Laurel Highlands Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Flag Plaza – 1275 Bedford Avenue – Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3699 (412) 471-2927 Fax: (412) 232-3606

Allohak Menewi Lodge #57

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Attn: Amanda Erickson



VIGIL NOMINATION FORM

(Must be submitted by **September 1st)**

"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 positions or office to one or more of the following: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Scouting community, or their Scout Camp."

Anyone can nominate an Arrowman for the Vigil Honor...

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting be considered reason enough for a Vigil Honor nomination.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A VIGIL NOMINATION

Please read the instructions carefully before beginning to complete the Vigil Nomination Form. Incomplete Vigil Nomination Forms will not be accepted for consideration.

- 1. Please begin the process of completing the Vigil Nomination Form in advance of the due date of <u>September 1st</u>. It may be necessary to obtain some of the required information from the candidate or other sources. You need to allow enough time to do this in a manner that does not reveal to the candidate that they are being nominated. The selection committee cannot consider your nomination if the form is not complete and accurate. Please print legibly when completing the form. You may also type directly into this form using the free Adobe Reader software.
- 2. As the nominator, you are attesting to the qualifications of the candidate. You are also accepting the responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of the information disclosed on the nomination form. Please take the time to answer the questions. Any lack of information for your candidate will most likely have a negative effect on the chances of being selected. If you truly believe the candidate is deserving, please take the time to thoroughly complete the nomination form. Please verbalize!
- 3. As the nominator, <u>you must recruit a sponsor for the Vigil candidate</u>. The Vigil sponsor must be a member of the Boy Scouts of America and a Vigil member in good standing in the Order of the Arrow. The sponsor must be present and be willing to participate in the Vigil call-out at the Lodge Banquet in November, and the Vigil Ceremony Weekend. You may be the sponsor if these criteria are satisfied.
- 4. You must provide the nominee's Ordeal and Brotherhood dates. The preferred format is month/day/year, however, if the day cannot be provided, the month and year can be considered. <u>Do not</u> guess on the dates. The National Service Center will check these dates, and if they are not correct, the nomination will be denied.
- It is required that the nominee has been a Brotherhood member in good standing for a minimum of two years.
 This two year minimum is from the date of the nominee's Brotherhood ceremony to the last day of the current year.
- 6. For a nominee to be considered, they must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America for the current year <u>and</u> must be a member in good standing (dues paid) in the Lodge for the previous two years. Please check this <u>before</u> submitting the application. If your potential nominee does not meet these requirements, it is your responsibility to have them to fulfill the requirements without revealing the reason.
- 7. If selected to stand their Vigil, the nominee must continue to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America <u>and</u> continue to be a member of good standing in the Lodge for the next calendar year. You again will be responsible to ensure that the nominee continues to meet these requirements.
- 8. Approved Vigil Honor candidates must complete their Vigil within one year of National Service Center approval.
- 9. Do not give this form to any Lodge member for processing. Please send all nomination forms to:

Laurel Highlands Council Allohak Menewi #57 Attention: Vigil Committee/Amanda Erickson 1275 Bedford Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Or by e-mail to:

Amanda.Erickson@scouting.org



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Section 1 - Vigil Candidate Information:

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