**Cooper Couden and William Whites’s Eagle Court of Honor**

**Welcome**

**Patrick:** Good Evening. My name is Patrick Collins, senior patrol leader of Troop 23, and I’m pleased to serve as master of ceremonies as we honor Cooper and William for attaining Scouting’s highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award. This is a moment worthy of celebration.

Before we begin our program, a special welcome to Major Finley of SMA high school . There will also be a reception in the gym following the ceremony.

Will Owen Eackle please come forward for the presentation of the colors?

Now please rise and join us in the presentation of the colors followed by an Invocation from Pastor Jamie.

**Presentation of the Colors**

***Owen:*** Color Guard advance. Scout salute.

Color halt *(at the end of the pews)* Color Guard prepare to post the colors. (Cross the flags, flags over stands not in until all scouts behind stands)

Post the colors (Flag poles in stands)

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please join me in the Scout Oath and Law.

Color Guard dismissed.

*(Pastor Jamie gives Invocation)*

**Patrick:** Thank you Pastor Jamie

*(Owen to the stage)*

***Patrick:*** You may now be seated. I now call on Mr. Collins, as a representative of Scouts BSA Troop 23, to officially convene this court of honor.

***Peter:*** By the power vested in me by the National Council of Scouts BSA, I declare this court of honor to be duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Cooper Couden and William White.

(*Sanctuary Lights dim off*)

**Voice of the Eagle Presentation:** Jeremy

(*Sanctuary Lights dim on*)

**Picture Slide Shows**

**Eagle Scout Charge**

**Patrick:** Honor guard *(Simon/Owen)* please escort William and Cooper to the stage.

(*Ask Cooper to sit in the chairs on the stage*)

**Patrick:** I would like to invite Mr. Dave Langout, William’s Eagle advisor, to come forward and give William his eagle charge.

(Once Dave is done…*Ask William to sit in the chairs on stage*)

**Patrick:** Now I would to invite former scoutmaster Mr. White to come forward to give Cooper his eagle charge.

**Patrick:** Thank you Mr. Langhout and Mr. White.

(*Have William come stand back next to cooper*)

**Eagle Pledge**

**Patrick**: I would now like to invite Eagle Scout, Bret Washmuth to come forward and give Cooper and William their Eagle pledge.

(*Any words Brett wants to say*)

**Brett:** These Eagle Scout candidates will now take the Eagle Scout pledge. As these candidates take this pledge for the first time, will all 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.

**Patrick:** Will the Honor Guard *(Simon/Owen)* please escort Cooper and William’s parents to the stage?

I would now like to invite Mr. Kurt Crist to the stage for the award presentation.

**Eagle Award Presentation**

*(Any words Kurt wants to say about the boys*)

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

Cooper, William you both 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 Scouts BSA it is my privilege and honor to bestow the rank of Eagle Scout to your mothers, they will in turn pin the Eagle medal over your hearts.

(*Hand Eagle Medal to Mrs. Couden & Mrs. White to pin on their son)*

Please pin the Eagle Medal over your son’s heart.

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of these Eagle Scouts, from keeping the Troops finances in order to making sure all awards and advancements were updated, which has led us to this evening. As the symbol of what these mothers have made possible, this Court now asks Cooper and William to present their mothers with a miniature Eagle pin.

*(Hand Cooper and William their Mother’s pins)*

Please pin your mothers.

Your Fathers have stood by you over the years and has offered their encouragement and assistance. As a symbol of what they have contributed to your attainment of this award I ask that you present them with a miniature Eagle pin also.

*(Hand Cooper and William pins)*

Please Pin your fathers.

(Eagle neckerchief)

Will the fathers now present their eagle scouts with the eagle scout neckerchief and slide.

Honor guard please escort Cooper and Williams parents back to their seats.

Cooper and William, by repeating of the Eagle Scout pledge before your fellow members, you have become an Eagle Scout. Though the words you used just now are similar to those by which you joined Scouting. Today they mean more than they ever could have meant at that time, or at any time in the past. 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 Scots BSA it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scouts. May the oath you have taken remain true in your heart.

Ladies, Gentlemen and Scouts, I present to you Eagle Scouts Cooper Couden and William White.

**Flag Presentation**

***Patrick:*** I would now like to bring up the Scoutmaster of troop 23 Mr.  Trey Kenner

(trey says a few words )

***Trey:***  William and Cooper, I have watched you two go through the 4 stages of team development. Forming, When Cooper first joined our troop. Storming, watching your patrol argue over some of the stupidest stuff ever. Norming, when you all got along then you all went back to storming then back to norming then to performing. You both have been through a lot of incredible adventures and made lifelong friendships. I as your scoutmaster am very proud of you two.

I have the great pleasure to present each of you with a flag flown over the capitol in your honor for achieving the rank of Eagle scout. The gift is not only a congratulations for your accomplishment, but this flag represents the Eagle Scout’s never-ending duty to his fellow man, community, and country. Congratulations, Cooper and William.

**Patrick:** Now it’s time to hear from the new Eagle Scouts.

**Eagle Scout Speech *Cooper/William***

**Mentor Pin Presentation *Cooper/William***

**Patrick:** Honor Guard, please escort Cooper and William back to their seats.

**Closing**

**Patrick*:*** I’d like Pastor Jamie back to the stage for the Benediction. Please stand.

*(Pastor Jamie gives benediction)*

**Patrick:** Thank you Pastor Jamie. Owen will you please come forward for the retiring of the colors.

*(Owen to the stage)*

**Retire Colors**

***Owen:*** Will everyone please rise for the retiring of the colors.

Color guard reform *(Back of the room)*

Color Guard advance

Color guard Halt *(at the end of the pews)*

Color guard prepare to retrieve the colors *(walk over to the flags)*

Color Guard retrieve the colors (walk to the back of the room)

Scout salute

*(When at the back door*) Two,

Color Guard dismissed

***Patrick:*** Thank you for coming. Please join us for the reception in the gym following the ceremony.

Will the Honor Guard please escort Cooper and William’s family to the gym?

Good night.