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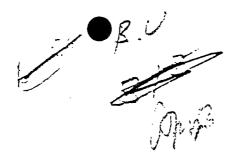
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Fairfax, VA 22033

20 February 1990

Peter M. Barbernitz Assistant Regional Director <u>East Central Region, BSA</u>

Naperville, IL 60540-1279

Dear Mr. Barbernitz:

I was unable to attend the review meeting which you scheduled on my behalf as mentioned in your letter of 28 September 1989, attached. I assume the meeting convened as scheduled. Yet I never received any correspondence concerning the proceedings.

If it would be appropriate, I would like to receive the results of the 7 October 1969 meeting. I have hesitated in asking to this point, however I need to put the issue to rest in my own mind. I appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,

R. Louis Carloni

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September 28, 1989

Mr. R. Toute Carlons

Fairfax, VA 22033

Dear Mr. Carloni:

The appeal meeting concerning the revocation of your registration with the Boy Scouts of America will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 1989 at the Central Ohio Council Service Center at Columbus, Ohio.

We have attempted to schedule this review meeting in accordance with your wishes concerning date, time and location. You are welcome to attend, but you need not be present. The committee will review all materials as submitted by your originally. If you wish to attend, please let me know in advance, at the above listed number.

Sincerely yours,

Peter M. Barbernitz Assistant Regional Director

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Fairfax, VA 22033

25 August 1989

AST CENTRAL REGION BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Peter M. Barbernitz Assistant Regional Director

Naperville, IL 50540-1279

Dear Mr. Barbernitz:

I do wish to follow through with the appeal proceedings which I requested in my letter of 15 July. I apologize for the delay in responding to your correspondence of 27 July, however, as I outlined in my letter of 15 July, I have been occupied in the performing a job search. My father delayed in forwarding my mail to me for a few weeks. At any rate, having completed my education this spring and having conducted a job search, I am now working in the Washington, D.C. area.

In response to the questions listed in your correspondence, I would like to be present for the review meeting. However Cambridge, Ohio will be a difficult location for me. If this location is a necessity I will make every effort to attend. As for the dates, I would be best able to attend if the meeting could be on a weekend, late in the month of September, or early in October.

It is not my intention to be uncooperative about the logistical arrangements of the appeal. I will comply with whatever arrangements which you are able to make. I sincerely appreciate you assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

R. Louis Carloni

Willis R. Snyder, Area Director, Area Seven

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July 21, 1989

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Mr. James P. Bopp Scout Executive Rootaga Area Council, No 518

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SURJECT: LOUIS D. CARLONI

Dear Jia:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Siacerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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## KOOTAGA AREA COUNCIL - NO. 618

June 19, 1989

Louis Carloni

Athens, OH 45701

Mr. Carloni:

Enclosed please find a copy of the memorandum decision of the Kootaga Area Council review committee dated June 19, 1989, in which, based on the facts you presented, the committee unanimously agreed to continue the suspension of your registration.

In addition, you must continue to disassociate yourself from the Boy Scouts of America.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by the East Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America, you must write to M. Gene Cruse, Regional Director, Naperville, IL, 60540, within 30 days of the receipt of this letter and memorandum explaining to him why you feel that the Kootaga Area Council review committee's decision is in error.

Sincerely yours,

Roberť Ø. McCloy

President



DATE: June 19, 1989

TO: Louis Carloni

SUBJECT: Memorandum Decision

FROM: Registration Review Committee

Kootaga Area Council

Jack Marinaro, Chairman

By unanimous vote, the Kootaga Area Council Review Committee has decided, based on the original information received by the Council and your confirmation of the authenticity of this information in your letter of May 23, 1989, that the May 17, 1989 suspension of your registration shall remain in effect; and you are to continue to refrain from any association with the Boy Scouts of America.

The standards applied by the review committee are set forth in Article VIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America which instruct the committee to determine if the applicant possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. The committee considered your admission to the facts as presented by you; and that you would "if faced with the same situation again, act in exactly the same way". The committee concluded that your conduct showed extreme lack of judgement which could be detrimental to the Scouting program.

On the morning of April 27, 1989 attorney Jim Sillery asked me (Mark Echstenkamper) if Louis Carloni was associated with the Boy Scouting program. I confirmed that Mr. Carloni was registered as an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 301 of The Plains, Ohio but hasn't been active with the troop since December of 1988. I also told Mr. Sillery that Lou served as Program Director for the Boy Scout summer camp in the Baltimore Area Council in 1988 and he will serve in the same capacity for the summer of 1989. I asked Mr. Sillery if there was a problem with Lou involving the scouting program and Mr. Sillery assured me that this was not the case.

Mr. Sillery proceeded to tell me of an allegation made by a female client of his. His client is a widow (husband committed suicide) and she has two young boys. Lou has befriended these two boys through a youth group, of which he is a youth director, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Athens, Ohio. At first Mr. Sillery's client (lets call her appreciated the attention Lou was spending with her two boys since they were emotionally stressed from the recent suicide of their father. After a period of time became distressed over the extreme amount of time Lou was spending with her boys. I was also informed that Lou wrote a note excusing one or both of her boys from school on several different occasions without the permission of their Mother. Lou then spent the day with one or both of the boys, after getting them out of school, again without knowledge. After finding this out, asked that Lou not see her kids anymore.

The incident that really alarmed me was when Mr. Sillery told me about a weekend when was not home and Lou went over to her house, while the boys were home, and stayed with them (without knowledge).

informed Mr. Sillery that Lou slept with one of the boys during this time span. I asked Mr. Sillery if they slept in the same bed and he said yes. I then asked if any kind of sexual contact was made and he said he didn't know. Mr. Sillery then sent a stern letter to Lou on behalf of his client informing Lou that he should stay away from her boys. After hearing of this incident I informed Mr. Sillery that since Lou is a registered member of the BSA (although this was not a scout related incident) I would inform my Scout Executive of what I heard. I also suggested to Mr. Sillery that this should be reported to Athens County Children Services and let them investigate.

After hearing this whole situation, I immediately reported the incident to Jim Bopp, Kootaga Area Scout Executive. The Children Services were also notified.

Respectfully submitted.

Mark Echstenkamper

Facts regarding the suspension of Louis D. Carloni, A.S.M. Troop 301. Scout Executives recap.

## May 4, 1989

District Executive Mark Echstenkamper informed me of a conversation he had with Athens Attorney James Sillery regarding any association Lou Carloni may have with scouting in our council. (Synopsis of discussion attached) I immediately told Mark to contact his District Chairman Max Bucey, Director of Athens County Childrens Services.

I contacted Area Director Willis Snyder regarding the information, and was advised Mr. Carloni had submitted an application for professional service and he would notify Bob Wood regarding this information.

Mark Echstenkamper informed me he had notified Childrens Services of this information.

## May 10, 1989

Advised Council President of situation and all previous background we had on Carloni from earlier incident (Carloni was the reporter not the accused). Agreement was reached that his registration must be suspended.

### May 16, 1989

I was contacted by Bob Wood E.C.R. Personnel Director who advised we should suspend the registration and that he would contact Bill Scollay R.P.D. in Northeas Region and have Bill contact me directly for an update. Scollay contacted me and I filled him in on the situation, he concurred that the registration suspension was in order based on the facts.

#### May 17, 1989

Letter of suspension with appropriate appendix prepared, Council President not available for signature. Paul Ernst National Director of Registration Service notified and agreed that with the facts we had suspension was appropriate. Willis Snyder to notify Gene Cruse E.C. Regional Director.

I talked to Director of Children Services and was advised that the young boy's Mother was under investigation by his department for neglect (a charge filed by Carloni) and they, Childrens Services were not going to investigate Carloni because there was no evidence of molestation "just a case of bad judgement on the part of Lou".

#### May 18, 1989

Council President brought up to date, letter of suspension mailed to last known address Registered Return Receipt Required.

#### May 19, 1989

N.E. Region Personnel Director and Paul Ernst notified of suspension letter.

#### May 21, 1989

I received phone call from Lou advising me he had received the letter and wanted to know the basis of the suspension. I told him I was not in a position to give him the facts at that time, but I would call him with the information as soon as it was available. He asked who would be doing the investigation and I said the matter was turned over to Childrens Services.

#### May 23, 1989

I called Lou and related the following: "An Athens Attorney informed Mark Echstenkamper that a female client alleged that you have been writing excuses to get her sons out of school without her knowledge, you spent a weekend with the boys again without her knowledge and you slept in the same bed with one of the boys", His reaction was to not address the statement "nit pick" with the procedure, he then requested I put the statement in writing and I informed him the letter of suspension was sufficient written notification and repeated the generalities again to be sure he had enough information to respond to them if he wished. He indicated his displeasure with me/us for not notifying the Baltimore Area Council regarding his suspension. I informed him that this information is confidential and all notification is handled by our National Office. He indicated that he had informed Baltimore and they were unaware of this situation as of Monday May 22. He was concerned about his summer employment at their camp and asked me what to do, I advised him to keep the council informed regarding the appeal process. He then said that he felt sure he would be cleared of all charges but in his position as Youth Director for Christ the King Catholic Church he had acted with the approval of his pastor in what he felt was the best interest of the boys. He advised that he had written requesting additional information and to begin the appeal process and that time was of the essence.

#### May 24, 1989

- \* Letter received from Mr. Carloni. Copy attached.
- \* Phone call from Paul Ernst requesting additional information and a copy of this narrative along with the confidential record sheet.
- \* A phone call from Ken Ansall Director of Camping in Westmoreland Fayette Council with whom I spoke to in February 1988 regarding the initial contact with Lou. Ken reiterated his statements at that time that while employed as a camp chaplin Lou had developed unusual associations with younger campers, wrestling with them and spending a great deal of time alone with them, Ken was advised by his Senior camp staff that although they had no proof Lou's conduct with the younger campers was improper and they did not want to be associated with any staff he was on. Ken confronted Lou with these statements and Lou did not deny anything.
- \* Called Willis Snyder advised him that Lou had written for a hearing.
- \* Advised Council President of written appeal and reviewed the procedures for providing the suspension.







# KOOTAGA AREA COUNCIL - NO. 618

May 31, 1989

M. Gene Cruse Regional Director

Naperville, Illinois 60540

Dear Gene,

Regarding the registration suspension of Louis D. Carloni A.K.A. R. Louis Carloni, registered with the Kootaga Area Council as SA in Troop 301, formerly employed as camp Program Director in Baltimore and an applicant for the Professional service. Notice was received on May 26, 1989 from Carloni requesting a council review of the suspension.

A committee appointed by Council President Bob McCloy consisting of: Jack Marinaro, Past Council President and Past Area Vice President Gene Haynes, Past Council President and Member at Large of Area 7 William Jones, Council Board Member, met May 31 to review suspension. Due to the absence of Bill Jones no formal decision was reached but a consenses of opinion was that in view of the facts presented by Carloni, he should be kept on suspension pending an inquiry by Jack Marinaro with the Pastor of his church (his employer) and a full meeting of the committee on June 14th.

Gene, I feel the committee will act to continue the suspension and he will appeal to the Region.

I have sent all the facts to Paul Ernst along with the confidential record sheet. I will keep you advised.

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James P. Bopp Council Executive

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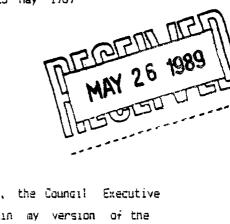
Athens, Ohio 45701

23 May 1989

Robert J. McCloy, Fresident Kootaga Area Council, B.S.A.

Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Dear Mr. McCloy:



Having spoken this evening with Mr. Jim Boop, the Council Executive of Kootaga Area Council, BSA, I am writing to explain my version of the facts supporting my claim that my registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. This is in line with the policy explained to me in writing and also verbally by your representative. With this communique I request that the formal procedure for a review of the decision regarding my suspension be enacted by you at this time.

Enclosed you will find a day-by-day tabulation of significant incidents which have occurred in reference to the situation through which certain "allegations" have been raised against me. Following the timeline you will find a thorough explanation of the reasons for each of the actions which I have taken regarding the family in question which have been brought before me by Mr. Jim Bopp. I have been informed by him that I do not have the privilege of seeing the "allegations" against me in writing. I do not agree that this decision is fair to me in my obligation to prepare a defense against the "allegations". Therefore I ask you to accept the transcribed listing of those "allegations" as I have heard them from Mr. Jim Bopp. I also call your attention to the fact that according to the 1974 edition of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary the definition of "allege" reads "to state as a fact without proof". Lets try to remember this as the preceding of this situation develop.

The allegations as Iknow them are as follows:

- 1) I have written excuses to get the boys out of school;
- 2) I spent a weekend with the boys without the mother's knowledge;

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3) I slept with one of the boys in the same bed;
If these are not correct, or specific enough, I request your assistance in clarifying them so as to be able to respond to them properly.

The following is the timeline of which I spoke. It describes how I came to know the family and all significant events which have occurred since the time when I met them.

#### 3 March 1989, afternoon

I was at the Athens High School taking care of some administrative details involving my position as Youth Minister for the Catholic Churches in Athens. I was meeting with the Vice Principal to discuss the possibility of some of the kids in my high school youth group attending a Special Olympic competition for which they would serve a volunteers, and for which they would have to miss a day of school. After my discussion with her I was on my way out of the school when I cassed by the weight training room where one of the kids in my group, a 15 year old sopnomore, was working out in preparation for football season. He called out to me and we talked for a few minutes during which he introduced me to a friend of his whom he had told me about before. The boy I met then was the youth in question in the allegations brought before me at this time. We spoke briefly and I left them to continue training.

#### 3 March, Evening

I went out for the evening with a member of the youth group who also serves on my summer camp staff. The eighteenth birthday was coming up on the seventh of the month and I had promised to go out for the evening with him to calebrate.

After we met and had dinner he told me that he had to meet his brother and their friend at Baker Student Center on the OU campus. He was to take them home to his house where was spending the night with their family. When we met them there they were bowling and asked us if we would like to play pool in the billiard room after they finished their game of bowling. We got a table and played team play for about an hour and one half and I were one team, were the other. This was the first intensive experience I had with at all.

At the time he seemed very well mannered, clean cut, and respectful. Although at one point he left to go call his mother to let her

know that he was alright. When he returned I asked nim what she had said about him being out at ten o'clock at night. He said that he had told her he was at house already and that she did not allow him to stay out that late. We had a short discussion of the value of always teiling the truth, no matter what. Following that I suggested that we finish our present game and go to house so as to fulfill his mother's wishes. We did so directly.

On our way to our cars in the stadium parking for I had to stop at my office in the psychology department to pick up some papers. I needed for the weekend.

asked what my field of study was, and when I responded that I study psychology he responded by saying that he was also interested in that field and he asked if I would mind his being my apprentice. I brushed off the comment by explaining that I am not advanced enough yet to train someone else, but he was welcome to stop by for a visit to learn more about the field and to see if his interest was sincere.

After we arrived at the name I stayed for a while to visit with the coys and watched a close friend of mine. We watched a movie on television for a while and towards midnight went to bed and and I stayed up for a while to talk. He had a lot of things Ton his mind that night. We talked until after three o'clock in the morning. Topics of discussion mainly were about hike's family life including his parents divorce, the subsequent drawn out custody battle over he and his younger brother. his final success at going to live with his father, followed by his father committing suicide and he having to return to live with his mother and the subsequent two years with her. The span of time during which all of these events took place was about six years from the time of the initial divorce proceedings until now. Much of the conversation involved developing faith in God, personal strength, and friends as the path towards overcoming the difficulties which we face in life, and understanding God's responses to our prayers and our needs.

told me of his relationship with his mother, which he felt very negatively about. He explained that she always seems anary with him and does not allow him to think for himself. He added she is frequently verbally abuse toward he and his brother, mainly to line with tellin him he is no good, and that he is the cause of the families problems.

asked if I would go out to his church to talk to his Sunday school class some weekend. He gave me his grandmather's phone number to call as she is in charge of the Sunday school schedule.

I left the house to return home shortly after three ordicak.

#### 7 March, evening

I contacted maternal grandmother, to talk about and the possibility of my giving a talk to his Sunday school class. I wanted to find out any other information about that I could so that I could be a better friend to him from my role as Youth Minister. had asked Jeff if it would be alright for him to join our group and

had asked Jeff if it would be alright for him to join our group and what the requirements would be.

explained that had talked a lot about me and she was interested in finding out more about me. She also asked how much had told me about his past. I provided information on my background and told her most of what had told me about his background. The only part of his background she disagreed with was that she believed that and his mother, had a perfectly normal and healthy parent child relationship. Expressed to me an inability to communicate with his mother and a feeling of a lack of trust from her in his decisions. When I mentioned these things to she continued to explain that she did not see these things in the relationship and that she delieved was progressing as well as could be expected, given his experiences. She did also express surprise that had taken me so much into his confidence in relation to his childhood experiences, saving that he has not been able to express his emotions and feelings with anyone that she knew of.

We discussed my talking to her class and decided that it would best happen after the Easter holiday given our busy schedules.

#### 6-11 March

keeping in touch as well as to talk about the upcoming bowl-a-thon which our youth group was involved in for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Athens. He wanted to take part and needed to know how to register and how to get sponsors. I sent him a copy of our Youth Ministry monthly newsletter with these and other details on the events of our program. I also sent him a few quotes from scripture to encourage him to find account and strength from the Word of God. Among the quotes were from the Christian Gospel of Matthew chapter five, verse 13-16, and also the entire length of Matthew chapter ten.

#### 12 March, afternoon

Our youth group participated in the bowl-a-thon and was among kids who were with us. At one point after he had bowled two strikes in a

row he came over to me and reminded me of a quote I had given him about the three answers God has for our prayer. The answers are: "yes", "not yet", and "I have something better for you." Take pointed out that after praying just to keep the ball on the bowling allay his prayer had been answered with "I have something better for you." He commented hoped this would also be the answer in the area of his family life. 13-17 March

called me everyday to see how things were going with me and to try to convince me that I should take him with me on my spring break trip to Phoenix, Arizona. During one conversation I mentioned to him that later in the week I might need some help in computerizing final grades for the psychology class which I was teaching at the university. Since he had expressed an interest in learning more about the field of asychology. I felt this might be a good time to give him a look at things from the inside. Besides which I needed some help, and he owed me a favor for helping him get a wristwatch which he had wanted to get. So it worked out all around. His mother had given him permission to go as long as I would pick him up at his house, which is about tive miles outside of town on and also if I would stop in to meet her so that she would have a

- chance to meet, face-to-face, the new friend in her some life. On the night of the seventeenth. I called to talk to her about arranging a time for me to pick up on Saturday to do the work at my office. 18 March, 10 am

I went to the home and met the mother and the drother for the first time in person. And I proceeded to leave for my office to work for about three hours, then we went and had lunch at Burger King. After that I took home at about 2:30 pm because his family was

leaving to go to for a few days to visit the methers boyfriend,

During the time we spent together that day we talked about teaching in the introductory psychology course, about gracing policy and the grounds on which I justify making exceptions for students, and about the computer system which we use at my office. We han across two students for whom made adjustments in the grading scale. Ethied to explain to that the grounds upon which I made one of those adjustments was in one situation where the student was trying hard to the trying hard to the student was trying hard to one point break would make the difference between a passing and a failing grade, and another situation in which a student had made a grave error in

not preparing for the first test of the quarter, but worked extremely hard to rebound into a respectable grade and had sought nelp and relatively constant consultation with myself or my teaching assistant. I believe in a merciful God, who takes into account the intentions of the individual and I believe in acting in that same way to distribute justice. I feel it is important for young people to learn a way which they feel comfortable with and this is why I allowed to observe the decision process which was taking place.

We also spent much time over lunch discussing his need to understand his mother better and to be more tolerant of her needs and her feelings. He expressed an ongoing concern that she would not allow him to make choices on how to act in his own life.

19-26 March

I spent the week vacationing in Phoenix. Upon returning I found several telephone messages from the had returned from his vacation a few days earlier than I and the had returned to home.

27 March, evening

called me, again, to see if I had returned. I asked if he would be home the next evening that I might stop by to drop off a shirt which I had picked up for him when I made a day trip into Mexico. I had purchased about ten Mexican ponchos and shirts for friends back home. He said that he would be home and that I should call before stopping out.

28 March, evening

I called and went out to nome, a trailer located outside of town. When I got there was home alone. He invited me inside and I sat down. There are two sofas in the living room and a lounge chair. I sat on one of the sofas. Sat down right next to me. This is one in a string of events which leads me to believe that is an affectionate young man who greatly desires to share his emotion and his love with the people around him, although he feels somehow unable to communicate these feelings to his family. He likes to be very close to people; psychologically there is something to having a close physical presence with someone you care about.

When his mother and brother returned nome moved quickly to a different chair, as though he was afraid of his mother seeing him express emotion. We all talked for a short while about our vacations. Then the topic of discussion switched to Model United Nations depate which was preparing for that upcoming weekend. I have served for eight years on

Model UN councils regionally and nationally as a delegate as well as a staff member, and Loffered some hints on how to research and represent his country. After a while Loginted out that it was getting late and that I had to go home. Before leaving I reminded that I would not be around for the next few days due to a conference. I was attending at Kent State University, but that we did have a wouth group meeting that coming Sunday night.

#### 29 March - 2 April

I attended the conference at KSU and returned on the afternoon of 2 April, Sunday.

## 2 April, afternoon

called me to see if I could give him a ride to and from the meeting that night because his mother was having trouble with her back, for which she was to have surgery, and she couldn't drive him into town. I agreed, and I picked him up at about six ofclock. On the way into town he told me that he and his friend were having a fight and that he didn't think that would be impressed to see him at the meeting.

He helped me set up the room for the meeting, we were seeing a movie called "Stand and Deliver" to help introduce our group to an operational series on social justice.

After the session and I went to McDonald's for an ice cream sundae. Then I took home. On the way we had a talk about incessant phone calls to me. I was not discouraging him from calling, but I felt he needed to know more about me before he made his decision to attach himself to me as a close friend. That position is always open, but occasionally it is more intelligent to chaose not to get that close to me. What was seeing in me at that time was a successful young adult with many friends, many great experiences to draw learnings from, and the ability to do almost anything that I desired to do. What he did not understand at that time was that there was a certain price which I pay to have these things.

Part of the discussion centered around the scripture reading from Matthew chapter ten which I had asked him to read. I asked him if he understood what the reading meant. He commented that he was not sure. I tried to explain part of the meaning to him in the context of our friendship. (I advise those reading this account of my experiences to read this chapter also so that you might better understand this section. My explanation was to direct his attention to the part of the reading reminding us that our

travels together as Christians would be troubled by those who bound find strength in the power of God. It was to remind him that in order to wear the glory of God we must constantly share the sufferings which Jesus and all the apostles, disciples, saints, Christians and Jews have suffered over the centuries. I tried to explain that before he decided that he wanted us to be close friends he should understand that although there would be much love and happiness along the way, there would also be much suffering and loneliness. The payoff for the suffering would be eternal happiness in the kingdom of God where all actions are rewarded. I wanted him that he might live a longer life if he would choose to keep a greater distance from me. I assumed him that pain would follow if he choose to stay close to me, but that as the scripture says "And I promise you that whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones because he is a disciple will not want for his reward."

These are not easy words to say to a young man who has experienced six years of great trial, emptiness, and pain involving his family and school life. And I am certain they were not easy words to bean. But better to have them said than to have him feel that I was promising a rose garden, when all I was really promising were the thorns. I asked him to think about what I said, and to reread the scripture before he made a decision to stay with me, or to keep his distance. I do not believe the position he was in at that moment was fair to him: having suffered much, and then to have the first real role model he had been able to thoose for himself to say the things that I had said. Yet it seemed necessary for him to have all the facts before becoming enamoures of schedule and may lead him in the way of further suffering when that would not be his choice at all.

When we got to his home liwent in with his to inquire now his mother was feeling, and to offer my hopes for her quick recovery. She commented that she would be going to be correct the disk problem which she was experiencing, her temper seemed very

speaking, but I left shortly anyway to go home to prepare for my classes the next day.

#### 3 April, evening

called to say hello, and to ask a few questions about the scripture reading which I had spoken of the night pefore. He wanted to tell me that his decision was for us to become placed as friends. He also asked

me how I thought he ought to handle a situation in which there was a girl in his grade who he was fond of and who he wanted to ask out on a date. I advised him just to be himself when talking to her, and that if there was anything of friendship developing that he might find something that they mutually liked to do, and he could invite her to do it together sometime.

4 April, evening

called me to tell me that his mother was planning a trip out of town for five days from 7 April, Friday to 11 April, Tuesday. He said that he and his prother would be staying at home alone, and he asked if I would come and stay at their home to watch them. I asked what his mother thought of the idea. He said that she was considering it, but she wanted me to think about it so that she would know if I would even consider it. I responded that I would have to think about it, but I could not see any problem with my schedule, since I would just be staying on the other side of town, and could do all my studying and work from there as well as from my own home. Since the kids are very much independent already, I didn't see a great amount of effort in caring for them.

added that he wanted to invite this girl out on Friday, and asked if I could give him a ride to and from someplace with her, since his mother would be out of town. I agreed to do so if I could make the time available.

## 5 April, evening

called me to tell me that his mother would like me to with the boys but that she was not in at the moment—to ask me herself. He said she would call me either later that evening or the next evening. I told him that I would agree to stay with them. He reminded me of his possible data with his friend, and asked what I thought they should do for the evening, since Athens is not the social center of the world. I suggested a movie or maybe bowling. It seemed at the time as though this relationship were very significant for him socially, or somehow. As though he needed to go on a date to prove something to someone.

#### 6 April, evening

called me to have me speak with his mother. She thanked me for offering to stay with the boys, and that I really didn't have to stay at the house, if I would just stop by every day or two or call to ones. On the boys. She added that the boys were both beggins her to have me actually stay with them, but that she did not really want to impose. I responded that it would really not be an imposition, that I would be happy to stay

with the boys. She explained that the boys should have enough rood in the house, she said they had a bunch of cereal, three and one half gallons of milk, some bacon, and two frozen pizzas.

After Lagreed to stay she asked if Lwould see to it that the boys got to certain events over the weekend, such as soccer and karate practice. Lagreed to see to it that the boys would get to their events. She said she would be returning sometime. Tuesday evening, thanked me for helping out and we said good-bye. I spoke to a while longer to tell him what time I would be out friday and to make some plans. He reminded me again of his possible date, and I told him to call me at my office on friday to tell me what the decision was.

## 7 April, noon

Mike called me at my office to ask me if I would get a videotaped movie to watch that evening, and to ask if I would get some ice cream. He also wanted to let me know that he did not have a date for that hight, so I did not have to wormy about disling our up anywhere.

7 April, 4:30 pm

to his house. He also wanted to encourage me to get there as soon as possible. I had a dinner party to be at with the psychology department graduate students at five o'clock, so I told him I should be able to make it out by around eight o'clock. He said he was making a frozen pizza for dinner, and that he would be looking forward to any leftovers I might bring with me.

#### 7 April, 8:00 pm

I arrived at trailer. I had he and his prother help me carry in my suit case and some grocenies I had picked up on the way. They were just eating the pizza when I arrived. Their mother had told and friends were to be allowed over during the weekend. I had told and his friend Jeff that, still came nome on the school bus with thinking that I would not be upset enough to make him go home, as he lived about ten miles away, dowever had made that ruling that no one was to be over and I supported her in that decision. It refused to call his mother, and became angry and vulgar. Therefore I called and explained that had not told her the truth when he said he had permission to stay with the She agreed to come over and pick him up immediately.

During the time we were waiting and I went outside to clean up some broken glass bottles which were along the side of the road by the house which I had noticed while I was driving up. Told me that it was he, and who had broken the bottles by shooting them with a 8B gun. I asked him how smart he thought it was to shoot glass bottles which you would have to clean up with your pare hands along a roadside where a car could easily damage a time by running over them. He responded that it was to do it and that he and were not able to talk him out of it, so they joined in. We cleaned up the glass and went back inside where I asked about the incident; he decame angry and refused to admit that it was not a good idea. Both agreed that it was wrong and agreed not to do it again.

After left and the boys had eaten their dinner we could turn off the television and a few minutes so that we would all understand the ground rules of what would take place and when. The first topic was to set down a few simple rules, such as telling the absolute truth no matter what, taking care of all the chores around the bouse (washing the disnes, doing the laundry, cleaning up the living and bed rooms) before proceeding to fun activities, doing whatever inceeded to be done when first requested and without refusing or questioning "why me?", to all homework before monday, to avoid vulgarity, to take part in reading the bible together each night before bed, and not to fight too much. I explained that the rules applied equally to all three of us, and asked if there were any questions or other rules which they would like added. We all agrees to the rules and shook hands to confirm our agreement.

We proceeded to begin to clean the house, which was nather a shamples when I arrived. There appeared to be about a weeks worth of dirty dishes in the sink, and both pays admitted to taying almost no clean clothes, and personal articles (clothes, shoes, school supplies, etc.) belonging to both of them and their mother were thrown everywhere. We attended to these details and within about one half hour we had most everything straightened up and several loads of wash prepared to be put in as soon as the one before it was done. After that we put in a movie which I brought out called "Vice Versa" and had some ice cream for a snack.

Before bed we discussed what needed to be done the next day, including some serious grocery discussed difference do left them two dollars to pay for the jar of peanut butter), completing the incessant

laundry, getting a hair out for for his hockey banduet that night, and doing homework. Then we chose a reading from the sible, and read and discussed it before bed. We all slept from the sible, and read and next; slept on his bed, and falsot on the floor, since has a large bedroom. I had originally wanted that the boys sleep in their own rooms and I would sleep in the living room on the floor, but seemed quite attached to the idea of having us be there for company. In case something might go bump in the night, so lagreed. Both boys seem to have a strong tendency toward desiring a physical closeness with people they care about, a desire which does not seem to be met under their normal home conditions.

Normal healthy affection for people should be expressed.

pointed out that sometimes—when he is afraid or bothered by something—he sleeps with his mother—in her bed. Given the background—of the boys' family—life I believe—it is particularly—necessary—to curture—normal affectionate—needs—so that they might—learn that it is alright to care for someone. Male—or female,—and to talk about that and to express—it without fear of being ridiculed or being accused of being abnormal. After talking for about an hour and playing a game—of Nerf basketball—we went to sleep 8 April

New works up at about ten o'clock

laundry, and prepared to go to town to take care of our errands. We looked in six different parter shops around Athers and could not find one which could cut hair that day. Then we discussed what we should have for dinner, so that we would make enough to have leftovers for Eunday for dinner. We decided on spagnetti with sausage and chicken. While at the grocery store we picked up other assorted groceries and personal items (deodorant, toothoaste) for the boys, we went to the bookstore in the mall and I purchased a book for each of the boys. For "Johathan Livingston Seagull", for "Illusions: the Adventures of a Reluctant Messian", both by Richard Bach. Both books speak of friendship, commitment. Toye, the seeking of perfection, and patience. I find they can help clarify a friendship by offering a new way of looking at our friends and our lives.

We went home from there, and did some more chores while I began cooking dinner. Then the boys and I studied for a while and went with a friend to his hockey banquet while and I went to my church.

When we all returned home we had a shack and watched a movie on

television. We then read the bible and went to sleep, again the three of us in the common.

#### 9 April

We woke up about eight o'clock to prepare to go to the dovs church at nine o'clock. While we were there several people commented on how well behaved the boys were this Sunday, as opposed to normal. I was thinking to myself that maybe for the first time they had someone to attend church with who cared about how they acted more than just being embarrassed by what they might do. Then again, it may have been that they understood may extreme respect for church and for God, and they were being respectful because of this.

After church we went back to their name to do some more laundry before going to their grandmother's home for brunch, we had brunch and returned to their home for the afternoon to finish the laundry and to study and watch television. We all went into town around five offices to take to soccer practice before our meeting.

The and intered him up at around six offices and went to my church to prepare for the evening youth group meeting. After the meeting we came home, had dinner, did the dishes, read the bible, and prepared for bed.

That- night Lagreed to sleep in from, since we had slept in room the past two nights. Since pearcom is miniature and he has a large double sized water sed I slept with him on it. Originally we discussed one of us sleeping on the floor, out since it was quita small and half of it was wet from a leak in a water sige in his wail which perpetually drenched his carpeting we decided to best to share the ped. One might ask why I did not sleep in the livingroom or in the mother's room. The response is that I did not fee! at all comfortable sleeping in a bed which the mother frequently sleeps in with her who is more than ten years younger than her, and felt strong!, about my sleeping in his room. Again, I do not feel it is unusual or abnormal for two people to have a healthy expression of emotion or need for security and love. I feel it is perfectly normal for the to need to sleep with his mother when he is frightened or bothered by something, and he is aleven years old. I feel it is not abnormal for a fifteen year old boy to have the same feelings, given that his only real male role model committed suicide more than two years ago. There are a lot of positive osychological feelings such as support, protection, and lave which are present when people are close together, as in a family. These are feelings which the has been dented

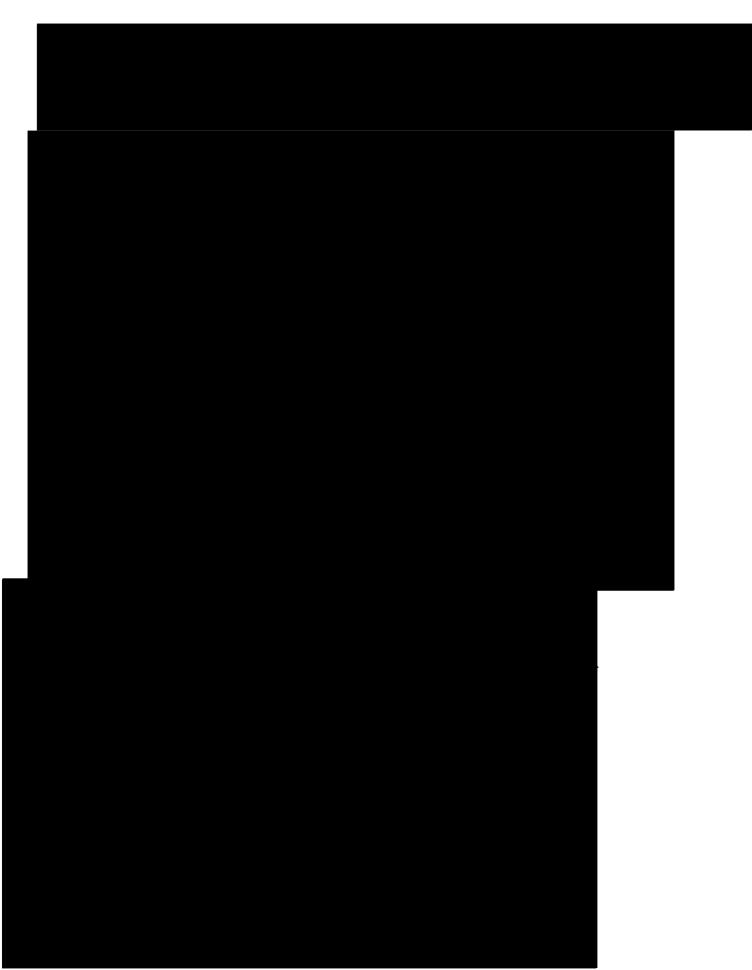






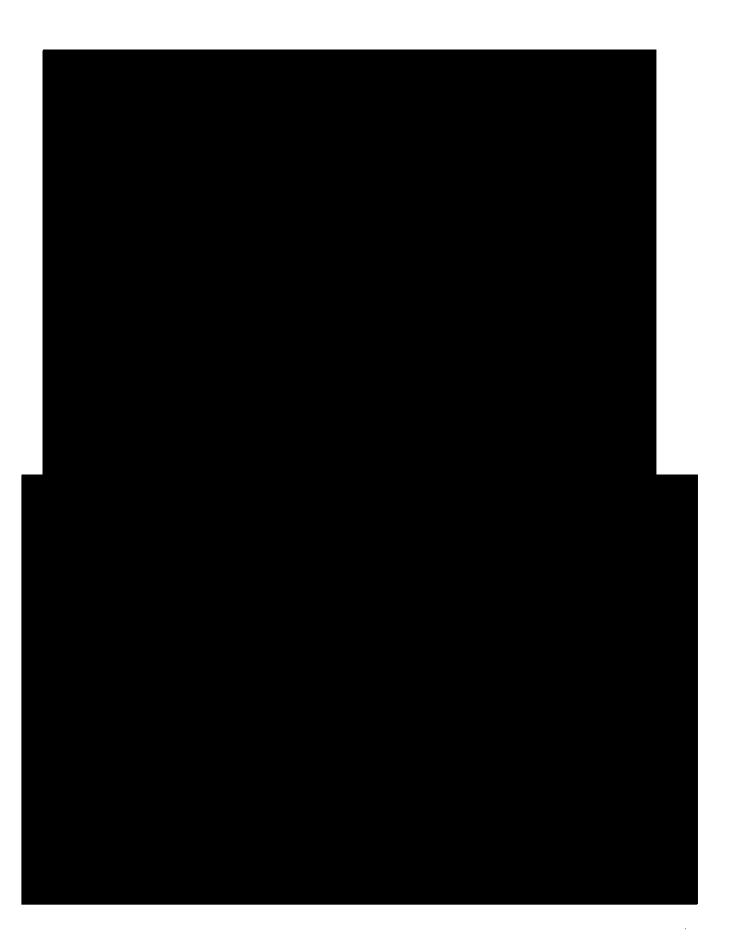
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R. Louis Carloni



## WESTMORELAND FAYETTE COUNCIL. INC.



May 30, 1989

#### Mr. R. Louis Carloni

Indiana, Pa. 15701

Dear Lou,

Today I received a letter from Paul Ernst, Director of our Registration Service, of our National Office of the Boy Scouts of America stating that you alledgedly had some charges of abuse lodged against you; investigation is now going on; and that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America has been suspended at this time.

Therefore, I must also inform you that your membership in Wagion Lodge #6, Order of the Arrow, is also suspended at this time, since you must be a registered scouter to belong. Therefore, until this matter is cleared up, you are not in any way to be active with any Order of the Arrow program or scout activity in the Westmoreland Fayette Council.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Rauch Council Executive

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# OY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



### KOOTAGA AREA COUNCIL - NO. 618

May 17, 1989

Mr. Louis R. Carloni

Athens, OH 45701

Dear Louis:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. McCloy President Kootaga Area Council

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May 25, 1989

Subject: LOUIS CARLONI

This report concerns a telephone conversation with Jim Bopp, Scout Executive No. 618. This conversation took place on May 24, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Bopp informed me that the situation with Mr. Louis Carloni started developing because Mr. Carloni had applied for professional service. The region indicated they wanted to do testing, and on this very same day the District Executive found out that Mr. Carloni had taken two boys without parent consent for the weekend. Apparently, the father is deceased and the mother had welcomed Mr. Carloni's help, but then felt he was getting too involved. During this weekend, Mr. Carloni did sleep with one of the youth in the same bed. There is no indication of any sexual activity at this time.

Mr. Carloni was guilty of two concerns. Number one: The fact that he took the two boys on this trip without the parents consent and without the mother knowing where they were. Number two: His very poor judgment in sleeping with one of the boys on this trip. The mother has hired an attorney and is doing further investigation related to this.

Mr. Carloni has requested a review of his suspension. At the present time a committee is being selected for this review.

I indicated to Mr. Bopp that the decision of the committee should be sent to the national office for review before Mr. Carloni is told of that decision. Mr. Carloni is in graduate school at the present time, but has worked part-time as a youth director for a local church.

Mr. Bopp will send the Confidential Record Sheet, the copy of the letter to Mr. Carloni, and other material very soon.

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Paul Ernst

May 22, 1989

#### STATEMENT FOR FILE

SUBJECT: LOUIS CARLONI

This involved a conversation with Chuck Lanham, Scout Executive, Baltimore Area Council No. 220. I called Chuck at 3:30 P.M. about the above named individual, since we had some concern related to his registration with the Boy Scouts of America. We had been given information by Jim Bopp of Council No. 618 which indicated that this individual had spent the weekend with two boys who were eleven and twelve years old and had allegedly slept with one of them. I do not yet know whether the parents are filing any legal charges related to this matter, but Mr. Bopp was concerned enough that he did issue a suspension letter to Mr. Carloni. Mr. Lanham told me that Mr. Carloni did receive that letter of suspension today.

Apparently, Bill Scollay of the Northeast Region has been talking to Mr. Lanham related to this matter. I do not know why he was involved, except that the region was going to use Mr. Carloni on one of the camp staffs for a camp school, and also I understand there was some indication that he may have applied for professional status with the Boy Scouts of America.

A call earlier in the day from Roger Rauch, Scout Executive Council No. 512, indicated to me that they had used Mr. Carloni on their camp staff in 1986 and 1987. They did not reemployee him in 1988, because of their concern related to his actions. Apparently, some young staff members asked if Mr. Carloni was returning for 1988 and indicated that if he did they did not want to be on the staff. The council was never able to get more specific information from these individual youth staff members. Mr. Carloni, apparently, was a loner and whenever he was with anyone it was always with fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen year old youth and not with people his own age. He is in his mid twenties.

Apparently, Mr. Carloni went to school in Ohio State University in Ohio and supposedly is in college now in the Council No. 618 geographic area. He was registered in Council No. 618 as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop S0301. It is interesting that this address and a previous registration he had in Council No. 512 both give addresses in Indiana, PA. I was told by Mr. Lanham that he felt Mr. Carloni was from other city.

Mr. Carloni was the Program Director for the largest of the three camps which the Baltimore Area Council runs each summer and, apparently, did an outstanding job during the summer of 1988. This is the reason he had been reemployed for 1989. Just today the council prepared a letter and will mail it on May 23, to Mr. Carloni suspending him and cancelling his contract for the summer season of 1989. Mr. Lanham is sending me a copy of the letter.

I have a call in for Jim Bopp who is suppose to call me tomorrow morning May 23, so that I can get additional information to him related to this matter. I hope this will give us enough facts to build a more substantial file which can lead to registration refusal anywhere in the country.

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Paul Ernst

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