

Where Are They Today? Installment #1

Do you know what happened to some of the leaders from our lodge's rich history? Here are just a few examples:

Jack Arthur Obermeyer was our lodge founder and 1st lodge adviser. He was also the founder of T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, Chief Seattle Council. An Eagle Scout and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, CDR Obermeyer stepped down as our lodge adviser on 4 November 1952 when he was reassigned to Bremerton, WA. He received the Vigil Honor on 14 August 1955 in what is today Moswetuset Lodge, Boston Minuteman Council. After 31 years of service in the Navy and reaching the rank of Captain as a naval architect, Jack retired in 1968 to be an executive in the



marine department of Texaco, Inc. He became a member of the National OA Committee in 1954 and served in many capacities until his death on 25 July 1988 in Darien, CT at age 73. He received the National OA Distinguished Service Award in 1956, Silver Antelope in 1956, and Silver Beaver in 1960. He's buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Ralph Philip Lutz was our lodge co-founder, 2nd lodge adviser, and 1st to receive the Vigil Honor in our lodge (16 May 1954). After graduating in chemistry from Rutgers University and ten years of working as a chemist, Ralph sold life insurance on the east coast, while volunteering in a number of Boy Scout councils. Ralph stepped down from lodge adviser at the 1953 lodge banquet to become a Cubmaster. He received the Silver Beaver in 1976. Following retirement, he moved to Delray Beach, FL. He later moved to Aurora, CO where he died on 25 June 2006 at age 89. He's buried in Congregation Emanuel Cemetery In Denver, CO.



Andrew Joseph Murphy was our 1st lodge staff adviser. After his service as a Field Executive in our council and on the National Activities staff, he retired from his Scouting career in 1978. He moved to Florida where he died on 6 January 2012 at age 93.

Robert Lee Zink was our 1st lodge chief; he was elected at the 1952 Lodge Banquet. He graduated from Coolidge High School in Washington, DC, in the spring of 1953 and left the area for college that summer. I don't know what happened to him afterwards.