Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, Attention!"

**Spencer**: "Audience, Please Rise!"

**Spencer**: "Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart."

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, Forward March!"

Wait for the color guard to reach the front.

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, Halt!"

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, Cross the Colors!"

**Spencer**: "Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance!"

\*recite the pledge

**Spencer**: "TWO!"

**Spencer**: "Scout Sign!"

Everyone raises their right hand making the Scout sign.

**Spencer**: "Please join us in reciting the Scout oath and law

**Spencer**: "TWO!"

Everyone drops Scout sign.

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, Post the colors”

**Spencer**: "Color Guard, return to ranks!"

Wait for flag bearers to return to formation.

**Spencer**: "Audience, Please be seated!"

**Spencer:** “Will Mr.Crist Crist please come up”

**Mr.Crist:**

Welcome. this afternoon we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing Holden Leonards and Simon Valek for their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Awarding the Eagle is an important and serious matter. It is the climax and goal toward which these Scouts have been working for many years. It is the culmination of the efforts of the parents and leaders of these Scouts. It is an occasion for pride and for joy, but it is also a time for serious contemplation. Eagle is the highest and most coveted award in all Scouting, and it is the last major step in their achievement.

Only 5 out of every hundred who join Scouts will reach Eagle rank. When most enter Scouting they picture themselves as someday becoming Eagle Scouts, but there are many activities clamoring for their attention and the flames of their burning aspirations dim to ashes and flicker away. Although sports, jobs, and school, not to mention covid, occupied much of your high school years, you remained committed to Scouting and tonight we applaud that commitment.

Parents, I know how proud you are. We know the hours that you also have labored, faithfully, with Holden and Simon and the choices, resources and encouragement along this trail to Eagle. Your efforts also have culminated in this evening.

Will Shane please come forward and help assist with the Oath and Law Candle Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mr.Crist and Mr. White at the lectern

Shane behind the candelabra

**OATH AND LAW CANDLE CEREMONY**

[Mr White]

The Oath and Law Candle Ceremony. We begin with one lighted candle and allow it to embody the principles of the scout oath and law, and, one by one, use its flame to illuminate our understanding of the Spirit of Scouting.

[Mr.Crist and Mr. White are at the lectern]

**\*Shane** lights green candle

**Shane:**  “A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY”

**Mr. White: “**A scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.”

**Shane: “A** Scout is LOYAL"

**Mr. White: “**A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, school, nation and the community of the world.

**Shane:** "A Scout is HELPFUL"

**Mr. White: “**A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

**Shane:** "A Scout is FRIENDLY”

**Mr. White: “**A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts, and all other people of the world. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Shane**:** A Scout is COURTEOUS

**Mr. White: “**A Scout is polite to everyone. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

**Shane:** A Scout is KIND

**Mr. White: “**A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He is not cruel to living things.

**Shane:** Scout is OBEDIENT

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

**Shane:** A Scout is CHEERFUL

**Mr. White: “**A Scout looks at the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**Shane:** A Scout is THRIFTY

**Mr. White: “**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 his time and property.

**Shane:** A Scout is BRAVE

**Mr. White: “**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.

**Shane:** A Scout is CLEAN

**Mr. White: “**A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He admires those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

**Shane:** A Scout is REVERANT

**Mr. White: “**A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

**Mr.Crist**:

“The three red candles in the center represent the Scout Oath that every Scout promises.”

*[Shane uses the green candle to light 1 red candle as they read their part of the Scout Oath.)*

**Mr. White:** “The first duty of a Scout is to God, Country, and the Scout Law."

**Shane**: (*1st Red candle is lit while saying*) "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law"...

**Mr. White:**  "The second duty of a Scout is to other people."

**Shane**: (*2nd Red candle lit while saying*) "On my honor, I will do my best to help other people at all times"...

**Mr. White:** "The third duty of a Scout is to himself."

**Shane**: (*3rd Red candle lit while saying*) "On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight"...

***Mr. White****:*

“Now you see how the light from the Spirit of Scouting is beginning to grow and become brighter!

***Mr.Crist:*** Will Honor Guard please escort Holden Leonards to come forward for his Eagle Charge by Mr. White

**EAGLE CHARGE: Mr. White**

***Mr.Crist:*** Will Honor Guard please escort Simon Valek to come forward for his Eagle Charge by Mr. Bufkin

**Eagle Charge: Bufkin**

***Mr.Crist:*** Will Jared please come up to give the Eagle Scout Oath.

***Jared:*** Will all the eagle scouts in the audience please come up to reaffirm your oath

(Repeat after me)

**Eagle Scout Oath**

**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 my influence count strongly**

**For better Scouting and for better citizenship**

**In my troop and in my community**

**And in any contacts with other people.**

**To this I pledge my sacred honor.**

**AWARDING THE EAGLE**

Mr.Crist:

The Eagle Scouts may now be seated.

Will Mr. White please come forward for the presentation for the presentation of the Eagle award

***Mr. White:*** Will the Honor Guard, please escort Parents to the stage.

We are finally at the point of this ceremony that you have all been waiting for, the Eagle Scout award presentation!

Gentle men, you deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting’s highest award. Wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and Law be your guide tomorrow and onward.

The symbol of your success is the badge which is now presented to your mothers. Your mother will, in turn, pin the badge over your heart.

(presentation of badge)

***Mr. White:*** Now I would like to ask Jared Valek and Mr. Leonards to present the Eagle scouts with their Neckerchief

Acts of self-sacrifice and from the mother of these Eagle Scouts, which have led us to this evening. As the symbol of what his mother has made possible, I will now ask the eagle scouts to present their mothers with a miniature Eagle pin in recognition of her love and along your trail to Eagle.(pin Mom)

In recognition of the wisdom and guidance given to you by your father, will you present to him the miniature Eagle pin, which he will be proud to wear in your honor.

(presentation of fathers pin)

***Mr. White:*** Will the Honor Guard please escort the parents back to their seats

Now, would the audience please rise. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I hereby present to you to Troop 23's newest Eagle Scouts, Holden Leonards and Simon Valek

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*Mr.Crist-*

*In closing, I would like Mr. Kenner to come forward to provide his Scoutmaster Minute.*

**SCOUTMASTER MINUTE**

**CLOSING**

Spencer-

Color guard Reform

*Color guard, advance.*

When color guard is in place:

*Please stand*

*Color guard, please retire the colors.*

*Troop, Salute!*

When flags are at back of sanctuary-

*Two-*

*Thank you for coming. That concludes our Court of Honor. The families of our newest Eagle Scouts invite everyone to stay for refreshments in the vestibule*