jonathan Spink
1965	John Luppe	2002	Lloyd Haseleu III
1966	Corbett Stewart	2002	Steven Zanella
1967	Clyde Braun Sr	2003	Dustin Ferris
1968	Richard Hobaugh	2003	W. Craig Spink
1969	Ed Luczak	2004	David Herman
1971	Wesley McKnight	2004	Derek Minto
1972	Neal Bronder	2005	James English
1973	W. A Wagget	2005	Ryan English
1974	Charles Adams	2006	Bill Kennedy
1976	Charles Duncil	2006	Steven Miller
1977	Harry Wright	2007	Daniel T Brown
1978	Eldred, s Ferringer	2007	Christopher Stone
1979	Clyde Jones Jr	2008	Douglas Robert Moon
1980	Dennis Rickard	2008	David Spink
1981	Tony DiTullio	2009	Alex James Connell
1982	Vincent Dunn	2009	Ryan Righi
1983	Tom Coyle (staff)	2010	Kenny Greene
1983	Ronald Miller	2010	L. Eugene "Gene" Singer
1984	Tony Sbarra Jr.	2011	Gerald Heindl
1985	Tony Sbarra Sr.	2011	Jack Libengood
1986	J Dale Siar	2012	Jerry W Cogley
1987	Tom Einsporn	2012	Josh Nussbaum
1988	Thom Gaiser	2013	Matthew John Tony
1989	William Ehrhart	2013	Charles Douglas
1989	Bruce McElroy (staff)	2014	Max Cravener
1990	Regis Nichter	2014	Terry Groth