



Mikanakawa Lodge 101 · Order of the Arrow

# VIGIL HONOR NOMINATION PETITION

The Vigil Honor is unique. It is a mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions **above and beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office** 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 Honor recommendation.* Only Arrowmen who achieved Brotherhood at least 2 years prior to August 1st will be considered for this year's Vigil nominations to the National Order of the Arrow.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby nominate the following individual as worthy of consideration for recognition as a Vigil Honor member of Mikanakawa Lodge.

## Nominee's Identifying Information

Arrowman's Name     Youth     Adult    Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominee must be a current dues-paid member. I verify that his/her dues are paid for the current year.*

*Nominations without a photo of the nominee will not be considered. I have attached a photo of this nominee.*

## Relevant History - Positions and Awards - Scouting, OA, School or Community

It is not necessary to list every position held or award received by the nominee. You may provide more detailed information through the Testimonial section on page 2. This section is simply intended to give the Vigil Honor Committee a quick glimpse of the nominee's history and involvement in service to others. Consider including lodge and chapter officer/adviser positions, summer camp and winter camp staff responsibilities, as well as unit and district leadership positions held and school, church or community service roles.

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## Vigil Name

Every new Vigil Honor member is given a unique Vigil name. It is intended to have specific relevance and meaning to the Arrowman. We ask that you submit one or more suggestions for a Vigil name for each Arrowman you nominate. The name will travel with the Arrowman for life so please be respectful when considering an appropriate name. The name should be succinct - one to four words. Please provide one or two suggestions for this nominee's Vigil name, should he/she be selected.

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If you wish to make more than 2 suggestions or if you wish to give an explanation or story behind the names you suggest, please feel free to attach a separate document.



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Continuing the Vigil Honor Petition on behalf of:

Arrowman's Name

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge may bestow upon one of its members. As such, much thought and consideration should be given to any prospective nominee. By submitting this nomination, you assume significant responsibility for ensuring that our Vigil Honor members represent the highest ideals of Scouting and of the Order of the Arrow. Vigil Honor membership is not a rank or advancement and it cannot be won by conscious endeavor on the part of any individual. Rather, it comes as recognition, by one's fellow Arrowmen, of unselfish leadership in service.

Vigil Honor members should be Scouts of integrity and character and they should be exemplars of our philosophy of servant leadership. The Vigil Honor Committee is looking for Arrowmen who have a proven record of service to others and who exemplify in their daily lives an unmatched devotion to a life of cheerful service to others. But remember, more than any award in the Order of the Arrow, Vigil Honor members are chosen more for what is expected of them in the future than for what they have done thus far.

From among the nominees each year, the Mikanakawa Lodge Vigil Honor Committee must select those who should be recognized by the conferring of the Vigil Honor upon them. We must then submit our petition to the National Order of the Arrow for their approval of our selections. The question we are required to answer is, "Why is this Arrowman worthy of the conferring of the Vigil Honor - now?" Simply put, this is the answer you should submit to us by way of this testimonial section of the nomination petition. Please be concise and limit yourself to the space in the area below to answer this question. Please give examples or evidence of how this Arrowman rendered service **above and beyond** the duties of any positions held in the lodge, OA, Scouting or Scout camps and why you believe more can be expected of them in the future.

**Testimonial**

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**Remember, too, that many who are nominated in any given year are not selected for Vigil Honor membership at that time. Do not inform an Arrowman that you have nominated him/her. While those who are truly worthy of the Vigil are those who never sought it, still it would be a disappointment to anyone to learn that they were nominated but not chosen. Please be considerate of the feelings of your fellow Scouts.**

**Save this file before sending.** E-mail to [vigiladviser101@gmail.com](mailto:vigiladviser101@gmail.com). The Vigil Honor Committee will review all nominations **received before August 1.**

Nominator