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“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 the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. *Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.* 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 of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting Community, 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. 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 Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.”

Lisa M. Abernathy

Scouter Lisa Abernathy works tirelessly to assist the council camping programs. Her exceptional service to our local scouting community is multi-faceted and includes unselfish acts such as helping local units run climbing course events at our council camps and serving for multiple years on the council summer camp staff. She has also supported various District activities including Chair of the Scouting for Food Drive. This past summer she volunteered to serve as a summer camp director at Swift Base and was always looking for ways to go above and beyond her role in order to make every camper's week at camp a memorable and enjoyable experience. Her dedication and service to Scouting goes beyond our local community as she has also taught C.O.P.E. at National Camp School and served on National Jamboree staff as a challenge course assistant director. For her unselfish interest, alertness to the needs of others, and exceptional service to so many different areas of scouting we humbly nominate Lisa M. Abernathy for the Vigil Honor.

Nicholas J. Keesey

Eagle Scout Nick Keesey serves as a constant reminder that we are all bound by the ties of brotherhood. He worked tirelessly during his term as Chapter Chief, bringing a new energy to his chapter's Arrowmen. He now serves as the Lodge's Corresponding Secretary and has worked continuously to develop effective communication throughout the Lodge. His contagiously positive attitude brightens the lives of those around him. He has impacted many scouts who have attended National Youth Leadership Training, a program in which he now serves as a youth director. He selflessly accepts any challenge that comes his way, having staffed University of Scouting, the Arrowman Experience, and several camporees. For his dedicated service to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we earnestly nominate Nicholas J. Keesey for the Vigil Honor.

Albert J. Ludwig

Scouter Al Ludwig has been an asset in delivering a quality youth led program by providing his time and service as a chapter chairman adviser. He also volunteered his time to advise a district camporee, successfully overseeing a surge in interest and participation from scouts around the area. He has also served on National Youth Leadership Training staff, bringing his knowledge, character, and dedication to Scouts throughout the council. Last year he organized management of the entire NYLT program as the lead business manager. His experience with the youth led program and his approach to organization offered a firm support to the youth leadership of NYLT, which allowed the youth to deliver an outstanding leadership program this past summer. For his dedicated service to the camping program through National Youth Leadership Training, and his exemplary character as a leader, mentor, and friend to all Scouts, we are pleased to nominate Albert J. Ludwig for the Vigil Honor.

Alex E. Molner

Eagle Scout Alex Molner epitomizes the values of the Order of the Arrow through servant leadership. For the last two years he served as the lodge website chairman. During his tenure, he has gone above and beyond what is required by assisting chapters in the promotion of their events, helping lodge officers with changes to lodge programs and events, and promoting and serving at numerous Lodge events. He contributed to the success of the National Scout Jamboree this summer as a member of the Order of the Arrow Service Corps. For his unselfish interest and relentless commitment to the ideals of Scouting and the Order, we enthusiastically nominate Alex E. Molner for the Vigil Honor.

Jordan L. Pack

Eagle Scout Jordan Pack has demonstrates tireless service and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting program. He has cheerfully served his chapter as a chapter chairman for three years and currently serves as his chapter's first vice chief. He constantly offers an image to his peers of a servant leader with a drive to help others accomplish their goals. This drive can be seen by the many new ceremonialists he has mentored in order to help them succeed. He has also served for three summers on the council's National Youth Leadership Training staff and has staffed numerous camporees and has served as a campmaster. He demonstrates an unselfish interest in the roles he holds by making sure the camping program is one that scouts will enjoy and want to attend. For his continuous commitment and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we eagerly nominate Jordan L. Pack for the Vigil Honor.

Joseph T. Schwarzbauer

Eagle Scout J.T. Schwarzbauer is the embodiment of what it means to cheerfully serve. He works diligently to better the Order of the Arrow. On the chapter level he has served as troop representative chairman and currently serves as chapter chief. He accepts every challenge faithfully, exemplified by his yearly staffing at the Catholic Encounter Weekend and his unending dedication to improve his chapter's ceremonial teams. His personal effort to help other ceremonialists succeed as well as his alertness to the needs of others makes is only part of what sets him apart. He has also served on the council's National Youth Leadership Training staff and he has guided a district camporee staff in his role as a campmaster. In recognition of his unwavering dedication to servant leadership, we humbly nominate Joseph T. Schwarzbauer for the Vigil Honor.

Ryan D. Stoeckel

Eagle Scout Ryan Stoeckel truly exemplifies the principles of cheerful service in the Order of the Arrow. He has served his chapter as Webmaster and currently is serving as chapter chief. When his chapter's camp promotions program fell through, Ryan, at the time just a webmaster chairman, took most of the promotions on himself to help spread the word about our Council's camping program. Last year he volunteered to be a part of his chapter's very first Pre-Ordeal team and was instrumental in leading his fellow Arrowmen. For his eagerness to serve and his cheerful attitude that truly exemplifies the principles of the Order, we wholeheartedly nominate Ryan D. Stoeckel for the Vigil honor.

Jim J. Thomure

Scouter Jim Thomure has dedicated himself to both the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He has offered his service to help successfully guide his youth staff to deliver the National Youth Leadership Training program in both word and action. He demonstrates to youth what it means to lead and thereby sets standards for his staffs to embody. Jim serves the Order of the Arrow and his chapter as chapter adviser where he has been able to provide valuable advice to the officers of his chapter. Jim guides a youth-led program in which Scouts can learn from their mistakes, but also take responsibility and return with success. He is never one to turn down a job or walk away from an unfinished task. For his servant leadership, positive attitude, and humble unselfishness we gratefully nominate Jim J. Thomure for the Vigil Honor.

Michael S. Ukman

Scouter Michael Ukman humbly dedicates his time to Scouting and the camping program. He has never been known to turn down a request for help from a fellow scout or scouter and those who meet him can immediately see the unselfish interest he displays when helping others achieve their goals. He has served on numerous council and district event staffs and can always be found helping the youth in tasks that others typically shy away from. He helps to organize the religious services for Order of the Arrow events, helps the youth set up the trading post for various Council events, and has served as a provisional troop leader at summer camp. When asked why he dedicates so much time he has one thing to say "Because I made the commitment to support the youth and their endeavors." For his unselfish interest and alertness to the needs of others we humbly nominate Michael S. Ukman for the Vigil Honor.

Craig S. Winney

Scouter Craig Winney has provided unwavering dedication to the camping program. During his tenure as his district camping chairman, he reinforced a youth-led camporee experience allowing the Scout leaders to implement their theme and leadership vision for camporees. When other events interfered with Camporees he worked with the youth to help them think outside of the box and come up with unique programs such as a nighttime activity jamboree in order to avoid day time conflicts. He has also mentored other districts by co-hosting two camporees that has resulted in a cooperative experience that continues between the districts today. For his selfless devotion and tireless effort to the camping and Scouting program, we respectfully nominate Craig S. Winney for the Vigil Honor.



