

2005
Vigil Honor Recipients



Shawnee Lodge
Order of the Arrow

Greater St. Louis Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

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 the camping program. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for Vigil Honor recommendation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members. Vigil Honor members have an honorable tradition to uphold.

Matthew T. Bannon

Eagle Scout Matt Bannon demonstrated outstanding service and leadership as a member of the Order of the Arrow. Matt served the Lodge as the Order of the Arrow Summer Camp Chairman. He participated in ceremonial teams, camp promotions, and service projects. Matt also served on summer camp staff for three years. He served on camporee and Klondike staffs in his district. For his loyal service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we cheerfully nominate Matthew T. Bannon for the Vigil Honor.

Nathan T. Burbridge

Eagle Scout Nathan Burbridge demonstrated true Scouting spirit in both his chapter and the Shawnee Lodge. After his induction into the Order, Nathan participated in chapter ceremonial teams and served as chairman in 2003. Nathan also served on many camporee staffs and assisted many of his chapter's service projects. Nathan attended the 2001 National OA Philmont Trek and the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Currently, Nathan is serving as Lodge Ordeal Chairman. For his dedication to the Scouting program and the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Nathan T. Burbridge for the Vigil Honor.

Brian P. Burgoyne

Scouter Brian Burgoyne displayed tireless dedication to the Order of the Arrow and our camping program. Brian served his chapter as its Chief and was a member of the Council's summer camp staff for 10 years. He also served on staff for the Order of the Arrow summer camp. Brian provided leadership at numerous events such as the Venturing Fall Fun Rally, Scouting for Food, and National Camp School. For his unyielding devotion to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program, we are pleased to nominate Brian P. Burgoyne for the Vigil Honor.

Michael W. Dillon

Scouter Mike Dillon's dedication to youth and to the Scouting program is unwavering. He served as his Chapter's Program and Troop Representative Adviser and is currently Chapter Adviser. In his district, he was a member of numerous camporee and Klondike staffs and served as a unit commissioner. His selfless service includes taking Scouts to Philmont and many weeks of summer camp. He attended several section conclaves. For his true dedication and service to the Scouting program, we proudly nominate Michael W. Dillon for the Vigil Honor.

Matthew S. Flynn

An Eagle Scout with four palms, Matthew Flynn played a vital role in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. In his two years as Brotherhood Chairman for his chapter, he displayed a strong dedication to ceremonial and crossover teams. With his troop, Matt made three trips to the Boundary Waters, two trips to Philmont, and a trip to the Great Smokey Mountains. He also attended seven weeks of summer camps. For his leadership and commitment in his chapter and his troop, we cheerfully nominate Matthew S. Flynn for the Vigil Honor.

David M. Gentle

Eagle Scout David Gentle consistently shows remarkable devotion to the principles of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. David worked several camporee and Klondike staffs during the past three years and served as Campmaster. He served on his chapter's ceremonial team for three years and participated in numerous service projects. He served his chapter as Troop Representative Chairman, First-Vice Chief, and is currently Chief. For his service, David earned the Arrowman Service Award and his Chapter's Arrowman of the Year. For his outstanding service to the Scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate David M. Gentle for the Vigil Honor.

Richard L. Guilford

Scouter Richard Guilford exemplifies the spirit of Scouting and Order of the Arrow. As Chapter Adviser, he sets a positive atmosphere for the officers and chairmen to become strong leaders and role models. He is an avid spokesman for summer camp promotion and encourages adults to take a more active role in assisting the Troop Representative program within their troops. Rich attended several section conclaves. He also served on many camporee staffs. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Richard L. Guilford for the Vigil Honor.

Joshua W. Houle

Joshua Houle truly exemplifies the values of a member of the brotherhood of cheerful service. In six years as a Scout, Joshua attended six summer camps and three high adventure trips. He earned his religious awards and worked on many district camporees. In his chapter he served as Ordeal and Dinner Chairman and currently is his Chapter's Second-Vice Chief. As a brother, Joshua has served as an Elangomat and multiple times with camp promotion. For the past two summers, Joshua worked at a Scout summer camp in Michigan. For his outstanding dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scout program, we enthusiastically nominate Joshua W. Houle for the Vigil Honor.

George W. Jinkerson VII

Eagle Scout George Jinkerson is a dedicated member of the Order of the Arrow. He served on the Council's summer camp staff for two years. He is a valuable member of his chapter, serving as a First-Vice Chief, leading service projects, and the camp promotion efforts within his chapter. He is a ceremonialist on a Brotherhood team and is a member of the Shawnee Lodge Dance team. His Scouting experiences include a trip to the Boundary Waters and a National Order of the Arrow Conference. For his service to the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate George W. Jinkerson VII for the Vigil Honor.

Brian C. Kreitner

Brian Kreitner dedicated himself to the Order of the Arrow for many years. Within his chapter, he served as both Second-Vice Chief and Chapter Chief. He served seven years as a ceremonial team member and five years as a camp promoter. He also served as his chapter's chairman for both these endeavors. Brian's experiences led him to summer camp eight times as well as two National Order of the Arrow Conferences. He was an assistant Scoutmaster and associate Venturing Advisor. For his service to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, we proudly nominate Brian C. Kreitner for the Vigil Honor.

Paul J. Kroupa, Sr.

Scouter Paul Kroupa firmly supported the Scouting program for many years. He dedicated himself to his district's camping program, serving on numerous Klondike and camporee staffs. Paul also dedicated himself to the chapter, serving as Ceremonial Adviser and Program Adviser. Throughout his years in Scouting, Paul received the Distinguished Arrowman Award, the District Award of Merit, and five Gold Beyond Brotherhood Awards. For his dedication to the Scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate Paul J. Kroupa, Sr. for the Vigil Honor.

James D. Lafikes

An Eagle Scout with four palms, Jamie Lafikes is a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. He served his chapter as Secretary and currently is Chief. Since his induction, he participated in the ceremonial team program, Camp Promotion program, and attended many service projects for both his chapter and the Lodge. Jamie attended two section conclaves, a National Leadership Seminar, a National Order of the Arrow Conference, and a National OA Philmont Trek. For his outstanding dedication and service to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we proudly nominate James D. Lafikes for the Vigil Honor.

Kevin R. Lowe, Sr.

Scouter Kevin Lowe is undaunted in his support for the Scouting program. He served as an adult leader for 32 years, serving as Scoutmaster for five years and taking Scouts to 22 long-term summer camps. He currently serves his chapter as a Ceremonial Team Adviser. Kevin shows his dedication through participation in service projects, camp promotions, and camporee staffs. For his tireless service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we respectfully nominate Kevin R. Lowe, Sr. for the Vigil Honor.

Clayton C. Melton

Eagle Scout Clay Melton displayed true dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He currently serves as the Lodge Corresponding Secretary and Section Conclave Chairman. He was a member of the Council's summer camp staff for two years and was the Order of the Arrow Coordinator this past summer. He assisted with camporee staffs, camp promotions, and service projects. Clay attended Philmont and the National Jamboree. For his dedication and service to the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Clayton C. Melton for the Vigil Honor.

Mark C. Mueller

Eagle Scout Mark Mueller is a strong and responsible leader in both the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. Along with attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Mark earned eight palms. In his chapter, Mark served on numerous ceremonial teams, camp promotion teams, and participated in several service projects. He served as Chapter Second-Vice Chief and this year serves as Chapter Chief. In his district, Mark worked on staff for many camporees. He attended a section conclave, National Junior Leader Training Camp, and was crew leader twice at Philmont. For his strong involvement and effort in Scouting, we honorably nominate Mark C. Mueller for the Vigil Honor.

Richard C. Panosh

Eagle Scout Rich Panosh provides an excellent example of true leadership to the Scouting program. As a youth, Rich served as a leader with his troop at summer camp for seven years. This dedication carried over into his commitment to the Council's camping program as a member of the summer camp staff for the past three summers. Rich also served as a leader at the Horse Camp this summer. He continued this experience by serving as a Trail Guide. He is an active and avid Venturer. For his unending service to the camping program, we wholeheartedly nominate Richard C. Panosh for the Vigil Honor.

Michael W. Patrylo

Scouter Michael Patrylo is a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow and our camping program. During his eight years as Scoutmaster, he helped 11 Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult leader, he led Scouts to summer camp for more than fifteen years. He was Chapter Ordeal Adviser and District Roundtable Chairman. He worked on several district camporee and Klondike staffs. Michael participated in countless service projects. For his strong devotion to the Scouting program and the Order of the Arrow, we enthusiastically nominate Michael W. Patrylo for the Vigil Honor.

Andrew C. Ronchetto

Eagle Scout Andrew Ronchetto demonstrated unwavering service and leadership as a member of the Order of the Arrow. Andrew served his chapter as Chief and First-Vice Chief and is currently serving as Lodge Induction Enrichment Chairman. He served as an Elangomat, and attended two section conclaves, and a National Order of the Arrow Conference. Andrew also served on summer camp staff for two years, and was Order of the Arrow Coordinator this past year. For his consistent service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we cheerfully nominate Andrew C. Ronchetto for the Vigil Honor.

Thomas J. Sander

Scouter Thomas Sander dedicates himself to the Scouting program. As a Scout, Thomas attained the rank of Eagle Scout and earned seven palms. Currently, he is the assistant Scoutmaster of his troop. Thomas worked one year on our Council's summer camp staff and attended 10 long term camping experiences. During the past several summers, he worked at the Florida Sea Base and the Philmont Scout Ranch. In the Order of the Arrow, Thomas participated in multiple camp promotions and service projects. For his love of the Boy Scout program, we gratefully nominate Thomas J. Sander for the Vigil Honor.

Joseph M. Schaefer

Eagle Scout Joe Schaefer displays true dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He served his chapter as a chairman for large events, giving leadership to numerous service projects and events. At the Lodge level, he served tirelessly as Treasurer. He served on the Council's camp staff for three years, and he served on district camporee and Klondike staffs. He attended several section conclaves. For his service to the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Joseph M. Schaefer for the Vigil Honor.

Terrence J. Signaigo, Jr.

Eagle Scout T.J. Signaigo is a dedicated member of the Order of the Arrow and is committed to the camping program. In his chapter, T.J. served in several leadership positions, including Chapter Chief and Chapter First-Vice Chief. T.J.'s involvement in the camping program includes two years as a member of the summer camp staff, one Order of the Arrow Summer Camp staff, and several years as a member of his district's camporee staff. He currently serves as an assistant Scoutmaster and a member of his district's adult leader training staff. For his continued service to the camping program, we gladly nominate Terrence J. Signaigo, Jr. for the Vigil Honor.

Christopher D. Wedell

Eagle Scout Chris Wedell displays ongoing devotion to the principles of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Chris worked on camporee and Klondikes staffs. For five years, he assisted with his chapter's camp promotion team and he participated in numerous service projects. He served as the Camp Promotion Chairman and is currently the Chapter First-Vice Chief. Chris worked on several Junior Leader Training Camp staffs. He participated in treks to the Boundary Waters, Philmont, and the Florida Sea Base. For his service for the Scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate Christopher D. Wedell for the Vigil Honor.

Kevin R. Wideman

Scouter Kevin Wideman is a dedicated and important contributor to the Scouting program. As a youth, Kevin attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Kevin also helped with many ceremonial teams, camp promotions, and service projects. He served as Chapter Ceremonial Team Chairman for three years. As an adult he continues his dedication as a Chapter Ceremonial Team Adviser and Klondike adviser. Kevin worked on the Council's summer camp staff and attended fifteen week-long and high-adventure camps in his Scouting career. For his continued interest to Scouting, we proudly nominate Kevin R. Wideman for the Vigil Honor.

Linda S. Wilson

Scouter Linda Wilson exemplifies the ideals of Scouting through her commitment to the program. As an adult leader, she served as a merit badge counselor and provided leadership to her troop at summer camp for the past nine years. She received her district's Award of Merit. In her chapter, she was Ordeal Adviser, Ceremonial Team Adviser, and Camp Promotion Adviser. She also served on the OA summer camp staff. For her continued dedication to Scouting, we respectfully nominate Linda S. Wilson for the Vigil Honor.

Michael B. Wilson

Eagle Scout Mike Wilson is a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. Mike served his chapter as Service Chairman, Program Chairman, Ordeal Chairman, and Troop Representative Chairman. He also served on a ceremonial team and participated in numerous camp promotions and service projects. Mike assisted his district by serving on several camporee and Klondike staffs. For his tireless commitment to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, we gladly nominate Michael B. Wilson for the Vigil Honor.