



Nampa-Tsi Lodge

Vigil Call-Out Script



Night of the Ceremony

Before the ceremony, the Vigil Chief should meet with all Vigil Guides to assure that:

- (1) They indeed have the understand how the ceremony is to proceed
- (2) They know what their role is
- (3) To inform them of their order in which they will call out their candidates

The Guard shall be in appropriate attire and the Vigil Chief shall be in appropriate attire and wearing the Lodge's double trailer bonnet.

A red triangle will be prominently placed on the floor before the stage, this triangle will be placed on the floor before guests arrive and rope off as a sacred area.

The red triangle will have a candle in the middle of it as the center focal point place upon a tall candle stand.

Ceremony

Lights should be off or dimmed and the Vigil candle should be lit.

Drum begins with three loud beats then softly beats as the Chief is escorted to the stage. The Guard shall escort the Vigil Chief on stage.

The Vigil Chief shall proceed to perform the call out ceremony

The Vigil Chief takes the Vigil pipe and silently prays to the Great Spirit and offers the pipe up to the four winds. After this is completed, the Vigil call out begins.

CHIEF: I am (Vigil Name), Chief of the Vigil Honor. It is my duty to seek those worthy of the Vigil Honor, the highest honor in the Order of the Arrow.

What is this Vigil Honor which is bestowed upon only the worthy? It is the mark of distinction and recognition reserved only for those Arrowmen who, by reason of leadership in service, have made distinguished contributions to our Lodge, Council, or Unit.

My friends, the trail of the Order of the Arrow is a long and toilsome trail up a towering mountain of knowledge, leadership, and service. Very few have been chosen to climb that trail. Even fewer have reached the peak, have looked upon the green meadows on the other side, and viewed the Wankan Tonka rise and warm their bodies and spirits in the morning sun. Those Arrowmen who have been chosen as Candidates have not reached this peak, they have merely reached a higher ledge so that their vision of the remaining trail is clearer.

The Vigil committee has set in council and selected those members of our lodge worthy of this distinction. My brothers will now go among you and bring those chosen candidates to me. If his



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lance shall touch your shoulder, stand to show you accept this great honor. I will give you final recognition by placing a red triangle around your neck so all may know of your Vigil candidacy.

CHIEF: The Chief calls forward each guide by their Native American name.

GUIDES: The Guide proceeds to the red triangle and take their proper positions.

NARRATOR: After the Guides are in their proper position, Narrator will read candidate histories.

DRUMMER: Will proceed to do a 1-2 beat as each guide goes to get their candidate and brings them to the Vigil Chief.

GUIDES: After each candidate history the Guide will approach the Guard and take the lance and tap their candidate on the right shoulder.

GUIDES: The Guide will then present the candidate before the Vigil Chief and return the lance to the Guard.

DRUMMER: Stops as Vigil Chief presents each candidate with his Vigil token and then continues until the candidate is placed in the triangle around the candle, stopping each time a candidate is presented to the Vigil Chief. The Drummer will end with one loud beat. He will pause and then proceed to do the same for the other candidates. He will end the call out with 3 loud beats.

CHIEF: My brother, wear this in the presence of your fellow Arrowmen so that they may recognize you as a Vigil Honor Candidate.

CHIEF: The Vigil Chief shall then give the candidate the token and the Letter

GUIDES: The Guide shall take the candidate and place the candidate in the correct position in the Vigil triangle then the guide will hand the candidate a candle to light from the main Vigil candle. The guide will then proceed to form a line between the triangle in front of the stage. The guides will end up facing the crowd by the time all candidates have been chosen.

CHIEF: I have heard my brothers' words and now see the wisdom in their choices. My heart soars like an eagle.

As Vigil Chief, I now declare these Arrowmen Vigil Honor candidates. This Call-Out Ceremony is now CLOSED.

Drummer: The Drummer will make three loud beats immediately after the Vigil Chief declares the ceremony closed.

Drummer: The Drummer will do a procession beat until the chief and guard have exited the room or off stage.