

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

For

Cody Herman

Sunday September 23, 2007 2:00 pm

VFW Post 9871

N. Ridgeville, Ohio

Adult Participants

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Bill Rundle
 CHAPLAIN Pastor Mike Manosky
 BSA OFFICIAL Bill Rundle
 READER #1 Randy Klinger
 READER #2 Jordan Akdogan
 ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER Joe Panaccione
 CHARGE ADMINISTRATOR Bob Fletcher
 SCOUTMASTER Greg Coghlan
 TROOP EAGLE Bryan Maxwell

Scout Participants

SENIOR PATROL LEADER Chris Szabo
 AMERICAN FLAG Nick Corbin
 TROOP FLAG Mike Panaccione

EAGLE HONOR GUARD Randy Klinger
 EAGLE HONOR GUARD Bryan Maxwell

Opening

BILL Good Afternoon, My name is Bill Rundle and I am pleased to serve as Master of Ceremonies as we honor scout Cody Herman for his ascent up the Eagle Mountain. I would like to remind you that there will be a reception honoring our new Eagle immediately following the ceremony.

Now please rise for the invocation, presented by Pastor Mike Manosky Sugar Ridge Baptist Church in N. Ridgeville. Please remain standing for the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PASTOR MIKE *Invocation*

BILL I would like to call on Troop 175 Senior Patrol Leader Chris Szabo to lead us in the opening ceremony.

CHRIS Scouts, Atten-SHUN!
 Color Guard, present the colors! Scout Salute!
 The flags are brought up and the Color Guard waits by the flag holders.
 Color Guard, post the colors!

CHRIS Please now join me in saying 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!

Please Remain Standing.

CHRIS

Would all Scouts and Scouters present please raise your hand in the Scout Sign and join me in saying the Scout Law.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean, Reverent.

Also please join me in the 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 other people at all times;
To keep myself
Physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Two!

Please be seated

BILL

By the power invested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I declare this Court of Honor to be duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Cody Herman.

One Hundred Scouts

BILL

The Court will now ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout Randy Klinger to come forward and tell us about 100 Scouts.

RANDY

Of any 100 boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the 100, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the 100 will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active wall their lives. Six of the 100 become pastors.

Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one half will serve in the military and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Two of the 100 reach the rank of Eagle, and at least one will later say that he values his Eagle badge above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit-badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the 100 boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

Today, we honor one Scout in a hundred. We know the things he has done in the past; imagine what he will do in the future.

The Eagle Mountain

BILL

We now ask Life Scout Jordan Akdogan to come forward and tell us about the Eagle Mountain.

JORDAN

Early one morning a young boy stood at a trailhead. Before him rose a mighty mountain, which seemed all the mightier when compared with his smallness.

A trail led to the mountain and then up it to incredible heights before vanishing in the clouds. On this trail the boy could see other boys and young men, some of whom turned and beckoned him to follow.

The boy began to climb, refusing perhaps to believe that he could ever reach the top. At first the trail rose gently, and the boy had many companions. But soon he began to sweat and breathe heavily, and many of his companions turned away. And still the boy climbed.

At times he climbed quickly. At times he climbed slowly. At times he had to go down a little way to find another path or stop awhile to catch his breath. But still he climbed. The trail became steeper, the air thinner, but the climber scarcely noticed for he had along the way become stronger of body and hardier of spirit. And he still climbed.

And finally in the cool peace of evening time, he stood alone at the top of the world and looked around him. To the left he was a fiery golden sunset. To the right he saw a diamond-studded, silky black night sky. Behind him he was the trail that he had followed and the hikers who were following his footsteps.

And in front of him he saw another mountain. And another. And another. And a whole procession of mountains marching off to the horizon. But the young man (for now he was a man) knew that none of these other mountains was insurmountable, that all could and would be climbed. For he had learned many skills in the climbing of the first mountain, and he would carry those skills with him long after this mountain was forgotten.

And besides, he could begin climbing the next mountain tomorrow. Tonight he would rest and celebrate and ponder the journey that he had completed. And so today, we pause to rest and celebrate and honor this fine young man, this Eagle Scout, as he stands at the top of the world and looks around him.

Confirmation of Candidacy

BILL

Before we can proceed to the presentation of the award, I would like to ask Troop 175 Assistant Scoutmaster, Joe Panaccione to present the requirements Cody fulfilled to become an Eagle Scout.

JOE

After achieving the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, an Eagle Scout must complete the following requirements:

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Life Scout. Cody was a Life Scout for about one and a half years.
2. Earn 21 merit badges, including 12 required badges and 9 electives. In addition to the required badges, Cody earned an additional 15 electives, for a total of 27 Merit Badges. These are listed in today's program.
3. Serve actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after becoming a Life Scout. Cody served as the Troop Scribe, and still holds this position today.
4. Plan, develop, and carry out a service project worthy of an Eagle Scout. Cody's project was to re-landscape the grounds of the Sugar Ridge Baptist Church.
5. Appear before a Board of Review of adult Scouters and satisfy them that you have done your best to understand and live up to the Scout Oath and Law and, in all ways, qualify for the Eagle Scout Award.

The Board of Review met on February 22, 2007 and considered the qualifications of candidate Cody Herman. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that he completed all requirements of the Eagle Rank to the satisfaction of everyone present.

His application was then sent to the National Office in Texas for final approval

Introduction of Eagle Candidate

BILL

It is now time for the highlight of our program: The presentation of the Eagle Scout award. I would like to ask Scoutmaster Greg Coghlan to come forward to make the appropriate presentations.

GREG

Will the Eagle Honor Guard please escort Eagle Candidate Cody Herman forward?

We have heard a lot today about what it means to an Eagle Scout. Now our Honoree will have a chance to tell us a little about what the Eagle badge and Scouting mean to him.

CODY

Give speech and present Eagle Mentor's pin.

The Eagle Charge

GREG

Becoming an Eagle Scout is not the end of a journey, it is merely the beginning. As an Eagle, you have far greater responsibilities than you had before. To explain those responsibilities I would like to ask Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Fletcher to come forward and give the Eagle charge

BOB

Congratulations! You've made it. You've climbed the Eagle Mountain. I applaud your achievement. But now it's time to look toward the future, toward those other mountains out on the horizon.

How are you going to climb them? The same way you climbed the Eagle Mountain? Just remember the things you learned on your way to Eagle, and you will be able to climb any mountain, to overcome any obstacle.

Do you remember when you first looked up at the Eagle Mountain? How high it seemed back then? But you took that first step along the trail and began climbing. One step at a time, you followed the trail blazed by others. Then, when the path faded away, you blazed your own trail, a trail that others are now following.

And finally, always keeping your eye on the goal, you reached the top. You have many mountains waiting to be climbed. Some may seem insurmountable, but they can all be conquered. Just set your goal, take that first step, follow the blazed trail until it's time to blaze your own, and always keep your eye on the goal.

Good luck and keep climbing.

The Eagle Scout Promise

GREG

As the court of honor began today, you joined with your fellow Scouts in repeating the Scout Oath. Now you will repeat a new oath, the Eagle Scout Promise. Though the words you say are similar to those you have said so many times, tonight they will mean more to you than they have. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your oath with the words which closed the Declaration of Independence.

I would like all Eagle Scouts here today to join us on the stage and rededicate themselves by repeating the Eagle Scout Promise with our new Eagle Scout.

Please make 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 an Eagle Scout.
On my honor I will do my best
To make my training and example,
My rank 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.

Award Presentation

GREG

Would the honor guard please escort the candidate's parents forward?

Your parents have undoubtedly been your primary source of help and strength.

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self sacrifice from your mother. I would like your mother to pin the Eagle medal on your uniform.

Hand medal to mother. Wait for her to pin it on.

In recognition of your mother's devotion, please present her with the Eagle mother's pin.

Hand him the pin. Wait for him to pin it on.

Your father has been the source of much advise and guidance along the Eagle trail, so I would like him to present the Eagle Scout certificate to you.

Hand father the certificate. Wait for him to present it.

In return, please present your father with this Eagle tie tack.

Hand him the tie tack. Wait for him to present it.

Troop Presentations

GREG Now I would ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout Bryan Maxwell to come forward for a special presentation.

BRYAN 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, along with our original plaque, contains the names of all the Eagle Scouts from our Troop. I should note that Cody is the 31st Eagle in our Troop's 31 year existence. Unfortunately, you don't get to keep this plaque - it will be prominently displayed in the back of our meeting hall here at the VFW.

He presents him with the plaque & shakes his hand.

BRYAN However, we felt bad about presenting you with a plaque that you can't keep. So, the Troop has arranged for a gift that you can keep, and wear as part of your Uniform.

Present him with the Eagle Neckerchief.

GREG The Troop has also purchased a small gift for you ...

Present him with other gift.

GREG May I congratulate you, Cody, 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 Cody Herman, I express the confidence that you will honor Scouting with your life and service, as today Scouting honors you.

I now present to you Eagle Scout Cody Herman.

Lead applause

I now ask our Eagle Honor Guard to escort Cody's parents back to their seats.

Wait for them to do so.

Letters of Congratulations

BILL As has been stated before, earning the Eagle Award is an honor and a privilege not all obtain. Others, outside our troop understand this.

(If any are present)

Some of our honored guests here today have some presentations they would like to make.

Guests come forward & read their letters, presenting them to Cody.

BILL Cody has also received letters from some other people who could not join us today. At this time I would like to ask a few Members from the Troop Committee to come forward and read some of them.

They choose a few interesting ones and read them.

BILL In addition to these, the other letters we have received will be on display during the Reception after the Ceremony.

Closing Ceremony

BILL At this time I would like to ask Chris Szabo, our SPL to come forward once again to lead us in the retiring of the colors.

CHRIS Please rise for the retiring of the colors.
Color Guard, front and center!

Wait for them to assemble

Scouts, Atten-SHUN!
Color Guard, retire the colors! Scout Salute!

The flags are removed from the flag holders and taken to the back.
Two!

Closing Remarks & Dismissal

BILL Let's give our Eagle Scout a round of applause.
Wait for applause to subside.

Please stay to join us for the reception of our new Eagle Scout, Cody Herman!