

Statue of Liberty Replica

HISTORY

Between 1949 and 1952, approximately two hundred Statue of Liberty replicas were made of stamped copper. They were purchased by various Boy Scout troops, and then donated in 39 states and several of the United States possessions and territories.

The project was the brainchild of Kansas City businessman J.P. Whitaker, who was then Scout Commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council. The copper statues were manufactured by Friedly-Voshardt & Co. of Chicago, Ill, and purchased through the Kansas City Boy Scout office by those wanting one.

The statues are approximately 8 1/2 ft. tall without the base (100 in. / 2.5 cm), constructed of sheet copper, weighting 290 pounds, and originally costing \$350.00 (plus freight). The mass-produced statues are not great art nor meticulously accurate (a conservator notes that her face isn't as mature as the real Liberty, it's rounder and more like a little girl) but they are cherished. Many have been lost or destroyed but preservationists have been able to account for about a hundred of them.

The Boy Scout troop of Cheyenne, Wyo, has collected photographs of them and posted them on a website: <http://www.cheyennetroop101.org/liberty/>



Statue after initial repair and before re-installation. photo by Eric Meulemans

The Re-Dedication Of the Statue of Liberty Replica

**Sunday
August 12th, 2012
9:00 - 9:45 AM**

**Dedicated to
Tony Rajer**



At Warner Park

Corner of Sherman & Northport Drive, Madison, Wisconsin

- in case of inclement weather ceremony will be held inside the Warner Park Community Center

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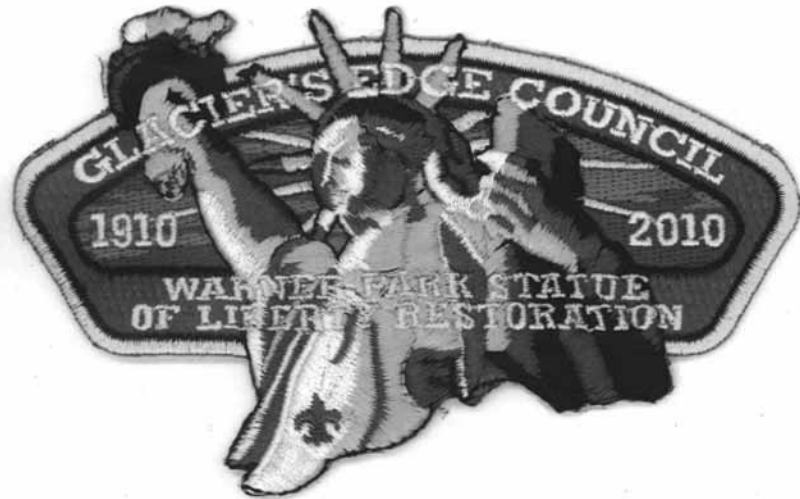
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Commemorative patches are available for \$5.00 each. Proceeds go towards the statues' restoration, perpetual care, and future landscaping.

Donations are welcome and may be sent to:

Madison Community Foundation
P.O. Box 5010
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Statue of Liberty Replica Restoration Committee:**

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**In Memory of Anton 'Tony' Rajer, art conservator,
humanitarian and teacher**

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**"It's easier to upkeep NOW, then wait another 20-30 years and do
this process again."**

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America, America
God shed his light on thee
And crown the good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea



America

My country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing
Land where my father died
Land of the pilgrims pride
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring

Schedule

8:45-9:00

**Flag procession
the Pledge of Allegiance
Singing of *America the Beautiful***

9:00

**Sarah Busse, Madison Poet Laureate, reads
*On the ReDedication of Liberty***

Speakers

**Major Paul Soglin
Aaron Vikemyr and Sue Morrison**

Closing Remarks by Sue Peck

Singing of *America*