

Some Complete Eagle Court of Honor Scripts

On some of the following pages you will find a collection of complete scripts that have been used in various Troops over the years. Here you will see many of the bits and pieces from other chapters of this handbook ordered together into a proper script. Feel free to make any changes that you feel are necessary.

Eagle Court Of Honor In Troop 30

This ceremony was adapted from Woods Wisdom and variations of it have been used in Troop 30 of Newark Valley, NY. One thing which should be noted is that this ceremony lists some of the actual achievements of the Eagle Scout. The list of achievements should be customized for the Scout who is being honored. The specific Scout for whom this ceremony was customized earned part of his ranks before the end of 1989 and the rest afterwards. The list of achievements reflects this because it speaks of skill awards for Tenderfoot and Second Class, but not for First Class.

CEREMONY:

SCOUTMASTER: [Welcome and introduction of minister doing the invocation] There is a guest book which we would like to have everyone present sign.

MINISTER: [Invocation]

MC: Would everyone please rise for the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

[Music is played on the organ.]

Color guard, post the colors.

[Pause while the color guard brings the flags forward and places them in the stands.]

Everyone please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance]

Scouts, please remain standing for the Scout Oath.

[Pause for audience to resume seats.]

[Recitation of Scout Oath]

SCOUTMASTER: [Introductions]

COORDINATOR: As scouting coordinator for Troop [redacted], it is my pleasure to declare that this Eagle court of honor for [Scout's name] is now officially open.

MC: Would the honor guard please escort [Scout's name] forward.

[Pause for honor guard to escort scout to front.]

As we begin this Eagle Court of Honor and examine the "Trail to Eagle," it is fitting that we start with the fundamental principles of Scouting: the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. We have just joined together in reciting the oath. Let us begin our ceremony by lighting candles symbolic of the three parts of the Scout Oath:

Duty to G-d and country [pause for a scout to light candle]

Duty to others [pause for a scout to light candle]

Duty to self [pause for a scout to light candle]

MC: In Scouting, as in most activities of life, there are rules. The rules of Scouting are found in the twelve points of the Scout Law. As a candle is lit for each point of the Scout Law, let us pay careful attention to the words and re-dedicate ourselves to the principles contained in those words.

MC: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct.

MC: A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

MC: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

MC: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

MC: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

MC: A SCOUT IS KIND.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

MC: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

MC: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

MC: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

MC: A SCOUT IS BRAVE.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

MC: A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

MC: A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

ANOTHER SCOUT: A Scout is reverent toward G-d. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

MC: The pathway to Eagle can be described as a steep trail leading up to three peaks, the highest being that of Eagle Scout. Officially, the trail starts with the Tenderfoot rank and continues through Second and First Class ranks. Then, the mountain climbing begins. The path is marked with merit badges, leadership responsibilities, service projects, and the practice of Scouting skills and ideals. The first peak reached is that of Star Scout, the second is Life Scout, and, finally, Eagle Scout.

Would the honor guard please escort [Scout's name]'s parents forward.

[Pause for honor guard to escort parents to front.]

It is my pleasure to introduce _____ and _____.

Now we shall hear the story of [Scout's name]'s "Trail to Eagle." Each part will be told by a scout holding the respective rank.

TENDERFOOT SCOUT: To earn the rank of Tenderfoot Scout, [Scout's name] did the following:

He was active in the troop and his patrol for at least two months.

He memorized the Scout Oath and Law.

He explained the meaning of each point of the Scout Law.

He practiced these ideals in his everyday life.

He earned the _____ skill award and the _____ skill award.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

SECOND CLASS SCOUT: In earning the rank of Second Class Scout, [Scout's name] did the following:

He was active in the troop and his patrol for at least two months after earning Tenderfoot.

He showed Scout spirit.

He earned _____, _____, and _____ skill awards.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

FIRST CLASS SCOUT: To earn the rank of First Class Scout, [Scout's name] did the following:

He demonstrated basic orienteering skills.

He participated in ten troop or patrol activities.

He served as patrol cook on a camp out.

He discussed the rights and obligations of a citizen.

He identified ten kinds of native plants.

He demonstrated ability with knots and lashings.

He demonstrated first aid skills

He swam 100 yards.

He showed Scout spirit.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

STAR SCOUT: In earning the rank of Star Scout, [Scout's name] did the following:

He was active in the troop for at least four months after earning First Class.

He participated in a personal growth conference.
He was reviewed by a board of review which included
representatives from _____ District as well as members
of the committee of Troop _____.

MC: Would all Eagle Scouts present please come forward and stand behind
_____ as he re-dedicating himself to the principles of Scouting by repeating
the Scout Oath.

CANDIDATE: [Recitation of Scout Oath]

MC: I would like to introduce _____, who will deliver the Eagle
charge.

[Give as much introduction as is appropriate.]

SPEAKER: [Challenge and Charge to Eagle Scout]

SCOUTMASTER: The symbol of your success is the Eagle badge which I
now present to your mother. Your mother will, in turn, pin the badge over your
heart

[Presentation of Eagle badge]

Eagle Scout [Scout's name], in recognition of the wisdom and guidance
given to you by your father, will you present to him this Eagle tie tack, which he
will be proud to wear in your honor.

[Presentation of Eagle tie tack]

And now, also in recognition of the many hours of patient guidance given by
her in your efforts, will you pin the Eagle mother's pin on your mother.

[Presentation of Eagle mother's pin]

MC: Committee Member _____ will present letters and certificates
which have been sent by people who could not attend this afternoon's ceremony
and will introduce others who will make presentations in person.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: [Presentation of letters and certificates sent by people not present and introduction of others who are present]

MC: At this point in the court of honor, the new Eagle Scout, [Scout's name], would like to make a few remarks.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT: [Remarks by new Eagle Scout]

COORDINATOR: As scouting coordinator for Troop ___, I would like to offer my congratulations to [Scout's name] for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I now declare this Eagle court of honor closed.

MINISTER: [Benediction]

MC: We invite everyone present to come forward to congratulate the new Eagle Scout and his parents and to join us for refreshments. [Scout's name]'s project workbook and letters and certificates of congratulations will also be available for viewing at this time. I would also remind everyone to sign the guest book for this occasion. Thank you for joining us today.

Eagle Court Of Honor In Troop 57

This ceremony is used by Troop 57 of Owego, NY. The version as presented here was used at a court of honor for three Eagle Scouts. The words can be adapted for a single Eagle Scout.

CEREMONY:

SCOUTMASTER: [Step to microphone.] Senior Patrol Leader, front and center.

SPL: [Color guard is in position at the rear of room: American flag, troop flag, four honor guards.]

[Step to microphone.]

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the opening ceremonies.

[Wait until the audience is standing and quiet.]

Color guard, advance the colors.

[When color guard is in position]

Scout salute.

[Pledge of Allegiance]

Two. Scout Sign

[Scout Oath]

Two. Color guard, post the colors.

[Wait until colors are in place.]

Everyone, please be seated.

SCOUTMASTER: My name is _____, Scoutmaster of Troop _____. I'd like to welcome everyone and thank you for coming. Our master of ceremonies for today is _____.

MC: Good evening. I would now like to introduce our honored guests and ask them to stand. Please hold your applause until they are all standing.
[Introduce guests who are present.]

MC: Will the guard of honor please escort Life Scouts _____, _____, and _____ to the stage.

[Wait until they are seated.]

At this point, I call upon _____ to ask G-d's blessing upon this ceremony.

MINISTER: [Invocation]

MC: I now present _____, Scouting Coordinator for Troop _____ to open this court of honor.

COORDINATOR: I now declare this court of honor in session. Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing three candidates for the award of Eagle Rank. This is an important and serious matter. In full awareness of the challenge of these times, the parents and leaders of these candidates have labored long and faithfully to develop them to be alert and to participate in citizenship through the Scouting program. Their efforts culminate tonight in the presentation of the Eagle Scout Badge. The success of these efforts will become evident in the way these Eagle Scouts will set their social pattern for all the lives they may touch. Democracy is a fresh conquest for each generation.

MC When a boy becomes a Boy Scout, there should be instilled within him that which we call the "Spirit of Scouting."

[Light a candle.]

This lighted candle symbolizes that spirit. Because the "Spirit of Scouting" embodies the fine principles of the Scout Oath and Law, it becomes a shining

beacon of inspiration. Alone, this light may be feeble, but when multiplied by the millions of boys in Scouting, it can become very powerful indeed.

[Step out. Take candle and move to other candles.]

After a boy has entered Scouting, the Scout Law that he has promised to obey, is put into effect as occasions may demand, and so, one by one, the symbols that stand for the parts of the Scout Law are lighted. There are twelve parts, all important and all meaningful.

[Light a candle at each point of the Scout Law]

Each is an important cornerstone in the building of a strong character. A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave. clean, and reverent.

And finally, in the three points of the Scout Oath which we heard during the opening ceremony, he promises on his honor to do his best to do his duty.

First [light candle] to G-d and his country.

Second [light candle] to others by helping other people at all times.

And third [light candle] to himself by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

You see how the light from this "Spirit of Scouting" grows and becomes stronger. These, in outline, are the basic ideals of Scouting, to which each boy subscribes when he becomes a Boy Scout.

It is, therefore, right and proper that we have made a careful review of the qualifications of these candidates. In order that all may understand the completeness of our review, _____ will report on the candidates' qualifications to First Class.

[Takes "Spirit of Scouting" candle and goes to the First Class Scout poster and candle.]

REVIEWER: [Light Scout candle]

Our candidates earned Scout by understanding and promising to live by the Scout Oath and Law. They learned the Scout Motto, Slogan, Salute, and Handclasp and understood the significance of the Scout Badge. They also took part in a personal growth agreement conference with their scoutmaster.

[Light Tenderfoot candle]

As Scout, our candidates were active in their troop and patrols for at least two months. They repeated from memory the Scout Oath and Law and demonstrated how they practice them in everyday life. They also earned Citizenship and one other skill award, and after a personal growth agreement conference with their Scoutmaster, and a Troop Leaders Council review, they became Tenderfoot Scouts.

[Light Second Class candle]

After showing Scout Spirit and being active for at least two months as Tenderfoot Scouts and earning the First Aid, Hiking, and one other skill award, they had a personal growth agreement conference with their scoutmaster and a Troop Leaders Council review and they became Second Class Scouts.

[Light First Class candle]

For at least two months as Second Class Scouts, our candidates were active in their troop and patrols and showed Scout Spirit. They earned the Camping, Cooking, and one other skill award and the First Aid merit badge. After having a personal growth agreement conference with their scoutmaster and a Troop Leaders Council review, they became First Class Scouts.

Now, Senior Patrol Leader will continue with our review.

SPL: [Light Star candle]

As First Class scouts for at least four months, our candidates were active and showed scout spirit in their troop and patrols. They earned five more merit badges, three of which are from the required list, and did service projects of at least six hours. They also served for four months or more in troop leadership positions and after a personal growth agreement conference with their scoutmaster and a Troop Committee review, they became Star Scouts.

[Light Life candle]

Continuing along the scouting trail, our candidates were active as Star Scouts for at least six months and showed scout spirit and leadership. They earned five more merit badges, three of which were from the required list for Eagle. After doing service projects of at least six hours and having a personal growth conference with their scoutmaster, they had a Troop Committee review and became Life Scouts.

Will the honor guard please escort our candidates' parents to the stage.

[Wait for parents to reach stage and be seated.]

To attain the highest rank in Scouting, our candidates were active in the troop and their patrols for at least six months, showing scout spirit and leadership. They earned ten more merit badges for a total of twenty-one, twelve of which were from the required list. They planned, developed, and gave leadership to a service project which was helpful to their school, religious institution, or community. They passed a troop and district board of review. Tonight you will witness the presentation of their well-earned award.

Now, will describe their Eagle projects.

DESCRIBER: [Give description of the Eagle service projects. This may be broken up among several speakers.]

SPEAKER: Webster's dictionary describes an eagle as a large bird of prey with sharp vision and powerful wings, famous for their strength, size, grace, and keen vision. It is the national emblem for the United States: the Bald Eagle. Though the eagle is found throughout the world, he is never found in abundance; he is always rare and he is always a superb specimen. In Scouting the

eagle stands for strength of character. The eagle stands for knowledge of all phases of Scouting. The eagle represents an understanding of community and nation, and a deep respect for same. The eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done as well as what that young man will do, and will be, when he grows to manhood. The eagle is a leader. The eagle is respected, both by his peers and by his adult leaders.

MC: Eagle Scout candidates, please rise.

I would like to call upon _____ to give the Eagle Scout charge to these scouts.

CHARGER: [Eagle Charge]

MC: Would the parents of these Eagle Scout candidates please stand behind their sons.

Will _____, Scoutmaster of Troop _____, please come up and present our new Eagles with their medals.

[After he is finished and returns to his seat]

Will _____ please come up and present our new Eagles with their patches.

[After he is finished and returns to his seat]

Will _____ please come up and present our new Eagles with their certificates.

[After he is finished and returns to his seat]

Will _____ please give our new Eagles their mothers' pins. Will the new Eagles please present their mothers with the mothers' pins.

[After he is finished and returns to his seat]

Will please give our new Eagles their fathers' pins. Will the new Eagles please present their fathers with the fathers' pins.

MC: The parents of the new Eagle Scouts may be seated.

[Read letters of congratulations. This may be done by someone else. If there are many to be read, excerpt should be used instead of the letters in their entirety.]

[If any of the guests have presentations to make, this is the time for them.]

[If any of the guests wish to speak, this is the time for them.]

Eagle Ceremony Script for Damon Drown, October 16, 1993

The following is an adaptation of the original Court of Honor Script. Most of the names have been replaced with position titles.

4:45 PM Ushers start

About 5 PM Scoutmaster steps to podium. Asks everyone to take their seats.

When everyone is seated:

Scoutmaster: Welcome to this Eagle Court of Honor for Damon Drown. It has been 7 months since our last Eagle Court of Honor.

Assistant Senior Patrol Ldr.: Will everyone please rise for the presentation of the colors by the Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard brings up the colors and posts them.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge

All members of the Honor Guard can be seated except who will return to the back of the Hall to line up for the candle lighting.

Scoutmaster: I would like at this time to introduce the Master of Ceremonies for tonight. [Scout master introduces MC and can be seated.]

[Have scouts line up in rank order at the back of the hall, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life. Issue each one a white candle.]

[Instruct each one to keep their hands out of their pockets, walk down the center aisle at the proper time and move to each side with

their lighted candles until the Eagle Escort has finished bringing the candidate to the front. They may then be seated, after blowing out the candles.]

MC: Thank you. And now, let us begin. [The MC removes and lights a large candle, lights it and leaves it on top of or near the podium. Lights are then dimmed. (Turn off fluorescents)]

MC: Our theme tonight is "The Trail to Eagle". The pathway to Eagle can be described as a steep trail, leading to the peak of Eagle rank.

Along that trail are 6 steps, the ranks of Scouting that you had to pass on the trail. Damon, it is fitting that you look back before you go on to other challenges to see what you have accomplished. These experiences should not be forgotten - You should benefit from them. Cherish the valuable ones, and make sure the bad ones do not happen again.

Remember your first trip along that steep trail? At first, you were called Scout by your brothers.

A Scout marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the left side of the stage and waits.

MC: Remember when you received the Scout Badge? You learned the trefoil or Fleur-de-lis shape was to resemble the Mariner compass as it would always point you along the true path towards tonight. It had three points which you learned like the three fingers of the Scout Sign were for the three points of the Scout Oath.

Remember when you took those first steps up the long scouting trail? You began to build yourself physically, mentally, and morally by learning the Scout Oath and Law. Before you knew it you were a Tenderfoot Scout.

[A Tenderfoot Scout marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the left side of the stage and waits. The Scout waits next to Tenderfoot.]

MC: Your Scout Badge was replaced by the badge of a Tenderfoot. It still pointed you in the right direction but added were the two stars which represented the truth and knowledge you had gained in Scouting. Also was the bald eagle, our national symbol. You learned from the shield on the eagle's breast that the freedom of America is not without cost that it must be defended.

Soon, you set out for another ledge. There you were greeted by a larger group of second class scouts.

[A Second Class Scout marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the left side of the stage and waits. The Second Class Scout waits next to Tenderfoot and Scout.]

MC: The second class badge showed you a scroll with your motto "Be Prepared". Its ends were turned up in a smile and that is what you were to do as the bottom knot reminded you to "Do a Good Turn Daily" which is the Scout slogan.

You found that some second class scouts had been there for a long time and were content with their achievement. You continued onward. You studied and before you realized it, you had come to a new ledge, one where First Class Scouts dwell.

[A First Class marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the right side of the stage and waits. The First Class Scout waits next to Second Class, Tenderfoot and Scout.]

MC: Your First Class badge showed you that it was time to put everything you had learned thus far together and this is what you did.

You found that the trail to First Class had not been all that difficult. You wanted to learn more in Scouting so you continued onward, earning specific skills through merit badges.

Your next step was to become a Star Scout.

[A Star Scout marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the right side of the stage and waits next to the First Class Scout.]

MC: The Star badge, a golden star was to symbolize your new role as a leader. You were called upon to be a guiding light in the darkness for those who were to follow. No longer were you receiving Scouting but now you were expected to teach new skills to others.

Now the Trail was steeper. Leadership was challenging and also hard work. But you persevered, climbing the steep trail. Soon it led you to Life Rank.

[A Life Scout marches slowly down the aisle with an unlighted candle, steps up to the podium and lights his candle. He then walks solemnly to the right side of the stage and waits next to First Class and Star Scouts.]

MC: The Badge of Life, a pure red heart on a golden field was to show all the world the path you had chosen. True to the ideals of Scouting you had gained an inner confidence that was to prepare you for the rest of your life. The trail became even tougher, but more interesting. You thought, now I am close to the Eagle. I will carry on.

[The Eagle escort should be ready in the back of the Hall with Damon between them. A Scout should lead the escort with a single lit candle.]

MC: We in Troop 39 have watched you as you have worked towards your Eagle. We have watched your mind develop and your

knowledge increase. We have seen you grow in many ways and now that you are on the threshold of your goal, we welcome you, for you have done your climbing in a Scout-like manner

Would the Eagle Escort please bring the candidate forward.

[Pause while the Eagle escort brings Damon to the front. After escorting him to the front, the lead Scout gives the lit candle to Damon. The Eagle Escort then returns to the back of the hall. The other Scouts with lit candles, blow out their candles and take their seats. The lights can now be turned back on.]

MC: Will the Scoutmaster please come forward?

[The Scoutmaster comes to the front.]

MC: [Scoutmaster's name], as Scoutmaster of this troop, is it your judgment that he has fulfilled the requirements to become an Eagle and exemplifies the idea of Scouting?

Scoutmaster: I am proud to say he has.

MC: Could you now give some of Damon's background?

[Scoutmaster reads the biography.]

Scoutmaster: Damon, I now ask you to repeat the Scout Oath rededicating yourself to it's principles.

[Two Scouts, the First Class and Star, should be ready to come forward to light candles for the Law. Using the candles from the previous part of the ceremony, light their candles from Damon's.]

Scoutmaster: The law of the Eagle is the Scout Law. I would now like to have the Scouts stand and repeat the Scout Law as Damon lights the candles representing each Law. Would _____ and _____ assist by lighting the candles which represent the Laws?

First Class and Star should now come forward and light their candles from Damon's.

[Scouts should repeat Law slowly, giving time to light the 12 candles. Scoutmaster stays at front to assist with awards.]

MC: Your conduct along the trail of has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting. You have heard the Law of the Eagle, but one more thing is important - your future.

As an Eagle you become a guiding light to other Scouts below you. You become an example to your community. Remember that people expect more of you.

To falter in your duties would not only reflect on you, but your fellow Eagles. The torch you carry is not only yours, but theirs.

MC: Would [name of Charger] please come forward to give the Eagle Charge?

Charger: This is not the end of the trail but rather the beginning of a new era in your life. You are now entering a brotherhood of boys and men who have not only achieved the Eagle Scout rank but have made a commitment to the Scout Oath and Law. You will always be an Eagle Scout and will be expected to conduct yourself accordingly.

Would the Eagle Scouts in the Audience please stand.

Damon Drown, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout Brotherhood holding, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service. Repeating the Eagle Scout promise before your fellow members, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout.

Scout Sign, Repeat the Charge after me: I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath.

I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself the obligations and responsibilities of the Eagle Scout.

On my honor, I will do me best to make my training an example, my rank and my influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship, in my Troop, in my community, and in my contacts with other people.

To this I pledge my sacred honor.

MC: Would you now light the candle representing the rank of Eagle?

[The Eagle Honor guard should now be ready to escort the parents to the front and retire to the rear of the Hall. Pause while the last candle is lit. Damon's candle can be put out.]

Charger: Congratulations. I would now like to present you with the Eagle neckerchief.

[Charger removes Troop neckerchief and places Eagle neckerchief on, shakes Damon's hand. Charger can now retire to the back of the Hall to join the Eagle Honor Guard.]

MC: The Scoutmaster will now present the Certificate. [Certificate presented.]

MC: Will the Eagle Scout Honor Guard please escort Damon's parents to the front. [Pause while Guard comes to front and the returns to the rear.]

MC: What Damon has accomplished is with your support and guidance. It is fitting that you present the Eagle award to him.

Scoutmaster takes the badge from the bearer's box and hands it to the father who pins it on the candidate. [Scoutmaster will hand the candidate the mother's and father's pin when needed.]

MC: In recognition of the many hours of patient guidance given by her to you in your efforts, will you present this pin to your mother. [Pause for pinning.]

MC: And will you give your father the Eagle Tie pin? [Pause. When done, parents can be seated.]

MC: I would now like to ask Damon's grandfather, [name], to come forward to say a few words and read some letters of congratulations. [Pause for words and reading.]

[Eagle Honor Guard comes to front, congratulates the candidate and escorts him to the rear. Color guard should be ready.]

MC: Will the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader please lead us in the closing ceremony? [Pause while ASPL comes to front.]

Adam: Please rise. Color guard, prepare to retire the colors

Retire the colors. Please salute.

Adam: At Ease. This concludes our ceremony. Thank you for coming. We hope that you will join us for some refreshments. [Scouts should allow adults to line up for refreshments first.]

-- Thanks to Scott Drown, SM Troop 39, Maltby, Mt. Baker Council, Everett Wa.

Eagle Ceremony for Casey McCollum

Opening: Flag Ceremony (SPL Matt Newberry)

Welcome: Kirklin (assisted by SPL Matt Newberry)

SPL - light Red candle

The red candle represents the lifeblood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for this, our country.

SPL - light White candle

The white candle represents purity, cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed

SPL - light Blue candle

The blue candle represents faith and loyalty, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens

By the authority vested in me as a representative of the Circle Ten Council and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, I declare this court of honor to be duly convened.

Mr. Russell McLaughlin will now deliver our invocation.

Invocation: Russell McLaughlin

Ceremony: Ken Kirklin

Scouting is no doubt one of the greatest organizations in the world to foster the highest ideals of citizenship. It is little wonder then that so many of our nation's greatest leaders had some of their earliest leadership experiences in Scouting. Now Scouting is changing, but one thing remains constant and that is that the total development from boyhood to manhood depends upon physical, mental, and moral growth as expressed in the Scout Oath. The skills are so demanding and the challenges are so great that it is not surprising to learn that only about 2 percent of

Look back for a moment, over the mountain you have climbed; look back at the experiences you have encountered in your ascent. These experiences should not be forgotten, and you should profit by making sure that the adverse ones do not occur again. Experience is a valuable teacher if you heed its teachings.

We remember when you took your first step upon the trail that leads upward.

Motion to 'Scout' Scout to stand

With your first step, you began living the Scout Oath and Law. While you were on the trail, we watched you study and then we watched you learn by doing. First you were only a candidate, building yourself physically, mentally, and morally. Then your brother Scouts called you a Tenderfoot and they were right, you were indeed a Tenderfoot.

Motion to 'Tenderfoot' Scout to stand.

But not for long, for soon you reached the first ledge where you were greeted by a group of Second Class Scouts.

Motion to '2nd Class' Scout to stand

Some, like you, were stopping to catch their breath before continuing along the Eagle trail. You began to study more, you worked harder, and almost before you knew it, you came to another ledge, the ledge where First Class Scouts dwell.

Motion to '1st Class' Scout to stand

There you found a tempting green meadow by a crystal clear stream, bathed by the sun. Here you were tempted to remain. Yes, you could have remained there to live in First Class glory, but your ambition stirred you on.

Motion to 'Star' Scout to stand

We remember your progress to Star Scout. You found the trail from First Class had been an optical illusion, not as difficult as it has seemed. This spurred you on, and again you climbed higher.

Now the trail was steeper, it was less worn. Fewer Scouts seemed to be heading in your direction. You looked back and saw the crowds below you. You looked up and saw the few above you. With the same determination with which you started your climb, you continued on the trail.

Motion to 'Life' Scout to stand

So then, it was the badge of Life Scout, the heart badge, that was placed on your uniform.

You will never forget the thoughts in your heart. It has been experienced by most Scouts on reaching the ledge of Life. "Now I am close to Eagle. I will carry on." The trail became tougher, but more interesting. The original simple principles, the Scout Oath and Law, now had a fuller meaning. Your understanding of them was greater.

Yes, we have watched your character unfold and become manly. We have watched your leadership ability expand into a valuable asset. We have watched your mind develop and your wisdom increase. We have watched all of these things in you. Now that you are at the threshold of your goal, we welcome you. For you have done your climbing in a true Scout-like-manner.

Insert personal comments about Casey's Scouting history.....
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Casey, you are now about to join the ranks of Eagle Scouts. Before doing so, however, we ask you to recommit yourself to Scouting's essential principles.

Tom Murphy will assist by delivering the Eagle charge.

Eagle Charge: Tom Murphy

Would all the Eagle Scouts in the audience please stand and form a line behind the new Eagle Scout.

Casey, you have been judged by the Boy Scouts of America of being worthy of the highest rank in this great movement. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a

marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to this obligation, you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts.

Therefore, Casey, I charge you to undertake this obligation with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and to your fellowman. So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you, Casey, to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God; and whatever others may do, you will leave behind a record of which every other Scout may be justly proud.

Casey, you will now rededicate yourself by repeating the Scout Oath. Repeat it slowly, as you stand before the three lighted candles representing the three parts of the Scout Oath. Resolve to maintain the perseverance that has brought you this far.

EAGLE SCOUT:

On my honor -- I will do my best -- to do my duty --
--to God and my country -- and to obey the Scout Law
-- to help other people at all times --
--to keep myself physically strong -- mentally awake -- and morally straight.

Jim Wolfson will now ask you to reaffirm your commitment to Scouting with the Eagle Pledge.

Eagle Pledge: Jim Wolfson

Eagle is the highest and most coveted award in all Scouting and it is the last major step in the advancement program. If, at this point Scouting has not achieved its purpose in the building of character -- in the training for leadership --in the practice of service -- then it probably never will. These thoughts, which are in effect the basic code of Scouting, are well summed up in a pledge which is taken by every

Eagle Scout upon advancement to Eagle rank.

Casey, please repeat this pledge after me:

I, (give your name) believe in the Boy Scouts of America -
--- as a movement which has as its aim and purpose-
--- character building and citizenship training.
--- I believe it to be a movement -
--- that helps a Scout become master of his own powers -
--- that helps him get along with others -
--- and helps him find a worthy use for his powers.
--- I therefore believe it is my duty -
--- to do my best to obey the Scout Oath and Law.
--- I hereby renew my faith in Scouting -
--- and promise to do what I can -
--- in service to other Scouts -
--- who have not come this far along the Eagle trail.

Would the Honor Guard please escort Casey's parents to the front.

Other Eagles, you may be seated.

Casey, your conduct along the trail has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting, but one more thing is important: Your Future.

As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts of lower rank. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you. To falter in your responsibility would not only reflect upon you, but on your fellow Eagles and all Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but is ours also.

Casey, I challenge you to enter this Eagle brotherhood, holding ever before you, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service. When you repeat the Eagle Scout Promise before your fellow Scouts, you will become an Eagle Scout. Though the words you use are similar to those by which you joined Scouting, they will mean more now than they could have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, with the words

which closed the Declaration of Independence.

Scouts and Guests please rise. Casey, Give the Scout sign and repeat after me:

I reaffirm my allegiance ---

--to the three promises of the Scout Oath.

-- I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself -

-- the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout. --- On my Honor

I will do my best -

-- to make my training an example -

-- my rank and influence -

-- count strongly for better Scouting -

-- and for better citizenship -

-- in my Troop and in my community -

-- and in my contacts with other people -

-- to this I pledge my Sacred Honor.

Scouts and guest may be seated.

Casey, by the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scout. May the Oath you have taken remain graven on your heart forever.

Mrs. McCollum, would you please pin the Eagle on your Son's uniform?

(Mother pins Eagle on Casey)

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout which has led us to this day of honor. As a symbol of what your mother has made possible, Casey, I now ask that you present to your mother this miniature Eagle

(Casey gives pin to mother)

Casey, it is also customary to give your mother an Eagle kiss!

Casey, your Father has stood by you over the years and has offered his encouragement and assistance. As a symbol of what he has contributed to your attainment of this award I ask that you present him a miniature Eagle pin.

(Casey gives pin to father)

And finally, it is my honor and pleasure to present to you the neckerchief worn only by Eagle Scouts. Wear this banner with honor and pride as you continue your Scouting career.

(Place neckerchief on Casey)

Ken Kirklin will now offer you some congratulations.

Congratulation letters: Ken Kirklin

Casey, we have received several congratulatory messages for you, which I would like to read at this time.

(???? read letters from: ??????? etc)

Also, we have a State of Texas flag, which has been flown over our state capital, which has been sent to you by your Texas State Representative, the Honorable ???????.

(Present Flag)

I now declare this National Court of Honor Closed. Please join us at a reception honoring Casey in the fellowship hall, which is just as you exit the chapel. Thank you for being here today to honor Casey.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Script for Bradley Alan Wallace

This is an adaptation of the original Eagle Court of Honor Script. Most of the names have been replaced with position titles.

As the guests enter the Sanctuary, Boy Scouts of Troop 82 hand out programs and usher guests to their seats. All speakers, participants, and their spouses are seated in a special area prior to the opening.

Opening Ceremony:

SPL: (Proceeds to the center front of Communion Rail and turns to face the audience) "Would everyone please stand for the presentation of our Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack march in and take their places)

SPL: (calls the Color Guard -- Cobra & Trailblazer Webelos Scouts -- to present the colors. Once the Color Guard reaches the front of the Sanctuary and is in place, he calls "Hand Salute" and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. The colors are posted; he asks the audience to "Please be seated". He then dismisses the Color Guard "Color Guard, dismissed", and follows them to the back of the Sanctuary where they then quietly proceed to their seats.

Assistant Scoutmaster: "Scouts, Scouters, and friends of Scouting, I would like to welcome you to this Eagle Court of Honor. This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection. The Eagle is the highest recognition that Scouting offers to Scouts. It is earned through the advancement program, and only a small percentage of boys who begin in Scouting receive this honor. The wearer of the Eagle award is the epitome of Scouting's best efforts and beliefs. Tonight, we have the pleasure of seeing Bradley Wallace climax his Scouting efforts when he joins the company of Eagle Scouts. Before we begin, the Reverend Jim McWhinnie, Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, will deliver the Invocation."

Invocation

Significance of the Eagle Badge

Presenter 1: "The presentation of the Eagle Scout Award is an important and serious matter. For the Eagle candidate, this is the climax in his Scouting efforts. The attainment of this award is made possible through the assistance of those with the candidate tonight -- his Scoutmasters, Troop leaders, fellow Scouts, parents, family, friends, and members of the community. This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection."

The Eagle is the highest recognition offered in Scouting. It is earned through the advancement program. The wearer of the Eagle award is the embodiment of Scouting's best efforts and beliefs. Bradley Wallace has distinguished himself through his continued performance of active service in Scouting. He is trained and practiced in his leadership abilities. And, he is marked by the character gained through an understanding of his citizenship and religious beliefs. It is important that each of us understands the meaning of the Eagle Badge."

(Lights are dimmed)

[The Eagle Honor Guard speaks from the rear of the sanctuary:]

Scout 1: "The appeal of the majestic eagle has been felt by every great people from prehistoric times to the present day. To the Egyptians, the eagle was the messenger of the G-ds and the sun, a symbol of eternal life. To the Romans, he was the carrier of Jupiter's thunderbolts and a sign of power. To American Indians he stood as the incentive to valor and the pledge of victory. For us today, the eagle is the living symbol of all courageous and freedom-aspiring Americans. When the Eagle Scout badge was designed in 1912, it was decided that a small silver eagle would be suspended from a tricolor ribbon of red, white, and blue. So it remains today."

(The Eagle is lit.)

Scout 2: "The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that 'a Scout is trustworthy' is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him, but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his church, his troop, and his community. May the white of the Eagle Badge remind you to always live with honor."

(The white ribbon is lit.)

Scout 3: "The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is loyalty. A Scout is true to his family, scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty which means devotion to community, to country, to one's own ideals, and to G-d. Let the blue of the Eagle Badge always inspire your loyalty."

(The blue ribbon is lit.)

Scout 4: "The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be courageous. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in G-d, with faith in his fellow man, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of the Eagle Badge remind you always of courage."

(The red ribbon is lit.)

Scout 5: The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be cheerful. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the red, white, and blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout award, which has its ends turned up in a smile."

(The Scroll is lit.)

Scout 6: "The final responsibility of an Eagle Scout is service. The Eagle Scout is service. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up

Scouting's trail, just as others helped him in his climb to the Eagle. The performance of the daily good turn takes on a new meaning when he enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always 'be prepared' to put forth his best."

Scout 7: "You are deserving of much credit in having achieved Scouting's highest award. However, wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guide for tomorrow and onward."

(Lights are turned up)

Musician: (soloist -- music "The Lord's Prayer")

MC: "I would now like to introduce Deputy [name]. He has been with the Lee County Sheriff's Office for 1-1/2 years, and is currently serving as a correctional officer in Fort Myers. He was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout as a youth, and believes in the importance of programs such as Scouting for our young people. Ladies and Gentlemen, [name]."

Keynote Address

MC: "[name], Calusa District Committee Chairman for SW Florida Council, will now convene the National Court of Honor."

Convening of the National Court of Honor:

Councilperson: "By the authority vested in me as a representative of the Southwest Florida Council and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, I declare this Court of Honor to be convened."

Master of Ceremonies: "The Scouting movement constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant influences in the world today. Many successful, well-known persons are Eagle Scouts -- a former President of the United States, a film director whose films have won world-wide acclaim, most of the original astronauts, and several outstanding sports personalities. The Eagle candidate

whose efforts culminate this evening in the presentation of the Eagle badge, has labored long to enter this brotherhood. He will assume even greater responsibilities to the ideals of honor and service. When he pledges himself on his sacred honor, he will be sealing his loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the words which closed the Declaration of Independence."

"Honor Guard, please escort before this Court of Honor Life Scout Bradley Alan Wallace, where he will be prepared to receive the Eagle Scout Award."

(After the Honor Guard returns to their seats, MC continues)

Reaffirmation of Candidate to the Scout Oath Principles, Master of Ceremonies:

"All along the trail of achievement, your scoutmasters have given you advice and encouragement. I call upon your Scoutmaster to vouch for you tonight. (Scoutmaster steps forward, Councilperson addresses him.) "Sir, before presenting your Scout the Eagle Award, we would like to have your assurance that Bradley has been faithful in serving his troop, in giving leadership to its scouts, in practicing the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and in practicing the good turn in his daily life. Based upon these qualifications, is your Scout entitled to the honor the Eagle badge represents?"

Scoutmaster: "Yes, sir, he is."

MC: "Eagle candidate Bradley Wallace, what promise did you take when you became a Tenderfoot Scout?"

Bradley Wallace: "The Scout Oath, sir."

MC: "Is there any reason why you should not renew that promise now?"

Bradley Wallace: "There is not, sir."

MC: "Then I ask you to now give the Scout Oath as you rededicate yourself to its principles."

Bradley Wallace: (Gives the Scout Sign and repeats the Scout Oath)

MC: "You have just recommitted yourself to the principles of the Scout Oath. You now have a new, more intense obligation to your church, your community, and your troop. The knowledge you have gained in all areas of scouting will better enable you to be prepared for the future and its challenges. The Scout Motto of 'be prepared' now takes on special meaning."

"Before the Eagle Award is bestowed upon you, I am going to ask the Honor Guard to escort your father to your side."

(After his father is in position on the candidate's right and the Honor Guard has returned to their seats, continue with...)

"Eagle Candidate Bradley, your father has undoubtedly been a primary source of help in your Scout work. He will help you carry the standards of your award to the highest peak of attainment, since the very best is expected of an Eagle Scout in exemplary conduct, character, achievement, and leadership ability. I am going to ask your father, who has stood by you so loyally to pledge his willingness to continue to help you. Mr. Wallace, do you agree to continue to help Bradley so that he may grow in character and those leadership qualities that an Eagle Scout should have?"

Mr. Wallace: "I will."

MC: "Your mother has undoubtedly been your greatest source of inspiration in your quest for the Eagle Award. I am going to ask that she please rise and allow the Honor Guard to escort her to your side."

(The Honor Guard escorts the mother to the candidate's left. Presenter moves to microphone as mom is escorted to Bradley's side.)

Presenter: (Give a brief history of Bradley's Scouting career - see attached. When completed, he continues ...)

"Eagle Candidate Bradley Wallace, it is now my pleasure to introduce Eagle Scout [name of Charger] to deliver to you the Eagle Charge."

Eagle Charge:

[name of Charger]: "Scouts of all nations make up one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history. You have been judged by the Boy Scouts of America as being worthy of this honor. All who know you rejoice in your achievement. This award, as you will know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to G-d, to Country, to your fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts."

"America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future even greater."

"I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service to G-d and to your fellow man."

"So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts, hands, skills, and abilities to the common good. Help to build America's future by continuing to set an example of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for G-d, whatever others may do. You will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud."

"Eagle Candidate Bradley, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout brotherhood holding without reservation and ever before you the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the Eagle Scout promise before your fellow members, you will become an Eagle Scout. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the same words which closed the Declaration of Independence."

"Will all Eagle Scouts here tonight please stand and renew your Eagle Scout promise as Bradley joins our brotherhood? (Pause) Scout sign; repeat after me;"

"I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself the obligations and responsibilities of an Eagle Scout. On my honor, I will do my best to make my training an example and my status and my influence count

strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in my troop, in my community, and in my contacts with other people. To this I pledge my sacred honor."

Two. Please be seated"

"Bradley, your conduct along the trail has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting. But one more thing is important ... your future."

"As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you. To falter in your responsibility would reflect not only on you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but it is also ours."

Presentation of Award:

Presenter 2: "Life Scout Bradley Wallace, we are finally at that point you have been waiting for. Having confirmed all readiness for the reception of this award, it is now time to formally present this high badge of accomplishment."

"By the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scout. May the Oath you have taken always remain with you."

"No words of this Court of Honor could do justice to the devotion and patient perseverance with which your Scoutmaster has helped you towards worthy manhood. Only from his hands could you receive your Eagle award at this moment. Will Scoutmaster [name] pin the badge on this new Eagle Scout?"

In recognition of fatherly advice and guidance along the trail to Eagle, I will ask this Eagle Scout's father now to present to his son the Eagle Scout certificate and personal letter of commendation from the Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America." (Hand certificate to father for presenting. Letter should be read before presenting.)

"No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout which have led us to this night. As the symbol of what his mother has made possible, the court will now ask this Eagle to present his mother with a miniature Eagle pin." (Son pins on miniature Eagle pin. When all the insignia have been presented, speaker gives the new Eagle Scout the Scout handclasp with the left hand. Right handshake should be used for each of the parents.)

"May I congratulate you again, and may I remind you that Scouting should now become an even greater tie between son and parents, binding you even more closely as a family. To you, Eagle Scout Bradley Wallace, I express confidence that you will honor Scouting with your life and service as tonight Scouting honors you. That G-d may bless you and make you a blessing is our prayer."

"Honor Guard, please escort Bradley's parents to their seats."

(As the Honor Guard is seating the parents, Scoutmaster moves to the microphone and continues ...)

Special Recognition:

Scoutmaster: "It gives me great pleasure to introduce [name], Chartered Organization Representative for the Scouting units here at Grace UMC, who will present those with special recognition's for the new Eagle Scout."

Chartered Organization Representative : (says a few words on behalf of the sponsoring organization, and introduces the following people:)

[name], Committee Chairman, Troop 82 (plaque)

[name], Kiwanis, (plaque +)

[name], Optimist, (plaque +)

(When presentations are complete, Scoutmaster moves back to the microphone for the closing.)

Closing

Scoutmaster: "Now Bradley, before you leave this ceremony, will you kneel where you are and in true Scout fashion, silently ask your G-d to give you strength and courage to wear with distinction and honor the award which you now hold."

(A moment of silent prayer)

"I congratulate you as an Eagle Scout. The eagle soars high and seeks to rest only upon the lofty peaks. As an Eagle Scout, you too must soar high. You must not swerve from the path of duty. Your ideals must be lofty. You must strive to obtain that which is the highest and noblest in life."

"I hereby close this Eagle Court of Honor and present to you Eagle Scout Bradley A. Wallace."

Bradley Wallace: (After applause, Bradley says a few words of thanks)

Benediction

SPL: (Leads closing, colors recess.)

Honor Guard: Escorts parents out. All remaining Boy Scouts follow, then Cub Scouts. Receiving line is formed in Fellowship Hall.

-- Thanks to Scott Drown, SM Troop 39, Maltby, Mt. Baker Council, Everett Wa.

Eagle Scout Ceremony from Joe Ulrich

Here is a copy of the Eagle ceremony that my troop has done for many years.
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Program

Welcome : Scoutmaster
Invocation : Clergyman or Scoutmaster
Dinner (Cleanup by Scouts): Dinner Committee
Opening Ceremony: Senior Patrol
Scoutmaster Messages: Scoutmaster
Court of Awards: Scoutmaster

Eagle Court of Honor

Opening candle Ceremony: Scoutmaster
Trail of the Eagle: Scoutmaster
Eagle Poem : Scoutmaster
Eagle Charge: Selected Eagle Scout
Eagle Oath: Scoutmaster
Eagle Presentations: Mother, Scout
Speakers: Scoutmasters, Dignitaries
Acceptance: New Eagle Scout
Benediction : Clergyman or Scoutmaster
Refreshments: Dinner Committee

Note: While guests are arriving, talk to each dignitary to determine if they have a presentation to make, and if the care to speak. Ask them how they prefer to be introduced, and put them on the schedule of speakers. Ask if they have any special scheduling needs.

Ask the SPL if he has the Trail of the Eagle participants arranged. If not, do it NOW!!

Welcome

SM On behalf of the [Scout's name] family, I'd like to welcome all of you to this banquet. Many scouts set out on the trail to Eagle, but few have the perseverance to follow it to the end. [Scout's name] is one of those few and we are here tonight to honor his great achievement.

{ Minister's name } will now perform the invocation.

Invocation (if needed): Lord, you bring us together this evening to honor the Eagle scout. We thank you for the food we are about to eat. We acknowledge your guidance in helping boys and adults work together to build leadership and appreciation of the outdoors. Lord, continue to watch over these boys as they grow into young men, and give the adults the patience and wisdom to guide them. Amen.

SM: Please remain seated until I call your table. Thank you and enjoy your meal.

Dinner

[Note: Get scouts to pick up trash near end of meal. Don't neglect to recognize the kitchen staff!!]

Opening Ceremony

SM: Will the color guard please perform the opening ceremony.

SPL: Pledge, Oath, Law.

Scoutmaster Messages

[Note: Use this time for any important messages that MUST be done this night. Keep it short!!]

Slide Show

[Note: If this is the first family activity of the year, do a slide show of the past years activities. Keep it short!!]

Court of Awards

[Note: Recognize those scouts who are working on advancement, but try not to take the time to hand out patches. When the awards are completed, instruct the Trail of the Eagle participants to file out and get organized.]

Eagle Court of Honor

SM: We would now like to begin the Eagle Court of Honor for [Scout's name]. [Name] will perform the Opening Candle Ceremony.

Candle Ceremony

[Note: The scout spirit candle must be lit prior to starting ceremony.]

SM: Will the honor guard please take their positions. (Honor guard (preferably 2 Eagle Scouts) files into position)

Will the honor guard please escort Mr. & Mrs. [Scout's name] to the Eagle Court of Honor. (Parents escorted and seated at the front of the room)

Will the Honor guard please escort Eagle Candidate [Scout's name] to the Eagle Court of Honor. (Candidate escorted to the Candle Ceremony. It should be located to allow enough room to move from ceremony to the beginning of the Trail of the Eagle.)

Please turn out the lights. (The large Scout spirit candle is to be the only light in the room.)

The candle aflame represents the spirit of Scouting. [Scout's name], it is in fact your demonstration of scout spirit that has brought you to where you are tonight. As a symbol of the spirit in you, [Scout's name], will you at this time light your candle from the scout spirit candle and take your position behind the table.

This evening, [Scout's name] , as you prepare to receive Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award, let's pause and reflect on the oath and the law which are the essence of the scout spirit in you.

Would you now recite the scout oath to this audience and pause to light a candle for each of the three parts of the oath.

Scout: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to G-d and my country and to obey the scout law. (Lights red candle.)

SM: As a Boy Scout of America, I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in G-d and in the courage and strength of her people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will hold the values of the scout law in highest regard.

Scout: To help other people at all times. (Lights the white candle.)

SM: I recognize the dignity and worth of my fellow men and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

Scout To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. (Lights blue candle.)

SM: I will acquire the attitude that seeks truth, strength, and uprightness, first in myself and then in all situations I encounter throughout my life.

The scout law is a set of guiding values that you have adopted for your life. _____, recite the scout law and light a candle for each point as we pause to reflect on its meaning.

Scout : A scout is trustworthy. (Lights a candle on one side.)

SM: A scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

Scout: Loyal. (Lights a candle on the other side. Continues to light candles after each point alternating sides.)

SM: A scout is true to his family, friends, scout leaders, school, nation, and community.

Scout Helpful.

SM: A scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

Scout: Friendly.

SM: A scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

Scout: Courteous.

SM: A scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

Scout: Kind.

SM: A scout understands that there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

Scout : Obedient.

SM: A scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Scout: Cheerful.

SM: A scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Scout : Thrifty.

SM: A scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Scout: Brave.

SM: A scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

Scout: Clean.

SM A scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

Scout: Reverent.

SM: A scout is reverent toward G-d. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

[Scout's name], you have thoughtfully prepared yourself for the Trail of the Eagle. Your journey now is only beginning.

Trail of the Eagle

SM: Please post the Trail of the Eagle. (Participants file in and take their positions.)

At this time, your Eagle Scout escorts will conduct you through the Trail of the Eagle. (Candidate is escorted to start of the trail.)

Mr. [Name] will now tell us of [Scout's name]'s, Trail to Eagle.

[Note: A slide show and talk of the scout's activities and dates of advancement. As each rank is presented on the screen, the candidate lights the candles of the scouts along the trail representing that rank.]

Eagle Poem

SM: Mr. [Name] will now recite the Eagle Poem.

Fond parents watch their boy where he stands
apart from his friends tonight
as the y place on his camp-battered tunic, a badge
an eagle, the emblem of right

It seems just a few short months have passed
since he joined with the youngsters next door
how proud he was the of his new scout badge
as he told them the message it bore.

But the years have gone as he struggled along
to learn what the scout law's all about
he practiced them daily, the oath and the law
until now he's an Eagle Scout.

You may smile in your worldly old wisdom at this
and say, "Why it's only a pin."
But I tell you, no honors he'll gain as a man
will mean as much to him.

The red, white, and blue of the ribbon you see
are the symbols of honor and truth
he has learned how to value these fine attributes
in the glorious days of his youth.

And the outflinging wings of the Eagle Scout badge
on the breast of this knight of today

are the things which will lift him above petty deeds
and guide him along the right way.

Yes, it's only a pin, just an Eagle Scout badge
but the heart that's beneath it beats true
and will throb to the last for the things which are good
a lessonfor me..... and for you.

[Note: 15 second pause, then raise the lights.]

Eagle Charge

SM: [Scout's name], having completed the requirements for Eagle, are you prepared to accept the challenge of the Eagle Scout and rededicate yourself to the Scout Oath and Scout Law?

Scout: I am.

SM: [Scout's name], please join your parents for the Eagle Charge. The honor guard may be seated.

The Eagle Charge will be given by Eagle Scout [Name].

Eagle: Eagle Candidate, [Scout's name], I charge you:

Enter the Eagle Scout Brotherhood holding, without reservation, ever before you the ideals of honor and service. I further charge you to remember that this entry into the Eagle Brotherhood is not an end to your commitment to these ideals but rather, just the beginning of the commitment. By repetition of the Eagle Scout Oath before your parents, leaders, and fellow scouts you acknowledge your acceptance of the challenge and become an Eagle Scout. Though these words are similar to those by which you joined scouting, tonight they have a special significance as you pledge, on your sacred word of honor your eternal loyalty to this code.

[Note: Eagle scout giving oath replaces Scout neckerchief with Eagle scarf and slide.]

SM: Thank you [Name].

Eagle Oath

SM: [Scout's name], give the scout sign and repeat after me:

I, [Scout's name], reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath.

I thoughtfully recognize
and take upon myself
the obligations and responsibilities
of an Eagle Scout.

With the help of G-d,
I will do my best
to make my training an example.

My influence and my opportunities
strongly count for physical fitness,
for wholesome character
and for devoted citizenship,
in Scouting,
and in my community.

To this I pledge my sacred honor.

SM: By the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege to pronounce you, [Scout's name], an Eagle Scout. Let's have a round of applause for this fine young man.

Mrs. [Mother of Scout's name], will you please pin the Eagle badge on [Scout's name].

As a symbol of the advice and council provided you by your mother as you advanced along the Eagle trail, I now ask you, [Scout's name], to pin the miniature Eagle pin on your mother.

As a symbol of the fatherly guidance provided as advanced along the Eagle trail, I now ask you, [Scout's name], to present this token to your father.

Eagle Scout [Scout's name], you and your parents may be seated.

Speakers and Presentations

Acceptance Speech

SM: Would our new Eagle scout like to say a few words?

Scout Gives speech.

SM: Thank you [Scout's name],. I would like to join the [Scout's name], family in thanking the Eagle Banquet committee and everyone else who helped make this celebration such a success.

Benediction

SM: Now I'd like to ask [Minister's name] to close these proceedings with the benediction.

SM: Thank you. Please join us in congratulating [Scout's name], and enjoy some cake and refreshments.

An Eagle Court of Honor

Script by Greg Gough

(SETTING: MC is stage right; fire in center lit; scout rank cards are in semi-circle behind the fire, with Eagle rank nearest to podium; flags placed beside, but behind speaker)

(LIGHTS: all lights are turned off)

(SPOTLIGHTER: follow flags coming in)

OPENING CEREMONY:

Master of Ceremonies (MC): Everyone please stand

Color Guards advance

Post the Colors

Post the troop flag

Please follow me in the Pledge of Allegiance

Color Guards dismissed

Please be seated

(conduct opening flag ceremony; Smudgee carries troop flag and 2 OA members in full costume, carry the American flag)

(SPOTLIGHTER: light should move to MC)

MC: Welcome everyone. I'm [redacted] with [redacted] and will be your MC for tonight's ceremony. We have several individuals who are active in the scouting program here with us tonight. (recognize various leaders, i.e., Troop leaders, etc.) If we have any Eagle Scouts with us, young or not so young, would you please stand for a moment and be recognized. (Pause) You may be seated. Tonight we gather to honor one of our own. A scout who has proven himself worthy of Scouting's highest honor. Eagle Scout is not earned by the timid or the undedicated. Nor is it earned by the dispassionate. Eagle scout is earned by only those who work hard, exhibit virtue, and have ignited the passion of the scouting spirit in their soul. For that reason, only 2% of the boys who join boy scouts will ever become Eagle. The few that do, are seen as leaders among men. Tonight, [Scout's name] will join those few, known as Eagle Scout. Please join me in silence as we observe a Native American ceremony of smudging. The

smudging ritual is done to purify the ceremonial area and its participants, and to ask for a blessing from our creator.

(SPOTLIGHTER: shines light on smudger, and each person as he smudges)

(SMUDGER is positioned center stage close to audience; Smudger blesses the four winds and the sky and the earth. **As each person is smudged, he is to gather the smoke in his arms, and imitate pouring the smoke over their heads.)

(ENTER YOUNG SMUDGER: he is smudged by smudgee)

(ENTER 2 OA TEAM: they are smudged by young smudger)

(OA TEAM exits to retrieve Eagle Scout and bring him forward to Young Smudger)

(OA TEAM then escorts Eagle Scout to fire where he is sat down on right side of fire, sideways to audience.)

(OA TEAM: return to podium to wait for signal)

(MC: starts tape **VOICE OF THE EAGLE****)

VOICE OF THE EAGLE

This is the voice of the Eagle, the Eagle whose heights you struggled to reach. We remember well when you first came to the base of the cliff, and how you looked up with ambition and determination.

Look back for a moment, look back over the cliff you have climbed; look back at the experience you have encountered in your ascent. These experiences should not be forgotten, and you should profit by making sure that the adverse ones do not occur again. Experience is a valuable teacher if you heed its teachings.

(SPOT TENDERFOOT)

We remember when you took your first step upon the trail that leads upward. With your first step, you began living the Scout Oath and Law. While you were on the trail, we watched you study and then we watched you learn by doing. First you were only a candidate, building yourself physically, mentally, and morally. Then your brother Scouts called you a Tenderfoot and they were right,

you were indeed a Tenderfoot.
(SPOT OFF)

(SPOT SECOND CLASS)

But not for long, for soon you reached the first ledge where you were greeted by a group of Second Class Scouts.

Some, like yourself, were stopping to catch their breath before continuing along the Eagle trail.

(SPOT OFF)

(SPOT FIRST CLASS)

You began to study more, you worked harder, and almost before you knew it, you came to another ledge, the ledge where First Class Scouts dwell.

(SPOT OFF)

(SPOT STAR)

There you found a tempting green meadow by a crystal clear stream, bathed by the sun. Here you were tempted to remain. Yes, you could have remained there to live in First Class glory, but your ambition stirred you on. We next remember your progress when you became a Star Scout. You found the trail from First Class had been an optical illusion. It was not as difficult as it had seemed. This spurred you on and again you climbed further.

(SPOT OFF)

Now the trail was steeper, it was less worn. Fewer Scouts seemed to be heading in your direction. You looked back and saw the crowds below you. You looked up and saw the few above you. With the same determination with which you started your climb, you continued on the trail.

(SPOT LIFE)

So on it was the badge of Life Scout, the heart badge that was placed on your uniform. You will never forget the thoughts in your heart. It has been experienced by most Scouts on reaching the ledge of Life. "Now I am close to Eagle. I will carry on." The trail became tougher, but more interesting. The original simple principles, the Scout Oath and Law, now had a fuller meaning. Your understanding of them was greater.

(SPOT OFF)

(OA TEAM: When the Voice of the Eagle reaches the Eagle rank, the OA Team escorts the Eagle Scout to the Eagle rank card)

(SPOT FOLLOWS SCOUT & OA TEAM TO EAGLE)

Yes, we have watched your character unfold and become manly. We have watched your leadership ability expand into a valuable asset. We have watched your mind develop and your wisdom increase. We have watched all of these things in you. Now that you are at the threshold of your goal, we welcome you. For you have done your climbing in a true Scout-like-manner.

(OA TEAM: When the tape is finished, the OA Team wraps a blanket decorated with Scouting awards over the Eagle Scout)

MC: As this blanket clothes you in the spirit of scouting, let it be a reminder of your continued journey through scouting.

(OA team takes their place to the Eagles right)

(LIGHTS: all lights are turned on)

(MC may turn and congratulate scout on his journey)

(SPOT OFF)

MC: In a moment, the Scoutmaster of Troop _____, will bestow upon you the award of Eagle Scout. However, I am sure you will agree that some special people should be accorded the privilege of standing beside you, as they have throughout your journey in scouting. Color Guards (OA Team), please escort the parents of this Eagle to his side.

(OA TEAM: escorts Parents to Scout and has them stand on each side of the Eagle candidate.)

(OA TEAM then takes their place sitting beside fire)

MC: Both the parents and the Scout leaders of this Eagle Candidate have labored long and faithfully to guide and prepare this young man for his journey

in life, through the help of the Boy Scout program. Their efforts culminate this evening in the presentation of the Eagle Award. The success of these efforts, however, will only be manifested in the way this Eagle Scout sets a pattern for those whose lives he touches. At this time, I would like to introduce the [redacted] (introduce your speaker(s)).

SPEAKER: *****

MC: The Scoutmaster of Troop [redacted], (SM name) will now present the highest award presented by the Boy Scouts of America. That of Eagle Scout.

SCOUTMASTER:(present Eagle Award)*****

MC: It is tradition of the Eagle ceremony, for the Scout to be given a charge. (**explain purpose/meaning of charge) The Scoutmaster will now present the Eagle with his charge.

SCOUTMASTER: (Eagle Charge) Eagle candidate, [redacted (Scouts name)], I charge you to enter the Eagle Scout brotherhood, holding the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the Eagle Scout promise, you will become an Eagle Scout. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the words that closed the Declaration of Independence. Make the Scout sign and repeat after me:

I reaffirm my allegiance* to the three promises of the Scout Oath * I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself * the obligations and responsibilities* of the rank of Eagle Scout. * On my honor, I will do my best* to make my training an example * my rank and influence count strongly* for better Scouting and for better citizenship* in my unit * in my community * and in my contacts with other people.* To this I pledge my sacred honor.*

CLOSING CEREMONY:

MC: We will conclude our ceremony by retiring the colors and the presentation of the flag. You will notice that our Troop flag is decorated with 10 gold stars, representing each Scout who has attained the rank of Eagle in this troop. This flag will be presented to the Eagles parents to add their sons star to the Troop flag, as he joins those who have attained the Eagle rank before him.

The American flag , which was raised over the US capital in honor of this Eagle Scout, will be presented to him to keep as a daily reminder of his duty to serve G-d, his Country, and others.

We hope this ceremony has inspired other Scouts to reach this honorable rank. We are anxious to see many more Eagles pass through our troop. On behalf of [Eagle Scout's name] and his parents, we wish to thank everyone for coming and invite you stay for refreshments immediately following the closing ceremony.

(CLOSING CEREMONY)

MC:

Attention Color Guards (OA team, still sitting by fire, stands up; Young Smudger joins the OA TEAM at the fire)

Color Guards Advance

(all advance towards flag & stop)

Color Guards, retire the colors

(Young Smudger & OA Team retire Troop flag & fold it)

(OA team: removes the American flag from pole and fold it)

Color Guards advance

(OA Team & Young Smudger: advance to center and deliver folded

American flag to Eagle Scout; then deliver folded Troop flag to parents)

Color Guards dismissed

Thank you. Goodnight

-- Thanks to Greg Gough, SM Troop 201, Ozark, MO. I used to be an Owl but I will always be an Eagle!

Richard's Eagle Court of Honor -- October 6, 1996

Troop 869, Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX

Call to Order -- Brad Etherton, Troop 869 Committee Chairman

On behalf of the Scouts, Scoutmasters, Troop Committee and all the Troop 869 family, I would like to welcome you to this Eagle Court of Honor, convened to honor Richard.

Troop 869 is sponsored by the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church. It was first chartered in 1970 and has been providing the boys of Clear Lake City with the opportunity to participate in the Boy Scout program continuously for over 26 years.

The Eagle Court of Honor is an event of great importance in a boy's life. In order to achieve this high honor, a Scout has to fulfill many requirements, earn 21 merit badges, serve his troop in a leadership position, and plan and carry out a substantial service project for his community. This afternoon we gather to celebrate Richard's achievement and to recognize his hard work and dedication.

As Troop Committee Chairman I declare this Eagle Court of Honor to be in session.

Andrew, our Chaplain's Aide, will now lead us in the Invocation.

Invocation -- Andrew, Chaplain's Aide

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless this gathering of family and friends from near and far who have come together today to honor and celebrate with Richard his earning of the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle. Father, we also ask your blessing on Richard's family, Scout leaders and fellow scouts who have guided and supported Richard along the path to Eagle.

The Eagle Honor Guard is made up of the original members of Richard's first patrol, the Seagulls. They are Jonathan, Jack and Grant.

Presentation of the Colors -- Jonathan, leader, Jack and Grant

Welcome -- John Cross, Scoutmaster

(Scoutmaster Cross will provide his own remarks.)

I now call upon Mr. Jim Keith, Troop 869's Chartered Organization Representative, to tell you about the 100 Scouts.

One Hundred Scouts -- Jim Keith, Chartered Organization Representative

Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of the one hundred will learn something from scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Two of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

I now call upon Paul Buras to describe Richard's Trail to Eagle.

Trail of the Eagle -- Paul Buras, Assistant Scoutmaster

Good afternoon. I am Paul Buras, and I have had the good fortune to know Richard for his entire Scouting career. I will briefly recount Richard's Trail to Eagle.

Richard began his trail to Eagle in the fall of 1987 in Pack 956 at Armand Bayou Elementary School. He received his first Scout award, the Tiger Cub pin, in October 1987 and completed the Tiger Cub badge in February 1988.

Christopher is a Tiger Cub in Pack 956. (as each scout is called, he joins a line in front of the room, at the end you have a line of boys which represents the Eagle's growth during his scouting career.)

In his second year of Cub Scouts, Richard completed the Bobcat Badge in October 1988 and his Wolf Badge in November of 1988. During the remainder of this Scouting year, he completed one gold and six silver arrow points.

Nickie is a Wolf Scout in Pack 956.

Next on the trail to Eagle was the Bear Badge, which Richard earned in September of 1989. He also continued to advance and collected one gold arrow point and six silver arrow points.

Patrick is a Bear Scout in Pack 956

Richard's Webelos years were very busy for him. He completed the Webelos Badge in December 1990 and the Arrow of Light Award, Cub Scouting's highest award, in February 1992. During this time he also earned 12 Webelos activity badges and completed the Parvuli Dei Award, the Cub Scout religious award for the Roman Catholic faith. His Webelos years also introduced him to summer camp, attending Webelos resident camp at Camp Strake in the summers of 1990 and 1991.

David is a Webelos Scout in Pack 956

Richard crossed the bridge into Boy Scouts in March of 1992 and continued on his climb to Eagle. His first badge was the Scout award which he received in March 1992. This award recognizes the boy's acceptance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law and his willingness to start learning the skills in Scouting.

Chris is a Scout in Troop 869.

Next on the trail to Eagle was the Tenderfoot Award which was earned in May, 1992. This award recognizes the Scout's first experiences and learning while camping in the outdoors. He is also introduced to the patrol method of the Boy Scouts.

Kevin is a Tenderfoot Scout in Troop 869.

Second Class was the next step. Richard completed this rank in July, 1992. To achieve this award the Scout must demonstrate skills in compass, cooking, nature and first aid. He must also participate in a service project.

Tyler is a Second Class Scout in Troop 869.

Richard completed his First Class award in September 1992. To achieve this rank he had to demonstrate competence in orienteering, hiking, knots, lashings and more advanced first aid. Additionally, he needed to learn about civics and participate in another service project.

Andrew is a First Class Scout in Troop 869

To achieve the rank of Star, Richard started to make some choices. He had to complete six merit badges including four that are required for Eagle, serve in a leadership capacity and participate in six hours of service projects. He served as a Den Chief for Pack 956. He completed the Star rank in February, 1993.

Robert is a Star Scout in Troop 869.

The Life rank is very similar to Star. He earned five additional merit badges, worked on more service projects and continued to serve in a leadership capacity. Richard continued to serve as a Den Chief and he completed the requirements for Life in January of 1994.

Jack is a Life Scout in Troop 869

Richard completed his trail to Eagle in April of 1996. During his efforts to complete the award, which included earning ten additional merit badges, planning and executing a significant service project and continuing to serve in a leadership capacity as Scribe and Patrol Leader, Richard also continued to broaden his Scouting experience. He attended the Junior Leader Training Conference in June 1995, completed the Den Chief award in December 1995 and earned the World Conservation award.

Jonathan is an Eagle Scout in Troop 869.

In addition, Richard has at least 139 nights of camping, he attended the 1993 National Jamboree and has served on Camp Strake staff. He has earned a total of 66 merit badges, the BSA lifeguard certification and the mile swim and Snorkeling BSA awards.

Scouts, you may return to your seats.

Sam McJunkin, Troop 869 Eagle Advisor, will now continue the ceremony with the Pledge of the Eagle.

Pledge of the Eagle -- Sam McJunkin, Eagle Advisor

Would all the Eagle Scouts in the audience please join me up here as we prepare to administer the Pledge of the Eagle.

(Take a moment to arrange the Eagles so things look nice)

Would Jonathan our most recently honored Eagle Scout, please escort Richard to the stage.

(take a moment to be sure Richard is comfortable in the center of the stage so all can see him plainly)

Will all the Eagles and Richard now make the Scout sign and join me in the Pledge of the Eagle.

"I (state you name) reaffirm my allegiance (pause)

to the three promises of the Scout Oath. (pause)
I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself (pause)
the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout.
(pause)
On my honor, I will do my best (pause)
to make my training an example of my rank (pause)
and my influence count strongly and for better citizenship, (pause)
in my home, in my community and in my contacts with other people.
(pause)
To this I pledge my sacred honor. (pause)"
TWO.

Would the Eagles please return to their seats. Richard please remain on stage.
(pause to let commotion pass)

I now call upon Mr. Bruce Wadley, Troop 869 Advancement Chairman, to present the Eagle Award to Richard.

Presentation of the Eagle Award -- Bruce Wadley, Troop 869 Advancement Chairman.

Would Jonathan please escort Mr. and Mrs. Cross to the front to join Richard.

(Jonathan offers his arm to Mrs. Cross and Scoutmaster Cross follows to the front)

Richard, your parents have been constant source of support for the eight and a half years you have spent on your trail to Eagle. They are very proud of you, as are all of us in Troop 869.

Your mother has given you love, encouragement and support for many years, not only in Scouting, but also in your many other activities. It is with great pleasure that I ask her to pin the Eagle medal on your uniform.

(Mr. Wadley hands medal to Mrs. Cross then she pins it on Richard)

Over the years, Richard, you have had the chance to pin many mother's pins on your mother. This afternoon you have the honor of pinning the Eagle pin on her dress and thanking her one more time for all that she has done for you.

(Mr. Wadley gives the mother's pin to Richard).

Richard, I now call upon your father to place the Eagle neckerchief around your neck.

(Mr. Wadley gives the neckerchief and slide to Scoutmaster Cross)

Richard, your father, too, has helped you along the Eagle trail and in all other aspects of your life. He has always been there for you when you needed help and he has always encouraged you to achieve and learn in your endeavors. Please pin this Eagle tie tack on his pocket next to his Eagle Medal.

(Mr. Wadley gives the tie tack to Richard)

It gives me great pleasure to present to you Troop 869's newest Eagle Scout, Richard Cross.

(Leads the audience in applause)

Will Jonathan please escort Richard's parents back to their seats.

(After Richard's parents are seated, continue)

In case you are not aware of it, there are awards to be earned after the Eagle. This afternoon I am also pleased to present Richard with the bronze palm which he has earned by completing 5 additional merit badges, participating fully in the Troop's activities and continuing to develop his leadership skills.

(Mr. Wadley presents the palm to Richard.)

I now call upon Mr. Bob Miller, Assistant Scoutmaster, to administer the Challenge and Charge to the Eagle.

Challenge and Charge to the Eagle -- Bob Miller, Assistant Scoutmaster

Richard, as one Eagle Scout to another, I want to personally recognize your hard work and congratulate you on your significant achievement.

I would like to read to you and this Court of Honor the Eagle Scout Challenge:

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant influences in the world's history. You have been declared worthy of the high rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you are expected to exemplify in your daily life the high principles and values expressed in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. You have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to G-d, to your country, to your fellow scouts, and to all other human beings. This is a great undertaking which you are now just beginning. As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother scouts.

As an Eagle Scout, you will be a champion to other scouts and be an example to your community. Remember, your actions will be more conspicuous. People will expect more of you. It is your responsibility to help maintain the high regard that all Americans have for Eagle Scouts. To falter would bring discredit, not only to you, but to your fellow Eagles. Keep your ideals high and your honor bright.

Your responsibilities, however, go beyond your fellow scouts. They extend to your country and to your G-d. America has many good things to give you, and to give your children after you; but these good things depend, for the most part, on the quality of her citizens. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future even greater.

I challenge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do, and every office you hold, with a high level of service to G-d and to your fellow human beings. Live and serve so that those who know you will be inspired to the highest ideals of life.

I challenge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to the common good. Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence to G-d. Then, whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud.

(Mr. Miller walks over to Richard and shakes his hand, adding a personal private comment if desired)

It is traditional for our newest Eagle Scouts to say a few words about their Scouting experience. So now, please hear from Eagle Scout Richard.

The Eagle's Response -- Richard Cross

My trail to Eagle has been very long and hard, but it would have been more so if I had not received help from many people. I feel that attaining this rank would be impossible to do alone.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who helped me on my Eagle project. The workers and I accumulated over 230 hours of service. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Cooper and Brian Cooper for the use of their truck to haul supplies and over 28 hours of service that they put in. I also would like to thank Mrs. Swartwout for her help in lining up the project for me.

Next, I would like to thank Mr. McJunkin, Mrs. Hamilton, Sister Betty, and Mr. Buras for sending Letters of Recommendation in. I chose these people because of their great influence they have had on me. They all made a difference in my life in one way or another.

Third, I would thank all my previous boy scout and cub scout leaders. My father, Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Carey, and Jim O'Donnell were my den leaders, and Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Buras were my Cubmasters. In boy scouts, Mr. Chandler and my father lead the troop. Good leaders influenced me to want to go further in scouting.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents for all their assistance and encouragement. My father kept me moving whenever I felt like slacking. He also helped build the troop into what it is today. He was at my side when I planned and carried out my Eagle project. My mother was eager to pick up food and drinks for the project workers. She also wrote a letter of recommendation for me. In addition, they both put together my Court of Honor.

Now that I have received my eagle, I've made plans to give back to the troop and community. I will stay with the troop up until I leave for college. I will finish this term as SPL and hopefully become a Junior assistant scoutmaster when I turn sixteen. I am also going to stay on Camp Strake as long as they have Boy Scout camp, and as long as I don't have a full time job. Also, I plan to staff winter camp this year and for years to come.

Thank you all for coming.

(After Richard completes his remarks, he returns to the pew with his parents)

Mr. Etherton returns to the front to introduce Sister Betty

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Betty who will lead us in the closing benediction.

Benediction -- Sr. Betty, St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Sister Betty will present her own remarks.

Retiring of the Colors -- Jonathan, leader, Jack, Grant
-- Thanks to John P. Cross

GOLD AWARD AND EAGLE COURT OF HONOR
COMBINED

--- Justin Allen : "Ladies and Gentleman may I please have your attention".

"Please stand for the Presentation of Colors".

"Color Guard, advance the Colors".

US Flag, Texas Flag, Troop Flag, Girl Scout Flag

Color Guard comes forward and rotates to face the audience.)

"Will the audience please join in the Pledge of Allegiance." "Scouts, Salute!" (Justin Allen leads the Pledge of Allegiance)

(After the Pledge, while everyone is standing three Scouts come forward and complete the opening ceremony.)

Will _____, _____, _____
_____ please come forward.

SCOUT : "The Red of our Flag represents the lifeblood of Brave Americans ready to die or worthily live for this our Country".

SCOUT : "The white of our Flag is for Purity, Cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed".

SCOUT : "The Blue of our Flag is for Faith and Loyalty, the eternal blue of the Star-filled heavens".

(Three Scouts return to seat.)

"Color Guard, post the colors".

(Color Guard posts the colors, and salutes the Flag.)

"Color Guard, take your seats".

(Scouts file into the seats.)

(Everyone is still to remain standing.)

"Will everyone remain standing while

 Rev Chuck Lightle of Walter Fair Methodist
Church delivers the invocation".

 A Scout's Prayer

A Scout's Prayer

Great Master of all Scouts,

We pray that You will make us trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.

Make us loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.

Teach us to be helpful; through helpfulness we forget ourselves.

Make us friendly - there are so many who need friends.

Train us in courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor.

Make us kind; the fields and woods are full of Your creatures.

Insist on our obedience, for success comes only to him who first learns to obey.

Make us cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass near the pebbles in the road.

Train us in thrift, for thrifty habits enable us to be generous to those in need.

May we be brave - brave in darkness and brave in the light, but save us from becoming fakers of bravery.

Help us to be clean in thought, in speech and in deed; and may we remember that our bodies are thy holy temples.

Above all, Father, help us to be reverent - not only toward You but also toward all things that You have made.

We ask thy guidance in all these things and may we never forget the

Promise to which all Scouts are pledged.

"Thank you ___ Rev Lightle ___ Would everyone please be seated."

"I would like to introduce ___ Mr. Dwight Huse ___ of Troop 589 and our Master of Ceremonies for our Eagle Gold Court of Honor".

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you, Mr. Allen
—,

Good afternoon honored guests, ladies, gentleman, scouts and scouters. My name is Dwight Huse of Troop 589. It is my pleasure to be the Master of Ceremonies for this Eagle Court of Honor and Gold Award Ceremony, honoring Bryan and Sara Eubanks

"Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing the award of Eagle Scout and the Gold Award. The parents and Scout Leaders of Bryan and Sara have labored long and faithfully to develop them towards responsible citizenship through the Boy Scout and the Girl Scout Program. Their efforts now culminate in the presentation of the Eagle Award and the Gold Award. The success of these efforts, however, will only be manifested in the way these Honored Scouts set a social pattern for the lives of those they touch".

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: " I will now call upon Edith Guiser to give the Gold Award requirements, its history and the Challenge."

Gold Award: Reading of Description and Challenge

"The Gold Award was established in 1980 as Girl Scouting's highest award. Only Senior Girl Scouts, at least 14 years of age, may pursue this award.

"The requirements for the Gold Award involve the completion of a combination of interest projects, leadership, career exploration and service projects. A young woman must demonstrate ability and skill in goal-setting, planning, putting values into action, and relating to the community. Each scout must earn 4 interest project patches, the Senior Challenge, the Senior Leadership award and the Career Challenge Pin. Upon completion of these requirements, the Scout must plan and execute a community service project spanning a period of at least four months. Each Scout must submit to the Girl Scout Council a project plan for approval before she does her project. Final application for the Gold Award is made to the council upon completion of the service project.

When a girl enters Scouting, in the three parts of the Scout Oath, she promises upon her honor to do her best to do her duty

First, - to serve G-d

second, - to My country and mankind

and third, - And to live by the Girl Scout Law

Likewise in the Scout Law she promises:

: To be Honest – Be truthful in what you say and do

: To be Fair – Treat others the way you want to be treated

: To help where you are needed – Find out what others need and do

what you can to show that you care

: To be cheerful – Look for the bright side, even when things don't

go your way
 : To be friendly and considerate – Be thoughtful of other people. Try to
 be the kind of friend you would want to have
 : To be a sister to every Girl Scout – Thinks of Girl Scouts everywhere
 around the world – those you know and those you've never met –
 as friends
 : To respect authority – Listen to people who are responsible for you and
 follow their directions
 : To use resources wisely – don't waste what you have. Make the most of
 your abilities, try to keep learning new things
 : To protect and improve the world around you – each of us can do
 something, even if it's something small, to make this world a better
 place. In your own way, help preserve the world of nature. Be a
 friend to animals, plants and the earth.
 : To show respect for yourself and others – do your best in the way you
 treat others. Everyone is special in his or her own way. When
 you try to do the best you can, you usually think better of yourself.

Each is an important foundation stone in the building of strong character

A Gold Scout Recipient is one who has taken the Scout Oath and Law, to which she has promised, and embodied them within her character. The Oath and Law have become a part of her, they guide and direct her.

"The Gold Award Advisory Panel reviews each application to determine that the Scout has truly shown the exceptional leadership and organizational skills and has completed the community service required to earn this award. Over the years Girl Scouting's Highest Award has been called the Golden Eaglet, the Curved Bar, First Class and finally the Girl Scout Gold Award. There has never been a time when Girl Scouting has not had a highest award."

"Will all of those in the audience who have earned Girl Scouting's highest award, please stand.

Congratulations and Thank you. You may be seated.

[Speaker addresses the candidate]

"[Sara Eubanks], the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides constitute one of the most significant movements in the history of the world. By your hard work and dedication, you

have earned your right to be counted worthy of the program's highest rank. You have assumed a solemn obligation of service to G-d, to your country, to your fellow Girl Scouts and to humanity. Remember that the award you are about to receive is not only yours, but holds great significance for all of us as well. For what you do in the future reflects not only upon yourself but on those of us who with you hold Girl Scouting's highest award."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you ___ Mrs. Guiser_____. I will now call upon

Paul Morrow_____ to describe the Eagle Scout requirements and its History."

Significance of the Eagle Rank

"The Scouting movement, begun by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant influences in the world today. Many successful, well-known persons are Eagle Scouts -- former President of the United States Gerald Ford; most of the original astronauts; and, many leaders in business and industry. The Eagle candidate whose efforts culminate this afternoon in the presentation of the Eagle badge, has labored long to enter this brotherhood. He will assume even greater responsibilities to the ideals of honor and service. When he pledges himself on his sacred honor, he will be sealing his loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the words which closed the Declaration of Independence."

Webster's dictionary describes an eagle as a large bird of prey with sharp vision and powerful wings, famous for their strength, size, grace, and keen vision. It is the national emblem for the United States. Though the eagle is found throughout the world, it is never found in abundance; it is always rare and it is always a superb specimen.

In Scouting the eagle stands for strength of character, and for knowledge of all phases of Scouting. The eagle represents an understanding of community and nation, and a deep respect for same. The eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done as well as what that young man will do, and will be, when he grows to manhood. The eagle is a leader. The eagle is respected, both by his peers and by his adult leaders.

The EAGLE SCOUT AWARD is the highest award available to youth members of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a recognition by the National Court of Honor, presented through the local council and a local court of honor.

It represents many years of dedicated effort, and the successful completion of a long process, which started when the young man became a Boy Scout. It is a demonstration of how people, working together, can truly help mold a young man with a solid sense of leadership, citizenship, and responsibility.

Not every boy, nor every Scout, qualifies for the high rank of Eagle.

1. The physical requirements are strenuous, as set forth in the required merit badges.
2. Mental requirements are unusual and require much more than average intelligence.
3. Perhaps an even more difficult and more important requirement for the Eagle rank is the personal character of the Scout as reflected in his right attitudes toward G-d and the ideals of Scouting, as reflected in his cooperation and service to others in church, the home, school and community. The applicant must have a high degree of the spirit of cheerful service to others, which is a basis of good citizenship.

The attainment of the Eagle Scout Rank is indeed the highest honor that a Scout may achieve.

When a boy enters Scouting, in the three parts of the Scout Oath, he promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty

first to G-d and his country
second, to other people, by helping them at all times
and third, to himself, by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Likewise, in the Scout Law his promise to obey is put into effect as the occasion may demand. He is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Each is an important foundation stone in the building of strong character.

An Eagle Scout is one who has taken the Scout Oath and Law, to which he has promised, and embodied them within his character. The Oath and Law have become a part of him, they guide and direct him.

Awarding the Eagle is an important and serious matter. It is the climax and goal toward which this Scout has been working for several years. It is the culmination of the efforts of the parents and leaders of this Scout. It is an occasion for pride and for joy.

Eagle is the highest and most coveted award in all of Scouting, and it is the last major step in the advancement program. It is, at this point, that Scouting has achieved its purpose in these Eagles:

- in building participating citizenship
- in growth in moral strength and character
- in development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness

Scouting Heritage

Very few Scouts make it this far, only about 2% of all scouts, and it is a great achievement for all parties involved: the Scout, his family, his community, his unit, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Many Eagle Scouts have gone on to assume important positions:

A previous survey of leaders revealed that seventeen of our United States Senators over 60 of our Congressmen eleven

of our state Governors fourteen of our senior military officers Over 1700 chief executive officers/presidents/heads of corporations are all Eagle Scouts.

Other Famous Eagles include

- * Steven Spielberg, Film Director/Producer
- * James Brady, Former Press Secretary to President Reagan
- * Walter Cronkite - Journalist, T.V. commentator
- * Daniel J. Evans, Former US Senator and Governor of Washington state
- * H Ross Perot

Of the 214 former and present astronauts, 142 have taken part in Scouting. 33 became Eagle Scouts, including Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon.

A Look At 100 Boys That Join Scouting

12 will receive their first time religious contact

5 will earn their religious emblem

2 will enter the clergy

18 will develop hobbies which will last a lifetime

8 will enter a career based on Merit Badges work

17 will become Scout volunteers

1 will use Scouting skills to save the life of another person

1 will use Scouting skills to save this own life

28 will continue lifelong hobbies started in Scouting

2 will attain the rank of EAGLE

Were you aware that Boy Scout Alumni include:

63% of Air Force Academy graduates

68% of West Point graduates

70% of Annapolis graduates

72% of Rhodes Scholars

85% of FBI agents

65% of college graduates

65% of US Congress

85% of airline pilots

85% of student council presidents

89% of senior class presidents

71% of football captains

65% of basketball captains

88% of school newspaper editors

77% of editors of school annuals

75% of business managers of school publications

80% of junior class presidents

26 of the first 29 astronauts were Boy Scouts. 11 of the 12 who walked on the moon were Scouts. 108 of 172 astronauts were Boy Scouts. Over half of the 108 Scout Astronauts attained Star, Life or Eagle ranks.

"Will all of those in the audience who have earned Boy Scouting's highest award, The Eagle Scout please stand.

Congratulations and Thank you. You may be seated.

[Speaker addresses the candidate]

Eagle Scout candidate [Bryan Eubanks], as a representative of the Eagle Scouts of the East Texas Area Council, I welcome you to the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts. Barely more than 2 percent of the boys who enter Scouting achieve what you have been recognized for tonight. The requirements are demanding, but fair, requiring perseverance and ability.

I am not here to talk of your past accomplishments, which are great, but of your future opportunities. The Eagle Award is now yours. When you attend Scouting functions, Scouters will recognize you as a doer, and you will be standing as an equal among leaders.

Your Eagle Award will go far beyond Scouting itself. When you apply to a college or apply for a good job, Eagle Scout on your application helps.

More than that, the things you have done, the leadership and character you have developed, will stand you in better than a certificate and a piece of ribbon in a frame. You will have opportunities to be of service to others, through your school, your work, and through Scouting, because you know what you can accomplish.

In the years to come, you will casually meet men who are Eagles too, there will be an instant bond of comradeship. For you have each shared a common experience. You each know the other can be trusted, as a friend and as a brother Scout. The comradeship among Eagles extends throughout the nation, yes even around the world. For the rest of your life Scout [Bryan Eubanks] you travel as a marked man, an Eagle Scout!

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you ___ Mr.
Morrow_____

What It Means To Be An Eagle Scout Or Gold Award Recipient by Greg Gough

It means that you have the ability to be a leader. Not of a gang or criminal organization but a leader of like minded individuals that uphold a creed, a sacred oath. A passion for life and the principals that founded the United States of America. Patriotism is a loyalty you will never break. If called on you would voluntarily give your life for your country. But more importantly, you will work to make it better. Duty to G-d is an ongoing learning and incorporating of similar moral values that ensure that you will be a compassionate and productive citizen.

Eagle Scout or Gold Award is not a patch, an award or certificate to hang on the wall. It is a way to live your life. Although the trail to Eagle and Gold is hard work and fun; it is much more. The Eagle and Gold rank is an education. Each rank is a chapter. The conclusion is that by earning the Eagle or Gold rank the individual has the tools to be a responsible consciences citizen who would gladly advance the group before the individual.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "We will now have a short slide show"

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: " I will now call upon Paul Eubanks to give the Eagle and Gold Charge to our new candidates."

Will Bryan Eubanks and Sara Eubanks Please come forward.

EAGLE CHARGE

: "I speak to you as an Eagle Scouts of this Council and as your older brother. I have the honor to give you the Eagle Scout, Gold Award Charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant influences in the world's history. You have been counted worthy of this high rank. All who know you rejoice in your achievement. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and your fellow Scouts.

Your responsibility extends to your country and your G-d. America has many good things to give you and your children after you, but these good things depend for the most part on the ability of her citizens. Our country has a great past, you can make the future still greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only towards the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to G-d and your fellow man.

So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to the finest living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for G-d. Then, whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud.

Eagle Scout Candidate ___ Bryan Eubanks___, and Gold Award Recipient _____ Sara Eubanks_____.

I charge you to enter the Eagle Scout Brotherhood, and the Girl Scout Sisterhood holding without reservation ever before you, the ideals of honor and service. Do you promise to uphold the ideals of scouting, the Oath and the Law in your everyday life?

(Wait for Answer)

When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, and the Gold Award

Will you give the Scout Sign and Repeat after me.

I, [and Say your name] on my honor as an Eagle Scout or Gold Scout,

promise to work

to better Scouting in my Troop

and to influence all Scouts

for greater advancement and participation.

I will conduct myself in a manner fitting and proper for one of this high rank.

I will do my best,

to give leadership in service whenever I can.

This I promise to do always.

(You may say Congratulations, Shake their hands, give them a hug)

(Candidates remain where they are)

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Will ___ Mr. Burns please come forward and present the Eagle Award" and Will ___ Mrs. Hogan please come forward to present the Gold Award

Mr Burns: "Will the parents of ___ Bryan & Sara Eubanks please come forward."

(Mr Burns gives Eagle Medal to the Scout's mother to pin on her son.)

"Will you please pin the Eagle Medal on your son."

(Mrs Hogan gives Gold Award to Scouts mother to pin on her daughter)

"Will you please pin the Gold Award on your Daughter.

(Mr Burns gives Eagle pin for mother to Scout)

(Mrs Hogan gives Gold pin for mother to Scout)

"No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout and Gold Award Recipient which has led to this afternoon. As the symbol of what this mother has made possible, this Court now asks ___ Bryan & Sara ___ to present their mother the Eagle and Gold pins."

(Eagle Scout pins pin on mother)

(Gold Scout pins pin on mother)

"Eagle Scout, & Gold Recipient it is customary that you also give your mother an Eagle kiss."

"Eagle Scout, and Gold Award Recipient would you also present your Dad with the Eagle and Gold Pins."

(Mr Burns gives tie tack to Eagle Scout to present to his father.)

(Mrs. Hogan gives Fathers pin to Gold recipient to present to her father

Master of Ceremonies: You may all may return to seats

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: __ Bryan and Sara__, there are few people here today that would like to congratulate you and say a few words.

- 1. __ Gary Duke__
- 2. __ Neil Smith__
- 3. __ _____
- 4. __ _____
- 5. __ _____

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you __ Mr. Duke,
Mr. Smith__

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Will Rep. Leo Berman
please come forward to make a special presentation at this time."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you __ Mr
Berman__

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Will __ Karen Turner & Ed
MacPherson__ please come forward to make the presentations of Letters and Certificates.

" Bryan and Sara you have each received many letters and certificates from dignitaries and friends who could not be here this afternoon. I would like to read a few of them."

(Reads letter from President and a few others)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you Mrs. Turner
& Mr. MacPherson "

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Are there any others present who wish to make a presentation at this time."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: " Bryan and Sara it is now time to hear from you"

(New Eagle Scout gives a few remarks)

(New Gold Award Recipient gives a few remarks)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "I declare this National Court of Honor Closed.

 Rev Chuck Lightle will you please deliver the Benediction:

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you Rev.
Lightle "

"Will everyone, please join us for refreshments in Jones Hall"