



## **KEEPER OF THE SPIRIT AWARD**

We the members of the Apoxy Aio Lodge 300 of the Order of the Arrow understand that this is a youth organization. We also understand that it is the adults of our order that provide guidance and continuity to our cause. It is those adults who have observed and preserved the traditions of the OA and passed those traditions on to us. We wish to recognize OA adult members who have shown longevity and perseverance in this, our lodge.

The Spirit of Scouting, and the Spirit of the OA are important cornerstones of this movement. Spirit being an invisible and illusive thing, we wish to have a visible and substantial award for those who have kept the spirit alive in their hearts and encourage it in the hearts of others.

In an effort to keep simplicity and to provide flexibility the requirements will be kept to a minimum.

1. Select an active registered member with an excess of 10 years in the OA as an adult.
2. Select one who wears the uniform of Scouting often, properly, and encourages youth to do the same.
3. Select one who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law, as well as embodies the Obligation, and instills these high ideals in the youth.
4. Select a leader who helps and advises most and dictates least.

This award is to be submitted by a Chapter Chief, with the advice and guidance of an adult OA member.

We feel the Vigil selection committee would be an excellent assembly to select the recipient of this award, to be presented at the Fall Fellowship.

The award will consist of two parts. First a standard item from Boy Scout supply to read "Apoxy Aio Lodge", "Keeper of the Spirit" and the recipient's name. Second a patch that can be worn on the uniform in the temporary insignia location.

To maintain the significance of this award, recipients should be limited to one per year.

*Originally submitted to the lodge by members of the Assiniboine Chapter in the fall of 2002 to recognize outstanding local leaders that don't rise to the lodge level that would qualify them for a Founders award. The first recipient of the award was Al Donner of Havre MT on June 7, 2003.*