



Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W.
Chester County Council, B.S.A.

Vigil Honor Nomination Form

Due Date: December 1st

The Vigil Honor is a 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 or office to one *or more* of the following:

- ▲ Octoraro Lodge 22
- ▲ Order of the Arrow
- ▲ Horseshoe Scout Reservation
- ▲ Boy Scouts of America

An Arrowman nominated for the Vigil Honor must exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Additionally, the Vigil Honor is bestowed not only for what the Arrowman has done in the past, but also for what he is *expected to do in the future*.

Tenure in Scouting and/or the Order of the Arrow should **NEVER** be the primary reason for a Vigil Honor nomination. Moreover, holding a lodge office and/or membership on the lodge executive committee is **not** mandatory for selection to the Vigil Honor.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction within the Order of the Arrow; therefore, attention should be given to how the nominee has given service to the Order of the Arrow, *or* how his service has complemented the mission and purpose of the Order of the Arrow.

Eligibility Requirements

The Vigil Honor selection committee convenes in early January to select Octoraro Lodge 22's recipients for the Vigil Honor. At that time, the nominee **MUST**:

1. be a member of Chester County Council, with all registration requirements fulfilled;
2. be a member of Octoraro Lodge 22, with his **lodge dues paid**; *and*
3. have completed his Brotherhood at least two (2) full years prior to the date of selection.

The selection committee will **NOT** consider nominations that fail to satisfy the above National criteria. The nominator is **responsible** to ensure that the nominee meets these criteria — please check with lodge records (Mrs. Leslie John: LDJ113@aol.com) if you are unsure of your nominee's status.

Who Can Nominate

Any person may nominate an eligible Arrowman for selection to the Vigil Honor. The nominator does *not* have to be a Vigil Honor member, an Arrowman, or even registered with the Boy Scouts of America. However, self-nominations will **NEVER** be considered and will most likely jeopardize any future nominations submitted on that Arrowman's behalf. The Vigil Honor is not earned nor campaigned for; it is bestowed for *altruistic leadership* in *cheerful service* to others.

Instructions

Please complete this nomination form to enable the selection committee to make a fair assessment of your nominee's worthiness for the Vigil Honor. Provide as much information as you can

about the nominee; be specific, providing dates wherever possible. However, if you do not know something about your nominee, do not allow that to prevent you from completing the rest of the nomination. Nevertheless, missing information could negatively impact the selection committee's assessment of your nominee.

As the nominator, you accept *responsibility* for the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the information disclosed. **If the nominee is deserving of the Vigil Honor, then the nominee merits your time and effort to thoroughly and thoughtfully complete this nomination form.** This nomination form may be the only source of information the selection committee has about your nominee. A good rule of thumb is to assume that none of the members of the selection committee know anything about your nominee. This is your opportunity to persuade them that your nominee is worthy of the Vigil Honor.

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this task.



The deadline for submission is December 1st. Nominations will **NOT** be accepted at the selection meeting — *no exceptions will be granted for any reason.* Nominations received after the deadline will be held for the following year.

This nomination form may be submitted in one of two ways:

1. Save the completed form to your computer and send it as an e-mail attachment to:
vigil@octoraro22.org
2. Complete this form, print it, and mail it to:
Mr. Jake Segal, OA Staff Adviser
Chester County Council, B.S.A.
504 South Concord Road
West Chester, PA 19382

All nominations submitted before the deadline will be considered by the selection committee.

Nomination forms submitted in previous years will **NOT** be considered — only nomination forms received since the last nomination deadline will be discussed by the selection committee. Therefore, a new, *updated* nomination form **must** be submitted every year.

Submitted nominations will **not** be returned; if you desire a copy for your records, please make that copy *before* submitting it to the selection committee.

Do **not** assume that someone else will nominate an Arrowman who you feel is worthy of recognition.

To avoid disappointment and to preserve the element of surprise, please do **NOT** advise the nominee in any way of your actions on his behalf. *A nomination does not equal automatic selection to the Vigil Honor.* All nominations, as well as selection committee discussions, will remain **strictly confidential**.

The selection committee is comprised of youth members who vote on the nominees; adults do **NOT** have a vote in the selection of Vigil Honor candidates.

The selection committee has the *sole power* to recommend Arrowmen to the National Order of the Arrow committee for recognition with the Vigil Honor. Approval by the National organization is required. The selection committee will complete the National petition for selected nominees using the information provided on this nomination form.

Honorees will be announced during the Vigil Honor call-out at the annual lodge banquet in March.



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Nominee: Information			
Full name:	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
			SUFFIX
Nickname:	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (<i>under age 21</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (<i>age 21 and over</i>)		
Address:	STREET ADDRESS		
	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Phone number:			Unit:
E-mail address:			District:
			Registered as:

Nominator: Information	
<p>Anonymous nominations will NOT be considered by the selection committee.</p> <p>By submitting this nomination, the nominator asserts that the nominee has demonstrated a level of commitment and service so unselfish and so exemplary as to warrant bestowing upon him the Vigil Honor. In addition, he attests, to the best of his knowledge, that the information provided is accurate and reflective of the nominee's exceptional character.</p>	
Nominator's name:	NOMINATION DATE
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	
Vigil guide: each Vigil Honor candidate has a Vigil guide for his Vigil...	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Vigil Honor member who requests to serve as the Vigil guide for this nominee if he is selected.	
I recommend the following Vigil Honor member as Vigil guide:	

For Vigil Honor Committee Use Only	
Date received:	Previous nominations submitted:
<input type="checkbox"/> LodgeMaster "Individual History" report printed.	LodgeMaster ID #
<input type="checkbox"/> Lodge dues paid thru:	<input type="checkbox"/> B.S.A. registration verified.
Date completed Brotherhood:	B.S.A. member #
Youth only: age 21 on:	<input type="checkbox"/> Have photograph.

Why is the nominee worthy of the Vigil Honor?

Please explain your reasons for nominating this Arrowman to the Vigil Honor. Describe **SPECIFIC activities** and **accomplishments** that make him deserving of this recognition. Do **NOT** reiterate his offices and/or positions, but elaborate on his *character* and the *leadership* he has demonstrated. **Your comments on this topic are CRUCIAL to the selection committee's deliberations on your nominee—please give it your utmost attention.**

Service Record: Octoraro Lodge 22 and the Order of the Arrow

Please list all offices and/or positions of leadership (*i.e.*, committee chair or adviser) held in Octoraro Lodge 22, and within the Order of the Arrow at a section, regional, and/or national level; include specific dates.

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Please list any committees the nominee has been involved with (*e.g.*, Ordeal, ceremonies, camp promotion, unit elections, conclave staff); include specific dates and what role he undertook (*e.g.*, Elangomat, ceremonial part(s) performed, election team, conclave staff assignment). **Do NOT reiterate information listed for above question.**

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Additional comments related to the nominee's Order of the Arrow service record:

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Service Record: Unit, District, Council, and Boy Scouts of America

Please list other Scouting activities and leadership positions held that also speak to the nominee's **character** and **spirit of service** (this involvement can be on a unit, district or council level, or as part of the camp staff). Describe how the nominee's actions were of an **exceptional nature**; include specific dates.

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Service Record: Unit, District, Council, and Boy Scouts of America (continued)

Is the nominee an *Eagle Scout*?

Yes Year:

No Highest rank attained:

Scouting awards received (e.g., *Extraordinary Service Award*, *District Award of Merit*, *Silver Beaver*); include year received. For *Extraordinary Service Award* and any unit-level awards, please include unit type and number.

Additional comments related to the nominee's Scouting service record:

Service Record: Community

Although service to the community and non-Scouting accomplishments are **NOT** reasons for selection to the Vigil Honor, recounting the nominee's involvement in such activities enables the selection committee to better understand his character and sense of duty.

Please list any church, school, fraternal, civic, or professional activities that the nominee is or has been involved with that exemplify his *cheerful service* and *leadership*. Describe his involvement, listing any leadership positions or awards received; include specific dates, if possible.

Additional comments related to the nominee's community service record, or any other aspects of the nominee's life (i.e., traits, vocations, hobbies, or future commitments) that you feel the selection committee should know: