

# Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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## **Adult Participants**

**MC** of Court of Honor ..... Greg Coghlan  
**CHAPLAIN** ..... Pastor Oberhaus  
**CHARGE Administrator** ..... Bill Rundle  
**Committee Chairman** ..... Martin Thompson  
**POEM READER** ..... Mike Tracey  
**SCOUTER #1** ..... John Volchko  
**SCOUTER #2** ..... Jim White

## **Scout Participants**

**TROOP EAGLE:** ..... Jake Rundle  
**Eagle Honor Guard** ..... Jake Rundle, Alex Wilson

Senior **Patrol Leader** ..... Greg Manke  
American Flag ..... Mike Tague  
Troop Flag ..... Randy Klinger

Scout Candle ..... Nick Rundle  
Tenderfoot Candle ..... Nick Volchko  
Second Class Candle ..... Mike Tague  
First Class Candle ..... Nathan Heck  
Star Candle ..... Greg Manke  
Life Candle ..... Tom Habenicht  
Eagle Candle ..... Alex Wilson

Scout Law #1-6 Candles ..... Nick Rundle  
Scout Law #7-12 Candles ..... Pat Tracey  
Oath Candles ??? .....

## Opening Ceremony

MARTIN: On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 175 I welcome you here today to this Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Shawn Heck. I would now like to take this time to introduce to you the following special guests here today. *Introduce Troop leaders, past & present; other Scout leaders, VFW members, Troop Eagles, and any others.*

I would now ask CHAPLAIN to give the invocation.

CHAPLAIN: *Gives his own invocation.*

MARTIN: I would now like to turn the program over to Greg Coghlan, our Scoutmaster and Chairman of this Court of Honor.

COGHLAN: The Great Frontier District, Heart of Ohio Council, Boy Scouts of America Court of Honor for Troop 175 is now in session for the purpose of considering Eagle Scout Candidates. Senior Patrol Leader Greg Manke, will you lead us in the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance?

MANKE: Please rise for the presentation of the colors... Color guard, present the colors!  
Scout salute!

*The color guard processes to the front.*

Color guard, post the colors.

*Color Guard places the flags in the holders, then steps back.*

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I Pledge Allegiance... To!

Please be seated.

COGHLAN: Under the authority granted me by the Heart of Ohio Council, this court of honor will now consider nominations for the Eagle Scout Progress Award. Are there any candidates?

SCOUTER #1: I present the name of Life Scout Shawn Heck

COGHLAN: Would our Eagle Honor Guard escort him into the court.

## Confirmation of Candidacy

GREG: Who will certify Life Scout Shawn Heck?

SCOUTER #2: I will certify Life Scout Shawn Heck.

Shawn's first badge was the Scout award which he received in February 1992. This award recognizes the boy's acceptance of the Scout Oath and Scout Law and his willingness to start learning the skills in Scouting. *Light Scout candle.*

Next on the trail to Eagle was the Tenderfoot Award which was earned in October, 1992. This award recognizes the Scout's first experiences and learning while camping in the outdoors. He is also introduced to the patrol method of the Boy Scouts. *Light Tenderfoot candle.*

Second Class was the next step. Shawn completed this rank in July, 1993. To achieve this award the Scout must demonstrate skills in compass, cooking, nature and first aid. He must also participate in a service project. *Light Second Class candle.*

Shawn also completed his First Class award in July, 1993. To achieve this rank he had to demonstrate competence in orienteering, hiking, knots, lashings and more advanced first aid. Additionally, he needed to learn about civics and cooked for his Patrol. *Light First Class candle.*

To achieve the rank of Star, Shawn started to make some choices. He had to complete six merit badges including four that are required for Eagle, serve in a leadership capacity for at least four months and participate in six hours of service projects. He served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. He completed the Star rank in July, 1994. *Light Star candle.*

The Life rank is very similar to Star. He earned five additional merit badges, worked on more service projects and continued to serve in a leadership capacity. Shawn continued to serve as a Patrol Leader and the Troop Scribe and he completed the requirements for Life in August of 1995. *Light Life candle.*

Shawn completed his trail to Eagle in October of 1997. In his efforts to complete the award, he earned ten additional merit badges, and continued to serve in a leadership capacity as Senior Patrol Leader and later an Instructor. Shawn also planned and executed a significant service project, in which he built up a flower bed area for a proposed picnic area at the North Ridgeville Baseball Complex.. *Light Eagle candle.*

## Scout Oath & Law

GREG: Before the dawn of the light of day, when our Creator made earth and man, there was darkness. As light was given, man could see and advance along his way. Each of these blue candles represent one of the parts of the Scout Law. As each candle is lighted, think carefully of the guidance you received along your way of life.

A Scout is Trustworthy. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Loyal. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Helpful. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Friendly. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Courteous. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Kind. *Candle Lighter #2 lights candle.*

A Scout is Obedient. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

A Scout is Cheerful. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

A Scout is Thrifty. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

A Scout is Brave. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

A Scout is Clean. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

A Scout is Reverent. *Candle Lighter #3 lights candle.*

GREG: Scout Shawn Heck, you have observed the guiding lights along your way of life. Follow them throughout your days. As I light the candles typifying the Spirit of Scouting, repeat after me the most solemn promise a Scout can give. Everyone please stand. Scout Sign!

*Light 1st candle.* On my honor, I will do my best: To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;

*Light 2nd candle.* To help other people at all times;

*Light 3rd candle.* To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Two. Please be seated.

## **Eagle Scout Charge**

GREG: Having ascertained that Shawn is worthy of this high honor, we are about to proceed with the Eagle Scout Charge. Before we do, I would now ask all Eagle Scouts here today to come forward and join me in a semicircle behind the Candidate. *They do.*

I now ask Mr. Bill Rundle to come forward and give the Eagle Scout Charge.

BILL: I have the honor to give you the Eagle 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 influences in the world's history. You have been counted worthy of this high rank in the Boy Scouts of America. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

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, to country, to your fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts.

Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts; it extends to your country and your God. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future still greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a good leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and your fellow men. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to their finest living. We have too many use their strength and their brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God. Then whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud.

### **Eagle Scout Reply**

**BILL**: To seal your loyalty to the Code of an Eagle Scout, I ask that you, along with your fellow Eagle Scouts, raise your right hands in the Scout Sign and 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 the rank of Eagle Scout. - On my honor - I will do my best - to make my training and example - my rank and influence - count strongly - for better Scouting - and for better citizenship - in my troop - in my community - and in contacts with other people. - To this - I pledge my sacred honor.

May the oath you have taken remain graven on your heart always. Two!

*Mr. Rundle returns to his seat.*

## **Eagle Award Presentation**

GREG: By the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scout, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

The Court of Honor has received the candidate, he has been certified, and has received the Eagle Scout Charge. Will the Eagle Honor Guard, please bring forward the candidate's parents for the presentation?

No words of this Court of Honor could do justice to the devotion and patient perseverance with which his Leaders and parents have helped this Eagle Scout toward worthy manhood. In recognition of this, it is very fitting that this young man receive his Eagle Scout Progress Award from the hand of his mother. I now ask the mother of our new Eagle to pin the Eagle Award on his chest. (*she does so*)

As a rich dividend of fatherly advice and guidance along the trail to the Eagle Rank, I will ask the father now to present his son with the Eagle Scout certificate from the National Council. (*he does so*)

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout, which have led to this moment. As a symbol of what this mother has made possible, the court will now ask the Eagle Scout to present his mother with the miniature Eagle Scout lapel pin. (*he pins it on her lapel*)

As a thanks for the fatherly advice and guidance along the trail, the court will now ask the Eagle Scout to present his father with the Eagle Father's tie clasp. (*he gives it to his father*)

*Chairman gives the new Eagle the Scout Handclasp, shakes hands of parents. Parents return to their seats.*

May I congratulate you and remind you that Scouting should now become an even greater tie between son and parents, binding you even more closely together as a family. To you Eagle Scout Shawn Heck, I express the confidence that you will honor Scouting with your life and service, as today Scouting honors you.

GREG: Now I would ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout Jake Rundle to come forward for a special presentation.

Jake: On behalf of myself and all of the other Eagle Scouts of Troop 175, I wish to welcome you into this elite group. I now present you with our Troop's Eagle Scout Honor Roll Plaque, This contains the names of all the Eagle Scouts from our Troop. I should note that Shawn is the 20<sup>th</sup> Eagle in our Troop's 21 year existence. Unfortunately, you don't get to keep this plaque - it will be prominently displayed in the back of our meeting hall at the VFW. *(He presents him with the plaque & shakes his hand.)*

GREG: I now ask the Eagle Honor Guard to escort the parents of our new Eagle back to their seats.

### **Letters of Congratulations**

GREG: Now, a few members of Troop 175's Adult Committee will read some of the letters we have received for Shawn.

*Troop Scouters come up to read Letters of Congratulation.*

GREG: Shawn has also received letters from other famous people. These and the ones just read will be on display during the Reception after the Ceremony.

### **Poem: The Eagle Scout Trail**

GREG: At this time, POEM READER, one of our \_\_\_\_\_, will read a poem entitled  
The Eagle Scout Trail.

POEM READER:

The Eagle Scout, whose notable achievement  
We honor here tonight, has just completed  
A long, long Trail.

He started months ago as a Tenderfoot, the  
Gateway to the Trail, With Scout Good Turns  
And Slogan, "Be Prepared."

Then Second Class and First, with the outdoor life,  
The open roads with nights beneath the stars,  
And service to community and troop.

Now pinnacles of Star and Life were scaled,  
On one hand learning skills and pioneering,  
While following the daily Scout ideals.  
Of service in the home, the church, the school -  
Not merely winning many merit badges,  
But living out the Scout Oath and Law.

And yet the Eagle Scout who stands before us  
Has not attained the summit. No, instead he's  
Really just embarking on a trail much greater -  
That of Scouting Leadership, and, with the  
Spirit of a true American, is ready to defend  
Our Way of Life.

### **Address by New Eagle**

GREG: I now present to you Eagle Scout Shawn Heck, who has a few words to say.

SHAWN: *Gives a short speech thanking all who helped him get to this stage. Or  
anything else he wishes to say.*

## **Closing**

COGHLAN: Seeing that there is no further business for this Court to attend to today, we will proceed to close this Eagle Ceremony.

I now ask CHAPLAIN to give a Benediction.

CHAPLAIN: *Gives his own Benediction.*

COGHLAN: Our Senior Patrol Leader, Greg Manke, will now lead us in the closing flag ceremony.

MANKE: Would everyone please rise for the retiring of the colors. Scouts, Attention!

Color Guard Front and center! *They take their places.*

Color Guard, retire the colors! Scout Salute! *They take the flags out of the hall.*

Two!

COGHLAN: By the authority vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor closed. Would the Eagle Honor Guard please escort Shawn and his parents to the back of the hall.

On behalf of Troop 175 I would like to thank everyone who took the time to be with us today, especially: *List VIPs.*

I would also like to encourage everyone to join us for refreshments in the back of the hall.