

Owen Eakle's Eagle Scout Court of Honor

May 29, 2021

**Mr White:** (Call to order) I am Chris White. I have been Owen's Scoutmaster since he was 11 years old. On behalf of the Eakle Family, I would like to welcome you to Owen's Court of Honor. Many Scouts have set out on the trail to Eagle but few have the perseverance to follow it to the end. Owen Eakle is one of those few and we are here tonight to honor his achievement.

Tonight our Honor Guard are the members of Owen's patrol, the Zombie Gators. Will our Honor Guard please escort Owen to the stage? (Honor Guard escorts Owen to stand in front of a chair on the stage and stands around him).

Please welcome Pastor Jaime Faberlle of St John's United Methodist Church who will give our Invocation'

**Pastor Jaime:** (invocation)

'Senior Patrol Leader Kyle Rinaca please come forward to lead the Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance'

**Kyle:**

'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'

'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.'

**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 as we recognize the accomplishments of Owen Eakle.

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. (First candle is lit). You see how the light from the spirit of Scouting is starting to grow.

[Who are the speakers?](#)

**SPEAKER 1:** 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 as a Tenderfoot.

(Speaker 1 Scout lights candle)

**Tenderfoot:** The Tenderfoot badge is the first 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

(Tenderfoot lights next candle)

**Second Class:** 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.

(Second class light next candle)

**First Class:** 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.

(First Class lights next candle)

**Star Scout:** 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.

(Star Scout lights next candle)

**Life Scout:** 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.

(Life Scout lights next candle)

**Eagle Scout:** 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.

(Eagle lights the final candle) Will Scoutmaster Christ White please come forward, Scouts are dismissed back to their seats with the Troop.

**Mr White:** Owen please come forward. 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.

(any personal words Mr White may have for Owen)

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

Will Owen's parents please come up to join us? [Honor guard escort?](#)

(Eagle badge is given to mother to pin on Owen's uniform)

Mrs Eakle, pin this Eagle badge on your son's chest so that the world may know he is an Eagle Scout. (Eagle neckerchief is given to father to place around the neck of his son)

Mr Eakle, place this neckerchief around your son's neck to tell the world you will continue to support him as he grown into a man [Are you providing the neckerchief?](#)

(Eagle parents' pins are given to Owen)

Owen, please pin these parents' pins over your parents' hearts in recognition of their love, encouragement, faith and trust in your future.

We will now have a slide show of Owen's history in Scouting

(play slide show)

[The eagle pledge is where all eagles usually come forward and recite the pledge with Owen.](#)

[The Eagle charge is for Owen alone as the new Eagle](#)

**Mr Kenner:** If all Eagle Scouts in attendance could please join us on stage as I have the honor to give the Eagle Charge. Owen, 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.

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.

And now I will ask you to make the Scout sign and all repeat after me:

I realize my obligation

To my fellow men, my home  
My country and my God

I will at all times do my best

To assist others

To live with honor, loyalty

Courage and service

And to be a living example

Of the Scout Oath and Law

To the best of my ability

(two)

Congratulations

[You could insert the Eagle Pledge here.](#)

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

**Mr White:** Pastor Jaime would you please give a benediction. And after the benediction, all are welcome to please join Owen and the Eakle Family for a BBQ supper.