



OWASIPPE LODGE 7

Order of the Arrow-Chicago Area Council



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Dear Francis,

This past year's Vigil Dinner on November 17, 2012 was attended by over 90 Arrowmen and their guests and paid tribute to two of our Lodge's veteran Scouters – Jack B. Blane and Daniel J. Reilly, III. Regaling us with stories from the days when polio epidemics forced the cancellation of National Scout Jamborees to when adults could still earn merit badges, both men brought us back to a different time in Scouting. We as a Lodge are justifiably proud of our traditions and the men who forged them!

I am sad to report the passing of two Vigil Brothers this past year. Lester R. Busse, formerly of Troop 716 and longtime Advisor of Matoka Chapter on Chicago's Southside, died on March 2, 2013. In recent years Lester had been confined to the Concordia Rehab Center in South Holland. I am also saddened to report the loss of Joseph M. "Jay" Popovits who died on February 10, 2013. Both Brothers will be missed at our Council fire; may they rest in peace.

The upcoming Owasippe Lodge Vigil Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday November 23, 2013 at the European Chalet Banquet Hall at 5500 S. Harlem Avenue. Our gathering this year will honor two stalwart Vigil members, Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr. – a NOAC Chaplain on multiple occasions, and Robert J. Burns, longtime Scoutmaster and currently Committee Member of Troop 668 in Worth. Please mark your calendars for this festive event and help us appropriately fête our honorees. More information on the dinner will be forth in coming in early September 2013.

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 photograph(s) for inclusion on the site.

Have a great Scouting year and 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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