

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

5:30 PM Fellowship Hour

6:45 PM Master of Ceremonies **Alexander S. Ostojic**
Vigil Dinner Committee

Welcome Remarks **Jacob C. Klein**
Owasippe Lodge #7 - Chief

Invocation **Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr.**

Pledge of Allegiance **David J. Relstab**

Owasippe Hymn **Norville R. Carter**

7:00 PM Dinner

7:50 PM Presentation of Honoree **Francis J. Podbielski, MD**

2015 Honoree **Frank G. Collins, Ph.D.**

Presentation of Honoree **Ronald E. Kulak**

2015 Honoree **Rev. John M. Kaserow, MM, Ph.D.**

Necrology **John C. Kosik**

Owasippe Lodge Centurions **Anna M. Montes**

Lodge Adviser's Comments **Theodore B. Kumzi**

Spirit of the Arrow **Francis J. Podbielski, MD**

Order of the Arrow Hymn **All**

9:15 PM Reception **Optional**

2015 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 2016 Owasippe Lodge #7
Vigil Dinner
Saturday November 19, 2016**

Photographs from this evening are available
on-line at:

<http://www.moqua.org/2015-vigil-dinner-pictures/>



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Boy Scouts of America

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European Chalet Banquets

5445 S. Harlem Av.

Chicago, Illinois

Frank G. Collins, Ph.D.

Frank G. Collins was born on February 20, 1938 to parents Forrest Gibson Collins (11/26/1907 – 06/07/1976) and Elizabeth Longley Freeman Collins (08/27/1912 – 05/26/2001). Frank attended the Ray Elementary School and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1956. As a Cub Scout in his mother's Den, Frank was ready to hit the Scouting trail in 1949, when he joined Troop 512 sponsored by the Hyde Park Methodist Church and led by his father as its Scoutmaster. His Scouting career culminated in receipt of his Eagle Scout Award on 11/02/1952 and the Silver Award on 05/09/1954.

As a youth, Frank's participation in Scouting was nothing short of spectacular – he attended the 2nd National Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1950, trained at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Junior Leader Training Troop 29, was selected as one of ten Chicago Scouts to attend the 8th International Jamboree in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada in 1955, and was chosen to represent Region VII as one of twelve scouts to present the "Report to the Nation" to Congress in February 1956. Frank remembers that working at summer camp taught him the valuable lesson of tolerance of all people, irrespective of religion, race, or station in society.

On May 05, 1951 Frank was inducted into Ordeal membership in Moqua Chapter. Seizing the opportunity for leadership, he became Chief of Moqua Chapter in 1951, then went on to become the Owaspice Lodge #7 Chief from 1955-1957, and the O/A Area Chief in 1957-1958. For his outstanding service, he was inducted into the Vigil Honor on August 12, 1956 at Owaspice. He was given the name Wowoatam Chesimus or Skillful Younger Brother.

Engineering proved to be Frank's calling in life. He won a competitive NSF fellowship that was used to attend graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley from which he received his Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering. Presently, Frank is an Emeritus Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Tennessee Space Institute.

Frank met his future wife Sarah Ruth Knight while in high school. They were married on June 13, 1960. Ruth holds a Ph.D. in education and over the course of her career has taught students from pre-school to graduate school. Frank and Ruth have two children, James (Jamie) and Pamela (Pam), along with four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In light of recent events, Frank is very happy that Scouting has returned to its principles of inclusion, rather than exclusion – so that it allows all boys to benefit from the many treasures of Scouting. He does however have ongoing concern for the over-protectiveness and regulation of society that stifles learning the skills of independence and self-reliance. The Vigil Honor stands out to Frank because of the respect he had for the adults that worked with the Order of the Arrow and had received the Vigil Honor. They greatly influenced his outlook on life and helped direct his life's path.



2015 Honorees

Collins

Rev. John M. Kaserow, MM, Ph.D.

John Marion Kaserow was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 6, 1938, son of Joseph Stanley Kaserow (Kaczorowski) (03/16/1892 – 06/30/1955) and Rose Agnes Urbanowska (Kaczorowski-Kaserow) (03/14/1911 – 12/09/1961). He has a brother Richard, and a sister Deanna (Willard). Both his parents and his brother, Richard, are deceased. John graduated from St. Hyacinth Grammar School in June 1951 and Archbishop Weber High School on May 31, 1955.

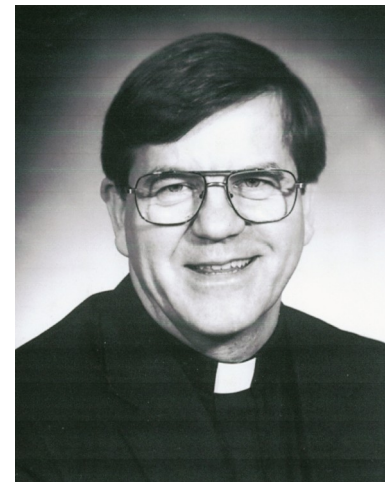
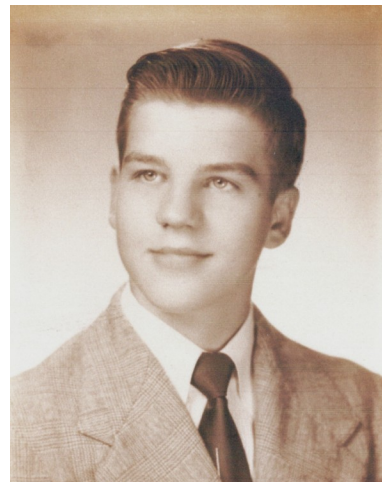
John joined Troop 112 which was led by Scoutmaster Edward J. Rejdukowski (Owasippe Lodge Vigil Class of 1952); he attained the rank of Life Scout. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at Camp Fort Dearborn on April 26, 1952. While inducted into Checaugau Chapter, the group was so large that when the Chapter was subdivided, John researched a new name for the group. His investigation led him to the story of the Cahokia Mounds and Tribe of Illinois. Eventually "Cahokia" was the name adopted by the new Chapter.

For his dedicated service, John received the Vigil Honor at Owaspice at Camp West on August 16, 1958. A terrible tragedy struck on the morning after the Vigil night was completed. G. Weber Schimpff, Ph.D., a fellow candidate that evening, died suddenly as the group was walking to Church services that Sunday morning. Weber was remembered at the Vigil Honor Ceremony by all of the new Vigil Brothers in a special way.

John received a B.A. in Philosophy on June 7, 1964 from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, IL. He received a M.Div. (1968) and a M.Th. (1969) from the Maryknoll Seminary in New York. In August 1969 he received his M.A. in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame. He was ordained a priest at the Maryknoll Seminary on May 24, 1969. Further in his studies he received a Ph.D. in Theology from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. In 1979, John was appointed Academic Dean and Chief Executive Officer of the Maryknoll Seminary.

Each evening John uses a personal ritual which he devised. He raises a feather wand to the four directions and recites in each direction: *Wimachtendienk*, *Wingolauchsik*, *Witahemui*. In the spirit of Meteu, he follows this with a prayer in memory of all of his Scouting friends who have passed away with the certain knowledge that one day we shall again be reunited.

Fr. John acknowledges that we all now live in a very advanced technological world that has bought us innumerable benefits, but has distracted us from the great wonders to be experienced in the beauty of Nature: its haunting call beckoning us to the forests, the lakes, the rivers, the Earth and to brotherhood with all of Creation. Fr. John believes that Nature has much to teach us and is a wonderful mystery at which to behold and marvel.



Kaserow