

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

For

Randall G. Klinger

Saturday November 6, 2004 2:00 pm

Firelands Scout Reservation Dining Hall

Wakeman, Ohio

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Adult Participants

MASTER OF CEREMONIES..... Bob Fletcher
BSA Representative John Musson
Scouter #1 Joe Panaccione
Scouter #2 Bill Rundle
Poem Reader JoAnne Klinger
CHARGE Administrator..... Bryan Maxwell
TROOP EAGLE
SCOUTMASTER..... Greg Coghlan

Scout Participants

Senior Patrol Leader Justin Fletcher
American Flag..... Justin Griffith
Troop Flag..... Chris Szabo
Candles: Law 1-6 Mike Panaccione
Candles: Law 7-12 Chris Szabo
Candles: Oath..... Cody Herman

Eagle Honor Guard Cory Kokensparger

Introductions

BOB Good afternoon. My name is Bob Fletcher, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 175. On behalf of our Troop we would like to welcome everyone here as we honor Randall Klinger for attaining Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout Award. This is a great moment worthy of celebration.

Before opening this Eagle Court of Honor, I would like to recognize some people. Would all the past and present Troop 175 adult leaders and committee members please stand at this time?

Pause while they stand.

This group of leaders guided Randy through his years as a Boy Scout. We would like to thank you for your time and efforts you have all given him and the other Scouts in our Troop.

Lead applause.

Thank You, you may be seated.

BOB I would now ask that all Eagle Scouts please stand.

Wait for them to stand.

Before us stands an elite group of men. As you may have noticed when I requested they stand, I did not say current and former Eagle Scouts. This is because there is no such thing as a former Eagle. Once you become an Eagle you are one the rest of your life! You become a part of a very special fraternity. One that is as old as scouting itself. Let us honor this special group with a round of applause!

Leads applause.

Congratulations to you and thank you! You may now be seated.

BOB I would now like to take this time to introduce to you the rest of the special guests here today.

Introduce other Scout leaders, VFW members, Eagle Counselor, and any others.

Opening Ceremony

BOB Senior Patrol Leader Justin Fletcher, will you lead us in the opening flag ceremony?

JUSTIN Will everyone please rise?

Those in uniform will render the proper hand salute. Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart

Color Guard, present the colors!

The flags are brought up and the Color Guard waits by the flag holders.

Color Guard, post the colors!

JUSTIN 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!

Color Guard, dismissed. Please be seated.

BOB I would now like to ask the Honorable John Musson our District Chairman, as a representative of the Boy Scouts of America, to officially convene this Court of Honor.

**JUDGE
MUSSON** Under the authority granted me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I now declare this Court of Honor open!

Certification of Candidate

BOB This court of honor will now consider nominations for the Eagle Scout Progress Award. Are there any candidates?

JOE I present the name of Life Scout Randall Klinger.

BOB Let him be brought into the court.

(Eagle Honor Guard escorts Randy to the stage)

BOB Who will certify Life Scout Randy Klinger?

MIKE I will certify Life Scout Randy Klinger.

Randy joined our Troop in May of 1997 after graduating from Cub Scouts with his Arrow of Light. It took him almost two years to work his way up to First Class on February 25, 1999. He then earned Star on June 15, 2000, Life on June 13, 2002, and took almost another two years to complete his Eagle Requirements.

Randy earned a total of 24 Merit Badges, which is 3 more than the 21 that are required for Eagle.

He has held many Leadership positions in the Troop including:

Assistant Patrol Leader

Patrol Leader

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

Senior Patrol Leader (*3 times*)

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster.

In addition to the many hours of service time he performed for the other ranks, he also completed an Eagle Service Project. For his Eagle Project, Randy organized Scouts and friends to distribute flyers about flag etiquette and collect old, worn-out flags in North Ridgeville and surrounding cities. Then, with the help of the Troop and the Knights of Columbus, he held a public flag retirement ceremony at South Central Park this past March.

An Eagle Board of Review was convened on April 22, 2004 to review Randy's qualifications, where they unanimously decided to award him the rank of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Charge

BOB Before we continue, I would ask that all other Eagles present join us on the stage. *Wait for them to assemble behind the Candidate.*

Bryan Maxwell will give the Charge to the Eagle Candidate.

BRYAN Eagle Scout Candidate Randy Klinger, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout brotherhood, holding without reservation ever before you the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the Eagle Scout Promise before your brother Scouts, you will become an Eagle Scout. Though the words you use may be similar to those by which you joined Scouting, today they will mean more to you than they could have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, with the words that closed the Declaration of Independence.

Eagle Scout Promise

BRYAN

To seal your acceptance to the Code of an Eagle Scout, I ask that you and your fellow Eagles raise your right hands in the Scout Sign and repeat after me.

Say the following and pause after each line to allow the Eagle(s) to repeat it.

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.

Two! Your fellow Eagles may be seated.

Award Presentation - Almost

BOB

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?

Wait for the Honor Guard to escort them forward.

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 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 #1 lights candle.*

A Scout is Loyal. *Candle Lighter #1 lights candle.*

A Scout is Helpful. *Candle Lighter #1 lights candle.*

A Scout is Friendly. *Candle Lighter #1 lights candle.*

A Scout is Courteous. *Candle Lighter #1 lights candle.*

A Scout is Kind. *Candle Lighter #1 lights candle.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOB

Scout Randy Klinger, 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.

Award Presentation

BOB

Scoutmaster Greg Coghlan, to you as the troop leader this court gives this Eagle Progress Award pin. You, who provided the long hours of untiring leadership, may you now pass it on to the guiding hand of the parents to pin upon the new Eagle Scout.

Scoutmaster gives to father, who gives to mother, & she pins it on her son.

We now ask you to pass the Eagle Scout certificate from the National Council to the parents to present to their son.

Scoutmaster gives it to parents, father presents it to son.

And now, Eagle Scout Randy Klinger, the court of honor gives you this miniature Eagle Mother's Pin. As your first official duty, you may present it to your mother whom you love, and who has assisted you to attain this highest Scouting Honor.

Eagle pins miniature pin on his mother's dress.

For your second official duty this court gives you this Eagle Father's Tie Tack as a thanks for all of the fatherly advice and guidance along the trail to Eagle.

Eagle presents tie tack to father.

These miniature pins are emblematic of parental faith, love, and encouragement, without which very few Scouts are able to reach this highest position in Scouting. Your parents are privileged to wear these always - as mementos of this occasion.

BOB

Eagle Scout Randy Klinger, the entire brotherhood of Scouting congratulates you through me today, and the Eagle ranks open to welcome a new member.

Lead applause.

Other Awards & Letters

BOB Now I would ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout _____ to come forward for a special presentation.

TROOP EAGLE 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, contain the names of all the Eagle Scouts from our Troop. I should note that Randy is the 28th Eagle in our Troop's 28 year existence. Unfortunately, you don't get to keep this plaque - it will be prominently displayed at our meeting hall at the VFW – as soon as they finish remodeling.

He presents him with the plaque & shakes his hand.

TROOP EAGLE However, we felt bad about presenting you with a plaque that you can't keep. So, the Troop has arranged for a couple of items that you *can* keep. The first is an Eagle Neckerchief to wear as part of your Uniform.

Present him with the Eagle Neckerchief.

TROOP EAGLE The second is a small gift for you ...

Present him with other gift.

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

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

Guests come forward, read their letters, & present them to Randy.

BOB Randy has also received letters from some other people who could not join us today. We would now like to convey their thoughts to Randy, by reading some of the letters received by them.

Troop Scouters come up to read Letters of Congratulation.

BOB

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

Scoutmaster's Comments

BOB Our Scoutmaster, Greg Coghlan, now has a few comments about Randy's Scouting career.

GREG *Say something short, but meaningful.*

Address by New Eagle

BOB I now present to you Eagle Scout Randy Klinger, who has a few words to say.

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

Also, present Mentor Pin.

Poem

BOB Randy's mother has asked to read a poem at this time. JoAnne...

JOANNE *Read poem...*

Closing

BOB Attainment of a worthy goal has been realized here today. One, that no matter how much is said about it, or how eloquently stated, cannot be properly justified with words. Years from now, when the medals and patches have been put away and everything seems to have changed, one thing, one very special thing will remain You will still be an Eagle Scout.

BOB I would once again like to ask Judge Musson to come forward to officially close this Court of Honor.

**JUDGE
MUSSON** By the authority vested in me by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor closed.

BOB I now would like to call forth our Senior Patrol Leader Justin Fletcher to lead us in the retiring of the colors.

JUSTIN Would everyone please rise for the retiring of the colors.

Wait for everyone to stand and the Color guard to line up.

Scouts, Attention!

Color Guard Front and center!

They take their places.

Color Guard, retire the colors! Scout Salute!

The color guard takes the flags to the back of the hall.

Two!

BOB On behalf of Troops 175 I would like to thank everyone who took the time to be with us today, especially our honored guests.

I would also like to encourage everyone to join us for refreshments.