



VIGIL HONOR SELECTION

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the Lodge, Council, and Scouting. It dates from the year 1915, when our Founder E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor member. Since then, thousands of Arrowmen have been given this honor.

Vigil Honor members have a worthy tradition to uphold. They must at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the ideals of Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, and the Vigil Honor. Membership cannot be sought or won by a person's conscious endeavor. It comes as recognition of his unselfish leadership in service. This fact should be given careful consideration in the selection of candidates for membership. The Vigil Honor has successfully fulfilled a definite and satisfactory service to the Order of the Arrow, to Scouting, and to individual members. Its continued success depends on the care with which future members are selected and on the maintenance by its members of the high ideals of service to others for which the Vigil Honor has always been known.

Eligibility: Any member of the Order of the Arrow, registered in Scouting, and in good standing in a regularly chartered Lodge, is eligible for recommendation to the National Committee, Order of the Arrow for elevation to the Vigil Honor, provided that, at the time of his recommendation (not selection), he has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years at the time of recommendation to the National Committee by the Vigil Honor Nominating Committee. More specifically, although the Lodge Vigil Honor Nominating Committee meets on the day of the Lodge Banquet to select the list of candidates, the Lodge does not send its recommended list of Vigil Honor nominees to the National Committee until around March 15. Hence, a candidate, to be eligible, would have had to obtain his Brotherhood no later than the Spring Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) two years previous. Because the Order of the Arrow is primarily an organization for youth, it is suggested that, in recommending candidates for the Vigil Honor, preference be given to those who are, or who became members of the Order as Scouts, rather than those who were inducted into the Order as adult volunteers or professional couters.

Members of the Order may only be inducted into the Vigil Honor with the written approval of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. The Lodge must receive this written approval before the Lodge may proceed with a Vigil Honor Call-Out and Ceremony.

When weighing "distinguished service" demonstrated by various Arrowmen, a member, who is thinking of nominating some other Arrowman for Vigil Honor, should exercise caution in measuring a Scout on a youth's standard and an adult on an adult's standard.

To maintain a proper ratio of youth to adults in awarding the Vigil Honor, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has established a policy, which requires that at least 50 percent of a lodge's nominations must be candidates younger than 21 years of age, including those that do not count against the quota for any given year (i.e., Professional Scouters, the Council President, Council Camping or Boy Scout Committee Chairman, and Camp Rangers do not count against a lodge's quota for total nominations). All nominations may be for candidates younger than 21 years old, but no more than 50 percent may be for persons 21 years of age or older.

The form must be submitted to Lodge by November 20th of each year. The Lodge Chief appoints a Vigil Honor Selection Committee of youth representatives of the entire lodge and its chapters. The Lodge Adviser appoints an Adviser, but the Adviser has no vote. The committee meets at the Lodge Banquet to deliberate candidates, and they meet again at the Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) to officially choose candidates and select Vigil names and their English translations.



VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly. ** MUST BE RECIEVED BY NOVEMBER 20th **

I hereby nominate the following member for the Vigil Honor. You may use a separate page to include any additional information. Please fill out the form completely (both pages), incomplete information may prevent this person from being recognized.

Nominee (Full Name): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Y/A:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Registered in Scouting As: _____ **Unit/District:** _____

Date of Ordeal: _____ **Brotherhood:** _____

Record of Service to the Unit (include dates):

Record of Service to the Chapter (incl dates):

Service to the Lodge (incl dates):

Suggested Lenni Lenape Name: _____

English Translation: _____

Nomination Submitted By: _____ **Date:** _____

Position in Scouting: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

This form must be provided to the Lodge Adviser - Karen Zenger (karenzenger@yahoo.com) AND
Vigil Adviser - Mark Yarbrough at (mcyarbrough@msn.com)
and copy Vigil Chief Colin Howard (cynhoward@msn.com) by November 20.



VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION FORM CONT.

Service to Camping (incl dates):

Service to Scouting (incl dates):

Other Comments or Distinguished Service (incl dates):

Additional Information: