



OWASIPPE LODGE 7

Order of the Arrow-Chicago Area Council



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Dear Fellow Vigil Brother,

The 2011 Vigil Dinner on November 19, 2011 was a fun-filled evening that gave us the chance to recognize the life's works of two veteran professional Scouters who got their start in Chicago Council as boys in the 1930's. Robert H. Krejci, age 98, came to us from San Diego via video to relate his experiences as a Scout at camp in 1927. I am sad to report that Bob died at home shortly thereafter on December 12, 2011 surrounded by family and friends.

Later in the evening we were graced with the personal comments of Arne Schenk about life on staff at Camp Stuart in 1936 and eventually as the Director of the East Central Region of the BSA. Arne was joined by his wife of 70 years, Dora. Their stories and contributions to Owasippe Lodge have made our Lodge a foundation of the Order of the Arrow program. Both of our honorees were Scouts in Chicago Council when E. Urner Goodman was its Scout Executive.

On a sad note, I must also report the passing of Vigil Brothers Thomas Church on December 23, 2011, Lawrence S. Branch (2010 Vigil Honoree) on December 24, 2011, and Leonard J. Pietras on February 15, 2012. They have joined the great Council fire of another world. May they rest in peace.

This year's Owasippe Lodge Vigil Dinner will be held on Saturday November 17, 2012 at the European Chalet Banquet Hall at 5500 S. Harlem Avenue. Our gathering this year will honor two long-time Vigil members, Jack B. Blane and Daniel J. Reilly, III. Please mark your calendars for this festive event and help us fête our honorees. More information on the dinner will follow in early September 2012.

The www.moqua.org website is up and running and features biographies of our recent honorees as well as other prominent Vigil Brothers of Owasippe Lodge #7. The site is open for your contributions, so if you have a favorite Vigil leader you would like to recognize, please forward a biographical sketch and appropriate photographs for inclusion on the site.

Have a great Scouting year keep current with the happenings of Owasippe Scout Camp and Chicago Area Council at www.chicagobsa.org. Your support of Chicago Scouting keeps us strong!

Yours in the Vigil,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis J. Podbielski MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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