



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

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## DRIVING VIGIL CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS (Effective Immediately)

It has been brought to the attention of the National Risk Management Advisory Panel and the National Order of the Arrow Committee that a number of lodges across the country are allowing their Vigil Honor ceremony participants to drive themselves home the morning following an induction. This practice is extremely dangerous and must be immediately stopped.

The Vigil experience will be significantly enhanced if a friend of a candidate is there the next morning to drive them home. The friend must be rested and capable of driving. Vigil members participating in the ceremony should follow the same procedure; they also need someone to drive them home after the ceremony.

Lodge executive committees should immediately implement procedures to insure a safe return home for all Vigil ceremony participants. **Let's not endanger the lives of those we have so honored.**