

2021 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.

Elin Asvaldsdottir

Scouter Elin Asvaldsdottir has demonstrated limitless service to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting program. In her chapter, she has served as a long-time Ceremonial Advisor and most recently Associate Chapter Adviser. She is a tremendous advocate and recruiter for her chapter's ceremonial teams. In her troop, she serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster as well as Scoutmaster to a newly chartered troop. She is always willing and eager to help, and she inspires others to do the same. For her outstanding dedication to her troop and her chapter, we eagerly nominate Elin Asvaldsdottir for the Vigil Honor.

Eric G. Busch

Scouter Eric Busch has devoted his time into his chapter. Since joining his chapter, he immediately joined his chapter's ceremonial team and helps wherever he can. He has spent much time, money, and effort helping and making the ceremony team the best they can be. Along with helping with his chapter, he has also created a Venture crew and continues to serve as the Crew Advisor. For his commitment to his Venture crew and chapter, we proudly nominate Eric G. Busch for the Vigil Honor.

Matthew P. Caldwell

Life Scout Matthew Caldwell has dedicated countless hours to make sure that the Order of the Arrow continues to be a success. In his time serving his chapter and the lodge, Matthew has performed multiple ceremonies when called upon by the lodge, even on short notice. In addition to his work as a ceremonialist, Matthew has served his chapter as Second Vice Chief, and most recently Chapter Chief, where he strives to improve and increase his chapter's ceremonial presence. When not serving in the Order of the Arrow, Matthew busies himself staffing the council's National Youth Leadership Training course, where he has worked two week-long courses and two weekend courses. Matthew plans to continue his service in the Order of the Arrow by running for higher positions so he can continue to serve his Brothers. For his dedicated service to both the Order of the Arrow and the NYLT program, we enthusiastically nominate Matthew P. Caldwell for the Vigil Honor.

Brendan Q. Carr

Arrowman Brendan Carr has put much time and dedication towards his chapter and troop. He has served his troop as a Patrol Leader, OA Troop Rep, and as Senior Patrol Leader. He has served as his chapter's Second Vice Chief, and is currently serving his second term as Chapter Chief. Brendan has also spent his time in the Order of the Arrow becoming an avid ceremonialist for his chapter. For his unwavering service to his chapter and troop, we cheerfully nominate Brendan Q. Carr for the Vigil Honor.

Joshua J. Conroy

Life Scout Joshua Conroy is a dedicated member to the Scouting program and the Order of the Arrow. He is active in his troop, district, and chapter. Josh has served on multiple camporee staffs. He is a member of his chapter's ceremonial teams. He has performed multiple ceremonies from Crossover to Brotherhood. Josh has served as First Vice Chief for his chapter. Josh is an important part of the Spring Conclaves and Fall Reunions, assisting in ceremonial site preparation. For his dedication to the Order of the Arrow, we wholeheartedly nominate Joshua J. Conroy for the Vigil Honor.

Kalki T. Devos

Arrowman Kalki Devos has cheerfully served his chapter. Kalki has served as his Chapter's Second Vice Chief and is currently serving as Chapter Chief. He also serves on his chapter's Ordeal team portraying Allowat Sakima. While serving his Chapter as Second Vice Chief, he also served his district as District Venturing President. For his dedication and hard work towards his chapter and district, we enthusiastically nominate Kalki T. Devos for the Vigil Honor.

Alexander D. Ficken

Eagle Scout Alexander Ficken has shown service and dedication through his admirable work in his troop and chapter. He has served his Chapter as the Second Vice Chief and is currently serving as Chapter Secretary. He has also been a vital member on his chapter's ceremonial teams for countless years. In his own troop, he has served in numerous leadership positions. Additionally, he has served as Campmaster for his district's winter camporee and has staffed multiple other camporees. For his passion and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting as a whole, we enthusiastically nominate Alexander D. Ficken for the Vigil Honor.

Ankit T. Goswami

Arrowman Ankit Goswami is a shining example of a Scout serving his district and chapter. Ankit has shown an incredible amount of dedication to the Scouting program as a senior youth leader in his troop and district. He has served his chapter in multiple positions such as Chapter Secretary and First Vice Chief. For his outstanding service to his chapter, he was awarded the chapter's Distinguished Arrowman Award. Ankit is a cheerful and devoted servant leader who is always eager to serve in any capacity to help benefit those around him. For his dedicated service, we enthusiastically nominate Ankit T. Goswami for the Vigil Honor.

Luke R. Hudson

Scout Luke Hudson has been a devoted asset to his troop, district, and council, since he began his Scouting career. Luke is an active member of our council's NYLT program, and is serving as the Program Lead for Scoutfest's "Eagle's Flight" program. Luke has been steadfast in his contributions to Scouting as a whole and to all others around him. For his devotion to Scouting and all that he does for others, we joyfully nominate Luke R. Hudson for the Vigil Honor.

Kyle E. Kannawurf

Arrowman Kyle Kannawurf has dedicated himself to service across many different areas of the Scouting program. At the council level, Kyle was a Troop Guide for the NYLT program for two years. Within his district, Kyle is entering his third year of service as his chapter's Second Vice Chief. He has served in a number of Ordeal ceremonies and helped in the recruitment and training of ceremonialists for his chapter. For his dedication and service to his district and chapter, we cheerfully nominate Kyle E. Kannawurf for the Vigil Honor.

Heidi J. Mansdoerfer

Scouter Heidi Mansdoerfer has been an ecstatic attribute to the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Scouting program. Serving on both the Venturing and Scouting sides, Heidi has been a valued member of many crews and troops, offering her time, dedication, and service to many programs. Heidi has been a key volunteer in her district, in our council's NYLT Pack and Paddle program, and in the Wood Badge program. For her unwavering dedication and devotion to the welfare of others, we humbly nominate Heidi J. Mansdoerfer for the Vigil Honor.

Christopher S. Merris

Scouter Christopher Merris is a life-long Scout and Scouter dedicated to servant leadership both in and out of the Scouting program. As an Eagle Scout, Chris has fully committed himself to helping others in all aspects of his life. Over his many years of service, he has faithfully served as an Assistant Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Committee Chair, Unit Chartered Organization Representative, and he helps guide a new girl's troop. Chris has faithfully served his district as Camping Chair, sits on Eagle Boards of Review, and has served on the council's Wood Badge staff. He has received the District Award of Merit. In addition to all his Scouting endeavors, Chris dedicates himself just as much to the service of

his community. Due to his unwavering dedication and devotion to a lifetime of Scouting, we wholeheartedly recommend Christopher S. Merris for the Vigil Honor.

Christopher J. Musial

Scouter Chris Musial has worked tirelessly in the Order of the Arrow, and in his troop to make certain that youth can experience the Scouting program to the fullest. As a Ceremonial Adviser in his chapter, Chris Musial works to ensure that the team is performing at its best. From recruiting new members of the team to storing and restoring ceremonial regalia for use by the team, his dedication to his team is unparalleled. When not serving emphatically as a Ceremonial Adviser, Chris pledges his time to his troop. Despite the irksome tasks that have faced him this year, Chris makes certain that his troop stays running. For his unceasing service to his ceremonial team and unending support of his troop, we ardently nominate Christopher J. Musial for the Vigil Honor.

Joseph M. Pinter

Scouter Joe Pinter has spent countless years of dedication to his troop. His vast knowledge and skills in many aspects of Scouting has allowed him to help his troop with multiple merit badges and camping-related activities. In his chapter, he has served as the Brotherhood Ceremonial Advisor and still uses his expertise on Indian Lore and archeology to help make his chapter's ceremonial sites and regalia more authentic. Because of this, he has sparked the interest of many youth in Native American culture. For his strong effort and unwavering dedication to his troop and chapter, we wholeheartedly nominate Joseph M. Pinter for the Vigil Honor.

Ethan B. Stinehart

Eagle Scout Ethan Stinehart has tirelessly served his troop, chapter, and district. Having been elected for both the position of First Vice Chief as well as Chapter Chief, Ethan utilized his years of experience as a ceremonialist to recruit other Brothers for the task. Ethan also served as youth Campmaster for the district Klondike and continues to staff National Youth Leadership Training courses with his contagious enthusiasm. For his continued display of leadership and dedication, we cheerfully nominate Ethan B. Stinehart for the Vigil Honor.

