**Seahawk Eagle Scout Court of Honor Script**

**INTRODUCTION**

Matthew: Good evening everyone. My name is Matthew Mason and I would personally like to thank you all for attending tonight’s court of honor for my fellow scouts, peers, and friends, Jackson Langhout, Michael Medico, and Walter Homeister, as we honor each of them for achieving scouting’s highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award.

Before we even begin this program, I would like to mention the thing that is always on everyone’s mind, or at least my own…food. Following the ceremony there will be dinner and reception to celebrate our new Eagle Scouts in the gym and you are all invited to attend.

Next, I would like to acknowledge the presence of special guests that are with us tonight, and those family members of our Eagle honoree’s that have travelled significant distance to be here tonight.

* Sarasota County Commissioner Christian Ziegler
* From Ohio, Jackson’s grandparents Dick and Jan Langhout

Now at this time, it is my pleasure to invite \_\_\_ forward for the invocation and if everyone would please rise and then remain standing for the presentation of the colors.

**INVOCATION**

Matthew: thank you for that lovely invocation. At this time if \_\_\_\_ could please come up to lead the presentation of the colors.

\_\_\_:

* Begin by asking all to stand and Scouts to salute as colors are present
* Lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath and Law
* John dismisses the color guard and ask the audience to sit

Matthew: I now call on, as a representative of Boy Scouts of America, to officially convene this court of honor.

***\_\_\_:*** By the power vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I declare this court of honor to be duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Jackson Langhout, Michael Medico and Walter Homeister.

**Lighting of the Scout Law Candles**

***Matthew:*** Will the Honor Guard please come forward *(line up behind the candles)*

A great American actor, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp in southern California. He was riddled with cancer and knew he was close to death.

At this dinner, Mr. Wayne was asked to lead the gathering in the Scout Oath and Law. Then he did something unusual. He said shared with everyone that while the points of the Scout Law are “nice words”. “The trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family, as each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he truly learns the Scout Law. So, I would I break it down for them, pointing out a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I first learned to recite it."

Matthew to announce each point of the law, as \_\_ lights each candle.

**TRUSTWORTHY**

The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

**LOYAL**

The very word is life itself; for without loyalty we have no love of person or country

**HELPFUL**

Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves; not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

**FRIENDLY**

Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

**COURTEOUS**

Allow each person his human dignity; which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

**KIND**

This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

**OBEDIENT**

Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

**CHEERFUL**

Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

**THRIFTY**

Means a lot more than putting pennies away; and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

**BRAVE**

You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

**CLEAN**

Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts, and don't ever forget it.

**REVERENT**

Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said, "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

Matthew:

Inside of your program you will see a list of all of the achievements that these three guys have reached on their trail to Eagle Scout, and I ask you to review this impressive list, after we have some fun watching a little montage of this Trail.

**Video Plays**

Matthew: Ok, so back to our ceremony. It is my honor to welcome \_\_\_ up to the stage to provide the Eagle Scout Charge and if the Honor Guard could please escort Jackson, Michael and Walter to the stage as well. We also ask that all Eagle Scouts present tonight to follow the them up.

**Eagle Pledge (**Lead by \_\_\_)

Jackson, Michael, and Walter, I have the honor to give you the Eagle Scout charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movement in the world’s history. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scout and YOU have been declared worthy of this rank. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor. Your responsibility goes well beyond your fellow Scouts; it extends to your duty to God, family, friends and your country. America has many good things to offer you and your children after you; but these things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens.

Our country has had a great past. You both are here to make the future greater. Jackson, Michael, and Walter, I charge 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 may hold to the highest level of service to God and to your fellow man. So live your life and serve mankind so well that those who know you will be inspired to do great things themselves.

I charge you Jackson, Michael, and Walter, to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good. Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God. Leave behind a record of which you and the Scouts will truly be proud.

Jackson, Michael, and Walter, with the high hope that you will always represent the finest of character and citizenship; always holding the ideals of honor and service without reservation, we welcome you into the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts and congratulate you both, your parents and your Scout leaders.

Matthew: Thank you so much Mr. Bufkin. We are now going to move on to give the eagle scout pledge. To do so, I would like to ask Mr. David Langhout to the stage, he has been one of the leaders throughout Jackson, Michael, and Walters entire scouting career who has been a role model on how to achieve and succeed in their future.

Mr. Langhout: As Matthew said, I will be aiding Jackson, Michael, and Walter in presenting them with the eagle pledge.

If the eagle candidates could please step forward to take the Eagle Scout pledge. As the candidates takes their pledge for the first time, will Eagle Scouts who are present in the audience please come forward and face the audience to reaffirm your pledge.

Will each of you please give the Scout Sign and repeat after me in unison:

**On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God. On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to my country. 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, and make my rank and influence strongly count for better scouting and for better citizenship, in my troop, in my church, in my community, and in my contact with other people, regardless of race, color, or creed. To this, I pledge my sacred honor.**

All Eagle Scouts from the audience may now be seated.

Matthew: Thank you Mr. Langhout for the eagle pledge. Now that Jackson, Michael, and Walter have finally taken the pledge, I would like to ask Mr. White to come forth to the stage.

Mr. White: Now for the moment that everyone has been waiting for…the eagle scout award presentation.

Honor Guard please escort Jackson, Michael, and Walters parents to the stage.

Jackson, Michael, and Walter, 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 for tomorrow and onward.

And so, by the authority vested in me by the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and honor to bestow the rank of Eagle Scout to you both.

\*Hand eagle medal to mother to pin on Jackson, Michael, and Walter

Please pin the medal on Jackson, Michael, and Walter

\*give mother pin to Jackson, Michael, and Walter to pin on their mom

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout, which has led to this evening. As the symbol of what this mother has made possible, this Court now asks Briand and Cody to present his mother a miniature Eagle pin

 pins his mother

Also, the father of an eagle scout has watched as his son has aged into the young man that he is today. Jackson, Michael, and Walters fathers have done just this. They watched as they experienced trials and tribulations and provided them with the appropriate support along the way. Just for that he deserves a round of applause.

Honor guard please escort the parents back to their seats.

Jackson, Michael, and Walter, by repeating of the Eagle Scout pledge before your fellow members, you have become an Eagle Scout. When you pledged yourself on your sacred honor, using the same words which are found at the end of the Declaration of Independence, you sealed your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout.

 By the authority vested in me be 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 true in your heart.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Scouts, I present to you Eagle Scouts Cody Heath and Brian Golembeski

Matthew:I would now like to bring up Former Scoutmaster and Life to Eagle Advisor, Mr. David Langhout, once again to talk about a tradition at Troop 23.

***Langhout:*** At Troop 23 there is a tradition of having a flag flown over the capital on the day of an Eagle Scout’s Court of Honor. There was one flown today, just like one on the table, with Jackson, Michael, and Walters name on it.

 The gift is congratulations for their accomplishment, but the flag represents the Eagle Scout’s never ending duty to his fellow man, his community, and his country. Congratulations again, Jackson, Michael, and Walter

Matthew: Now at this time Jackson, Michael, and Walter would like to give a few words as a New Eagle Scout

**Brian Eagle Scout Speech/ invite mentors up**

Brian Mentor Pins: Dave Langhout, Ritchie Bufkin

**Cody Eagle Scout Speech/invite mentors up**

Cody mentor pin: Dave Langhout

Matthew: Honor guard please escort Jackson, Michael, and Walter back to their seat

Matthew: Finally, we will retire the colors so if John could please come forward

**John retires the colors**

Matthew: Thank you all for coming and we hope to see you in the gym for dinner.