

Arrowmen Recognized at Lodge Annual Banquet

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On a cold winter's weekend in January, about 80 of the Council's Order of the Arrow members descended on Camp Fire Mountain for a Winter Fellowship filled with fun, games, and brotherhood. On Saturday, the Lodge held its Annual Banquet to recognize the hard work of Arrowmen in 2016.

The Lodge recognized 9 Arrowmen with the Vigil Honor for their hard work for the District, Council, Lodge, or Camp. The 2017 Vigil Class includes a variety of servant leaders from all parts of Scouting, including camp staff, unit leaders, and Lodge and Chapter leaders who represent the greatest parts of our Order with their commitment to cheerful service!

Council President Mary Jo Brentari joined our event to recognize an outstanding Adviser, Mr. Rich Mueller, with the President's Excellence in Leadership Award. This was given in recognition of his years of service to his unit, to Island District, to the Council, and now to the Lodge as he advises the Vice Chief of Cheerful Service.

Lodge Chief Devin Childress recognized four Arrowmen for their outstanding support of the Lodge in 2016, and several Chapter Chiefs recognized the excellent Arrowmen of the Lodge. The event concluded with the awarding of the Founder's Award – the highest honor the Lodge can bestow for incredible service to the Lodge. This year, two youth were selected for the Award:



Kyle McCaffery (left) was recognized for his service to the Lodge previously as Program Vice Chief and Section Host Lodge CVC, and his dedication to *Nanich*, the Lodge Ceremonies Site. Kyle is an Eagle Scout and was recently elected Section W-1N Chief and represented the Scouts of Western Washington and Alaska at the OA National Planning Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

John Paul Gaston (right) was recognized for his commitment to Scouting and the Lodge. John Paul served as Tillikum Chapter Chief and greatly improved the Chapter's program, participation, and ceremonies capabilities. John Paul now serves as

Inductions Vice Chief, and works hard to best welcome new members to the Order. He also serves, for his second year, as Section Special Events CVC.

Watch out for more information about Unit Elections and we'll see you at 2017 Summer Ordeal from June 9-11.