



Joseph E. Wherry 1^s
Found in Service

Joe Wherry has been a strength to Scouting in Nebraska for 36 years. In 1970, fresh from service in the Navy, while helping at an Elementary School, he saw a Troop in progress. He was only in his 20's, but he knew he could make a positive contribution; so he volunteered, and became an Assistant Scout Master. "Because I started young, I could still remember what felt like to be a Scout. Since 1978 he has served continuously on the District Commissioner Staff of his District, and MAC (Mid America Council). He has received the Scouter's Training Award, Scouter's District Committee's Keys; and the Commissioner's Key, and awarded with the Award Of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Awards. Joe became the MAC's 1st James E West Fellow, and was later honored was the 1910 Society, and Founder's Circle. He has also earned a PhD for the College of Commissioner Sciences

Joe is very active in the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha, serving on the Religious Awards Committee. He is also a Catechist for the Confirmation Team, at his Parish, as well as the 1st Handicap EME. His Religious work in Scouting has earned him the Bronz Pelican, and St George Awards. Joe's record is impressive, but seen over obstacles, it's heroic. Born to alcoholic ended him on the streets of Chicago, at age hiding from the street people. He would, at age 12, in 1961, end up at Boystown, where he was a Scout for 3 years, earning the Ad Altari Dei Award. After 2 tours in Vietnam, his health would deteriorate, ending in 8 comas, hooking up to IV Feeding, through a permanent catheter. because he has no stomach, and minimum bowel left, weighing only 118 pounds. Joe finds a special therapy, in Volunteering with youth. His natural optimism is reinforced by his work with youth "I have been so blessed by these young people; they're going to do great things". He still works with youth in a Pack, and as an ACC (Assistant Council Commissioner) for Retention, and Ad Sales Mngr. for a BSA paper

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