

OWASIPPE LODGE #7



01 February 2014

Dear Vigil Brother,

The 2013 Vigil Dinner on November 23, 2013 was attended by 96 Arrowmen and their guests and paid tribute to two of our Lodge's veteran Scouters – Robert J. Burns and Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr. Both men's contributions to Scouting in Chicago have given us the outstanding program we enjoy today and filled the ranks of alumni who have carried on their work.

I am sad to report the passing of several Vigil Brothers this past year. Barbara Hernandez died 09/19/2012 (Vigil Class of 1996) and her son Jesse Hernandez II died 12/25/2012 (Vigil Class of 1995); both hailed from Troop 865. O. Laverne Hollique, a native of Montana and former CAC Profession in the 1950's died on 01/07/2013. Owasippe "Fix-It Man" Anthony M. "Tony" Krier left us on 08/23/2013. Finally, Olaf M. Hanson passed from our Council ring on 10/26/2013

I am very pleased to report the progress being made with renovations and improvements at Owasippe. In August 2013 the Chicago Area Council Board allocated \$1M from the Endowment Fund to enhance our camp. CAC VP-Properties Scott Peterson outlined the plans that are underway to make our home the premiere Scout camp in America. Kudos also to Ron Kulak and Owasippe Staff Association for their work on extensive renovations at the Guest Lodge (LC 2). The cabin will serve as the STEM (science-technology-engineering-math) center during the camping season, and as a haven for troops and other Scout units during the off-season to enjoy the natural beauty of Owasippe. Remember however, your Camp and your Council need your ongoing financial support to keep our movement viable.

The 2014 Owasippe Lodge Vigil Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday November 22, 2014 at the European Chalet Banquet Hall at 5500 S. Harlem Avenue. Our gathering this year will honor John Sanchez, Sr. and Donald E. Studaven. 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 2014. Periodic updates will be posted on our website: www.moqua.org.

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!

For the Vigil Honor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis".

Francis J. Podbielski, MD
Wischiki – Busy One

4-D Center Hill Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts
02360-1310
cell: 312-607-7390
e-mail: Fjpmeteu@msn.com