

# **2020 SHAWNEE LODGE**



## **VIGIL HONOR CANDIDATES**

**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.**

## **Eugene B. Bannister**

Scouter Eugene B. Bannister has proven his dedication to the Scouting program through selfless effort. Having served as a Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, and District Camping Chairman, he has formed a new crew along with a troop for Scouts with special needs. He has also led the council contingent inner-city outreach program to Northern Tier four times. In addition to his dedication to Scouting, he has received the Silver Beaver and the District Award of Merit. For his tireless and passionate service to his troop and the Scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate Eugene B. Bannister for the Vigil Honor.

## **Rafael J. Birke**

As a dedicated Scout, Rafael J. Birke has served his troop, his community, and his fellow Scouts. He has served as an SPL for his troop, a ceremonial chairman and Second-Vice Chief for his chapter. Rafael has shown himself to be dependable no matter the situation, always stepping up to make sure the job gets done. Rafael has shown a love for service and for the OA that is unmatched by most other Scouts. Therefore, we gladly nominate Rafael J. Birke for the Vigil Honor.

## **Jordan B. Brakefield**

Eagle Scout Jordan B. Brakefield has given back to his Chapter, Council, and Troop. He has served three summers on Council Camp Staff and currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for his Troop. He has held the role of Chapter Secretary, Chapter Chief and is currently his Chapter's First Vice Chief. He has also received the Chapter Distinguished Arrowman Award. For these reasons and more, we proudly nominate Jordan B. Brakefield for the Vigil Honor.

## **Susan E. Bridgmon**

Scouter Susan E. Bridgmon has devoted her time to her Chapter, her District, and her Troop. In her troop, she has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, a Troop OA Adviser, a Committee Chairman, and an Eagle Coach. In her District, she has served on the District Camping Committee. In her Chapter, she has served as a Ceremonial Adviser and a Chapter Adviser. For her strong dedication in all areas of Scouting, we proudly nominate Susan E. Bridgmon for the Vigil Honor.

## **Samuel L. Bunn**

Arrowman Samuel L. Bunn has spent more time than most working to make the OA a better place for those in it. Once elected into the order, Sam got to work. He has served as his Chapter Elangomat Chairman, Chapter Secretary, and Lodge Website Chairman. Sam is quick to ask what he can do to help within his chapter and is a great example of servant leadership. He has staffed NYLT one year and worked at Camp Famous Eagle this past summer. While he was initially skeptical to take on more responsibility in his chapter, he jumped into the position and plans on continuing to serve his chapter and lodge in the future. For his history of cheerful, servant leadership, and service to his chapter and lodge, we enthusiastically nominate Samuel L. Bunn for the Vigil Honor.

## **Brock A. Busch**

Eagle Scout Brock A. Busch has put in much time and dedication towards his chapter. He has served as Secretary and First Vice Chief and is proudly serving as Chapter Chief. He also serves on his chapter's Brotherhood team portraying Meteu and he helps with the Ordeal team as much as he can. For his dedication and hard work towards his chapter, we proudly nominate Brock A. Busch for the Vigil Honor.

## **Connor D. Doherty**

Arrowman Connor D. Doherty is a vital member to his Council's and his District's Scouting movements. Connor has held many positions in his troop, his chapter, in his school and in his out of Scouting community. With a clear passion for helping others, Connor is always there to lend out a helping hand for those that surround him. Connor currently serves as his Chapter's First Vice Chief, and has served in many chairmanships throughout his time in the OA. Connor has also spent his time in the order becoming an avid ceremonialist for his chapter. Due to his unwavering dedication to Scouting, we humbly nominate Connor D. Doherty for the Vigil Honor.

## **John C. Ebert**

Scouter John C. Ebert has dedicated his life to the Scouting cause. Over the past few decades John Ebert has given his all to his Pack, Troop, and Crew. As Scoutmaster of his Troop, he has shown a tireless devotion to not only growing it but keeping it fun and involved as well. John Ebert has built up a love for Scouting in the heart of every youth that he has touched, making every Scout's experience his highest priority. We wholeheartedly nominate John C. Ebert for the Vigil Honor.

## **Noah D. Fansler**

Eagle Scout Noah D. Fansler has devoted himself extensively to all the areas of Scouting that he is apart of including his Troop, his Chapter and the Council as a whole. Noah has been a critical part of one of his Chapter's Ceremonial Teams for the past four years and now serves his Chapter as the First Vice Chief. Noah has also served on the Council's NYLT Staff for several years, working tirelessly to ensure that the best program is provided to all of those who attend. For his endless cheerful service to the Scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate Noah D. Fansler for the Vigil Honor.

## **Johanna J. Gentle**

Scouter Johanna J. Gentle has dedicated her time into her Troop and her Chapter. She currently serves as Scoutmaster for her Troop and helps as camporee staff whenever she's needed. She happily serves her Chapter wherever she's needed. Whether it's the ceremonial teams or general help in the Chapter, they can always expect Johanna to help with a smile. For her commitment to her Troop and Chapter, we graciously nominate Johanna J. Gentle for the Vigil Honor.

## **Zachary J. Goetter**

Eagle Scout Zachary J. Goetter has demonstrated unwavering service to the Council's camping programs. Zach has spent the past five years on Camp Staff including Camp Medic and Camp Wrangler. Zach has served as a Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for his Troop. He has served on the Fall Fun Rally Event Staff for the past three years. For his love of making the Camping program better, we cheerfully nominate Zachary J. Goetter for the Vigil Honor.

## **Adian M. Hammond**

Arrowman Adian M. Hammond has dedicated himself to the betterment of the Scouting Experience. Adian has served as his Chapter's Second Vice Chief, and is currently serving as Chapter First Vice Chief. Adian has spent the past two summers on the Council's Camp Staff. Adian has served on 13 of his District's Camporee Staffs. For his determination to Service to others we unwaveringly nominate Adian M. Hammond for the Vigil Honor.

## **Noble G. Hudson**

Eagle Scout Noble G. Hudson has shown undivided dedication to the Scouting program and its Mission. Noble has spent the past five years working on the Council's National Youth Leadership Training Staff as well as one year on the Council's Camp Staff. In 2019, Noble staffed two courses of National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience. Noble is the Youth Lead on a Medical First-Aid Team in which he has supported numerous Day Camps and units across the Council. Noble currently serves as his Chapter's and the Lodge's Nimat Chairman. For his dedication to Scouting and true willingness to help others, we enthusiastically nominate Noble G. Hudson for the Vigil Honor.

## **Spencer A. Kaiser**

Veteran Staffer Spencer A. Kaiser has served his Council and Troop in many ways. He has spent the last four summers working on the Council Camp Staff. He has served his Troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and he is currently serving as Assistant Scoutmaster in his Troop where he helps first-year Scouts obtain the rank of First Class. For these contributions, we happily nominate Spencer A. Kaiser for the Vigil Honor.

## **Matthew R. Kaskowitz**

Scouter Matthew R. Kaskowitz has shown true dedication and service to his chapter. Matt continuously pushes his Scouts in his troop and chapter to actively participate in the Order of the Arrow. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster for his troop and has held his position for ten years. Matt is an Eagle Scout and a District Award of Merit recipient. Matt is a beacon of light shining to draw others to heed the call of service. For his unwavering service, we humbly nominate Matthew R. Kaskowitz for the Vigil Honor.

## **Dr. Scott A. Kirchner**

Dr. Scott A. Kirchner has given his all for each and every Scout in the Scouting program. Over the past decade, Dr. Kirchner has served in many capacities. He has resided on his district's Eagle Board, been an Assistant Scoutmaster for his Troop, and been an Assistant Cubmaster for his Pack. On top of these many positions, he is a regular attendee at Summer Camp where he also gives his time as the Camp Doctor. Dr. Kirchner has shown that he is truly dedicated to improving the experience of the Scouts, whether that be through leading a service project or providing rest and healing. We solemnly nominate Dr. Scott A. Kirchner for the Vigil Honor.

## **Mary C. Knapp**

Scouter Mary C. Knapp has shown tremendous leadership and dedication to the Scouting program. Within the two units she founded and two she restarted, she has served as a Committee Chair, a COR, a Crew Adviser, and an Assistant Scoutmaster. She has also served her District as the Popcorn Chair, a Daycamp Director, a Unit Commissioner, and the Camp Card Chairman. For her service, she has been awarded the District Award of Merit and the William D Boyce Award. For her loyal, energetic, and dedicated service to the Scouting program, we enthusiastically nominate Mary C. Knapp for the Vigil Honor.

## **Mark J. Langston**

Scouter Mark J. Langston has fully dedicated himself to the Scouting Program. After earning his Eagle Scout as a youth, he has continued his service as an adult by devoting himself tirelessly to his District, his Troop and his Pack. Over his many years of service, Mark has served as a Cubmaster, Advancement Chairman, Unit Commissioner, Roundtable Chairman, and District Commissioner. Mark has also worked actively with his district's Urban Outreach Program since its creation, providing a countless number of urban families access to quality Scouting programs. For his devout commitment to all those in Scouting and in his community, we cheerfully nominate Mark J. Langston for the Vigil Honor.

## **Paul J. Leicht Sr.**

Scouter Paul J. Leicht Sr. has devoted his time to his Council, his District, and his Troop. He has served his troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and a Scoutmaster. He has served his district as a District Commissioner. He also is on his District's Training Staff, on Wood Badge Staff, on NYLT Staff, and on the Council QM Staff. In addition, he has served as the Adult Advisor for countless District Camporees and PACAOs. He has been recognized with both the District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver awards. For his obvious love of the Scouting program, we cheerfully nominate Paul J. Lecht Sr. for the Vigil Honor.

## **Steven R. Lutz**

Scouter Steven R. Lutz has devoted his time into his Pack, Troop and Chapter. He has served as the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and now is currently serving as the Chapter Adviser and Committee Chair for his troop. He's been on many high adventure trips with people from his district, acting as a morale booster. He was a part of the original Okpik trail run and has served on Okpik staff for many years. For his commitment to his Troop and Chapter, we wholeheartedly nominate Steven R. Lutz for the Vigil Honor.

## **Samuel P. Maniscalco**

Arrowman Samuel P. Maniscalco has dedicated his Scouting life to making certain the Order is truly a brotherhood. In his years of service to the chapter and lodge, Sam has performed a number of ceremonies, 24 crossovers, five pre-ordeals, seven ordeals, three brotherhoods, and two Eagle four winds ceremonies. When he's not performing a ceremony, Sam prefers to be in the background of service to his lodge, performing tasks and service that may not be visible to his brothers, but are just as important. Sam plans on continuing service within Scouting by staffing at Philmont high adventure base. For his ceremonial experience and service to the lodge, we humbly nominate Samuel P. Maniscalco for the Vigil Honor.

## **William J. Maniscalco**

Arrowman William J. Maniscalco has dedicated his Scouting life to making the Order a better place for his brothers. Throughout his years of service to the Order of the Arrow, Will has served his chapter as Secretary, as well as performing a number of ceremonies, 24 crossovers, six pre-ordeals, seven ordeals, three brotherhoods, and two Eagle four winds ceremonies. Will has staffed section conclaves and numerous other day camps. Will plans on continuing service within Scouting by staffing at Philmont high adventure base. For his extensive ceremonial experience and his service to his chapter, we graciously nominate William J. Maniscalco for the Vigil Honor.

## **Nicholas A. Matteoni**

Eagle Scout Nicholas A. Matteoni has wholeheartedly served his chapter for the last five years. Nic is currently his chapter's Elangomat chairman and has worked tirelessly to reform the program and make it better. Nic has served on many district camporee staffs, setting an example for the Scouts and adults alike. Nic's strong work ethic and bottomless commitment to the Scouting program make him an example for all to follow. For his dedication and service to his chapter and district, we cheerfully nominate Nicholas A. Matteoni for the Vigil Honor.

## **Jose A. Pompa**

Eagle Scout Jose A. Pompa has served his Council, Chapter, and District. He has served three years on the Council Camp staff working in the Nature Area and has staffed and led multiple District Klondikes. He has served his Chapter as the Chapter Second Vice Chief for two terms, Chapter First Vice Chief, and is currently serving his second term as Chapter Chief. He has also served as an adult leader for the Council Outreach program trip to Northern Tier. For these acts of selflessness, we proudly nominate Jose A. Pompa for the Vigil Honor.



## **Dylan T. Simon**

Eagle Scout Dylan T. Simon is a shining example of a dedicated Scout in his chapter. Dylan has been his chapter's First Vice Chief, Crossover chairman, Four Winds Chairman, and is currently the chapter Ceremonial Teams chairman. He is very involved with his troop, having been Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and is currently the OA Troop Rep. He has served on many district camporee staff and has been a ceremonialist for almost five years. He volunteers for any task given to him and does not complain. For his dedication to his chapter and his troop, we wholeheartedly nominate Dylan T. Simon for the Vigil Honor.

## **Christopher T. Spiegel**

Scouter Christopher T. Spiegel has been a long-time advocate for Scouting and the OA in the council and in his district for many years. Chris has served on the district level, as an Assistant Scoutmaster, a Unit Commissioner, an assistant chapter adviser, and has most recently completed a term as the St. Louis Eagle Scout Association President. Chris has mentored many Scouts on ways that they themselves can create their own programs, and has also done the same for Scouters. Chris has taken time to staff National Jamborees, and most recently, the World Jamboree this past summer. Chris has also served as an advisor for three NOACs. For his unwavering support and leadership in the Scouting Program and the OA, we humbly nominate Christopher T. Spiegel for the Vigil Honor.

## **Matthew A. Unterreiner**

Council Ranger Matthew A. Unterreiner has shown an incredible amount of dedication to the Scouting Program and our Council as a whole. After earning his Eagle Scout, Matt continued on by serving on our Council's Summer Camp Staff for many years in various different roles and areas. Currently, Matt serves as one of the Rangers at S-F Scout Ranch working hard to ensure that the Ranch is well maintained throughout the entire year. As a Ranger, Matt is always eager and willing to serve in any capacity to help benefit the Camping Program of our Council. For his endless service to the Council, we enthusiastically nominate Matthew A. Unterreiner for the Vigil Honor.

## **Michael P. Venegoni**

Scouter Michael P. Venegoni has provided exemplary service to his district and the council. He has served in many positions including district camp promotions and outdoor chairman and district camporee chairman. He has also served as the council STEM Summer Camp Director and was the NYLT Scoutmaster for over four years. He has also received his Chapter's Distinguished Arrowman Award and the District Award of Merit. For his unwavering and dedicated service, we cheerfully nominate Michael P. Venegoni for the Vigil Honor.

## **Thomas E. Wilson**

Eagle Scout Thomas E. Wilson has provided exemplary service and leadership to those around him. Thomas has shown leadership in his troop as a Scout and has also shown that same leadership and love to the Scouters that he worked with this summer on summer camp staff. After becoming an Eagle Scout, Thomas continued his leadership in the Order of the Arrow. Having taken on new leadership positions in the Chapter and in the Lodge and currently serves as Lodge Second Vice Chief. Thomas is also assisting in the preparation for Scoutfest 2020. In recognition for his astonishing love for service, we gratefully nominate Thomas E. Wilson for the Vigil Honor.