

**Michigan Crossroads Council - Boy Scouts of America**

**Scouts BSA Troop 194**

**2025 COURT OF HONOR**



**Troop 194 Celebrating over 100 years  
of Continuous Service**

**Sunday February 23rd 2025**





# GESU CATHOLIC CHURCH

In partnership with

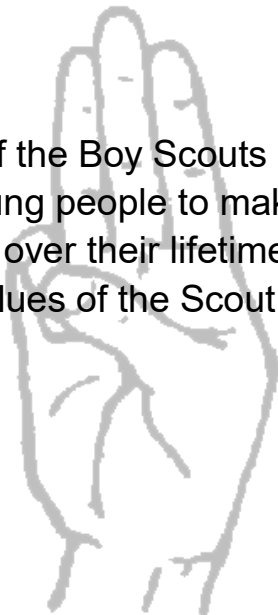
## Scout Troop 194

Congratulations on 100 years of Community  
leadership and Service



DeLois Cooke Spryszak  
Principal

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



# PROGRAM

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Flag Presentation:	Ethan Garcia Elias Sansom Princeton Reese
Opening:	Christian Pruitt
Award Ceremony:	Troop Leadership
Closing Ceremony:	Christian Pruitt
Reception:	Troop Committee



# COURT OF HONOR

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## **2024 COMMUNITY CIVIC SERVICE AWARD**

FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS IN TROOP CIVIC SERVICE PROGRAM

Pierce Morse  
Elliot Sansom  
Elias Sansom  
Ishmael Cesaire  
Mario Frazier  
Ethan Garcia

## **2024 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS IN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Luke Gryniwicz  
Pierce Morse

## **2024 WELCOME AWARD**

FOR NEW RECRUITS SINCE AUGUST 1, 2023

Elliot Sansom  
Elias Sansom  
Logan Rife

## **2024 ATTENDANCE AWARD**

FOR EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND PRIOR YEARS

Christian Pruitt  
Pierce Morse  
Logan Rife  
Luke Gryniwicz

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## 2024 ADVANCEMENT AWARD

FOR SCOUTS ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST TROOP ADVANCEMENT POINTS

Dakari Bryant

## 2024 CUP-O-THANKS

FOR THEIR SPECIAL EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE TROOP

Marcileen Pruitt

## BADGE ADVANCEMENT

FOR SCOUTS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED ADVANCEMENT IN THE FORM OF SCOUT BADGES OR MERIT BADGES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS

Elliot Sansom

Elias Sansom

Princeton Reese

Ethan Garcia

Luke Gryniewicz

Logan Rife

Dakari Bryant

## “IN THE EAGLE’S NEST”

194 Life Scout Rank - next step: EAGLE

Dakari Bryant

## THE ‘HANK’ AWARD

FOR A SCOUT/SCOUTER THAT HAS SHOWN EXEMPLARY SCOUT SPIRIT DURING 2023

Luke Gryniewicz



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## SCOUT SERVICE STARS FOR YEARS OF ACTIVE SCOUTING

Christian Pruitt	8 years
Pierce Morse	7 years
Ethan Garcia	6 years
Princeton Reese	5 years
Dakari Bryant	3 years
Ishmael Cesaire	2 year
Mario Frazier	2 year
Luke Gryniewicz	2 year

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF TROOP 194

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Scout Troop 194, Detroit, was established in partnership with St. Cecilia Catholic Church on March 1, 1922. It began with 22 scouts lead by Scoutmaster William C. Greany, who served continuously in that role for 47 years (until 1970). In 1968 the Troop transferred to St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Detroit. The troop met at St. Gregory's for 46 years until the church closed. In 2014 the troop moved to Gesu Catholic School where it resides today. Since 1970, only eight Scoutmasters have served, insuring consistency of volunteer leadership service for 48 years. Throughout its 100 years of continuous service to the community, over 3,000 boys and young men have enjoyed membership in Scout Troop 194 and we have produced 176 Eagle Scouts, the highest honor bestowed on a scout.

Scout Troop 194 has become a family tradition and an institution of inspiration, reverence and leadership. Twelve former members have served in church ministry; several hundred have served or now serve in the Armed Forces; eleven former members have given their lives for America.

Scout Troop 194 attributes much success to maintaining an active, annual program of activities, consistent trained leadership and always promoting boy leadership through the "Patrol Method" in basic organization. Through the years, many of our scouts have gone on to take up adult leadership roles in other Scout Troops.

As in many previous years, Scout Troop 194 has a consistent civic/community service and camping record. In 2024, the membership contributed 30 hours of Civic/Community Service; many hours of Institutional Service (school, church & neighborhood) .

Scout Troop 194 is the oldest, continuously active Scout Troop in the Metropolitan Detroit Area and one of the oldest in the State of Michigan. We are proud of its heritage, grateful for those who forged ahead in the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law and look forward with an imaginative vision for the future.

Damion A. Morse  
Scoutmaster, Troop 194



# ACTIVITIES DURING 2024

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## **REGULAR PROGRAM:**

Weekly Scout meetings every Thursday here at Gesu

## **CAMPING PROGRAM:**

Camping affords a liberal education in outdoor life, self reliance, discipline, and community service not otherwise obtainable. Camping is a most important feature of our program. In 2024, Troop 194 accumulated a total of 20 camp days by 6 scouts and 3 leaders and parents.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

1 civic service calls received and service cheerfully rendered. 30 hours of service. At the Greening of Detroit tree planting project

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:**

In addition to engagement in community service we encourage our scouts' to contribute hours of volunteer service to their schools, churches, and neighborhood communities. And the Troop sponsored monthly coffee and doughnuts service held here and Gesu Church.



# TROOP ORGANIZATION

CHARTERED MARCH 1, 1922

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## PRINCIPAL - CHARTER ORGANIZATION

DeLois Cooke Spryszak, Principle Gesu School



## TROOP COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Leticia Sampson:

Charter Representative

Jon Ewing:

Troop Committee Chairman

Marcileen Pruitt:

Treasure

Sandra Brown:

Member of the Committee

Diane Hutcherson:

Member of the Committee



## TROOP LEADERSHIP

Damion Morse:

Scoutmaster

Jerod Barrow:

Assistant Scoutmaster

Tom Brand:

Assistant Scoutmaster

# PATROL ORGANIZATION

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## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

Christian Pruitt:

Senior Patrol Leader

Pierce Morse:

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

## TROOP PATROL

Dakari Bryant:

Patrol Leader

Ethan Garcia

Assistant Patrol Leader

Ishmael Cesaire

Mario Frazier

Luke Gryniewicz:

Scribe

Princeton Reese

Logan Rife

Elliot Sansom

Elias Sansom

# The Scouts Trail to *Eagle*



**Christian Mekhi Bailey Pruitt**, Christian Mekhi Bailey Pruitt, age 17, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. Christian is a member of Boy Scout Troop 194 sponsored by Gesu Catholic Church and will be recognized at a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on February 23, 2025, at 12:00PM at the school Social Hall. Only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts who join

a Boy Scout troop earn the Eagle Scout award. This represents more than 2 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Christian is the 177<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout from Troop 194 and joins the elite brotherhood of 177 Scouts who have earned the award since 1922. Eagle Scouts exemplify the virtues of service and leadership, using their training and influence to better their communities and the world. Each Eagle candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or his community to earn his Eagle. For his Eagle Service Project, Christian chose to collect, organize and present, personal care kits for domestic violence survivors to the Wayne State Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Education, with the help of fellow Troop members. Christian has volunteered for Gleaners Community Food Bank (Scouting for Food), annually and with Motor City Makeover since joining the Troop as a Boy Scout. Christian has served in several leadership roles within the Troop such as Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and finally as the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader for last 2 years.

Christian is a senior at Cass Technical High School, with a 3.97 grade point average and was recently awarded the national College Board Honor Roll award. Christian is currently president of the Cass Tech Muslim Student Association and is a past Teen Sergeant-At-Arms of the Ypsilanti Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. After High School graduation in 2025, Christian plans to attend college and major in Pharmacology Studies. Christian is the son of Marcileen C. Pruitt.

# The Scouts Trail to *Eagle*



Rank and Merit Christian has earned.

- Fingerprinting
- Archery
- First Aid
- Art
- Communication
- Genealogy
- Chess
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Citizenship in the Society
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Archaeology
- Family Life
- Camping
- Hiking
- Cooking
- Personal Fitness
- Sustainability
- Personal Management
- Emergency Preparedness

# 194 Eagle Scouts

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The numbers after their names indicate the order in which the ranks were awarded throughout the years.

Scout Troop 194 has produced 176 Eagle Scouts in its 100 year history, with many more to come.

Elmer Lau #2

(deceased)

Malcolm J. Greany #5

(deceased)

Howard Hyatt Sr. #7

(deceased)

Robert Pearl #8

(deceased)

Cecil Lowe #12

(deceased)

Calvin Knapp #14

(deceased)

Richard A. Novak, Sr. #15

George Porretta #16

Henry F. Vassel #17

(deceased)

Eugene J. McCormack #24

(deceased)

Gerald Novak #25

(deceased)

Herbert C. Crenshaw #28

Robert H. Jones #29

Alfred E. Cartier #31

Thomas L. Latka #33

Joseph L. Schirle #39

(deceased)

H. Frank Powers #40

John C. Nolan #41

Donald E. Sheridan #42

Robert Clare #44

(deceased)

James W. Conder #45

Joseph A. McDonnell #46

(deceased)

Patrick McSorley #47

(deceased)

Gerald J. Nehs #48

Robert E. Cleary #49

(deceased)

William C. Greany #51

(deceased)

George W. Byrne #52

Russell L. Davis #53

Robert E. Galvin #54

(deceased)

William R. Galvin #55

(deceased)

Thomas Kosco #56

Walt A. Jagner #57

Don R. Juszczuk #58

# 194 Eagle Scouts (cont.)

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Theodore V. Traskos #59

Donald L. Wilhelm #60

J. Patrick Nehs #63

Patrick J. McCourt #65  
(deceased)

Stanley P. Stelmaszek #67  
(deceased)

Robert A. Stasys #68  
(deceased)

Gerrard Beauchamp #69  
(deceased)

William Edoff #70

Ronald J. Alves #73  
(deceased)

Ronald P. Jagner #74

Jeremy W. Kilar #75

Joseph Leger #76  
(deceased)

Jerome Malloy #77  
(deceased)

John McDonnel #78

Gary L. Wismer #79  
(deceased)

Paul E. Stelmaszek #80  
(deceased)

William D. Gates #81  
(deceased)

James B. McDonald #82  
(deceased)

Michael J. Higgins #83

Louis J. Stoecklin #84

Richard F. Long #85

Richard L. Beauchamp #86

John T. Edoff #87

Alan J. Kilar #89

Richard P. Stasys #90

Charles W. Gumbel #91

Michael F. Leger #92

Victor F. Adamo #95

F. William Albert #96

Chris P. Cullen #97

John Eddy #98

John E. Gumbel #99

John R. Knorp #100

Raoul Leger #101

Thomas Synowiec #102

Thomas R. Albert #103

Thomas G. Brand #104

Dennis J. Eddy #106  
(deceased)

Raoul Leger #107

Michael J. Migliore #108

Anthony D. Leger #109

Joseph L. Wierzbicki #110

Paul W. Brand #111

Alfonso Fuller #112

John B. Leger #113

Duane R. Dziewit #114

Paul D. Mulka #115

Jack C. Jordan #116

Robert G. Leger #117

Thomas Mitchell #118

# 194 Eagle Scouts (cont.)

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Steven P. Fitzgerald #119  
(deceased)

Seth O. Murdoch #120

James E. Brand #121

Crandall H. Cranshaw #122

Jon B. Ewing #123

Michael M. Beauregard #124

Theodore V. Traskos, Jr. #125

William Ewing #126

Daniel E. Mitchell #127

Steven K. Pickett #128

John C. Mitchell #129

Michael J. Mitchell #131

David G. Mitchell #138

Richard F. Carson #139

Preston Smith #140

(Deceased)

Timothy Williams #141

Patrick Shawaniban #142

Anthony Taggart #143

George McKinney #144

Michael K. Manthiram #145

Carlton R. Hoyer #146

Paul McCreary #147

Lawrence Stroughter #148

Richard M. Hoyer #149

Wayne Wright #150

Jared W. Hocker #151

Morgan J. Polk #152

Winston A. Wright #153

Michael Cox #154

Sidney L. Polk #155

Ryan D. Hocker #156

DeAndre O. Montgomery  
#157

Tacuma Clemons #158

Joseph J. Zwolinski #159

Jesse A. Clark #160

Steven W. Hocker #161

Devin D. Roundtree #162

William Matthews #163

Charles Bounty #164

Darion Manthiram #165

Matthew James #166

Jordan Bland #167

Jeffrey Stevenson #168

Lavelle Washington #169

Lee Almore #170

Ali Gordon-Touray #171

Elijah Garcia #172

Desmond Shorter #173

Trevor Samspon #174

William L. Hutcherson #175

Wendell M. Brown #176



# ***IN MEMORIAM***

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## **William C. Greany**

Troop 194 Scoutmaster 1922 – 1970

## **Francis W. Albert**

Troop Committeeman and longtime supporter

## **Thomas W. Brand**

Troop Committeeman and Treasurer

## **Frances Ewing**

Scout Mother & Dedicated Troop Supporter

## **Thomas Harris**

Troop Committeeman and Board of Review Chairman

## **Lenora McSorley**

Scout Mother & Troop Musician

## **Rondoyle Moore Sr.**

Troop Committeeman

## **Everett Hocker**

Charter Representative and Board of Review Chairman

## **Henry “Hank” Vassel**

Assistant Scoutmaster 1945-2008

*“May perpetual light shine upon the souls of all departed scouts  
in the mercy of the Great Master”*

# **WE REMEMBER DECEASED 194 EAGLE SCOUTS**

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*"They have passed our way and left their mark..."*

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