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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Scout Executives and Lodge Chiefs, Advisers, and Staff Advisers
FROM: Cortland Bolles, National Director, Order of the Arrow
DATE: 17 January 2026
SUBJECT: Founder's Award and Vigil Honor price increase effective January 1, 2027

Please be advised that effective January 1, 2027 the price for a Founder's Award will increase to \$90 and the price for Vigil Honor will increase to \$22.

Since January 1, 2022, the Order of the Arrow has absorbed the increasing costs related to production, printing, and shipping of certificates, cards, medal, and ribbons. Due to significant recent cost increases, the Order of the Arrow is in a position where we can no longer cover these rising costs without passing on an increase in the price charged to Lodges for this service.

The Order of the Arrow will continue to provide the same recognition for the Founder's Award and the Vigil Honor. All Founder's Award orders will continue to include a Certificate, Medal with stand, and Founder's Award Ribbon. All Vigil Honor orders will include a Certificate and Wallet Card.

We are notifying you nearly a year in advance so your lodge can appropriately plan for this increase. Due to the uncertainty of costs associated with producing these awards, shipping costs, and other external factors, we will not provide a timeline expectation for future price increases. It is our hope that this increase will be sufficient for a minimum of three or four years. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this increase, please contact me at cortland.bolles@scouting.org

In Scouting,

Cortland Bolles
National Director