

**Owasippe Lodge #7
2012 Vigil Dinner
November 17, 2012
Program**

5:30 PM Fellowship Hour

6:45 PM Welcome Remarks Daniel E. Piper
Owasippe Lodge Chief - 2012-2013

Invocation Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance Alek K. Rinholm
Owasippe Lodge Chief - 2011-2012

Owasippe Hymn All

7:00 PM Dinner

7:50 PM Spirit of the Arrow Vincent L. Freeman, MD

Presentation of Honoree John C. Kosik

2012 Honoree Jack B. Blane
Owasippe Camp Staff - 1939-1942
Distinguished Eagle Scout

Presentation of Honoree Francis J. Podbielski, MD

2012 Honoree Daniel J. Reilly, III
Owasippe Camp Staff - 1960's
District Advancement Chairman

Vigil Honors and Years Lucas S. Kennedy

Lodge Adviser's Comments Theodore B. Kumzi

Owasippe History Project Francis J. Podbielski, MD

Director of Support Services Steven G. Adams
Chicago Area Council

Order of the Arrow Hymn All

9:00 PM Reception Optional



2012 Vigil Dinner Committee

Nicholas J. Barth
John N. Brown
Theodore B. Kumzi
Ronald E. Kulak
Daniel E. Piper
Francis J. Podbielski, MD



**See you at the 2013 Owasippe Lodge #7
Vigil Dinner
Saturday November 23, 2013**

Photographs from this evening are available
on-line at:

<http://www.moqua.org/2012-vigil-dinner-pictures/>

Owasippe Scout
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1911 - 2012

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Boy Scouts of America

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

Jack B. Blane

Jack B. Blane was born on May 20, 1923 in Chicago. He attended the O'Keeffe Elementary School and joined Boy Scout Troop 557 sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Community Church in 1935. He rose through the ranks of leadership and reached the rank of Life Scout in May 1937. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1938 and received three Eagle Palms.

Jack attended Camp West at Owasippe and was "surprised, honored, and humbled" when he was selected for induction into Ordeal membership in the Order of the Arrow on August 06, 1936. He sealed his membership in the Order the following year by becoming a Brotherhood Member on August 01, 1937. For his outstanding service as a Scout and member of the Owasippe Staff, Jack received his Vigil Honor on July 30, 1944. He was given the Indian name Wulapeju, translated as "Just and Upright One". Jack worked on the General Headquarters Staff with George Mozealous and Bob Pagel from 1939-1942. This taught him firsthand the challenges of camp administration. Skills like these were certainly utilized during his time as a business executive.

Jack graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1941 and then went on to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor graduating with both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Engineering, specializing in industrial management. He enlisted in the Marines on November 21, 1942 while a college student and went on to serve eight years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves (1942-1950). After College, Jack married his high school sweetheart Joan in 1946. They had three children and lived in Highland Park, IL. After 61 wonderful years of marriage, Joan passed away on June 14, 2007.

Jack worked for the Ekco Products Company (a housewares manufacturing firm) in Chicago, joining the company as a trainee in 1948 and retiring as its President in 1985! This is not surprising given his ingenuity and skill; Jack holds a U.S. patent for bakery ware he created while at Ekco Company.

During his time in Scouting, Jack served as a Scoutmaster in the Southeast Ohio Council and was the Council Vice-President and Chairman of the Exploring Committee of the Northwest Suburban Illinois Council; he currently serves on the Council's Advisory Board. Outside of Scouting, Jack leads an active life of public service, having held multiple civic positions with the City of Highland Park and founding its Community Foundation in 1992. He has also been a member of Rotary International for over 50 years and was a Past Governor of Northern Illinois Rotary District 6440 in 1978-1979.

In 1985 Jack was the primary force behind Rotary's Polio Plus Campaign that is an international effort to eradicate polio from the world. In 2000 he established the Blane Community Immunization Grants — a nationwide program in all 50 states that helps to coordinate the efforts of local groups that provide immunizations.

When reflecting back on his life in Scouting as a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow, Jack notes, "This year I am celebrating my 50th year in Rotary International. I maintain that the principles of both organizations are quite similar. Because of my Scouting experience, it became very comfortable for me to work with Rotarians throughout the world and, as a result, do 'good in the world'."



2012 Honorees

Blane



Reilly



Daniel J. Reilly, III

Daniel J. Reilly, III was born on May 21, 1920 in Buffalo, NY. His father, Daniel J. Reilly, Jr. (1887 - 1952) while trained as an attorney, worked as a hotel administrator; his mother, Frances Maria Augusta Haack (1898 - 1978) was a homemaker.

Dan graduated from St. Patrick's grammar school in Erie, PA. He completed his secondary education at the Lakewood High School in Cleveland, OH and graduated from DePaul University in Chicago in June 1948. Dan served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WW II as a staff sergeant in the Instrument Shop in Oxfordshire, England. During his service he received two Good Conduct Medals, the European Theater of Operations medal, the American Theater medal, and the Victory medal. Most recently he was a member of the Honor Flight Chicago to Washington, D.C. on May 11, 2011.

The trail of Scouting started on Dan's 12th birthday in 1932 with Troop 44 in Erie, PA. In 1935, Dan was selected to attend the First National B.S.A. Jamboree (which was cancelled due to a polio epidemic). He earned a total of 51 merit badges. While in Cleveland, he served on Camp Staff in 1938 and 1939 and encountered an out-of-council Scout wearing a white sash with a red arrow. It would be another twelve years before Dan would be inducted into the Moqua Chapter of Owasippe Lodge in May 1952. Friendships made that weekend and in the Arrow have lasted a lifetime. Dan remembers spending the summer of 1967 at Owasippe with a tent-mate named Ron Temple.

Dan kept his Vigil faithfully in August 1961. During his Scouting years Dan is remembered for his leadership of the Wipunquoak and Ojibwa Chapters of Burr Oak and Chipewewa Districts. He was probably the longest service District Advancement Chairman known to that area, and sat on innumerable Eagle Boards of Review. One never feared Mr. Reilly's presence on a review Board, but it was clear that second rate was not going to be good enough to get him to sign off on the necessary paperwork!

Dan married the love of his life, a Campfire girl named Marion Mick on May 25, 1942. At the time of her death in 2006, they had been married for 64½ years. Like most Scouting wives, Marion graciously allowed Dan to become active in Scouting in addition to his family duties. They are justifiably proud of their 9 children, 33 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren!

After retiring from United States Steel in 1977, Dan volunteered as docent at the Weber Resource Center for the American Indian at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. He also spent 16 summers (1980-1995) as the Nature/Ecology Director at Camp Lowden in Oregon, IL in the Blackhawk Area Council.

Dan relishes his Vigil Honor because unlike becoming an Eagle Scout, which is the result of hard work in the pursuit of a fixed goal, one does not "work" to become a Vigil member, but instead the Vigil Honor seeks those who devote themselves to a life of cheerful service. In reflecting on life, Dan believes that he made a difference in the lives of many boys, and perhaps equally as important - those boys, soon to become men, gave him a deeper understanding of true fulfillment in life.