



Blackhawk Area Council BSA
Wulapeju Lodge # 140
Order of the Arrow



Dear Lodge Members:

With spring just around the corner and unit elections beginning, we wish to remind you that Vigil petitions are also a vital part of the recognition process in our Order. These petitions are for the very special people who have and continued to up hold the traditions and spirit of the Order of the Arrow. The following guidelines should be used to petition that person.

VIGIL HONOR PETITION

The VIGIL Honor of the Order Of The Arrow is the high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Scouts and Scouters who are members of the Order and by reason of exceptional service and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following areas: their Lodge, the Order Of The Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order Of The Arrow be considered as ample reason for Vigil Honor recognition.

The Requirements are as follows:

- 1. Candidates for the Vigil Honor must be Brotherhood members for 2 years or more at the time of selection by the Vigil selection review committee.*
- 2. Candidate must be currently registered in Scouting and have their Lodge dues paid.*
- 3. Recommendations are to be prepared on the Vigil Honor Petition and be filled out completely before it can be considered by the selection review committee. Particular care should be taken in furnishing membership figures, the petitioner's name and phone number which must be included in the petition. Additional items are as follows:*
 - A. Ordeal Induction date given as month and year;*
 - B. Brotherhood Member date given as month and year;*
 - C. Offices held in Scouting and their dates;*
 - D. Special awards i.e., Religious Emblem, Eagle Rank, and NYLT*
 - E. Offices held in the Order Of The Arrow and their dates;*
 - F. Specific reasons for nominating the candidate for the Vigil Honor, which must be listed concisely as well as completely and*
 - G. Selection of two choices of an Indian name and its English equivalent for the candidate chosen from the "Lenni Lenape Word List" contained in the Order of the Arrow handbook.*
- 4. The petition must then be received by the Council Office and Lodge Vigil Selection Review Committee on or before **May 1, 2020.***

5. This petition can be initiated by youth or adult Order of the Arrow members for candidates who are youth or adult members who are not of their own immediate family.

We encourage each chapter to provide a contingent made up of one voting youth and one adult advisor to represent your chapter on the Vigil Selection Review Committee. It would be preferred that the youth voting delegates be Vigil members, however the youth does not have to be, provided he is not eligible for Vigil. Also all dues-paid Vigil members are invited to attend. The National procedure for Vigil selection will be used through out the selection process.

Petitions are available on the website www.blackhawkscouting.org/scouting/oa, in the "Flight of the Arrow", through your Chapter Chief or the Council Service Center. If you have any questions you may contact Chuck Natoli at 847-312-7765 or by email: cnatolijr@comcast.net

Yours in cheerful service,

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