

December 30, 2008

Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Past President
Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR

Dear Mr. Saunders:

This letter is to introduce myself, Charles Garrett Rappazzo, and my desire to participate in the 2008-2009 Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

I passed my Eagle Board of Review on June 6, 2006 and I am currently registered in Boy Scout Troop 522 in East Schodack, New York.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. The three page application form.
2. The Four Generation ancestor chart.
3. The 500 word essay.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to participate in the 2008-2009 NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

Respectfully,



Charles Garrett Rappazzo

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY of the SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1776

ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

State Chairman _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
 Chapter Chairman _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
 Submit applications to Chapter or State Chairman only.

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Any Eagle Scout currently registered in an active unit, who will not have reached his 19th birthday during the calendar year of this application is eligible to apply.
 Application is due _____ (Date provided by your Eagle Chairman.) Date of this application: _____

Name: Rappazzo, Charles Garrett Birth: 07/31/1992

Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name: Rappazzo, Charles Joseph Occupation: Transportation Analyst

Mother's Name: Rappazzo, Beth Louise Occupation: Telecommunications Specialist

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: Charles J. Rappazzo

Years in Scouting: Cub Scout: 5 Years Scout: 5 Years Varsity Member _____ Venturing _____

Date Passed Eagle Board of Review: June 06, 2006 NESA Member: Yes BSA Unit No.: Troop 522

Chartered Organization: Lutheran Church Men - St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Address of Chartered Organization: P.O. Box 113, East Schodack, NY 12063

BSA Local: Twin Rivers Council Local Council Address: 253 Washington Avenue Ext, Albany, NY 12205

(The number in parentheses following each heading is the maximum number of points granted for that item. If you require more space, use white paper and write on only one side and indicate by Roman numeral and title what is referred to in your addendum.)

I. (10) BSA Leadership Responsibilities. Indicate those held by showing length of time served.

Leadership	Months	Leadership	Months	Leadership	Months
Denner/Asst. Denner	<u>20</u>	Den Chief	<u>14</u>	Scribe	<u>2</u>
Asst. Patrol Leader	<u>6</u>	Patrol Leader	<u>20</u>	Asst. Sr. Patrol-Leader	
Senior Patrol Leader		Jr Asst Scoutmaster		Librarian	
Instructor		Crew Secretary		Crew Vice-President	
Crew President		OA Vice Lodge Chief		OA Lodge Chief	
OA Lodge Secretary		Summer Camp Staff	<u>3</u>	Leadership Corps	
Varsity Team Captain		OA Troop Represent.	<u>20</u>	Other	

II. (12) Total Number of Merit Badges Earned: 59. 1 point, not to exceed 3 points, for each 5 additional merit badges over the 21: 3. The following Merit Badges are given special consideration of 3 points towards the maximum of 12 points.

Show date earned: 07/18/08 03/08/04
 American Heritage Genealogy Law

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- III (10) Scouting Activities:** (such as: Long-term Camping, Jamboree, Philmont, Venturing, Order of the Arrow, etc.) 2005 National Scout Jamboree (Virginia), 2006 Philmont High Adventure (New Mexico), 2007 Centennial World Scout Jamboree (England), Long-term Camping Awards (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007), Order of the Arrow (Arrowman, Brotherhood), William T. Hornaday Badge, World Conservation Award (Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts), Hometown USA Award, Arrow of Light Award, Den Chief Service Award, Historic Trails Award, United States Heritage Award (Gold Medal), Historic Walk (Gettysburg National Park, Pennsylvania), Freedom Trail (Boston Minuteman Council, Massachusetts), Saratoga National Historical Trail (Saratoga National Park, New York), Civil War Historical Trail (Fredricksburg, Virginia).
- IV.** (No points, but intended to show the breadth of your interests and talents.) **Hobbies and Special Interests.** Road & Trail Running, Hiking, Cycling, Triathlons, Canoeing, Snowboarding, Rifle & Drill Competition, Computer Gaming, Literacy Tutoring, Community Activist and Environmental Advocate.
- V. (10) Community Activities, Leadership and Recognitions (Only Community, no Religious, School or Scout items covered in other headings.)** 2006 "Arbor Day Celebration" Award Winner - 1 of 3 winners in North America (National Arbor Day Foundation), 2007 "International Young Eco-Hero Award" - 1 of 12 winners worldwide (Action For Nature), 2006 and 2007 Prudential "Spirit of Community" Local Nominee and "Certificate of Excellence" Award Winner. Designation as "One of New York's Top Youth Volunteers" in 2006 and 2007, President George W. Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation "President's Volunteer Service Award - Gold Level" Honoree in 2006 and 2007. Received "Certificate of Commendation" in 2006, 2007, 2008 (Rensselaer County Legislature). Participant and Coordinator for Scenic Hudson's "Great River Sweep" Clean-up, Participant in National Trails Day, National Public Lands Day, Earth Day, Adopt-A Highway and Adopt-A-Roadside Activities, Recipient of Dept. of Environmental Conservation's Summer Camp Scholarship (Adirondack Mountain Club), Founder of Garrett's "Roots & Shoots" (The Jane Goodall Institute), Co-Founder & President of "Students for Literacy" (Rensselaer County Literacy Volunteers), Literacy Tutor (ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages), Creator of the "School Literacy Champions" in association with an area youth run. Helped direct the collection of 7,000 books, 50 computers, bookshelves and furniture, for a new library and computer center at the Girls Secondary School in Awkuzu, Nigeria. Spearheaded grassroots effort to raise \$6,000 to ship supplies to Nigeria, including a Guinness World Record attempt. Awarded the "Exemplary Community Service Award" by the Awkuzu Cultural Association - USA. Undertaking new effort to collect books and other educational supplies for St. Stephen's Library, Delta State, Nigeria, in cooperation with Dr. Edwin Kaliku, President of the Association of Nigerians, Albany, New York. Participant in road races, charity events and fundraising for local and national service organizations (American Red Cross, Race for Literacy, Race for the Cure, MS Walk, American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, etc). Volunteer and supporter of the Ronald McDonald House, Toys For Tots, Habitat for Humanity, New York Public Interest Research Group, Regional Food Bank and area soup kitchens and area food pantries. Member of the National Arbor Day Foundation, Rails to Trails, Adirondack Mountain Club, The Nature Conservancy, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, National Parks Conservation Association, Jane Goodall Institute, Sierra Club, Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.
- My community service activities have appeared in books: *Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life* and *The Green Teen: An Eco-Friendly Teen's Guide to Saving the Planet*, newsletters: *Taking Root* (NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council), *Signals* (Twin Rivers Council), *Action* (Action For Nature), *Eagleletter* (National Eagle Scout Association), *The Evangelist* (Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany) and *Candlelight* (Catholic Charities); newspapers: *Times Union*, *The Advertiser*, *Independent*, *Troy Record*, *Spotlight* and on websites: National Arbor Day Foundation, Action for Nature, NYSDEC and Generation Green the Book.
- VI. (10) Religious Activities, Leadership and Recognitions.** Student Profile - LaSalle Institute. *The Evangelist*. Promote awareness of illiteracy and coordinate activities among low income inner-city families (library tours, reading sessions, fundraising and family literacy celebrations), led book and computer collection effort and fundraising for the Girls Secondary School in Awkuzu, Nigeria to increase student literacy and participated in a work crew at Camp Scully, a summer camp run by Catholic Charities for low-income children.
- VII. (10) Scholastic, School and Extracurricular Activities, Leadership and Recognitions.** Honors/AP Curriculum - Grade Point Average (101.2%). "Gold Honors with Distinction" - 2003 to 2008 (LaSalle Institute), Recipient of Academic Scholarships - 2003 to 2008 (LaSalle Institute), Member (National Society of High School Scholars), Member (National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society), 2008 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Program (98 Percentile Nationally), HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Participant, Member (Johns Hopkins' Center for Talented Youth), Varsity Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field, Outdoor Track & Field (Big 10 Team Champions) Wrestling (Big 10 Team Champion, Class B and Sectional participant), Master Sergeant (Army JROTC), McCormick Rifle Team, O'Donovan Drill Team (Exhibition, Regulation, Color Guard) - Team ranked 8th in the Nation.

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VIII. (8) Other Awards or Recognitions not covered in previous categories.

BL Headliner - March 2009. *Boy's Life Magazine*. (Boy Scouts of America). Veteran's Scout Association Community Service Medals (Bronze, Silver, Gold), Den Chief Training, Junior Leader Training, Rensselaer County Honor Troop (BSA Mahikan District). Honor Scout (Rotary Scout Reservation), Provisional Senior Patrol Leader (Camp Read Scout Reservation), 50-Miler Award, BSA Lifeguard, BSA Physical Fitness Award, Interpreter Strip, Recruiter Strip, World Crest, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Fireman's Chit, Totin Chip, First Aid & CPR trained (American Red Cross).

IX. (10) Four Generation Ancestor Chart. (Separate form) Note: If adopted, and birth parents unknown, use adopted family lineage. (Attached).

X. (20) Original Theme, Maximum 500 Words: Submit on separate pages; Should be typed; Show number of words at bottom of page. (Do not count "a" and "the" as words); Bibliography required but not included in word count. Show references for quotations used and historical facts cited. A description of sample topics, which must be related to the REVOLUTIONARY WAR period, is on the back of the four generation ancestry form.

Unit Leader's Signature

ASST. SCOUTMASTER
TROOP 522

Signature of Applicant

Charles Barrett

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Four Generation Ancestor Chart

b = date of birth
pb = place of birth
m = date of marriage
pm = place of marriage
d = date of death
pd = place of death
date format: 05 Sep. 1985

2 CHARLES JOSEPH RAPPAZZO

b 02 Apr. 1955 Father of 1
pb Albany, New York
m 18 May 1989
pm West Sand Lake, New York
d
pd

1 CHARLES GARRETT RAPPAZZO

b 31 Jul. 1992 Applicant
pb Troy, New York

4 GUISEPPA (JOSEPH) RAPPAZZO

b 22 May 1922 Father of 2
pb Albany, New York
m 15 May 1946
pm Albany, New York
d 29 Mar. 1983
pd Albany, New York

5 HAZEL CHARLOTTE PECK

b 27 Feb 1929 Mother of 2
pb Feura Bush, New York
d 09 Oct 2007
pd Albany, New York

6 GEORGE EDWIN KENYON, JR.

b 12 Apr. 1931 Father of 3
pb Jamaica, Queens, New York
m 7 Jun. 1953
pm Brooklyn, New York
d
pd

3 BETH LOUISE KENYON

b 29 Jul. 1959 Mother of 1
pb Rome, New York
d
pd

7 ADELYN JANET SWANSON

b 28 Oct. 1931 Mother of 3
pb Brooklyn, New York
d
pd

8 CARMELO (CHARLES) RAPPAZZO

b 4 Apr. 1878 Father of 4
pb Castroreale, Sicily, Italy
m
pm Brooklyn, New York
d 1 Jul. 1964
pd Albany, New York

9 SANTA (SARA) MIRABLE

b 1884 Mother of 4
pb Castroreale, Sicily, Italy
d 1951
pd Albany, New York

10 CHARLES HOWARD PECK, SR.

b 10 Sept. 1901 Father of 5
pb Westerlo, New York
m 24 Nov. 1919
pm Westerlo, New York
d 07 Jul. 1988
pd Albany, New York

11 ABBIE GRACE WARNER

b 03 Mar. 1906 Mother of 5
pb Albany, New York
d 01 Feb. 1941
pd Albany, New York

12 GEORGE EDWIN KENYON

b 11 May 1905 Father of 6
pb Brooklyn, New York
m
pm Brooklyn, New York
d 10 Dec 1991
pd Albany, New York

13 MILDRED LOUISE GABLE

b 24 Dec. 1905 Mother of 6
pb Brooklyn, New York
d 04 Jul. 1991
pd Albany, New York

14 SVANTE EUGENE SWANSON

b 07 Oct 1891 Father of 7
pb Runsten, Oland, Sweden
m May 1923
pm Brooklyn, New York
d 28 Dec. 1975
pd Troy, New York

15 ADELINE JOSEPHINE NOREEN

b 30 Sept. 1893 Mother of 7
pb Bloomfield, New Jersey
d 29 Jul. 1973
pd Brooklyn, New York

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THE SCHOHARIE FRONTIER:
Neighbors in Opposition

The Werner (Warner) and Greisler (Chrysler) families, along with 3,200 Palantine Germans, departed from England for America in 1710. They settled in New Amsterdam (New York City) and a year later proceeded 90 miles up the Hudson River to the East and West Camp. The Palantines moved to Albany and then to Schoharie, where Queen Anne had promised them “without fee or Reward, 40 acres per head to each family”.¹

My grandfather (10th generation), George Warner, Sr., was born in Wisersdorp (now Middleburgh), Schoharie, in 1720.² Adam Crysler was born in 1732 at West Camp and moved to Schoharie in 1742, only five miles from George Warner’s farm.

Schoharie remained a quiet frontier until the First Continental Congress began militia units in 1774. Many of the Palantines were indebted to the British Crown for rescuing their parents and refused to desert the Crown at the commencement of the American War for Independence. The Confederacy of Six Nations, who fought in the French & Indian War, were also aligned with Britain. Sensing unrest, General Philip Schuyler secured a treaty with the Six Nations to stay at peace and not meddle in the affairs of the Americans.³ However, the British enticed the Indians to join their forces and only the Oneida tribe remained loyal to the Americans. As the war progressed, many in Schoharie were drawn to the cause of the American Revolution, In many villages, this pitted brother against brother and the struggle took on the horrors of a civil war.

George Warner, Sr., Patriot, helped establish the “Committee of Correspondence and Committee of Safety of Albany City and County” in 1775.⁴ Their duty was to gather information on enemy movements, prepare for the defense of the settlements and to obtain supplies.

Adam Crysler, Loyalist, was an Ensign in the British Indian Affairs Department. Unknown to Adam, his youngest brother Baltus joined the Rebel cause. However, Baltus was captured and sent to Albany, “a hotbed of Whigs,” and hanged for “aided and abetted the enemy.”⁵ This proved to be the motive for Adam’s four year reign of atrocities against his Schoharie neighbors. Along with Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant and his Indian friend Seth’s Henry, Adam Crysler massacred entire settlements, including women, children and the elderly.

Adam Crysler’s goal was to capture George Warner. As a “Committee man”, a bounty of \$20 was offered by the British, along with \$8 for his scalp. On July 27, 1781, Crysler arrived at George Warner’s home. Not finding him at home, he was content to take his son. “George Warner, jun., who was engaged in shifting horses from one field to another, was captured by Crysler and his destructives. Warner ate a deer, a wolf, a rattlesnake, and a hen-hawk on the way to Niagara. On arriving at the Indian villages in western New York, (he) was subjected to the cruelties their customs inflicted on captives.”⁶ George Warner, Jr. was retained a prisoner until 1783.

Although the roots of these Palantine families in Schoharie were the same, the American Revolution not only divided the country, but neighbors and families, alike.

¹ Roscoe, William E., *History of Schoharie County, New York, 1713 - 1882*. Chapter I. Syracuse, NY., D. Mason & Co., 1882.

² Miller, Harry H. "Berne, NY - Family Files. Town of Berne, NY. www.bernehistory.org.

³ Brown, John M., *Brief Sketch of the First Settlement of the County of Schoharie by the Germans*. Cornwallville, NY., Hope Farm Press, 1981

⁴ Roscoe, William E., *History of Schoharie County, New York, 1713 - 1882*. Chapter III. Syracuse, NY., D. Mason & Co., 1882.

⁵ Chrysler, C. Donald., "The Blue-Eyed Indians. The Story of Adam Crysler and His Brothers in the Revolutionary War." Zephyrhills, FL: Chrysler Books, 1999.

⁶ Simms, Jephtha. R., *History of Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York*, Albany, NY., Munsell & Tanner, 1845. www.rootsweb.com/~nyschoha.

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