

OWASIPPE LODGE #7

01 February 2015

Vigil Alumni



Dear Vigil Brother,

Over 138 Vigil Members, their families, and friends attended the Vigil Dinner on November 22, 2014 at the European Chalet Banquet Hall. The event honored the lives and works of John Sanchez, Sr. and Donald E. Studaven. We were joined by Brothers from Michigamea Lodge #110 and Lakota Lodge #175 as we became the Pathway to Adventure Council on January 1, 2015. The Vigil Alumni Committee recognized four Arrowmen as "Guardians of Owasippe": Scott A. Peterson for his work as the VP Properties and managing a \$1M refresh of Owasippe, Anna M. Montes for her work as the NCAP Chair and developing the Strategic Plan for Camp Operations, Robert C. Landmichl for his indefatigable efforts in camp improvement, and Ronald E. Kulak for his Chairmanship of the Guest Lodge renovation project.

A moment of silence was held in memory for those Vigil Brothers who have passed from our midst: Calvin E. Wheelock – 05/04/2013 (CAC executive in the mid 1970's), Alexander T. Chiaro – 08/28/2013 (Roseland – Troop 713); Robert L. St. Aubin – 12/03/2013 (Blue Island – Troop 788), James P. Liptak – 12/08/2013 (Cicero), Kenneth Vydra – 03/04/2014 (Chicago – Troop 904), James L. Chandler – 05/01/2014 (Owasippe Program Director 1980's), Timothy L. Fass – 05/10/2014 (Owasippe Lodge Chief 1964), Rick J. Lowy – 06/07/2014 (Owasippe – Wolverine Camp Director), Edward L. Wendling – 06/19/2014 (Troop 1605), James A. Kaiser – 06/14/2014 (Troop 1919), Willard K. Nelson – 07/09/2014 (District Chairman - Woodland District); Frederick C. Brems – 08/17/2014 (Owasippe Lodge Chief 1941; Vigil Dinner Honoree 2010), B. Raymond Druian – 09/24/2014 (Troop 906), Eugene G. Pettit – 10/07/2014. May they all rest in peace.

After almost three years of planning and construction, the Guest Lodge (LC 2) Renovation Project is complete! Baseboard heaters in each room, comfortable bunk bed sleeping accommodations for 16 Scouts and Leaders (with an option to set 8 additional cots), wireless internet, a full kitchen with microwave oven, 1.5 baths, handicapped accessible facilities, an in-ground fire pit – we have it all. For rental information check out www.owasippeadventure.com and click on the *All Seasons* tab. The cabin will serve as the Radio Outpost and STEM center during the summer camping season, but is open to rentals during the remainder of the year. Many thanks to all of our donors and to the Owasippe Staff Association for shouldering the heavy burden for this task. United together, our potential is endless.

The 2015 Owasippe Lodge #7 Vigil Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday November 21, 2015 at the European Chalet Banquet Hall at 5500 S. Harlem Avenue. Our gathering this year will honor Frank G. Collins, Ph.D. and Rev. John M. Kaserow. 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 2015. Periodic updates will be posted on our alumni website: www.moqua.org.

Have a great year and let's get behind Owasippe to keep Scouting strong in the Chicago area! For more information on how you can help, log on to the Owasippe Staff Association's website at www.owasippe.com.

For the Vigil Honor,

Francis J. Podbielski, MD
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