



Vigil Nominations 2009

Each year, every Order of the Arrow Lodge is eligible to nominate to the National Council a small number of their Brotherhood members to be considered for the Vigil Honor. In order to be eligible for this – the highest honor a local Lodge can bestow -- a member must:

- 1) Have been a **Brotherhood member in good standing** for at least **two years** at the time of the tap out (usually at the Lodge banquet in early April);

And

- 2). Be **registered** with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Vigil Honor cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavor. It comes as recognition for altruistic leadership in service. It cannot be awarded for normal duties performed by a member who holds an elected or appointed position in the Lodge. It is truly for service "above and beyond" the norm.

In the Pocumtuc Lodge, by Executive Board decision, the only way a person can be considered for the Vigil Honor is to have their name and qualifications submitted on a Vigil Nomination Form to the Vigil Committee. For 2009, completed Vigil Nomination Forms (one is included in this package) **MUST BE RECEIVED** no later than **Friday, March 13, 2009**. Please send forms to:

Mr. Michael A. Everett
Vigil Committee Chairman
4 Oldwood Road
Wilbraham, MA 01095

A list of those members of the Pocumtuc Lodge who meet the qualifications (numbers 1 and 2 above) is provided with this notification. If you feel that a person was omitted in error, please contact Mr. Sam Everett immediately for clarification.

SEE ENCLOSED LIST



Boy Scouts of America
Western Massachusetts Council

Order of the Arrow
Pocumtuc Lodge

VIGIL NOMINATION FORM

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present to its members for service to the Lodge and council. It is a mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who have given exceptional service, helping others beyond the call of duty involving personal effort and unselfish interest to one or more of the following: 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 reason enough for a Vigil recommendation.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. This calls for an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. Vigil Honor members have a time-honored tradition to uphold. As leaders, they must conduct themselves in accordance with the ideal of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

A GUIDE FOR WEIGHING LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE

When considering leadership in service, carefully consider the following:

- Has the Arrowman made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of his/her position or office, whether in the Lodge, Scouting or the Scout Camp?
- Does the Arrowman act unselfishly, without thought of reward?
- Does the Arrowman strive to help others beyond the call of duty?

Please remember:

- Tenure in Scouting is NOT ample reason for Vigil Honor consideration.
- Since the Order is primarily a youth organization, it is suggested that in recommending candidates for the Honor, that preference be given to those members under the age of 21. For each member over 21 who is elected to the Honor, there must be at least one youth member elected.
- When weighing leadership in service, remember to measure it on a youth standard for those under 21.

YOUR CANDIDATE IS TO BE JUDGED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THE VIGIL HONOR SELECTION MEETING. THAT INFORMATION WILL BE TAKEN ONLY FROM THIS FORM, SO PLEASE CAREFULLY RESEARCH AND ANSWER AS MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE. FEEL FREE TO USE ADDITIONAL PAPER TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IF NEEDED.

1). Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2). The nominee is currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America as: _____

3). List your specific reasons for this nomination:

OVER

4). List any O.A. activities attended (i.e. Section Conclave, NOAC, NLS, etc.)

5). List any registered positions held (i.e. SPL, SM, Dist. Comm., etc.)

6). List any functional positions held (i.e. Powder Keg NYLT Staff, Honor Guard, Camporee Chairperson, etc.)

7). List any activities outside of Scouting (i.e. School, Service Clubs, Church, Community, etc.)

PLEASE NOTE: No "anonymous" nominations will be considered. Please provide your name below:

Your Name (Print) _____ Date: _____

Your Phone Number () _____

COMPLETED FORMS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009 WITHOUT EXCEPTION