

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

5:30 PM Fellowship Hour

6:45 PM Master of Ceremonies	Jacob Klein
Welcome Remarks	Owasippe Lodge #7 - Chief
Invocation	Rev. Arties R. Phillips, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance	Matthew T. Urban
Owasippe Hymn	Norville R. Carter

7:00 PM Dinner

7:50 PM Presentation of Honoree	Ronald E. Kulak
2016 Honoree	Frank S. Accardi
Presentation of Honoree	Representative Al Riley Illinois 38th District
2016 Honoree	John N. Brown
Necrology	John C. Kosik
Owasippe Reservation Director	Anna M. Montes
Lodge Adviser's Comments	Theodore B. Kumzi
Honors and Years	Nicholas J. Barth
Order of the Arrow Hymn	All

9:15 PM Reception **Optional**

2016 Vigil Dinner Committee

Nicholas J. Barth
John N. Brown
Jacob Klein
Ronald E. Kulak
Theodore B. Kumzi
Francis J. Podbielski, MD



**See you at the 2017 Owasippe Lodge #7
Vigil Dinner
Saturday November 18, 2017**

Photographs from this evening are available
on-line at:

<http://www.moqua.org/2016-vigil-dinner-pictures/>



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

Frank S. Accardi

Frank Samuel Accardi was born on October 23, 1927 at home in Chicago, one of seven children. His parents Michael and Josephine were immigrants from Italy. The family soon moved to his childhood home at 3530 W. Hirsch St. and joined Maternity B.V.M. parish. After graduation from Lowell elementary school, Frank attended and graduated from Crane High School in 1945.

Immediately after High School Frank was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the chemical warfare section at Ft. Bragg. He met his future wife Jo Ann Lucas on a double date that ended at Russell's BBQ Shack on Thatcher Road in River Forest. After a brief courtship they were married on August 28, 1948 at Maternity B.V.M. Church.

Frank worked for several iterations of the same trucking company (ABF) starting as a rate analyst, union steward, and ultimately as the office manager. He and Jo Ann welcomed three children into the world – Charles, Rodger, and Victoria. It was during that time Frank was recruited to join the Committee of Cub Scout Pack 3109 sponsored by the Catholic Church. The following year he became the Scoutmaster of Troop 109 – a position he held for 16 years from 1960 until 1976. During his time with the troop, Jo Ann served as a Den Mother for the Pack and instituted the Religious Award Program.

Attending Owaspippe each year, the troop initially camped at Beard, and then moved to Blackhawk when Beard closed in 1970. Under his guidance the troop also attended the 1964 National Jamboree as well as Philmont. Frank completed his Woodbadge ticket in 1965 at Owaspippe, and went on to work on several other Woodbadge Courses in the 1960's and 1970's. For his commitment to Scouting, Frank received the District Award of Merit through the Pathfinder District and later the Silver Beaver Award from the Chicago Area Council. From 1971-1984 Frank and Jo Ann became co-directors of "Senior Week" at Reneker. During this time Steve Horvath recruited Frank to work at Owaspippe as an Assistant Reservation Director in 1991 and 1992.

Frank was inducted into Cahokia Chapter in 1963. He sealed his membership in the Order the following year, again at Camp Ft. Dearborn, by accepting the Brotherhood Honor. Frank served first as an Associate Advisor of Cahokia Chapter and later as its Advisor. He then served as an Associate Advisor of Owaspippe Lodge under Sheridan U. Nunn. On August 10, 1968 Frank cheerfully kept his Vigil fire burning at Owaspippe, and the following morning became evermore known as "Nenostam Moewagan – To Show Understanding".

Outside of Scouting, Frank was a longtime member, and later President of the Berwyn/Burr Ridge Kiwanis Club. He was also a leader of the Italian American Executives of Transportation.

When reflecting back on the Order of the Arrow and the Vigil Honor, Frank believes it is an avenue of spirituality for Scouts and Scouters to help them grow closer to God.



Frank S. Accardi

2016 Honorees

John N. Brown

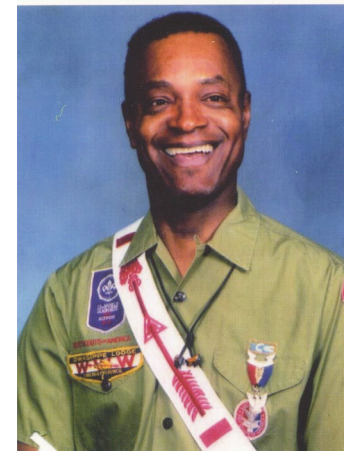
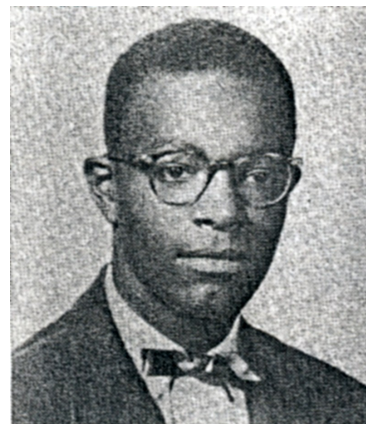
John N. Brown was born on Saturday January 13, 1934 at Cook County Hospital to Evelyn Brown (nee Palmer). An only child he and his mother settled in the family home at 6424 S. Champlain Av. in the West Woodlawn neighborhood of Chicago and were members of the Woodlawn AME Church. Upon graduating from the McCosh elementary school, John attended Englewood High School, graduating in 1952 with a life's slogan of "Success in My Undertakings" appearing in his yearbook. Under the guidance of Larry Branch and Joe Merton, John joined Troop 541 in 1945; he attended Owaspippe for the first time in 1946 and was quartered at Camp Belnap. When Belnap closed, John attended Camp Blackhawk from 1949-1952. As a Scout, John earned 40 merit badges, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on 11/20/1949. He was inducted into Ta-Ko-Dah Chapter of Owaspippe Lodge as an Ordeal Member on 07/21/1950.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955, John earned a liberal arts degree from the Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. His exposure to a variety of Native American tribal cultures while at the College set John forward on a lifelong journey to bring these customs and traditions into the Scouting experience. Within the Order of the Arrow John served the Omaha and later Matoka Chapters as an Associate Advisor and Ceremonial Team Coordinator. Matoka Chapter nominated John to the Vigil Honor in 1972. It was a cool Owaspippe night during which John meditated on the call to service of his fellow men. On August 11, 1972 John became forevermore known as "Gunaquot Cuwe – Tall Pine Tree". From that time forward he developed a knack for remembering the Vigil Indian names of his Brothers.

It was the flexibility of teaching that allowed John to pursue his Scouting passions. Over the years, John has not only attended, but in most instances worked on the staff of: four World Jamborees, ten National Jamborees, and twenty-four National Order of the Arrow Conferences. For his tireless efforts, John received the Silver Beaver award in Chicago Area Council in 1978, the Silver Antelope Award in 1999, and the Founders Award in 2008 through Michigamea Lodge #110.

Outside of Scouting, John met Ethel Thompson at a neighborhood dance in West Woodlawn. They became the best of friends and were married on December 29, 1965, and have two children, Norm and Stephanie. John worked his entire career in education and continues his relationships with friends and classmates from the West Woodlawn area. Currently John and Ethel are members of the New Faith International Baptist Church in Matteson, IL.

To John the Vigil Honor is the breath in life each day. It is a driving force that keeps him focused on a mindfulness of the needs of others in society and how we are obliged to seek out these needs and fulfill them as the wish of our Creator.



John N. Brown