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# 2006 Vigil Honor Recipients 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, 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.

### Chad J. Brenton

Eagle Scout Chad Brenton is a dedicated and important contributor to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. Chad served as a leader in his troop through five summer camps and two high adventure camps. In service to the district he has worked on camporee and klondike staffs. His dedication to the camping program has carried over in his commitment to the Council's camping program as a member of the summer camp staff for the past three summers. Chad has served the Lodge as the Publications Chairman and has recently finished his term as the Lodge Treasurer. For his strong involvement and effort in Scouting, we wholeheartedly nominate Chad J. Brenton for the Vigil Honor.

### Patrick E. Campbell

Scouter Pat Campbell has supported the Scouting program for many years and is a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow. Pat has served as an adviser with his chapter in areas of service, ceremonies, and camp promotion. He plays an active role in assisting with Ordeal and Brotherhood teams. His selfless service includes three treks to Philmont and many weekend campouts with his troop. He has participated in multiple camp promotions and service projects. For his behind-the-scenes effort, we readily nominate Patrick E. Campbell for the Vigil Honor.

### Mark J. Conley

Mark Conley, through years of dedicated service to the Scouting program, truly exemplifies the ideals of the Order of the Arrow. He has served as a Council Ranger for the past 29 years. Mark has worked on staff for the Long Ride, the Nagel Horse Camp as well as the Swift Horse Camp. Along with helping staff the horse camps; he helps maintain Beaumont Scout Reservation. He has offered his service to the Order through camp promotion and service projects. Because of his dedication to the Council program, we jubilantly nominate Mark J. Conley for the Vigil Honor.

## Donald W. Dotson

Donald Dotson has shown continuous service to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. As an adult, he continues his service by having served on staff for section conclaves and the 2005 National Jamboree. He has served his district on several camporee and klondike staffs as an adviser and by serving on the district camping committee. His service is also expressed through his talent as an artist by assisting with projects at the district, council, and section levels. Mr. Dotson has received the District Award of Merit, and he is currently serving as the District Camping Chairman. For his true dedication and service to the Scouting program, we proudly nominate Donald W. Dotson for the Vigil Honor.

## Kyle X. Foley

An Eagle Scout with four palms, Kyle Foley has proven himself a strong asset to the Order of the Arrow through steadfast commitment to both the lodge and camping programs. Kyle is currently serving as Lodge Corresponding Secretary. Previously he served on the lodge level as the Brotherhood Chairman. Besides service to the Lodge, Kyle has served as Campmaster for his district's Fall Camporee and is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for his troop. On the council level, Kyle has served on camp staff for the past three summers. For his continued dedication to the entire Scouting program, we honorably nominate Kyle X. Foley for the Vigil Honor.

## Kevin T. Ganley

Scouter Kevin Ganley has firmly supported the Scouting program and the Order of the Arrow for many years. For the past 20 years, Kevin has provided the opportunity for over 100 Eagle Scout projects as well as service projects and camping experiences for many of the Greater St. Louis Area Council troops and packs. He has served his district by assisting with training and camporees. Kevin has attended several section conclaves, National OA Conferences, and Philmont. For his strong involvement and dedication to Scouting, we humbly nominate Kevin T. Ganley for the Vigil Honor.

## Eric N. Gill

Eagle Scout Eric Gill has demonstrated tireless service to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. Eric served his chapter as both Camp Promotion Chairman and Secretary before serving as Chapter Chief last year. He has served on ceremonial teams for five years and participated in many camp promotions and service projects. He is currently serving as the Lodge Camp Promotion Chairman. Eric attended two section conclaves and served on Council's summer camp staff for two years. For his unwavering dedication to the Order and the camping program, we ardently nominate Eric N. Gill for the Vigil Honor.

## Brian E. Hackworth Jr.

Brian Hackworth has tirelessly demonstrated his dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. As an Eagle Scout Brian has held numerous leadership positions on both lodge and chapter levels, such as Chapter Chief and Program Chairman. For the last two years he worked summer camp staff teaching Scouts to live by the Scout Oath and Law. Brian has also provided leadership at numerous events such as camporees, fall reunions, spring conclaves, and Scouting for Food. This past year, Brian worked as Activities Co-Chairman for the section conclave. For his service to the Order of the Arrow, we eagerly nominate Brian E. Hackworth Jr. for the Vigil Honor.

## James R. Haner

An Eagle Scout with three palms, James Haner demonstrated unwavering service and leadership as a member of the Order of the Arrow. James served his chapter as the Brotherhood Chairman and Service Chairman and is currently First Vice-Chief. He has served as an Elangomat, conducted camp promotions, has attended two section conclaves, and has served on ceremonial teams for his chapter. On a district level James has served on camporee and klondike staffs. For his consistent service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we eagerly nominate James R. Haner for the Vigil Honor.

## John J. Jabouri

John Jabouri has displayed true Scout spirit and exemplifies the values of a member in the Brotherhood of cheerful service. He has served on staff at numerous district klondike and camporees. He has served on his chapter's ceremonial team for the past three years, as well as serving as Camp Promotion and Program Chairman. His "Scouting for Books" Eagle Scout project started in 2002, which he still continues to support, has delivered over 100,000 books to date. He has given leadership to countless Scouts through numerous years on National Youth Leadership Training staffs. For his service and dedication to the Scouting program, we honorably nominate John J. Jabouri for the Vigil Honor.

## Kurt S. Kestermeier

Kurt Kestermeier has displayed tireless dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. For more than 10 years Kurt has helped Scouts to understand what the ceremonies of our Order truly mean by using his vast knowledge of Native American tradition as well as the many purposes of the Order of the Arrow. Kurt has served on staff for OA Summer Camps and section conclaves. Throughout his years in Scouting, Kurt has received the District Award of Merit and the Distinguished Arrowman Award. For his continuous dedication to the Order of the Arrow, we nominate Kurt S. Kestermeier for the Vigil Honor.

## Edward L. Knarr

Scouter Skip Knarr exemplifies the spirit of Scouting and Order of the Arrow. He serves the camping program by making the challenge and rocks courses among the best in the country. Serving as course director and a national COPE instructor, he takes an active role in course maintenance and reconstruction and enables thousands of Scouts to participate in this popular and dynamic program. In his chapter, Skip has served many years as a Ceremonial Team Adviser. For his tireless service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we respectfully nominate Edward L. Knarr for the Vigil Honor.

### Maxwell A. Knocke

Eagle Scout Maxwell Knocke has proudly dedicated his time and service to the Order of the Arrow. Max is a valuable member of his chapter, having served as both First Vice-Chief and Chapter Chief. Last year Max served as Activities Co-Chairman for the section conclave. He continues to demonstrate his dedication by serving as Lodge Treasurer. On a district level Max has served on numerous camporee and klondike staffs. Max has attended the Florida Sea Base and the National OA Conference. For his outstanding service to the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Maxwell A. Knocke for the Vigil Honor.

### David A. Lucas

David Lucas is undaunted in his support for the Scouting program. He has served as an adult leader for 25 years, including as an assistant scoutmaster, chartered organization representative, and assistant district commissioner throughout those years. He continues to serve the camping program by being a merit badge counselor for a variety of merit badges and taking Scouts on weeklong and high adventure camping trips. David has participated in service projects, camp promotions, and camporee staffs. For his tireless devotion to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we respectfully nominate David A. Lucas for the Vigil Honor.

### Anthony M. Mortellaro

Scouter Anthony Mortellaro exemplifies the spirit of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. He has served as a member of the District Camping Committee, has been on several training staffs, and has been the adviser for a ceremonial team. In his district, he was a member and adviser to numerous camporee and klondike staffs. He attended several section conclaves. Tony has been active as a member and chairman of the Council's Quartermaster Corps. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow, we enthusiastically nominate Anthony M. Mortellaro for the Vigil Honor.

Eric A. Myers

Eagle Scout Eric Myers has shown true dedication to leadership in service. Eric served his chapter as Service Chairman as well as First Vice-Chief. He is currently serving his second term as Chapter Chief. Eric has demonstrated leadership while serving as an Elangomat several times and while working on countless service projects. He has attended two section conclaves and has received his chapter's Distinguished Arrowman Award. For his undaunted commitment to leadership in service, we cheerfully nominate Eric A. Myers for the Vigil Honor.

Thomas J. Noel

Scouter Tom Noel's dedication to the camping program is a valuable asset. He earned the rank of Eagle as a youth. Currently, he is serving as his district's Camping Chairman. For many years now, he has assisted on camporee and klondike staffs. He has aided many service projects and participated in numerous camp promotions. Twice he has attended section conclaves along with a trip to Philmont. He provides leadership as a staff member for the Council's NYLT as well as his district training staff. For his unwavering service to the camping program, we enthusiastically nominate Thomas J. Noel for the Vigil Honor.

Robert E. Palmer II

Bob Palmer truly exemplifies the principles of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. As a youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He has served his troop as unit leader and attended 15 weeklong summer camps. Within his chapter, he has served as the Camp Promotion Adviser as well as advising a ceremonial team. Dedication to his district's camping program has been shown through his service with numerous camporee and klondike staffs. He has attended Philmont, Sea Base, and two section conclaves. For his continued service to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, we gladly nominate Robert E. Palmer II for the Vigil Honor.



## Christopher A. Perry

Eagle Scout Chris Perry is a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting Program. He has served as Chapter First and Second Vice-Chiefs giving time and leadership to Order of the Arrow events and service projects. At the lodge level, he served as the Recording Secretary. For four years, Chris has served on the Council's summer camp staff, serving as a living example of the Scout Oath and Law. He has served on numerous district camporee and klondike staffs. For his outstanding service to the Scouting program, we enthusiastically nominate Christopher A. Perry for the Vigil Honor.

## Joel A. Portman

Joel Portman is a strong and responsible leader both in the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. Besides earning the rank of Eagle, Joel has also earned three palms. In over five years in his district, he has served on at least 10 camporee staffs, serving as an area director for four of them and as Campmaster for one. In the Order of the Arrow, Joel has served his chapter as the Website Chairman, Second Vice-Chief, and is currently serving his chapter as Chief. He has helped the Shawnee Lodge staff the past two section conclaves and has even served on the Council's summer camp staff. For his consistent service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Joel A. Portman for the Vigil Honor.

## Alexander M. Rudolph

Alex Rudolph has proven himself a valuable asset to the Order of the Arrow through his strong commitment to both the lodge and camping program. Alex has served as Lodge Brotherhood Chairman, Service Chairman, and Banquet Chairman. This past summer, he served as the Order of the Arrow Summer Camp Coordinator. Besides service to the Lodge, Alex has served on his district camporee staff. On the council level, Eagle Scout Alex Rudolph has served on camp staff for the past three summers. For his continued dedication to the entire Scouting program, we proudly nominate Alexander M. Rudolph for the Vigil Honor.

## Steve A. Santen

Scouter Steve Santen has shown unwavering dedication to the camping program and to Order of the Arrow. As a youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. In his troop, he is currently serving as Scoutmaster, a position that he has held for the past ten years. He has served three years as Chapter Adviser, has been a member of his district's camping committee for ten years, and served as the District Camping Chairman. He has also helped and served on numerous NYLT staffs. He has attended several section conclaves and a National Order of the Arrow Conference. For his tireless service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Steve A. Santen for the Vigil Honor.

## Michael S. Swank

Eagle Scout Michael Swank has demonstrated true Scouting spirit to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. For his district, Michael has worked a number of camporee and klondike staffs, even serving as Campmaster for one of them. He has furthered his service into his chapter by participating in many camp promotions, crossover teams, and service projects. Michael has been an Elangomat, a ceremonial team member, and the Lodge Dance Team Chairman. His chapter chose him as its First Vice-Chief, and currently as their Chief. For his dedication to the camping program, we proudly nominate Michael S. Swank for the Vigil Honor.