

**Owasippe Lodge #7  
2014 Vigil Dinner  
November 22, 2014**

**5:30 PM Fellowship Hour**

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| <b>6:45 PM Master of Ceremonies</b> | <b>Alexander S. Ostojic<br/>Vigil Dinner Committee</b> |
| <b>Welcome Remarks</b>              | <b>Jacob C. Klein<br/>Owasippe Lodge #7 - Chief</b>    |
| <b>Invocation</b>                   | <b>Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr.</b>                    |
| <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>         | <b>David J. Relstab</b>                                |
| <b>Owasippe Hymn</b>                | <b>Norville R. Carter</b>                              |

**7:00 PM Dinner**

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| <b>7:50 PM NCAP Update</b>      | <b>Anna M. Montes</b>            |
| <b>Presentation of Honoree</b>  | <b>Joseph P. Sener</b>           |
| <b>2014 Honoree</b>             | <b>Donald E. Studaven</b>        |
| <b>Presentation of Honoree</b>  | <b>Robert C. Landmichl</b>       |
| <b>2014 Honoree</b>             | <b>John Sanchez, Sr.</b>         |
| <b>Necrology</b>                | <b>John C. Kosik</b>             |
| <b>Guest Lodge Report</b>       | <b>Ronald E. Kulak</b>           |
| <b>Lodge Adviser's Comments</b> | <b>Theodore B. Kumzi</b>         |
| <b>Spirit of the Arrow</b>      | <b>Francis J. Podbielski, MD</b> |
| <b>Order of the Arrow Hymn</b>  | <b>All</b>                       |
| <b>9:15 PM Reception</b>        | <b>Optional</b>                  |



**2014 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 2015 Owasippe Lodge #7  
Vigil Dinner  
Saturday November 21, 2015**

Photographs from this evening are available  
on-line at:  
<http://www.moqua.org/2014-vigil-dinner-pictures>

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

## Donald E. Studaven

Donald Eclare Studaven was born on December 14, 1933 to Ethel Studaven (b. 09/19/1917, d. 10/11/1938) on Chicago's West Side. Tragically, his mother died shortly before his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Don was raised by his aunt and uncle, Hannah and Leslie Duerson. He attended Jefferson Elementary School in Chicago and went on to attend and graduate from Crane Tech.

As Scouting was not available to Don as a youth, it was not until his adulthood that he became involved with the Scouting movement. He assumed the post of Scoutmaster of Troop 1222 in 1961 after being approached by the Parent/Teacher Association at Victor Herbert School. It was here that Don's Scouting career started to flourish. The troop made it a point of camping out every other month, and attending Owasippe's Camp West for two weeks each summer. Don served as the Chair of the Fort Dearborn District Training Committee and completed his Woodbadge Training in 1963.

Don started his career as a professional Scouter as the ranger of Camp Harrison in Calumet City in 1963. He served in that post until the camp's closure in 1967, at which time he became the ranger at Camp Kiwanis. During this time, Don received his Scouters' Key and the District Award of Merit in 1966. Perhaps one of his proudest accomplishments as a professional Scouter was his lead role in developing a Cub Scout Day Camp program in the mid 1960's. He was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award on January 28, 1967.

Serving as the ranger of Camp Kiwanis (and Camp Fort Dearborn) until May 1, 1986, Don was then named as the Owasippe Scout Reservation Director of Properties. The attraction to the beauty of Owasippe was strong, and upon his retirement from Scouting in 1994 he elected to live permanently in Blue Lake Township, Michigan. Rather than ending his career as a leader, Don went on to serve as a Blue Lake Township Trustee from 1988 until 1996, and was elected as the Supervisor of Blue Lake Township in 2000. Don is a founding member of the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center.

Don sealed his membership in the Order of the Arrow on May 29, 1982 at Owasippe, becoming "Genachgiton Mechmauwikenk" or "Caretaker of Camp". It poured down rain the entire night of his Vigil, and while chopping wood his axe slipped and he cut his arm. True to his commitment, he persevered without flinching and stayed the entire night, being taken to the hospital the next day for stitches.

Don met his wife Charleen while working on Cub Scout Day Camp Program at Camp Kiwanis in 1970. They have four children Michael (Robin), Jeffrey (Kathleen), Aileen (Randy), and Howard (Christine), with a tribe of six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

When reflecting on his life in Scouting and the Vigil Honor, Don notes, "Respect life, take care of our Earth, respect yourself, and have some fun while doing it."

## Studaven



## 2014 Honorees

## John Sanchez, Sr.

John Sanchez, Sr. was born on Tuesday August 15, 1928 in Chicago, IL to Alex Sanchez (1905-1970) who worked for Armour Packing House and Dolores (Lola) Verduso (1910-2009) in the area just outside of the Chinatown neighborhood of Chicago. He attended St. Mary's Grammar School, graduated from Tilden Tech High School in 1946, and later attended Richard J. Daley College for continuing education classes.

John joined Troop 456 at age 12 in 1940, having the good fortune of being led by Scoutmaster Arthur Stepens. John rose to the rank of First Class Scout and attended Owasippe's Camp Blackhawk in 1941. He grew up a few blocks away from another Owasippe Lodge #7 Vigil alumnus, the late Tony Escobedo. John's Scouting career as a youth was curtailed due to the outbreak of World War II.

John was inducted into the Kittakima Meechgalanne Chapter of Owasippe Lodge on 10/28/1967 at Camp Kiwanis, while a member of Mohawk District. John served for 25 years as the ASM of Troop 1650, as an Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Explorer Adviser of Post 8821, District Commissioner for 10 years, as well as on the staff of the well-remembered Chicago Area Council's – Show 'n Do's. He completed his Woodbadge Training in 1968 at Camp West at Owasippe.

Outside of Scouting, John has been a member of both the American Legion Post 485, and the V.F.W. Post 5220 in Oak Lawn, IL for over 50 years. He and his wife are currently parishioners of St. Michael's Church in Schererville, IN.

John met Elizabeth Jean Reid in at a Fall Dance at St. David's Church in Bridgeport in 1949. They have now been married for 61 years! Their five children, Barbara "Chris", John R., Michael A., Anita J., and Denise Elaine have followed in their footsteps with all being involved in the Scouting program. Both Chris and John R. are Vigil members of the O/A.

John received his Vigil Honor on August 09, 1974 – known as Tachpachaxu Machque or "Little Bear". The night was damp but beautiful and John employed Seminole Indian technique of slowly advancing a large log into the fire to keep it burning rather than cutting wood all night long.

In reflecting on life and his activities, John believes that the fun of Scouting lies in discovery and companionship, and spreading the ideals of Scouting to the next generation. He tries to impart the importance of education to young people with the mantra of, "the more you read, the more you learn, the more you earn – both financially and spiritually – in life."



## Sanchez

