Kyle Rinacas’ Eagle Scout Court of Honor

May 29, 2021

**Mr White:** (Call to order) Good evening I am Chris White. I have been Kyel’s Scoutmaster since he was 13 years old. On behalf of the Kyle Rinaca and his family, I would like to welcome you to Kyles Eagle Court of Honor.

Many Scouts have set out on the trail to Eagle but few have the perseverance to follow it to the end. Kyle Rinaca is one of those few and we are here tonight to honor his achievement.

Please welcome George Benitez or the pastor who will give our Invocation’

**George Benitez or pastor :** (invocation)

‘Senior Patrol Leader Simon Valek please come forward to lead the Presentation of Colors and Pledge of

Allegiance’

**Simon:**

Please stand.

Color Guard, Attention.

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

Color Guard, forward march.

Color Guard, halt.

Color guard, cross the colors

Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all

Two

Color guard post the colors

Color Guard dismissed

Scout Sign

Scout Oath: 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 others people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

You may be seated

Will the Mr White and the Honor Guard please come forward

*(line up behind the candles)*

**Mr White**: To earn the highest rank in Scouting, a Scout must spend a great deal of time and effort. Therefore, the occasion that recognizes his accomplishments should be memorable. Tonight, we shall follow Light the Eagle Trail and we will recognize the accomplishments of Kyle Rinaca.

In the Scout Oath a young Scout promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty, first to God 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.

(Mr White lights the first candle and hands it to the honor guard).

You can see now how the light from the spirit of Scouting is starting to grow.

**Mr White**: Now in the distance looms the hazy outline of the Eagle summit, flanked by lesser peaks that represent the Star and Life ranks. To the new Scout they are very far away, but they will soon come a lot closer as the light from the spirit of Scouting continues to spread. The scout begins the journey as a Scout.

**Scout Rank:** The scout rank is the first rank a new scout will earn. They learn the Scout Oath, Scout Law Scout motto and Scout Slogan.

(Honor guard lights candle)

**Tenderfoot Rank**: The Tenderfoot badge is the second rank that a Scout receives. It stands at the foot of the Eagle Trail. Once inspired by the Spirit of Scouting, he won’t stay a Tenderfoot for long. Putting a few simple achievements behind him, he will shortly climb to the rank of Second Class

(Honor guard lights next candle)

**Second Class Rank:** The requirements for Second Class become more difficult. A Scout must learn to be self-sufficient in the outdoors and continue to render service to others. Now the scout is ready for the challenge to attain First Class.

(Honor guard light next candle)

**First Class Rank:** Although the requirements become more difficult, he keeps climbing until finally comes the day when he tops the first summit along the Eagle Trail. There he receives his First Class Badge.

(Honor guard lights next candle)

**Star Scout Rank:** A broad field of Merit Badges awaits the First Class Scout. 137 Merit Badges guide the scout to explore careers, hobbies, and community interest items. The Scout needs a total of 6 to conquer the Star Scout summit. Probably a lot sooner than he thought possible, the Scout finds himself standing on the Star ridge. Thus through leadership, service, and achievement, he conquers the first of three great peaks along the Eagle trail.

(Honor guard lights next candle)

**Life Scout Rank:** The trail to the next summit, Life Scout, is not easy. There is leadership to demonstrate, service to others, and plenty of hard work mastering five additional merit badges and helping fellow Scouts. The higher the Scout climbs, the fewer travelers he meets along the trail. Yet there are no impossible barriers along the way. The Life Scout’s goal can be achieved, but it takes real effort.

(Honor guard lights next candle)

**Eagle Scout Rank:** While the rank of Life Scout is a coveted one, and deserving to all who obtain it, the Eagle Trail does not end there, it leads to a higher summit. The pathway narrows and steepens considerably as it winds along ledges of personal achievement and mountain pastures of Troop accomplishments. Mile by mile, the trail becomes more trying. Many challenges must be conquered in these last miles. Before the highest summit along the Eagle trail can be completed, additional merit badges must be earned. Some of them are very difficult and leadership and service to others are not forgotten. Only with the greatest persistence and courage can the Scout gain the thrill of victory that comes while looking back down the trail from the very top of the Eagle summit.

(Honor guard the final candle)

**Simon Valek**

**:** Will Scoutmaster Trey Kenner please come forward, Honor guard is dismissed back to their seats.

**Mr Kenner:** I have had the pleasure of being Kyle’s scoutmaster for the last year. Tonight our Honor Guard, are the members of Kyle’s patrol, the Zombie Gators.

Will our Honor Guard please escort Kyle to the front?

(Honor Guard escorts Kyle to the chair in the front and stands around him).

Kyle you are to be congratulated for reaching the highest peak of the Eagle Scout. Your diligence and hard work have paid off. You have made Troop 23 very proud. Honor Guard you can be seated.

(Any personal words Mr Kenner may have for Kyle)

**Mr. Kenner** As an Eagle Scout, the eyes of all Scouting will be upon you. The traditions of Eagle Scout are high. May you live up to those traditions, always guided by the spirit of Scouting, represented by these blazing candles before you.

We will now have a slide show of Kyles’s history in Scouting

(play slide show)

**Mr. Kenner** Will the Honor Guard please escort Kyles Parents to the front?

The Eagle Badge that you are about to receive is symbolic of this spirit of Scouting.

(Eagle badge is given to mother to pin on Kyles’s uniform)

Michelle Kenner, please pin this Eagle badge on your son’s chest so that the world may know he is an Eagle Scout.

(Eagle neckerchief will place around the neck of Kyle by Mr Kenner)

I place this neckerchief around your neck to tell the world we will continue to support you as you grown into a man

(Eagle parents’ pins are given to Kyle)

Kyle, please pin these parents’ pins over your parents’ hearts in recognition of their love,

encouragement, faith and trust in your future.

(Grandfather pin is given to Kyle)

Kyle, please pin the grandfather pin on Buddha Kenner.

Honor Guard please escort Kyles Parents to their seats?

**Mr Kenner:** Will all Eagle Scouts in attendance please join us up front

Kyle, your position as you well 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, country, your fellow Scouts**,** and to mankind in general. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and your brother Scouts.

**Kyle, Make the Scout sign and please repeat the Eagle Pledge after me,**  
I, (states 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 their own powers,

helps them get along with others,

and helps them find a worthy use for their talents.

I believe it is my duty to do my best

to obey the Scout Oath and Law.

I hereby renew my commitment to Scouting

and promise to do what I can

in service to other Scouts

who are still on the Eagle trail

(Two)

Kyle, I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but only lead towards the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service to God and to your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to finer living.

I now ask all eagle scouts to make the Scout sign and all 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)

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.

Congratulations

Eagles may return to their seats, Kyle would you like to make any remarks? (Kyle’s remarks)

**Simon:** The City Commissions of Sarasota have drafted a proclamation to Kyle and he would like to invite all who could attend to join him on August 1st at 9am at City Hall for this.

**Simon:** George Benitez or the pastor would you please give a benediction.

**George:**

**Simon:** Please stand

Color guard attention

Color Guard, prepare to retire the colors.

Scout Salute

Color Guard Dismissed.

**Simon**

**Thank you for coming this concludes Kyles Eagle Court of Honor everyone is** welcome to join Kyle and Family for a BBQ supper.