

John "Butts" MacMillan

John "Butts" MacMillan, a lifetime resident of the Burholme section of Philadelphia, followed his older brother, William "Mickey" MacMillan, and joined Burholme Troop 160 in 1926. Under the tutelage of their renaissance scoutmaster, Cal Edwards, Butts embraced all of Scouting's ideals and was inducted as an Ordeal member in Unami Lodge in 1928, sealing his bond to Brotherhood in 1929. Butts completed his Vigil honor in 1948 on the Devil's Tea Table, located south of the Island on the Jersey side, and he was the last individual to undergo his Vigil at that site.

Treasure Island was the most special place on earth to him and he, along with Cal, coined the phrase...
"T.I. is like a trip to Heaven without die'n!"

Butts was active in all things related to Unami Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, as well as with Troop 160. He was the most sought-after guide for conclaves and various commemorative events held on the Island, and he never tired of telling the stories of the early days of the camp and the leader-notables he was personally acquainted with.

In 2008, on the anniversary of his 80th year of continuous membership in the OA, the South Jersey site was renamed "MacMillan" site in his honor.



This was where Troop 160 always camped and was Butts' favorite. It was through the efforts of Mark Chilutti, President of Cradle of Liberty Council, that this came to pass.

Butts went on to complete 86 years as a member of Troop 160 and his dedication to the Troop, Unami Lodge and Treasure Island will always be remembered as a life well-lived in cheerful service to others.