



Order of the Arrow

2014 Vigil Nomination Form



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The Vigil Honor is the highest level of honor in the Order of the Arrow. The Vigil Honor is given for outstanding service to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, a scout camp, or the Scouting program in general. To be eligible, an Arrowman must be (1) currently registered in Scouting, (2) dues paid in our Lodge (this year and next), and (3) a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years.

Instructions

- △ Nominee Name/Age/Chapter/Unit/Eagle Scout
Please be accurate in giving this information so that the correct person is identified. We will match the identity within the list of names of eligible members. Age is either Youth (under 21) or Adult (21 and older) as of the Selection Committee Meeting date – December 7, 2013.
- △ Person Submitting Nomination/Phone
Please print or type this information clearly. Your phone number is important in case we need to clarify/review/correct/etc. what has been submitted.
- △ If nominee is selected, Person(s) who would like to notify Nominee
If selected, the nominee will be notified far in advance of the call out ceremony at the Annual Awards Banquet held at the Rendezvous of the Order in March and the Vigil held in May. The Chapter may review the person(s) listed here and they may be given the responsibility of notifying the nominee as well as presenting the feather and a letter from the Vigil Chief.
- △ **Specifically, what has this candidate done to be considered for the Vigil Honor?**
The selection committee is looking for information that supports the proposition that this candidate has given outstanding service to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, a scout camp, or the Scouting program in general. Please **DO NOT LIST ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS** as that is not what the selection committee needs. **NOTE: The selection committee will not review lists of events; any such list will be ignored.** Please be **specific** and **describe** what the candidate did to give **outstanding service** that makes you recommend them for this honor. Please list positions of responsibility for which this outstanding service was rendered and explain the **outstanding service** for those positions. Think about what the candidate did that was **noteworthy**. The following words help guide the selection committee:
 - The Vigil Honor member is identified by his personal effort, unselfish motive and interest, and individual service in promoting the cause of the Order of the Arrow spirit, whether this is within the Order of the Arrow itself, local council, scouting, or his scout camp. It should be remembered that, although an Arrowman may have no great service rendered to the Order of the Arrow specifically, he may have rendered notable and worthy service in other areas of scouting. His service need not be limited to the Order of the Arrow alone.
 - Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order be considered ample reason for Vigil Honor recommendation. Only selfless motive, sacrifice, and personal dedication and effort over a period of time can be considered as qualifications for honoring an Arrowman with the responsibilities of the Vigil.
- △ Description of Outside Activities
It is not required for selection that the candidate has given service to others outside of scouting. However, if the candidate has demonstrated the spirit of the Order of the Arrow in other aspects of their life, the selection committee would like to know this information. However, Outside Activities are not the basis of selection for the Vigil Honor.
- △ Suggested Vigil Name (English Only – **Do Not Provide A Translated Name! If you do, it will be discarded**)
Perhaps the most difficult task, post selection, is the creation of a unique Vigil Name for the candidate. The key information needed is not the specific name, but the words you would use to describe this person, the words for which others would know that this candidate is the one being spoken of. And yes, we do mean multiple words. Sometimes it is a hobby (example - we had someone who was a talented knife maker), or an adult's Wood Badge patrol, or an outdoor skill they were widely noted for, or a special talent, or special training they have. The name that will be given will be based on what is known about the person and these words help immensely in creating a unique name. Try to stay away from **willing** and **helper**, which should describe almost all candidates. Rather, look for the words that are different. Remember that you know this person perhaps much better than those that will try to give a name. If you need help, please get together with others who know this candidate well and as a group come up with the words that describe this candidate.
- △ **NOTE: The nomination form is available as a DOC, ODT, RTF, or TXT document (Microsoft Word, Open Office, Rich Text Format, or Text). ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE NO LONGER THAN ONE PAGE USING THE FONT SIZE IN THE FORM. Nominations longer than one page will be edited. Do not scan the form. Printed forms cause extra work to compile the nominations for the committee and are not preferred.** To submit this form electronically, fill out the form and save it as the person's LastnameFirstname.xxx (for example SmithJohn.doc if you are using the Word DOC form, SmithJohn.odt if you are using the Open Office form. The xxx be whatever the original nomination form was). Please email the saved filled out form to JohnDurbetaki@gmail.com before the deadline shown below. If you must use a printed form (not recommended), contact John Durbetaki for where to turn in the printed form.
- △ Photo (OPTIONAL but very useful)
A photo is used to help the selection committee identify the person. During the discussion by the selection committee, the photo will be displayed on the screen. It helps to put a face to a name. Please try to get a reasonable photo of the candidate **by themselves** that can be enlarged for presentation. All photos should be at least 600x600 pixels. An electronic image is preferred and can be emailed (send to JohnDurbetaki@gmail.com). If your photo must be returned, please clearly indicate it as such. **Do not paste a photo to the form.** Photos may be emailed by December 7, 2013.

Completed PAPER Nomination Forms must be returned NO LATER THAN Saturday November 16, 2013!
Electronically Submitted Nomination Forms must be emailed NO LATER THAN Sunday November 17, 2013

Recommendations for the Vigil Honor shall be accepted from any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

PLEASE NOTE: The person nominating assumes responsibility to ensure the nomination has been received prior to the deadline.

Questions / Comments / Concerns - Please Contact:

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