**PART ONE:**

Jacob to lead Presentation of the Colors by Color Guard

Begin by asking all to stand and Scout to salute as colors are presented.

Lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath and Law

Provide welcome to Court of Honor for Peter Cornetet

Jacob to introduce Pastor Tom for the Invocation

Jacob to introduce David Langhout as MC of the Court of Honor

Jacob can be seated in pews

**PART TWO:**

Tonight we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing Peter Cornetet’s achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting’s highest honor. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the most wholesome programs in the world today, aimed at character development, leadership, and enabling a young man to learn how to make the right choices; for himself, his family, his community, and his nation. Considering the challenges of our times, both throughout the world and within our nation, what a blessing it is that we have a program such as this to enrich the lives of young men.

Peter, all of those that know you rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you will know, is one of honor and responsibility.

James and Kim. As the parents of Peter, I know how proud you are. But also, we know of the hours that you also have labored, faithfully, in providing Peter with the choices, the resources, and the encouragement along this trail to Eagle, and to enable his alert and participating citizenship. Your efforts also have culminated in this evening and its presentation.

Peter is fortunate to have had the support and encouragement of two Troops in his trail to Eagle, as in addition to his home Troop 23 here in Sarasota, he also has been taken in by Troop 264 in Rockford, Michigan, where Peter’s family summers. And we are thrilled to offer a role in this ceremony to two of that Troop’s leaders here tonight.

But first, we will begin with a candle lighting ceremony to put into perspective the ideals of Scouting, as describe in the Scout Oath and Law.

If the Honor Guard would please come forward:

We will 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.

There are twelve parts to the Scout Law, each important and meaningful.

We start with—a Scout is:

**TRUSTWORTHY**

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

**LOYAL**

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

**HELPFUL**

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

**FRIENDLY**

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 other than his own.

**COURTEOUS**

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.

**KIND**

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated.

**OBEDIENT**

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.

**CHEERFUL**

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

**THRIFTY**

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

**BRAVE**

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, or threaten him.

**CLEAN**

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

**REVERENT**

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and he respects the beliefs of others, even if they are different from his own.

When we recite the Scout Oath, there are three principles, just as there are three points on the fleur-de-lis of our Scout Symbol. These are represented by the re candles, that we will light one by one.

First, a Scout promises, upon his honor, to do his best, to do his duty to God, and to his Country.

Second, he promises be helpful to others at all times.

And third, he pledges to himself, to keep physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

You see now, how the light from the spirit of Scouting has become brighter and stronger, showing us, and others, the way.

Honor guard, you may be dismissed.

**PART THREE**

I would now like to introduce Keith Rollins, Scoutmaster of Troop 23, so that he might provide some history of the achievements and progression through the ranks that Peter has walked along his trail to Eagle.

[[ Trail to Eagle ]]

Thank you, Keith

I would now like to introduce Chuck Burch, of Troop 264, who will lead us in the Eagle Charge. This will be after he gives us a few words about Peter.

*Chuck will ask any and all other Eagle Scouts in attendance to come up to re-affirm their pledge, along with Peter.*

[[ The Eagle Charge ]]

With all other Eagle Scouts to take their seat, we thank you, Chuck.

I now ask that Chris Likens our Troop’s Life to Eagle Advisor to come forward for the Eagle Badge Presentation.

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Thank you gentlemen, as you take your seats, I will ask the Honor Guard to come forward to escort Peter’s parents back to their seats, leaving Peter to provide us with a few words, to recognize his guests and family, and to offer mentor pins to those leaders that meant to much to him on his Trail to Eagle.

[[ Peter’s Speech]]

Honor Guard, if you could come forward to escort Peter back to his seat.

**PART FOUR**

Before we close with a Benediction from Pastor Tom, let me take a moment to provide some more perspective on this achievement by reading to you letters of congratulations that Peter has received from Congressman Vern Buchanan, and Governor Rick Scott, and Judge Maryann Boehm- of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Ct.

In the 100 plus years of Scouting in the United States, there have been just over 2 million Eagle Scouts. That may sound like a lot. But know, that just 2% of all boys entering Scouting attain this rank. We find Eagle Scouts disproportionately in our country’s armed services, and particularly so at our Officer Academies. Amazingly there have been 40 Astronauts that are Eagle Scouts, as well as business leaders such as Sam Walton and Bill Marriott, celebrities such as Steven Spielberg and Mike Rowe, and political leaders such as Michael Bloomberg, and governor Rick Perry of Texas. There has been just one President who was an Eagle Scout however, Gerald Ford. Presently, the President of Boy Scouts of America (the highest volunteer position) is an Eagle Scout: Robert Gates, the former Secretary of Defense for both George W. Bush and until recently for the current President.

Lastly, in keeping with our Troop’s tradition, an American Flag was flown in Peter’s honor over the US Capitol today, and he will be presented with that flag at our next Court of Honor.

Peter, you are now a marked man, and Eagle Scout. The expectations of others, and for yourself are forever changed, but all for the good. You have demonstrated your ability to set and reach goals, and to be a leader of others. The Eagle Scout Badge that you know wear stands for this strength and character. But let the world know, by how you conduct yourself today and all of tomorrows ,with how you act, so that the world knows you are an Eagle Scout even when you are not wearing the badge.

I would like for Pastor Tom to come forward for the Benediction before we retire the colors and head to the narthex for cake and a bit more celebration.

I now ask Jacob Glikin, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 23, to come forward to lead the Color Guard in retiring the colors.

This Court of Honor is now closed.