



## Scouts BSA Troop 8G and Troop 282B

Chartered by Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary

Troop Website – [www.t282.org](http://www.t282.org)

We now have a Facebook page!

By John Tomecek and Jan Eggum

Newsletter for January 2023

Happy New Year!!!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Tom Musgrave, as the new Scoutmaster for Troop 282. He succeeds John Rotramel, who has been Scoutmaster for the past 7 years. John is stepping down but not leaving the troop. Here is an introduction from Tom.

Dear Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary parishioners,

I'm Tom Musgrave and, as of Jan. 1, 2023, I am the new scoutmaster for Troop 282, chartered here at the church. I wanted to take a few moments, here in writing, to introduce myself.

Troop 282 is the scout troop of my own youth. I began in 1985, after the troop I originally registered with, Troop 95 down the road at Lafayette Christian Church, folded. As a kid, meeting new people was always a challenge, but the scouts and the adult leadership of Troop 282 made those of us who were transitioning to a new troop feel welcome. I have never forgotten that.

In that spirit, I thank each of you for not only providing a physical space in which Troop 282 meets and stores camping equipment, but for more than five decades of support for the Boy Scouts of America - now Scouts BSA.

As scoutmaster, I follow in the footsteps of several outstanding examples of servant leadership from my days as a scout. Many of those folks are names you know - Jim Ringe, Allen Arth, Don Stanko, Roger Boots, John Tomecek, Ed Seiler. Their wise counsel during my years as a youth echo today, and I shall try to live up to the examples those men set.

I am fortunate now to have the support of a great corps of adults, including two guys I was in scouts with

as a kid - Chris Boots and Steve Hardman. I would not have volunteered for this position without knowing Chris, Steve, Jim Fritz, John Tomecek (who has been with the troop for more than 30 years), and many others would be supportive of the troop and my guidance of it.

I mention all those folks not to name drop, but because you know some of them and in the hopes that, when you see any of those guys - current or former leaders, you'll thank them for their service to the young men of this community.

My goal for my time as scoutmaster is simple. I want to help forge the young men in our care into decent human beings. I want them to come to adulthood having solid foundations in responsibility, accountability, ethics, and, perhaps above all, empathy. That last thing is something sorely lacking today. We are taught that one of the 12 points of the Scout Law is that "a scout is kind." That kindness extends to putting yourself in someone else's shoes, a very difficult thing to ask of kids, but a task that we as adults sometimes fall short of. In scouting we accomplish this in a variety of ways, not the least of which is how we conduct ourselves in the outdoors. How do we respect God's creation? How do we leave it in better condition for people we may never meet?

So, how can you help? That's easy. Continue doing what you have always done. Support the program. Talk about scouts to your friends who are parents of kids age 11 to 17. That includes boys and girls, as I am also a committee member of Scouts BSA Troop 8, the girls troop chartered here at Mary Queen. If you have the notion to volunteer, whether you have kids or not, please do. We will put you to work!

Thank you for your continued support of scouting here in Lexington. I am humbled to be a steward of this program at Mary Queen.

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On December 15, Pack 282 crossed over 2 Webelos Scouts into Troop 282. **Theo Moringiello** and **John Terhune**. Welcome to Troop 282.

**May your journey through scouting be filled with fun, adventure, and many great experiences.**



Theo Moringiello



John Terhune

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Troop 8G and Troop 282 has started the year off great. The first weekend in January the scouts had a lock-in. This is the annual planning meeting for the year. It is a loose guide of the activities that the Troop would like to participate.

The night started with making homemade pizzas and then planning the activities. The rest of the night was playing games...and getting a little bit of sleep.



Video Game time!

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Also in January, Troop 8G and 282 went to Perfect North for a ski trip. The scouts arrived, got their gear and hit the slopes! Then they broke for lunch and fellowship. That afternoon the group did snow tubing. It was a great day!



Troop 8 and Troop 282 enjoying the skiing



We also honored two Scouts that have waited over a year due to COVID to celebrate their **Eagle Court of Honor**. On January 24 we recognized **Jeremy Terhune** and **Ryan Carpenter** for the highest award in scouts, the “Eagle”. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



With the induction of Jeremy and Ryan, 79 Scouts from Troop 282 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since 1963

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### **Upcoming Activities**

February 5 – Scout Sunday at Mary Queen

February 19 - Scout Sunday with Bishop Stowe on at Christ the King.

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## **Troop 8**



Troop 8G is actively looking to grow! To join, girls must be between ages 11 to 17. No prior Scout experience is necessary. Meetings are at MQHR at 7:00 pm on Tuesday nights. For more information about Troop 8G or Troop 282B, please contact either Scoutmaster 8G Jan Eggum, 859-353-1919, [jghamo212@gmail.com](mailto:jghamo212@gmail.com), or Scoutmaster 282B Tom Musgrave at (859) 227-8187, [trmusgrave@gmail.com](mailto:trmusgrave@gmail.com)

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