

**Owasippe Lodge #7  
2013 Vigil Dinner  
November 23, 2013**

5:30 PM	Fellowship Hour	
6:45 PM	Welcome Remarks	Alexander S. Ostojic Vigil Dinner Committee
	Invocation	Rev. F. Gerald Scanlan
	Pledge of Allegiance	David J. Relstab
	Owasippe Hymn	All
7:00 PM	Dinner	
7:50 PM	Spirit of the Arrow	John C. Kosik
	Presentation of Honoree	Kenneth R. George
	2013 Honoree	Robert J. Burns Scoutmaster and Mentor Owasippe Camper 1940 & 1941
	Presentation of Honoree	Norville R. Carter
	2013 Honoree	Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr. Spiritual Leader Owasippe Camper 1942-1944
	Vigil Honors and Years	Lucas S. Kennedy
	Lodge Adviser's Comments	Theodore B. Kumzi
	Guest Lodge Update	Ronald E. Kulak
	Owasippe Update	Scott A. Peterson
	Director of Field Service Chicago Area Council	John F. Jones
	Special Presentation	John R. Sanchez, Jr.
	Order of the Arrow Hymn	All
9:00 PM	Reception	Optional



**2013 Vigil Dinner Committee**

Nicholas J. Barth  
John N. Brown  
Ronald E. Kulak  
Theodore B. Kumzi  
Alexander S. Ostojic  
Francis J. Podbielski, MD



**See you at the 2014 Owasippe Lodge #7  
Vigil Dinner  
Saturday November 22, 2014**

Photographs from this evening are available  
on-line at:

<http://www.moqua.org/2013-vigil-dinner-pictures/>

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European Chalet Banquets  
5445 S. Harlem Av.  
Chicago, Illinois

## Robert J. Burns

Robert J. Burns was born on March 12, 1928 to Edward Burns and Florence (Culling) Burns. Due to the Great Depression and hardships at home, he was raised by foster parents Robert and Margaret Stewart. When Mr. Stewart learned he had cancer, he bought a 40-acre farm in Tinley Park, south of 159<sup>th</sup> and Harlem Avenue. The family lived there until Mr. Stewart's death in 1944.

While a grammar school student at Tinley Park Grade School, Bob joined Scouting in 1938 through a troop sponsored by the Tinley Park Methodist Church and led by his neighbor and Scoutmaster, Francis Wright. It was during this time that he attained the rank of First Class Scout. Attending Camp Robert Stuart in 1940 and 1941, Bob got his first glimpses of Owasippe.

Bob joined the United States Navy in 1944, serving in the South Pacific on the USS New York (BB-34). At the conclusion of hostilities, Bob was at the Bikini Atoll – an eyewitness to Operation Crossroad Baker on July 1, 1946. On returning home, he found work as a truck mechanic for Ward Foods (later Interstate Brands), and retired as a Foreman after a 30 year career. He remains a proud member of Mechanics Union – Local #701, with over 60 years of membership.

When he returned home he met fellow dance instructor Carolyn Kinsella, later to become Mrs. Carolyn Burns on June 20, 1953. After marrying they settled in the Village of Worth. He and Carolyn had one son (John) and three daughters (the late Barbara, Mary, and Jennifer). Together they devoted their lives to the Scouting movement. Bob lost Carolyn on February 28, 2005 after 51 years of marriage.

Bob rejoined Scouting in the late 1960's serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 668 for over 30 years. He received the District Award of Merit in 1974, and the Silver Beaver in 1979. Bob was awarded the Distinguished Scoutmaster Award in 1992. Bob has the distinction of being the "artist-in-residence" for the local O/A Chapter, the District, and even Chicago Area Council. Over the decades, he has been commissioned to design more patches than most people will ever wear in a lifetime!

Bob was inducted into Ordeal Membership on May 01, 1971 and became a Vigil Member on May 28, 2000 at Owasippe on a beautiful night with much rain! Forever known thereafter as "Wetochwink Woapalanne" or Father of Eagles, in recognition of his years of service as a Scoutmaster and countless number of Eagle Scouts that passed under his tutelage.

When asked about his experiences in Scouting and as a Vigil Member, Bob reflects, "Scouting has more than anyone can imagine. Attend all of the events – learn and enjoy!"



## 2013 Honorees

### Burns



### Phillips



## Arties R. Phillips, Jr.

Arties Phillips was born on February 4, 1928 to Arties R. Phillips Sr. and Ruby Lee (Jones) Phillips. The family lived on Chicago's South Side in the Woodlawn area and attended the Woodlawn AME Church. Young Arties graduated from McCosh Elementary School in 1943, and then from Englewood High School and Tilden Technical High School in 1947. He attended the Payne Theological Seminary and the Moody Bible Institute.

Arties' Scouting experience began in 1937 when he joined the Cub Scout Pack at the Cosmopolitan Community Church. At age 12, he graduated into Boy Scout Troop 1542 sponsored by the Woodlawn AME Church in Chicago. Arties achieved the rank of First Class Scout and took the bus in the summer of 1942 at age 14 to Camp Belnap at Owasippe. Belnap was established by the Chicago Council as a camp for African American Campers. Arties remembers trips to Owasippe with his Scoutmaster, Lafayette Morrison and Mr. Harris; he would return in 1961 as an adult Scouter to camps Wilderness, Stuart, West, and Beard.

After Scouting as a youth, Arties joined the US Navy and served from 1948 to 1952 on the aircraft carrier the USS Leyte (CV-32). He met his wife Marye Charles in Newport, R.I. in 1949 while he was serving on the Leyte. Arties and Marye wed on February 4, 1950 and have been married for 63 years, and ultimately had a family of six – Oreitha, Arties III, Derrick, Clifford, Adrienne, and Janice. Arties worked for 35 years at the Regensteiner Publishing Company, first as a Storeroom Supervisor and finally as a Purchasing Agent at the time of his retirement.

Arties started his adult service to Scouting in 1960 as a Training Chairman and Scoutmaster on the Southside of Chicago; he is currently active with the Greater Southside District. He received his Woodbadge Beads in 1968, the Silver Beaver Award in 1970, the Bronze Bighorn Award in 1975, the Silver Antelope in 2004, and was the Whitney Young Honoree in 2005. Outside of Scouting, Arties is a 33rd Degree Mason and an Itinerant Elder of the Woodlawn African Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as the Connectional Boy Scout Director for the A.M.E. Church from 1993-2002, the chaplain for multiple C.A.C. NOAC contingencies and as Member-at-Large of the B.S.A. National Relationship Committee from 2002 to the present time.

When reflecting on the Vigil Honor, Arties notes, "Read and study the Ten Commandments, then study the twelve points of the Scout Law, because if you follow the Scout Laws and Ten Commandments you will always have a good foundation for the rest of your life. And finally, never put yourself down, always look up, and strive to be the best in whatever you do!"