

# *Shawnee Lodge 2025*



*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.**

## **Barbara S. Barrett**

Scouter Barbara Barrett is the prime example and role model of an adult adviser in the Order of the Arrow. Her dedication to the chapter has been felt in every youth member. While serving as a Ceremonial Adviser and now as Chapter Adviser, she ensures the youth are the true leaders of the chapter, while giving valuable advice and guidance. Anyone that has worked with Barbara has seen and experienced her continued dedication to spreading the Order of the Arrow's program to as many people as she can. Because of her dedication and what she will continue to do in the future, we enthusiastically nominate Barbara S. Barrett for the Vigil Honor.

## **Brandon S. Barrett**

Eagle Scout Brandon Barrett has tirelessly given himself to the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting community as a whole. In his Chapter, Brandon has excelled as a ceremonialist, Second Vice Chief, and First Vice Chief. Throughout these roles, Brandon has consistently asked how he can help benefit his Chapter and the Lodge. He served in various ways, including rewriting the Elangomat Training for the Lodge, inspiring and training ceremonialists in his Chapter, and planning and leading service projects and chapter meetings. Outside of the Order of the Arrow, Brandon has served Scouting in countless ways, including Sea Scouts, Camporee Staff, and Camp Staff. Whether he is serving as Senior Patrol Leader or as a Chapter Officer, Brandon is willing to work extremely hard and go above and beyond his role. His ability to plan, execute, lead, and inspire is evident in his success in all aspects of Scouting. For his continued service and dedication, we ardently nominate Brandon S. Barrett for the Vigil Honor.

## **Michael A. Bowers**

Scouter Adam Bowers has made a tremendous impact on the Scouting community and within his district. During a tough time for his district, Adam was asked to step up into the District Commissioner position. Seeing the issues and troubles his district was facing, Adam gave all he could, and was a major contributor to keeping the district on its feet. Adam's drive to improve the situation led to the Scouting community being much stronger around him. With a history of serving in unit and pack commissioner roles, Adam has helped restart many units and packs, and has shown that he will continue to support Scouting where it is needed. Adam has also been a driving force for our camp properties, completing many behind the scenes projects to improve our camps. Because of his unselfish interest in improving the Scouting movement, we wholeheartedly nominate Michael A. Bowers for the Vigil Honor.

## **Craig M. Dahlgren**

Scouter Craig Dahlgren has dedicated much of his time to being an outstanding adult leader in the Order of the Arrow. When last minute help is needed, or there is a volunteer position open, or an opportunity to selflessly serve, Craig is there. He has been a massive help in making sure operations are running smoothly by jumping in and helping where and when needed. His cheerfulness is felt in all when he is serving. Craig is able to brighten the mood during any activity, no matter how difficult it may be. His enthusiasm for the Scouting program has helped encourage many youth to become stronger leaders. Craig's unselfish service, dedication to youth leadership, and service that goes much beyond his position, has proven him worthy of the Vigil Honor. Because of these reasons and the dedication from him in the future, we humbly nominate Craig M. Dahlgren for the Vigil Honor.

## **Brian R. Duffner**

Scouter Brian Duffner has shown an extraordinary amount of dedication to his Scouting community. He centers all his actions around the growth and learning of the Scouts around him. As an adult staff member for NYLT, he is a model adult leader who prioritizes youth leadership. As a Scoutmaster and Advancement Workshop Coordinator, he recognized the situation each Scout was in and helped guide them. Whenever a position is unable to be filled in his district, whether as a Committee Member, Memorial Day Good Turn coordinator or as a Unit Commissioner, Brian cheerfully volunteers his time and serves in any capacity as needed. For his cheerful service to the Scouting program, we ardently nominate Brian R. Duffner for the Vigil Honor.

## **Clayton L. Edelson**

Eagle Scout Clay Edelson has demonstrated his commitment and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting community. Clay exceeded expectations as Recording Secretary, consistently going above and beyond and never being content with doing the bare minimum, always asking what he could do and supporting the lodge, its leaders, and each member however he could. Currently serving as the Lodge First Vice Chief, Clay plays a vital role in event planning and ensuring the success of the Order of the Arrow for all members of the Shawnee Lodge. In addition, Clay serves as a Camp Staff member, most recently serving as the Order of the Arrow Coordinator. In his Camp Staff positions, Clay is always dedicated to making each Scout's experience the best it can be. For his consistent cheerfulness, willingness to serve, and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting as a whole, we earnestly nominate Clayton L. Edelson for the Vigil Honor.

## **Brandon P. Fisher**

Eagle Scout Brandon Fisher has shown his dedication to the Order through his leadership and willingness to serve. At the chapter, he has served as a Second Vice Chief and Ceremonies Chair. He served as the 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference Contingent Lead helping lead the lodge to a fun and successful conference experience. He served his chapter as a Ceremonialist, and his passion and dedication have moved him to encourage others to increase the number of ceremonies and overall quality. He has shown acts of encouragement and humility to seek the greater good of the Order. For these reasons, we joyfully nominate Brandon P. Fisher for the Vigil Honor.

## **Rick A. Hammond**

Scouter Rick Hammond has served his troop, district, and council in many ways to encourage and form our youth and Arrowmen today. He has been involved with his troop as a Scoutmaster and on his Troop Committee. He has demonstrated his service at the district level by serving on the Eagle Board, and has also served as a Unit Commissioner. Rick has been on staff for many STEM camps and events throughout the year and directed at Camp Grizzly and Cub Launch. Rick Hammond has given himself and showed his dedication to the high ideals of the Order of the Arrow. For his service to the whole of Scouting, we humbly nominate Rick A. Hammond for the Vigil Honor.

## **Trey P. Maxwell**

Eagle Scout Trey Maxwell has developed a strong desire to serve the Order of the Arrow and the greater Scouting community in many ways. He served his chapter for many years as a chairman and two terms as Secretary. In the district, he used his leadership skills to excel as a camporee staff member, eventually serving as a campmaster. He has helped mentor many other campmasters after him, and has continued to be a model camporee staff member. Trey has dedicated many summers to staffing the National Youth Leader Training program, and has shown his expertise in leadership when training the next leaders of Scouting. As a two term lodge officer, Trey first served as Corresponding Secretary, and this year as Second Vice Chief. Trey's cheerful dedication to bettering the Scouting and Order through serving as a mentor and leader to many, has proven his worthiness of the Vigil Honor. For those reasons, we heartily nominate Trey P. Maxwell for the Vigil Honor.

## **Caleb G. Otte**

Eagle Scout Caleb Otte has had a tremendous impact on the Order of the Arrow's programming at a chapter level. As a two term Chapter Chief, his enthusiasm, love, and drive for the OA helped reignite the chapter's success. Caleb has been an integral part in helping more youth leaders step up and become stronger in the chapter. Caleb previously served as a Ceremonialist, as well as multiple summers on the Councils Summer Camp and National Youth Leadership Training staffs. Because of Caleb's excellent leadership skills and his continued dedication to improving the Order and Scouting experience for many members, we eagerly nominate Caleb G. Otte for the Vigil Honor.

## **Neil A. Phipps**

Scouter Neil Phipps has given outstanding service to the Council's training program. A dedicated Wood Badge staff member, he helped develop training, administer them to the next leaders of Scouting, and eventually led his very own course as Scoutmaster. Outside of Wood Badge, he continues to stay dedicated to his pack, unit, and district, being a very encouraging adult leader. Neil is the Committee Chair for his Pack, and continues to be a valuable Committee Member for his Unit. Through these roles, Neil is a very effective role model to Scouts of all ages, and he is always encouraging them to be the best leaders and Scouts that they can be. For his continued and exceptional service to the Scouting community, we enthusiastically nominate Neil A. Phipps for the Vigil Honor.

## **Michael V. Stephens**

Scouter Michael Stephens has made himself an indispensable part of his troop, chapter, and lodge. There is not a moment where you can't find Mike helping at his fullest capacity, whether he is guiding his troop, mentoring chapter officers, or assisting the lodge. In his two years as a Chapter Adviser, Mike has shown great care in helping the chapter to succeed. He has shown great dedication to bolstering the chapter's ceremonial teams. Mike is also great at bringing only the best out of the youth, communicating with the chapter officers, guiding them, and helping them plan events. His dedicated service to the lodge, volunteering whenever needed truly shows his devotion to service. For his dedicated commitment, service, and cheerful spirit, we proudly nominate Michael V. Stephens for the Vigil Honor.

## **Tyler E. Thomas**

Eagle Scout Tyler Thomas has worked tirelessly in service to the Shawnee Lodge. Tyler has served in a variety of positions, but most notably, he has been the backbone of the Shawnee Lodge Trading Post, dedicating countless hours before, during and after events to its smooth operation. He also has served on our council's camp staff, positively impacting hundreds of youth during his tenure. Furthermore, he is a passionate Ceremonialist and is always willing to step up to fill any role needed. In all he does, his contagious enthusiasm and willingness to help can be seen by all. For his distinguished dedication to the Shawnee Lodge and Scouting, we eagerly nominate Tyler E. Thomas for the Vigil Honor.

## **Sydney R. Thurmond**

Eagle Scout Sydney Thurmond has shown her tireless dedication to the Order of the Arrow through her leadership and mentorship abilities. As a tenured ceremonialist, Sydney has gained lots of valuable experience and advice to benefit her ceremony teams. She is always able to mentor newer ceremonialists, and keeps the teams that she is leading performing at the highest standard. The leadership skills that she developed while leading the ceremony teams translated to her term as Chapter Chief.. Sydney developed and led a program to assist with her Chapter's Brotherhood conversion, and recruited the largest team of chairmen in recent terms. Because of Sydney's strong leadership and dedication to the Order of the Arrow and the above and beyond service she has rendered to her Chapter, we cheerfully nominate Sydney R. Thurmond for the Vigil Honor.