



2015

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
SHAWNEE
COUNCIL



*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, Scouting or their Scout Camp.

Gerard J. Biedenstein

Scouter Gerard J. Biedenstein is an energetic leader to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting Program. He has given significant service to the Council, District, and Order of the Arrow as an adult. He has spent over 12 years serving on National Youth Leader Training staff as a Scoutmaster, Program Director, and Course Director. In addition, he has served numerous Merit Badge Make-Up Days, Webelos Overnights, University of Scouting, and Camporees. For his unselfish interest and devotion to the Scouting Program, we enthusiastically nominate Gerard J. Biedenstein for the Vigil Honor.

Joshua F. Bollam

Josh Bollam has consistently shown his willingness to serve the youth of our council. As his chapter's Staff Advisor, he constantly works with scouts and scouters to create and promote innovative programs. He is known to often volunteer for extra duty, most easily seen in his service as a camp director for the past four years. In this position, he provides an essential role in making council camps a success as well as inspiring scouts to work hard and lead through cheerful service. As District Executive, he is seen to go above and beyond what is asked. For his dedicated service and valuable examples, we humbly nominate Joshua F. Bollam for the vigil honor.

Brendan L. Boyle

Eagle Scout Brendan Boyle has provided tireless, cheerful service to his Chapter and the Shawnee Lodge. He has served in multiple Chapter Chairmanship positions and, last year, served as his Chapter's First Vice Chief. He has displayed his dedication to his chapter during while his term as Troop Rep Chairman, taking time to personally contact every troop when an issue with the chapter's mailing for a meeting arose. As First Vice Chief, he continued to seek for ways to help improve the chapter. In recognition for his willingness to unselfishly serve his Chapter and fellow Arrowmen, we wholeheartedly nominate Brendan L. Boyle for the Vigil Honor.

Robert W. Bruton

Scouter Robert Bruton has gone above and beyond his call as Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served his chapter as an advisor to the Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony teams for several years. He has also served as a cook for several Fall Reunion and Spring Conclaves. As his district's Advancement Chairman, he has worked to create several explorer posts so that Scouts can learn about life skills and opportunities for their future. For his numerous actions toward the betterment of his district and devotion to the scouting program, we proudly nominate Robert W. Bruton for the Vigil Honor.

Ronald F. Colletti

Scouter Ron Colletti is a great example of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. He has served the Order of the Arrow as a ceremonial team advisor for several years, guiding teams in Crossover, Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Four Winds ceremonies. He has also been active in the district as a Friends of Scouting Trailblazer and Crew Chief. He also serves the council as a teacher at STEM University, numerous Universities of Scouting, and multiple Pow-Wows. For his outstanding contributions to the scouting program, we wholeheartedly nominate Ronald F. Colletti for the Vigil Honor.

David W. DeVeydt

Scouter David DeVeydt has given unselfish service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. He has served as a Scoutmaster, unit commissioner and merit badge counselor. He has served as Provisional summer camp Scoutmaster and served on camporee staff on numerous occasions. In the Order, he has worked endlessly as an Ordeal Team Advisor and as an Elangomat for the special needs youth of our lodge. For his commitment to his troop, chapter, and lodge, we gladly nominate David W. DeVeydt for the Vigil Honor.

James A. Eagan

Eagle Scout James Eagan has cheerfully served in many aspects of the scouting program. Since James's induction he has supported his chapter as a chairman serving many years. He has also served as his chapter's Second Vice Chief. James has also been involved in both Brotherhood and Ordeal Ceremonial Teams. He has served the council as a National Youth Leadership Training staff member for several years, helping to train future leaders. For his selfless devotion to the scouting program we proudly nominated James A. Eagan for the Vigil Honor.

Benjamin D. Elhenbeck

Scout Benjamin Elhenbeck has provided tireless dedication to the Order of the Arrow as Chapter Chief. He provided valued leadership to his chapter to earn the Journey To Excellence Award. Additionally, he has served his chapter as Secretary and First-Vice Chief and participated on Brotherhood and Ordeal Ceremonial Teams. He has also served several National Youth Leadership Training courses. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow, we happily nominate Benjamin D. Elhenbeck for the Vigil Honor.

Stephen J. Fleming

Scouter Stephen Fleming has provided outstanding leadership to the Scouting Program in his district and council. He has served on the Council's Shooting Sports Committee for several years, currently serves as District Camping Chairman and in 2013 was selected to serve as Jamboree Scoutmaster for the council. He has taught several training cells at Section Conclaves and serves on his Chapter's Quartermaster Staff. For his steadfast leadership, we wholeheartedly nominate Stephen J. Fleming for the Vigil Honor.

Heather H. Henderson

Scouter Heather Henderson has worked tirelessly to insure the district camping and Order of the Arrow programs are a success. She unselfishly served as Ceremonial Team Advisor for her chapter, helping youth prepare regalia and providing leadership to multiple Ordeal and Crossover teams. She currently serves as District Camping Chair, utilizing youth Campmaster's to produce a quality program. For her unwavering dedication and her unselfish service, we proudly nominate Heather H. Henderson for the Vigil Honor

Paul E. Kessler

Scouter Paul Kessler, has provided meaningfully service to numerous scouts in his troop, district and chapter. His friendly attitude and approachable personality has helped guide many young leaders in the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. His dedication to the camping program has led to multiple successful camporees in matters of growing participation and experiences for the scouts. Paul's guidance is a valuable part of his chapter's leadership and team building. For this, we graciously nominate Paul E. Kessler for the Vigil Honor.

David W. Koschoff

Scouter David Koschoff dedicates himself to serving the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He has served as a Ceremonial Team Advisor for several years and currently serves as Elangomat Adviser for his chapter. In addition to his service to the lodge, he has served on the National Order of the Arrow Conference staff; he looks to return again this summer. For his dedication and service to the Order of the Arrow, we enthusiastically nominate David W. Koschoff for the Vigil Honor.

Christopher J. Kreienkamp

Eagle Scout Chris Kreienkamp has shown steadfast service to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. He served his chapter as a chairman for several years and currently serves as chapter Second Vice Chief. Outside of the Order of the Arrow, he served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader at the 2013 Jamboree. He has staffed several camporees and has provided leadership as a Campmaster. For his continued service to the Order of the Arrow, we eagerly nominate Christopher J. Kreienkamp for the Vigil Honor.

Grant C. Krull

Eagle Scout Grant Krull is the definition of cheerful service. He has served his chapter as Elangomat Chairman and as Second Vice Chief. He continues to serve the lodge as Program Chairman. He has generously served on numerous NYLT courses. Grant is most notably known for always being willing to help others, often going beyond his responsibilities, and always providing service with a smile. For his dedication to serving others with a cheerful spirit, we joyfully nominate Grant C. Krull for the Vigil Honor.

Spencer P. Laiben

Eagle Scout Spencer Laiben has worked tirelessly to improve the program of the Order of the Arrow. As Chapter Chief, he ran his chapter with enthusiasm and this attitude has carried over into his position as Lodge Treasurer and Lodge Second Vice Chief. He has happily served on numerous NYLT courses. Spencer believes in continuous improvement and works to make his chapter programs better. For his unwavering dedication to the principles of the Order, we proudly nominate Spencer P. Laiben for the Vigil Honor.

Shemar R. Lee

Eagle Scout Shemar Lee is an outstanding example of tireless leadership and dedication. As an integral part of his chapter, Shemar led his chapter as a two term Chapter Chief. He currently serves the lodge as First Vice Chief and is creating a new ceremonial team. Always in the foreground, he is a recognizable face at events with a big smile and a cheerful attitude. For his unwavering dedication to his Chapter, the Lodge, and all his brothers, we wholeheartedly nominate Shemar R. Lee for the Vigil honor.

Bruce H. Mayberry

Scouter Bruce Mayberry works tirelessly to improve the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. For many years he has served his district as the lead quartermaster. He served the lodge as the founder's day activity coordinator for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference where he advised the development and delivery of the program. For his dedicated service to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program, we wholeheartedly nominate Bruce H. Mayberry for the Vigil Honor.

Levi W. Mills

Eagle Scout Levi Mills has worked tirelessly for the benefit of his district and chapter. He currently serves as chapter Chief and provides additional service on lodge committees. Levi has developed a unique "Peer Mentoring" program which combines the Order of the Arrows' core value of; Cheerful Service with a Troops teaching and guiding component to teach Scout Skills to first year scouts. For this exemplary service and commitment, we enthusiastically nominate Levi William Mills for the Vigil Honor.

Zachary W. Myers

Eagle Scout Zachary W. Myers has provided service to his chapter through the ceremonial team program for many years and as the Ceremonial Team Chairman. He is currently serving his chapter as Chapter Secretary and continues to be an integral part of ceremonial teams. He has successfully led his district's camporee. He has also served several National Youth Leadership Training courses. It is with great conviction that we nominate Zachary W. Myers for the Vigil Honor.

Thomas B. Officer

Eagle Scout Thomas Officer humbly dedicates his time and efforts to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting Program. He has served as chapter Service Chairman and currently serves as lodge Service Chairman while providing service as Communication Chairman for Section C3B. He has served on numerous District Camporees and provided valuable leadership as district Campmaster. For his commitment and determination, we unreservedly nominate Thomas B. Officer for the Vigil Honor.

Raymond A. Rath

Scouter Ray Rath has shown continuous service to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. He has served as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and ceremony team adviser. He has shown dedication to the camping program through his service on numerous camporees. He has served on several National Youth Leader Training courses and at National Jamborees and National Order of the Arrow Conferences. For his tireless service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Raymond A. Rath for the Vigil Honor.

Jonathan C. Rolfi

Eagle Scout Jonathan Rolfi has had a tremendous impact on his chapter and the camping program. He served many roles in his chapter, including Second Vice Chief for the past two years and currently serves as Chapter Chief. He worked tirelessly as the camp promotion chairman. He has also served on council camp and on several camporees. For his unwavering service to the camping program and his chapter, we wholeheartedly nominate Jonathan C. Rolfi for the Vigil Honor.

Bryson O. Schroeder

Bryson Schroeder represents what it means to be a servant leader. He served as Camp Promotion Chairman and Social Media Chairman. Currently he serves as lodge Corresponding Secretary and as Section Secretary for Section C3B. Bryson has served as chapter Secretary and Camp Promotion Chairman. Bryson was instrumental in setting up a detailed and organized chapter website. In the lodge, he has improved the use of social media for increased communication. In recognition of his tireless service, we enthusiastically nominate Bryson O. Schroeder for the Vigil Honor.

Joel E. Schwartz

Scouter Joel Schwartz plays an essential role in his Chapter's communication. As Webmaster Adviser, he has guided youth to provide a valuable resource for chapter information. He supports his District's Roundtables, helping to organize and lead meetings. Furthermore, he has proven to be an essential part of his troop, supporting the youth to deliver outstanding program. For his unending devotion and service to his unit, chapter and district, we humbly nominate Joel E. Schwartz for the Vigil Honor.

Brandon W. Smith

Brandon Smith is an integral part of his chapter as well as an example of the ideals of our order. He has served his chapter as Program Chairman twice, Second Vice Chief, and currently serves as First Vice Chief. He also served as a staff member on multiple National Youth Leader Training courses. He has served on a Chapter Ceremonial Team for numerous years, and served several district camporees, including Campmaster. Brandon is always eager to help and quick to bring cheerfulness to any situation. It is with great pleasure that we eagerly nominate Brandon W. Smith for the Vigil Honor.

Richard M. Tiek

Scout Rick Tiek has been a cornerstone in his chapter. Rick has served on staff on multiple district camporees and National Youth Leader Training courses. He has served his chapter as Crossover Chairman, Chapter First Vice, and currently serves as Chapter Chief. He has been an important part of his chapter's ceremonial team for many years. He is always willing to bring brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service to wherever he goes. It is with true pride that we gratefully nominate Richard M. Tiek for the Vigil Honor.

Robert B. Veenstra

Scouter Robert Veenstra has given unwavering cheerful service to his chapter, district, and council. He has tirelessly served his chapter with the quartermasters and currently serving as an assistant chapter advisor. He has served as the popcorn chairman for his district. He served the council as contingent adviser for the Philmont Autumn Adventure several times and served as an Assistant Scoutmaster at the 2013 National Jamboree. He continues to serve the Council Camping Committee as the High Adventure Committee Chairman. For his continuous efforts to improve the scouting program, we eagerly nominate Robert B. Veenstra for the Vigil Honor.

Dominic C. Von Feldt

Eagle Scout Dominic Von Feldt has served humbly for both his Chapter and the Lodge. Dominic has performed on numerous Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Crossover ceremonies. He also served his chapter as Chapter Chief and First Vice Chief. Currently he serves as Lodge Treasurer. For his excellent service to the lodge and chapter, we gladly nominate Dominic C. Von Feldt for the Vigil Honor.

Joyce D. Wagner

Scouter Joyce Wagner exemplifies the ideals of the Order of the Arrow. She serves as a long term ceremonial team advisor and supports her chapter by publishing the Chapter Chief's notes in the Roundtable newsletter, providing a communication network for the Chapter Chief and the District Scoutmasters. She has served on several National Youth Leader Training courses. And provides support to Arrowmen in her chapter to ensure their continued involvement. For her valuable mentoring, cheerfulness and constant support, we enthusiastically nominate Joyce D. Wagner for the Vigil Honor.

Erma D. Williams

Scouter Erma Williams is an essential and dedicated part of the district, chapter and council. For countless years, she has offered her time and valuable advice to many scouts in her district. Since receiving her ordeal honor, Erma has been an enthusiastic and supportive adult bringing scouts to lodge and section events that would likely have not participated. As an example of cheerful service, Erma volunteers as the second adult for troops, other than her own, that would not be able to exist without her presence. For her many valued contributions to the scouting program alongside her unmatched guidance upon scouts in our community, we proudly nominate Erma D. Williams to the Vigil Honor.