

Shawnee Lodge 2024



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 of office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, or 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. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors. 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.

Michael K. Bowers

Scouter Mike Bowers has enthusiastically dedicated countless hours to making our council's camps a better place. In addition to serving as a Cubmaster and volunteering on the staff of the Skilled Trades Camp, he can frequently be found volunteering his time and skills as an electrician to improve our camps. He has used his expertise to complete significant projects at multiple council properties. Furthermore, as a Training Chair in a largely rural district with limited internet access, he often travels around providing in-person training to units that need it, making sure that youth have qualified and trained adult leaders. For his commitment to improving our camps and ensuring units have properly trained leaders, we humbly nominate Michael K. Bowers for the Vigil Honor.

Christopher A. Brown

Scouter Chris Brown has made a lasting impact in the shooting sports program for the lodge, council, and Scouting community. He has taken on a leadership role in the council's Shooting Sports Committee. In this role, he has made great efforts in providing training opportunities and securing grants to support shooting sports at all camps across the council, while elevating the quality of our shooting sports programs and ensuring their accessibility to a wide range of Scouts. While performing these tasks in a more administrative capacity, he still finds time to instruct Scouts on shooting ranges during multiple Scouting events throughout the year. For his commitment and dedication to the shooting sports programs of our council, we enthusiastically nominate Christopher A. Brown for the Vigil Honor.

Gregory P. Caldwell

Scouter Greg Caldwell has demonstrated great dedication and enthusiasm for the Scouting program. He has served in various positions throughout Scouting, including National Youth Leadership Training Scoutmaster, District Roundtable Commissioner, and Chapter Ceremony Team Adviser. Throughout his time in these roles, Greg has consistently prioritized youth leadership, empowering young Scouts to succeed and grow. As an enthusiastic learner, he has always been open to discovering new and enjoyable ways to challenge youth and create a welcoming and joyous environment. For his exceptional service to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we proudly nominate Gregory P. Caldwell for the Vigil Honor.

Ethan J. Chapie

Eagle Scout Ethan Chapie has made great contributions to his troop, district, and chapter. Ethan has served on many district camporees and klondikes, where his infectious cheerful spirit inspired everyone around him. He has served his chapter as a chairman and as First Vice Chief. Ethan excelled as First Vice Chief, organizing fantastic chapter events and starting a chapter tradition of social events. Wherever Ethan goes, his cheerful devotion to building brotherhood ensures that everyone there has a great time. Even after moving away for college, Ethan continues to hold a chairmanship and regularly attends events. For his cheerful dedication to all around him, we exuberantly nominate Ethan J. Chapie for the Vigil Honor.

Isaiah Z. Chung

Eagle Scout Isaiah Chung has shown endless dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He has served as Chapter First Vice Chief and this year is serving as Chapter Chief. During his time as First Vice Chief, Isaiah went above and beyond to ensure his chapter had successful events and meetings. During lodge events, Isaiah can be found helping out in any capacity. Outside of the Order he has served on numerous National Youth Leadership Training Courses, passing his skills on to our future leaders. For his continuous service to his chapter and the council's training program, we wholeheartedly nominate Isaiah Z. Chung for the Vigil Honor.

Tony G. Duncan

Scouter Tony Duncan has been a vital part of his chapter and troop. On a troop level, Tony has been a merit badge counselor and Eagle Scout mentor, helping many Scouts in his troop earn their Eagle. As a Chapter Adviser, Tony has offered his house as a meeting place for the chapter officers and ceremonialists. He has focused his time on helping bring more youth members to chapter events by working hard to create fun activities for the Scouts to enjoy at events. He helped form a ceremonial team, going over the lines with the ceremonialists and helping them remember them. He has completed these tasks selflessly. For his unspoken dedication to his chapter and troop, we heartily nominate Tony G. Duncan for the Vigil Honor.

Lorenzo D. Gutting

Lorenzo Gutting is a shining example of the spirit of Scouting. He cheerfully seeks out tasks that he can help with. Having served both on the National Youth Leadership Training Staff and on Camp Staff, he has enthusiastically helped many Scouts to learn and develop their leadership skills. As a ceremonialist, he is always willing to step in and learn a new role whenever a situation arises. Whether he is serving as Senior Patrol Leader in his troop or as a Shawnee Lodge officer he is always willing to work behind the scenes and receive no recognition for his work. His ability to plan, execute, and inspire is evident in the success of his endeavors in Scouting. For his embodiment of the ideals of the Order of the Arrow, we proudly nominate Lorenzo D. Gutting for the Vigil Honor.

Declan F. Hennessy

Scouter Declan Hennessy has dedicated countless hours to the success of the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program. He has demonstrated diligence and commitment to our Order through his time as Chapter Secretary and First Vice Chief. Declan has always shown a special enthusiasm towards our ceremonies, displaying a commitment to the development of young ceremonialists. He uses his extensive knowledge to serve as a source of encouragement and advice as he begins to mentor new teams. Outside of the Order, Declan has served on Camp Staff, this past year as Commissary Manager. For all he has done and continues to do, we proudly nominate Declan F. Hennessy for the Vigil Honor.

Noah C. Hutchinson

Noah Hutchinson has served his chapter and the Scouting community tirelessly. Noah has previously served as his chapter's Banquet Chair, Second Vice Chief, and now Chapter Chief. In these roles, he has taken charge and shown true leadership, coming up with new events, increasing chairmanship roles, and being seen as the face of the chapter. Noah spends his summers on Camp Staff, being a hardworking individual and a friend to all. When it comes to events, he is always eager to help out, and can be found at almost every event working hard. Noah has time and again shown a commitment to the Order of the Arrow and a drive to support this program and enhance the experiences of his fellow Scouts. For his unwavering commitment and service, we ardently nominate Noah C. Hutchinson for the Vigil Honor.

Dale L. Kannawurf

Scouter Dale Kannawurf has dedicated himself to building the next generation of leaders. He has served as a ceremonial team adviser and is currently serving as Chapter Adviser, providing guidance to the officers as they work to grow their program. Outside of the Order, Dale has contributed to the fishing program in his unit and district. For his ceaseless devotion to empowering young leaders, we wholeheartedly nominate Dale L. Kannawurf for the Vigil Honor.

Neil T. Maxwell

Eagle Scout Neil Maxwell has demonstrated tireless and ongoing dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the camping program. In his chapter, Neil has excelled as a ceremonialist, Second Vice Chief, and Chief. Through these roles, Neil always went above and beyond, continuously looking for ways to better support his chapter and its many members. Currently serving as the Lodge Chief, Neil plays a vital role in leading the team to ensure the success of the Order of the Arrow for all members of the Shawnee Lodge. In addition to his contributions within the Order of the Arrow, Neil has served on the council's Camp Staff and his district's Camporee Staff. For his continuous service to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting program, we enthusiastically nominate Neil T. Maxwell for the Vigil Honor.

Emily R. Mausshardt

Scouter Emily Mausshardt is a true example of servant leadership, working tirelessly to support the Scouting program. She has served on Camp Staff, holding the adult positions of Program Director, Aquatics Director, and Ranger Program Counselor. During this time, she has also, without hesitation, served as acting Aquatics Director when needed, always being willing to give support wherever asked. She serves as an example to all other staff, being selfless in her actions and doing what she can to help other people at all times. Outside of Camp Staff, Emily cheerfully supports the council and the lodge at numerous events, volunteering her time to ensure each one is a success. The commitments she has made to Scouting go above and beyond and inspire many others to do more. For her true embodiment of cheerful service, we avidly nominate Emily R. Mausshardt for the Vigil Honor.

Charles V. Owen

Eagle Scout Charles Owen has been an enthusiastic leader in our lodge and at our council summer camps. He has served our lodge as Recording Secretary and as First Vice Chief. In these roles he has performed well with the leadership team, helping plan events and gaining experience to help lead our lodge forward. Throughout his time in the Order of the Arrow, he has served on his troop's ceremonial teams, performing both Brotherhood and Ordeal ceremonies. Charles has served as a member of our council's Summer Camp Staff and has taken on the role of Order of the Arrow Coordinator at his respective camp. As Nature Director, he excelled in teaching young Scouts about the natural world around them. While taking a special interest in astronomy, it was not uncommon to find him holding a stargazing session at four in the morning. For these reasons and many more, we valiantly nominate Charles V. Owen for the Vigil Honor.

Ethan J. Redmond

Eagle Scout Ethan Redmond has dedicated himself to the Order of the Arrow and the summer camp program. He has served his chapter as a Second Vice Chief, First Vice Chief, and Chapter Chief. He has formed a ceremonial team and improved the ceremonial aspects of his chapter. As Chapter Chief, he worked towards raising the attendance of youth members to chapter events, as well as serving as a ceremonialist and spending countless hours perfecting his lines. Ethan Redmond has worked at Summer Camp as a Voyageur Counselor, Commissary Manager, and Motorboating Counselor, working early mornings and late hours every day to ensure a great program for the Scouts. For his perseverance and dedication to service, we earnestly nominate Ethan J. Redmond for the Vigil Honor.

Benjamin D. Ridenour

Eagle Scout Ben Ridenour has cheerfully served the Scouting community. He enthusiastically served as a Chapter Chief and worked hard to involve as many Arrowman as he could. Currently, he is cheerfully serving our lodge as the Treasurer. During his time with our council's Summer Camp Staff, he went above and beyond to ensure that Scouts had a safe and enjoyable time in the shooting sports area. When the opportunity arose to serve on a committee to modify Order of the Arrow regalia at Summer Camp he volunteered to lead it; and, under his leadership, a new regalia style was introduced at our camps. His actions exemplify the values of the Order of the Arrow by promoting leadership, service, and community engagement. For his dedication to improving the Order of the Arrow and Scouting, we enthusiastically nominate Benjamin D. Ridenour for the Vigil Honor.