

**Owasippe Lodge #7
2011 Vigil Dinner
November 19, 2011
Program**

5:30 PM	Fellowship Hour	
6:45 PM	Welcome Remarks	Alek K. Rinholm Owasippe Lodge Chief - 2011-2012
	Invocation	Rev. F. Gerald Scanlan
	Pledge of Allegiance	Reginald J. Ferguson Vigil Class of 2011
	Owasippe Hymn	All
7:00 PM	Dinner	
7:50 PM	Spirit of the Arrow	George S. Sparks Vigil Class of 1968
	Presentation of Honoree	Francis J. Podbielski, MD
	2011 Honoree	Robert H. Krejci Owasippe Camp Staff Vigil Class of 1940
	Presentation of Honoree	Ronald E. Kulak
	2011 Honoree	Arnold R. Schenk Owasippe Camp Staff Vigil Class of 1938
	Vigil Honors and Years	Nicholas J. Barth
	Lodge Adviser's Comments	Theodore B. Kumzi
	Owasippe History Project	Francis J. Podbielski, MD
	Director of Support Services Chicago Area Council	Steven G. Adams
	Order of the Arrow Hymn	All
9:00 PM	Reception	Optional



2011 Vigil Dinner Committee

Nicholas J. Barth
John N. Brown
Theodore B. Kumzi
Ronald E. Kulak
Francis J. Podbielski, MD
Alek K. Rinholm



**See you at the 2012 Owasippe Lodge #7
Vigil Dinner
Saturday November 17, 2012**

Photographs from this evening are available
on-line at:

<http://www.moqua.org/2011-vigil-dinner-pictures/>

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Boy Scouts of America

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

Robert H. Krejci

Robert H. Krejci was born at home on Chicago's Westside on June 4, 1913 to John Krejci (08/03/1886 - ?) and Johanna Tischer (03/03/1887 - 06/14/1971). He attended the Spencer Grammar School, graduating in 1927. He then went on to attend and graduate from Austin High School in 1931 and went on to complete his course of study at Michigan State College graduating with Honors in 1941. Bob was exempted from military service in early 1942 by the State of Illinois. Instead of serving in the military, Bob was assigned by the state to organize and run farm labor camps to support the war effort in Cook County.

Bob joined Boy Scout Troop 390 in 1925 at age 12; the troop was sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church and run by Scoutmaster Louis Adamson who welcomed him warmly. Of the five years at Owassippe as a Scout, Bob received camper scholarships from the Chicago Council for three of those five years.

Bob climbed the trail to Eagle Scout, receiving his badge in November 1930 and was named Chicago Council's "Eagle Scout of the Year". Bob became Scoutmaster of Troop 390 as a young adult and was assisted by John Picchetti and Ken Richter who held the positions of Assistant Scoutmasters during his tenure. Bob's first year at Owassippe was 1928. He had to earn the cost of \$13.00 to attend camp for two weeks. Train passage on the Pere Marquette rail line was included in this \$13.00 fee. The Marquette was a special train that took Scouts from Chicago to Whitehall, departing the Grand Central Station at Wells and Harrison Street each Monday morning at 9:15 AM. During his first summer at Owassippe, Bob was selected in September 1928 by the staff of Camp Blackhawk for membership in the Order of the Arrow. He was inducted to Ordeal membership along the White River at the Twin Rollaways log cabin site and became an active member of Blackhawk Chapter.

Bob worked at Owassippe in 1935 and 1936, serving as the Hikemaster at Camp Stuart. Chief Camp Director Alfred C. Nichols recognized Bob as the best Hikemaster Owassippe ever had. These words of encouragement inspired Bob to pursue Scouting as a profession. As a professional, Bob served Chicago Council as a District Executive from 1940-1949. He became the Scout Executive of Egyptian Council in Southern Illinois, raising the necessary funds to build that Council's first summer camp in 1953. He went on to become the Scout Executive of Tri-State Area Council in Huntington, WV. Bob considers his finest accomplishments with both Councils to be inspiring a group of volunteers to run a top quality program, while raising funds and balancing the budget.

Bob retired from Scouting in 1965 and joined the Cumerford Corporation as professional fund-raiser and public relations consultant. He married Marian Hallock on March 29, 1941. They met while he was student at Michigan State. As dormitory space was inadequate for the growing enrollment, Bob rented a room at the Hallock home and the rest was history. They have one daughter Susan (Stevens) and three grandsons, and currently three great-grandchildren. Marian died in 1986 after 45 wonderful years of marriage. Bob resides north of San Diego in a home he and Marian built in 1969.

When reflecting on life, Bob often considers the first line of the Boy Scout Oath, "On my honor, I will do my best..." What a great guide in life for everyone.

2011 Honorees

Krejci



Schenk



Arnold R. Schenk

Arnold R. Schenk was born on May 23, 1918 in the Roseland neighborhood of Chicago. His father, Otto H. Schenk worked as a Chicago Public School teacher and mother Carolina A. Rieder was a homemaker. Arn attended the Esmond Grammar School and graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1935. He joined Troop 655 on May 23, 1930; the Troop was sponsored by the Morgan Park Congregational Church and led by Scoutmaster Edgar E. Flescher. Arn attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1935, going on to earn a Bronze Palm. He boarded the Pere Marquette at Grand Central Station in the Summer of 1932 for the first time to attend Camp McDonald (later Camp Stuart) on Crystal Lake at "Owasippe" Scout Camp.

Arn became a staffman, serving as the Hikemaster of Camp Stuart from 1937-1938. In recognition of his devotion to Scout camping, he was inducted into the Garrison Chapter of Owassippe Lodge #7 in July 1933 at Camp Stuart and went on to serve two years as the Chapter Chief of Garrison from 1936-1938. For his many contributions to the Arrow, Arn was inducted into the Vigil Honor on August 1, 1938, being given the name "Achpamsin" (translated as "To Walk About"). In retrospect, Arn looks to his Vigil Honor as an acknowledgement of his work with the Arrow and Scout camping while the Chief of Garrison Chapter.

As a student at U. of I. Arn met Dora McLean (a native of Sterling Junction, MA) while working in a student group sponsored by the Champaign Congregational Church. They were married on June 14, 1941 and recent celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with their four children, Ron, Nancy, Phil, and Barbara! Arn was inspired to become a Professional Scouter by Alfred C. Nichols, Jr. Nichols was a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow inducted under E. Urner Goodman while the latter was serving as the Scout Executive of Philadelphia Area Council in the mid 1920's. Al Nichols served for over 10 years as the Owassippe Camp Director.

Arn began his professional career in Scouting in 1941 as a District Executive in the Blackhawk Area Council in Rockford, IL. He went on to serve the Creve Coeur Council, the State Line Council in Beloit, WI, the Piasa Bird Council in Alton, IL, and finally the Four Lakes Council in Madison, WI. Recognizing his talents, he was appointed as the Deputy Regional Scout Executive of Region 7 working out of Oakbrook, IL from 1964-1968. He then became the Deputy Regional Scout Executive of the East Central Region from 1969-1972. After years of travel and decades of experience, Arn return to his home - Chicago Area Council - in 1972 and served as the Council Program Director until 1977. His final professional posting was as the Assistant Circulation Manager of Boys Life Magazine from 1977-1983. Truly an incredible journey for a 12 year old boy from the Southside of Chicago! A Vigil Brother we can call our own.

When Arn reflects on his 80 years of Scouting, he hearkens back to his days on Camp Staff at Owassippe beneath the pine trees along the shore of Crystal Lake. It was this magical experience of youth that impacted his decision to become a Professional Scouter to pass along to the next generation what had been given to him. When asked about his wisdom for those of us that follow, Arn sums it up by saying, "Follow the ideals of Scouting and train boys in those ideals. Society needs such men of integrity."