

2024
Order of the Arrow
Blue Heron Lodge 349
Vigil Honor Petition



- The highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present its members for service.
 - In 1915 E. Urner Goodman, OA Founder, became the first Vigil Honor member.
- Vigil Honor members conduct themselves in strict accordance with the ideals of Scouting.
 - Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavor.
- It is a recognition of distinguished contributions and unselfish leadership in service.

The Order of the Arrow Handbook states:

"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 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."

I. Selection Standards

- Any current dues-paid member of Blue Heron Lodge can nominate any current member of the Lodge, provided that the nominee:
 - Nominee Is currently registered in some capacity with Tidewater Council
 - Is an active (current dues-paid) member of the Blue Heron Lodge at the time of nomination.
 - Has completed two years as a Brotherhood member as of 01 June 2024 of the nomination year.

Frivolous nominations will be rejected and will not be considered.

- Required sections of the form are shown with an asterisk (*)
- Please take the time to complete all the required information.
- If any information is missing, the nomination will be rejected.
- Only information on the nomination form and the nominee's official lodge record will be considered.
- Statements of recommendation, certificates, etc. will be removed from the nomination.
- **A recent photograph of the nominee must be attached to the nomination form.**

II. Selection Criteria:

- Nominee contributions are distinctive (separate from others) and recognizable (identifiable)
- Exceptional service – shown through personal effort, and unselfish service to others.
- Distinguished contributions are beyond the immediate responsibilities of the position or office.
- Contributions are to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, **OR** their Scout camp.

- *Tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow is NOT a reason for a nomination.*
- *Consider personal sacrifices...time, personal interest, opportunity, or reputation.*
- *“Distinguished” contributions and service showed dedication (pursuit in spite of challenges) and actions without regard to self interest or personal gains*
- *Arrowmen need not make gigantic sacrifices of money, time, or their whole social life, but the willingness to serve others should be there.*
- *It is the quiet and sometimes unsuspecting person that is given the Vigil Honor*
- *Contributions may be silent and efficient, yet exceptional beyond immediate responsibilities.*

Instructions

Whom to Nominate Distinguished Contributions and Service needs to be in the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, **OR** the Council Scout camp.

Any current member of Blue Heron Lodge can nominate any current member of the Lodge, provided:

- Is currently registered in some capacity with Tidewater Council
- Is an active (current dues-paid) member of the Blue Heron Lodge at the time of nomination.
- Has completed two years as a Brotherhood member as of the Selection Committee Meeting date of the year in which they are nominated

Frivolous nominations will be rejected by the selection committee and will not be considered.

Completing the form Required sections of the form are shown with an asterisk (*). If any information is missing, the nomination may be rejected by the committee and not considered. Please complete all required information.

A recent photograph of the nominee must be attached to the nomination form, but nothing else. Any information, statements of recommendation, certificates, etc. will be removed from the nomination.

Submitting the form

The nomination form must be received no later than 28 May 2024 for consideration.

Nominations should be mailed to the Lodge Vigil Adviser:

Mr. Noel Falcon
 Blue Heron Lodge Vigil Adviser
 1103 Reid Drive
 Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Or emailed to: nfalcon001@gmail.com

2024 Blue Heron Lodge Vigil Nomination Form (* indicates a required field)

*Name: _____ Youth () Adult ()
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

*Unit: _____ *Chapter: _____ Unit Position _____

*Address _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Primary Phone: ()

*Parent/Guardian (if youth): _____ Mobile: ()

*Joined Scouting _____ / _____ // Ordeal _____ / _____ Council/Camp _____

*Brotherhood Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Council/Camp: _____

Distinguished Contributions and Leadership Service to the Lodge or the OA

***List roles in OA, Lodge, and Chapter activities, include specific dates and if any leadership positions held (e.g., Ordeal, Fellowship, Conclave, NOAC, LLDC, NLS, etc.). PROVIDE DURATION OF ROLES**

***Distinguished Contributions (above and beyond position duties AND / OR exceptional personal efforts)**

***Exceptional Leadership Service (leading service actions without regard to personal gains or interest)**

Distinguished and Leadership Service to Scouting
The Order of the Arrow was set up as an aid to Scouting, not to itself.

***List the roles in Scouting Units, and events, particularly leadership positions (e.g., Multiple Units, National Jamboree, Summer Camp, High Adventure Bases, Camporees, etc.). PROVIDE DURATION OF ROLES**

***Distinguished Contributions (above and beyond position duties AND / OR exceptional personal efforts)**

***Exceptional Leadership Service (leading service actions without regard to personal gains or interest)**

Distinguished Contributions and Leadership Service to Scout Camps (e.g., Workdays, Staff, etc)

***Distinguished Contributions (above and beyond position duties AND / OR exceptional personal efforts)**

***Exceptional Leadership Service (leading service actions without regard to personal gains or interest)**

Other Relevant Information for the Consideration of the Selection Committee

***Vigil Name in English (based on qualities, talents, traits):** _____

***Petition Submitted By:** _____ ***Primary Phone:** ()
(Signature/Date)

***Print Name:** _____ ***Mobile Phone:** ()

***Address:** _____ ***City/State/Zip:** _____

***E-Mail:** _____ **Current Position in Scouting:** _____

***Scouting Ideals / Vigil Honor Recommendation: Chapter Adviser** _____

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(Last)

(First)

(M.I.)

Name of Nominee: _____

Date form received: ____ / ____ / ____ Received By: _____
(Signature / Date)

Print Name: _____

Action by the Lodge Selection Committee

Date form received: ____ / ____ / ____ Received By: _____
(Signature / Date)

Print Name: _____

Date receipt sent to person submitting the form: ____ / ____ / ____ Initial: _____

Dues paid: ____ / ____ / ____ Initial: _____

Brotherhood: ____ / ____ / ____ Initial: _____

BSA ID: _____

Initial action by Vigil Adviser – Complete / Ready for Committee Review [] or Returned Incomplete []

Lodge Selection Committee FINAL Action: Nomination Endorsed – YES [] NO []

Provide Complete and Concise Specific Reasons

Date of action: ____ / ____ / ____

Recommended Indian Name (in Lenni Lenape):

Translation (in English): _____

AUTHORIZATION

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| Lodge Vigil Chairman: | _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |
| Lodge Vigil Adviser: | _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |
| Lodge Adviser: | _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |
| Lodge Chief: | _____ | Date: ____ / ____ / ____ |