

2018 VIGIL HONOR CANDIDATES



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

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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.

Samuel K. Baumann

Sam Baumann has shown a passion for cheerful service in our Scouting Community. Sam has served as Chapter Second Vice Chief, twice and he currently serves as a chapter chairman. He has provided leadership to his troop as their Senior Patrol Leader, to his district as a Klondike Campmaster and to the council as a staff member for the National Youth Leadership Program. He also is a member of his chapters Brotherhood team. For the service that he will continue to provide for our Order, we enthusiastically nominate Samuel K. Baumann for the Vigil Honor.

Samuel R. Beyes

Sam Beyes is a very enthusiastic and hardworking member within the Order. Since his induction he has served his Chapter as, Second Vice Chief, as a Chapter Chairman and currently serves as Chapter Chief. During his time as a ceremonialist Sam has performed numerous ceremonies. Samuel has also served his District on several camporee staffs and recently was a Camporee Campmaster. Sam also serves his District as a Den Chief for many Cub Scout day camps. For his enthusiastic dedication to the Scouting program we cheerfully nominate Samuel R. Beyes for the Vigil Honor.

Nicole R. Bopp

Scouter Nicole Bopp is truly dedicated to the Order and the Scouting community. She currently serves as Chapter Adviser and has served her Chapter as a Ceremonial Team Adviser and Camp Promotion Adviser. Nicole has provided valuable support to the members of her chapter's ceremonial teams, helping them with learning their roles and construct their regalia. Within her troop, she is the Committee Chairman, Fundraising Chair and Religious Emblem Coordinator. For her unwavering service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Nicole R. Bopp for the Vigil Honor.

David R. Crump

Scouter David Crump has shown great commitment to the Scouting mission. He is a willing and cheerful servant leader and Scoutmaster for many years. He has held leadership positions in Explorer Posts and Venturing Crews. He has served as both District Chairman and District Commissioner. For his exceptional service to youth and scouting program, David was recognized with the Silver Beaver award. For his devotion to Scouting we wholeheartedly nominate David R. Crump for the Vigil Honor.

Matthew K. Harms

Eagle Scout Matt Harms has shown his dedication to Scouting through his troop, crew and council. He has served in many positions in his troop and crew including Senior Patrol Leader and Crew President. Matt has served as an Order of the Arrow Troop Representative for his troop. He has also served on the council's Camp Staff and has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Matt was awarded his chapter's Arrowman of the year award for his service to the Order. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow, Venturing and Scouting Programs, we cheerfully nominate Matthew K. Harms for the Vigil Honor.

David S. Kedge

Scouter Dave Kedge has gone above and beyond in his service to the Council, District and Troop. He has trained many scouters with his service on District and Council training staffs including Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training. He has mentored several youth towards earning their Eagle rank as Scoutmaster of his troop. In his Chapter, David served as an Adviser to Committee Chairman and as a Ceremonial Team Adviser. He is always willing to serve his fellow Scouts and Scouters. For his unwavering and dedicated service, we proudly nominate David S. Kedge for the Vigil Honor.

Gabriel S. Kedge

Eagle Scout Gabe Kedge demonstrates cheerful service in his Troop and Chapter. He has served many roles for his chapter including Four Winds Chairman and Crossover Chairman. Gabe has been active in Ceremonial Teams since his induction into the Order of the Arrow and mentors ceremonialists. He currently serves as Ceremonial Teams Chairman for his Chapter and has served his district as a Camporee Campmaster. For his constant and dedicated service, we cheerfully nominate Gabriel S. Kedge for the Vigil Honor.

Paul Y. Ke

Scouter Paul Ke has shown exceptional dedication to the Scouting program through years of service to his unit, district, and council. He has served as Scoutmaster for his troop. Paul has served as a Friends of Scouting Crew Chief, Cub and Boy Scout Advancement Workshop coordinator and Eagle Board of Review Chairman. Paul was a National Jamboree Scoutmaster, and has lead a crew to Northern Tier. Paul has staffed numerous Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training courses. For his exceptional service to the Scouting program, Paul was presented with the Silver Beaver award. For his unwavering dedication to the Scouting Program, we wholeheartedly nominate Paul Y. Ke for the Vigil Honor.

Jane F. Lindstrom

Scouter Jane Lindstrom has demonstrated remarkable devotion and service to the Scouting Program. She has served as Camporee Secretary for her District for many years and continues to be a major asset by helping organize events for her District. She has served as an Adviser to her Districts Camporee Campmaster. She has been active in the Order of the Arrow having served as an Adviser to a Committee Chairman where supported the youth in planning of Chapter meetings and events. In addition to her volunteer service, Jane has served on the council's support staff for many years. For her dedicated service to Scouting and the camping program, we eagerly nominate Jane F. Lindstrom for the Vigil Honor.

Scott D. Lloyd

Scouter Scott Lloyd has shown his dedication through his work in his District, and Council. He serves as the District Advancement Chairman and is a part of the Eagle Review Board. As the Adviser for his Chapter Ceremonial Team, he guides and supports Arrowmen in learning and understanding their roles in the ceremonies. Scott has served on the Council's National Youth Leadership Training Staff and provides invaluable service and support to the Lodge Service Team at our Council Properties. For his commitment and service to Scouting and the camping program, we proudly nominate Scott D. Lloyd for the Vigil Honor.

Colton P. Lutz

Eagle Scout Colton Lutz has shown cheerful service to his troop and chapter. He has served in many positions in his troop such as Senior Patrol Leader and Order of the Arrow Troop Representative. He has served his Chapter as Secretary, Second Vice Chief, and currently serves as the Chapter First Vice Chief. Colton has been a Ceremonialist for many years, and has volunteered when others were unable to perform. Colton has also attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference, and was a crew leader during a high adventure trek. For his dedication to Scouting and true willingness to help others, we enthusiastically nominate Colton P. Lutz for the Vigil Honor.

Richard F. Massey

Scouter Richard Massey has shown great commitment and dedication to the Scouting program. He has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, also serves as a long term mentor for Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonial teams. Richard has served as a staff member for the Council's Cub and Boy Scout Advancement Workshops. Richard has served on numerous National Youth Leadership Training staffs and currently serves as a Program Director. He is always a valued source of advice and encouragement to the youth. For his dedication and service, we humbly nominate Richard F. Massey for the Vigil Honor.

Mark L. Melliere

Scouter Mark Melliere has demonstrated exceptional devotion for the Scouting program. He served his troop for many years as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster. He has served his District as Training Chair and provided valuable long-term service to the District and Council Training program. Mark has served many years on the Council's National Youth Leadership Training staff and is currently a Course Director. Mark also served on Staff for a National Jamboree. For his service to the Scouting program, Mark has been recognized with the Silver Beaver award. We humbly nominate Mark L. Melliere for the Vigil Honor.

Alexander F. Meyer

Eagle Scout Alex Meyer has devoted his time into the Order of the Arrow and to the camping program. He has served his Chapter as Secretary and First Vice Chief. Alex is currently serving as Chapter Chief and is working to restart the Chapters Brotherhood team. He has served on the Council's Summer Camp Staff. He was a founding member of his chapter's Ordeal ceremony team. For his continued outstanding service to the Order of the Arrow and the Council's camping program, we eagerly nominate Alex Meyer for the Vigil Honor.

Grant P. Nilges

Grant Nilges has faithfully served his troop, Council and the Order of the Arrow. He has served on the National Youth Leadership Training staff for several summers. Grant has served as Chapter Second Vice Chief and is currently serving as Chapter First Vice Chief. He has served on the Council's Okpik staff for several years. Grant has served his District as a member of the Camporee Staff and was a Campmaster. He has served as a Den Chief at his district's Cub Scout Day Camp. He has also served on the Council's University of Scouting staff. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, we proudly nominate Grant P. Nilges for the Vigil Honor.

Kenneth R. Owens III

Eagle Scout Kenny Owens has served his Chapter as the 1st Vice Chief for two years and is currently serving as Chapter Chief. He has served his troop as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and the Senior Patrol Leader. Kenny has served on numerous District camporee staffs. He is a dedicated officer to his chapter as he is always there to lead his chapter when others were unavailable. He served as his District Campmaster for a Klondike. For his commitment to Scouting, we proudly nominate Kenneth R. Owens III for the Vigil Honor.

James A. Riddle

Scouter Jim Riddle has been an active and valuable leader in developing youth for countless years. Jim was Scoutmaster for several years providing leadership to the unit and has lead numerous high adventure treks. Jim has served on several National Jamboree contingent Troops, and was a Scoutmaster for one of our Council's 2017 National Jamboree contingent. Jim has been an active adult in the Council's National Youth Leadership Training staff. He has also served on the Council Wood Badge staff. For his dedication to the Scouting and Camping programs, we cheerfully nominate James A. Riddle for the Vigil Honor.

Thomas A. Schaefer

Scouter Tom Schaefer has shown remarkable devotion to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. Tom held several Chapter Officer positions and participated on Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonial teams. Tom currently serves the Lodge as its Spring Conclave Adviser. Tom is a cheerful friend to all scouts and long-term Council's summer camp staff. Tom continues his service to the Council and regularly volunteers to assist the rangers in numerous service projects. For his continued unselfish service to the Scouting program, we enthusiastically nominate Thomas A. Schaefer for the Vigil Honor.

Ann K. Shultz

Scouter Ann Shultz has shown exceptional dedication and commitment to her Chapter and District. She serves as the District Advancement Chair and is a member of her Districts Eagle Review Board. She also an Adviser for one of her Chapter's ordeal ceremony teams. Ann currently serves as a Chartered Organization Representative and an Associate Advisor for a Venturing Crew. She serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Charter Organization Representative for her troop. For her outstanding service and commitment to scouting, we wholeheartedly nominate Ann Schultz for the Vigil Honor.

Jeremy P. Sutphen

Eagle Scout Jeremy Sutphen has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Scouting Program, our Council and Lodge. He has served his troop as a Senior Patrol Leader and is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster. Jeremy is currently serving as Chapter's Chief. Jeremy has also served as Chapter Secretary and was the Lodge Branding Committee Chairman. Jeremy has also served on our council's Summer Camp Staff. For his continued service to the Scouting program beyond the Order of the Arrow, we joyously nominate Jeremy P. Sutphen for the Vigil Honor.

Matthew C. Thoenen

Eagle Scout Matt Thoenen is an enthusiastic Leader of our Lodge. He has served his Chapter as the Camp Promotion chairman. Matt is currently serving as Lodge Treasurer. He has provided valued service to his troop as repeat Senior Patrol Leader and his Chapter as valued member of a ceremony team. Matt has been an integral member of the National Youth Leadership Training for several years. For his continued cheerful service and his dedication to the Scouting program we proudly nominate Matthew Thoenen for the Vigil Honor.

Walker A. Trieschmann

Eagle Scout Walker Trieschmann has shown significant dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. Walker has served his Chapter as First Vice Chief and currently serves as Chapter Chief. He is also a dedicated ceremonialist, participating in Crossover, Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Walker has attended a National Order of the Arrow Conference where he learned how to further his service to the Lodge. For his continued service to his chapter and lodge, we cheerfully nominate Walker A. Trieschmann for the Vigil Honor.