

## **MARIE BERNADETTE KANE**

### **2018 SILVER BEAVER HONOREE**

When Marie Kane and her husband Jerry moved here from Philadelphia in 1996, their oldest son Jerry came home from school and announced that they had Cub Scouts in Virginia too. He had been a Tiger Cub in Philadelphia. When he signed up as a Wolf in Pack 179, Marie's journey as a Scout leader began.

Marie has held many positions in Pack, Troop, and Crew 179. These include Tiger Den Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Troop Committee member, Troop Medic, Religious Emblem Trainer, Venturing Crew Committee Member, Venturing Crew Committee Chair, and Ship Committee member.

Her 20+ year service to youth has included district-level service as District Committee member, Cub Scout Advancement Chairman, Cub Scout Roundtable staff in PAVAB, Chowanoc, and Princess Anne.

Her council roles have included leadership roles on the NYLT staff, Wood Badge staff, Retreat-o-ree staff, Cub Scout Day Camp staff, Webelos Day Camp and Resident Camp staff, and as Summer Camp Medic.

In March 2002, Marie successfully completed her Order of the Arrow Ordeal. Two months later, at the May 2002 Ordeal, she became the Lodge Health and Safety Advisor, a position she has held ever since. She has been advisor for the Lodge Holiday Banquet three times, and has overseen and coordinated the medical staff for three separate OA SR7A Conclaves. Marie was bestowed the OA's Vigil Honor in 2006.

Marie says that two of her best Scouting memories are when she was selected for the Vigil Honor in 2006 and when she was presented with the Lodge's Founders Award. These are special to her because they came from the youth of the Lodge.

Marie Kane has been a Registered Nurse since 1980. She and Jerry have been married for 40 years and are the proud parents of Jerry, Sean and Brendan who are all Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor members of the Blue Heron Lodge.

Marie tells people that the most important thing she did in life was working with her husband to raise their boys. Now she is trying to help other youth learn the life values, learned in Scouting, that she believes her sons now live by.