

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

For

James K White III

Sunday June 3, 2001 2:00 pm

Firelands Scout Reservation

Wakeman, Ohio

Participants

SCOUTMASTER..... Bill Rundle
COMMITTEE CHAIR Wendy Tague
TROOP EAGLE: Tom Habenicht

ALLOWAT SEKIMA: Bryan Maxwell
KITCHKINET Mike Tague
NORTH WIND..... Randy Klinger
EAST WIND..... Tom Habenicht
SOUTH WIND
WEST WIND..... Mike Crow
DRUMMER.....

Indian Theme Eagle Ceremony

Props:

Drum, Eagle Board, two red candles, white candle, blue candle, candle holder(s)

Scoutmaster

We have the honor and pleasure of recognizing James K. White III for the award of Eagle Scout. The parents and Scout leaders of the Eagle candidate whom we honor today have labored long and faithfully to develop him towards alert and participating citizenship through the Boy Scout program. It is, however, the candidate's personal efforts and achievement that culminates today in the presentation of the Eagle Award.

Please escort Eagle Candidate Jim White and his parents to the stage.

Drummer starts drumming. Indian party arranged with Allowat Sekima and Kitchkinet in front, North Wind next, followed by the East and West Winds with candidate in the middle, followed by the candidate's parents, followed by the South Wind, and drummer in the rear.

The four winds take their positions at the right of the Eagle board, Eagle candidate in the center with parents behind the candidate, and Allowat Sekima, Kitchkinet, and Drummer to the left of the Eagle board.

Allowat Sekima

I have led my braves to the summit of this mountain in a long journey from our camp to show you the rewards of your climb along the trail. When you began this trip as a young Cub Scout on the trail many years ago, you had this Mountaintop as your goal. You have reached the summit, the realm of the Eagles. But before admitting you to this honored membership, we must first hear the story of your long climb along the trail. You first learned Scout skills as you climbed through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

Kitchkinet

After reaching the First Class rank, you worked diligently, and sought experts who gave you valuable counsel on many subjects. Then additional merit badges allowed you to be a Star Scout, while still more found you wearing the heart of a Life Scout. Many more moons have passed while harder requirements found you adding to your qualifications until you have achieved Scouting's highest rank...Eagle.

Allowat Sekima

You have worked to the point where you are about to become an Eagle. Listen, first, to the wisdom of the four winds.

East Wind

I am the spirit of the East Wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and to country. Trustworthy, loyal, and helpful, are the quality, which a man must possess who lives by the laws and rules of this land. See that we do not lose this great blessing of a lawful land.

West Wind

As the spirit of the West Wind, I represent the law of equity, your duty to country and to others. Friendly, courteous, and kind are the laws that breathe of conscience. They create the atmosphere that comes from within your heart. The desire for you always to be a friend to those of all ages, young and old alike. Courteous to those who pass along your trail. Cast away the harmful spirit of unfriendliness and selfishness.

- South Wind** I am the spirit of the South Wind. I represent the civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful, and thrifty are the characteristics of civility. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something everyone has to learn--to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means earning, spending wisely and saving, and to share with those less fortunate.
- North Wind** I am the spirit of the North Wind, the most powerful of all. I represent the divine law. Brave, clean, and reverent. To be brave is to be unselfish. To be clean in body and soul is to be pure in heart. Cast from your mind and body any evil spirit that tries to weaken or destroy the divine law, live a life of reverence. Be brave and clean.
- Allowat Sekima** Throughout the climb up the Scouting trail, the badges have changed as your abilities grew. But one pledge remained unchanged, the Scout Oath. Now, candidate, make the Scout sign and state the Scout Oath slowly and clearly to renew this promise, which you first made many moons ago.
- Candidate** *Repeats the Scout Oath slowly.*
- Scoutmaster** This court recognizes Jim White as fully qualified for the rank of Eagle Scout. He should understand that the Eagle Scout rank is a responsibility as well as an honor.
- Allowat Sekima** You have reached the summit of the mountain, the highest rank in scouting. You may now soar with all the other Eagles, for you are an Eagle.
- Kitchkinet** To ensure that you understand that being an Eagle is a responsibility as well as an honor, the four winds will now explain the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout before the badge is awarded. (Produces a red candle and hands it, unlit, to the candidate). This red candle represents the life-blood of scouting...and its flame represents Scout spirit and the willingness to provide cheerful service to others.
Drummer lights the candle held by the candidate.
- East Wind** *Places the white candle into the candleholder*
The first responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. Please light this white candle, which represents honor. (Pause) An Eagle Scout's honor is sacred. Honor is the foundation of all character. An Eagle will so live that he will reflect credit upon his home, his church, his school, his friends, and upon himself. May the white of your badge remind you to live with honor.
- West Wind** *Places the blue candle into the candle holder*
The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is loyalty. Please light this blue candle, which represents loyalty. (Pause) Without loyalty, all character lacks direction. An Eagle is loyal to his own ideals. May the blue of the Eagle emblem remind you of loyalty.

South Wind

Places the red candle into the candle holder

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is courage. Please light this red candle, which represents courage. *(Pause)* Courage gives all character force and strength. Trusting in God, and with faith in his fellow man, he faces each day unafraid and seeks his share of the world's work to do. May the red of the of Eagle emblem remind you of courage.

Kitchkinet takes candle from candidate and extinguishes it.

North Wind

The final obligation of an Eagle Scout is service. The candle you used to light the other three candles represents the spirit of scouting and service to others. An Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who continue to toil up the Scouting trail he has completed, just as others helped him in his achievement of the Eagle rank. The habit of the daily "good turn" must take on new meaning, and blossom forth in a life of service. His code of action is based upon the belief that real leadership must be founded upon real service. Even as an adult you can continue to provide service. An adult Eagle Scouter is entitled to wear a red, white and blue square knot to show that he has attained Scouting's highest rank, and to signify his readiness to provide cheerful service to those still climbing the trail to Eagle.

Kitchkinet

All Eagle Scouts around the world will be honored to have you join them. Candidate, as you go forward in life, receiving other honors and awards, always remember this day when you became an Eagle Scout. The red, white and blue candles representing courage, honor, and loyalty will now be extinguished.

Drummer extinguished the three candles.

Even though the flames no longer burn, the ideals that they represent will continue to live in your heart. Listen to the wisdom of the winds.

East Wind

Remember the common law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful.

West Wind

Remember the law of equity: friendly, courteous, kind.

South Wind

Remember the civil law: obedient, cheerful, thrifty.

North Wind

Remember the divine law, the most powerful of all: brave, clean, reverent.

Allowat Sekima

After reviewing the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, and Jim's obvious fulfillment of them, we have charged him with the obligations he will now face as he soars with the Eagles. I now ask his Scoutmaster Bill Rundle to come forward for the presentation of the Eagle Award.

Scoutmaster

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.

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 Jim's 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 Jim White, I express the confidence that you will honor Scouting with your life and service, as today Scouting honors you.

Scoutmaster

We will now hear from our new Eagle Scout.

Eagle

The new Eagle Scout speaks.

After the Eagle Scout has spoken, the drummer begins beating the drum.

Allowat Sekima

I welcome you, new Eagle, to the summit of your trail. The Eagle is strong and powerful, and flies unblinking into the face of the sun. It soars high and builds on a pinnacle. You must not swerve from your duties as an Eagle.

All proceed out in the same order as they entered

Scoutmaster

We would ask everyone to remain seated for a few minutes while we attend to a few more things.

Now I would ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout TROOP EAGLE 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 contains the names of all the Eagle Scouts from our Troop. I should note that Jim is the 25th Eagle in our Troop's 25 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.

**Committee
Chair**

Following a recent tradition, 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.

Present him with the Troop gift.

Scoutmaster

As has been stated before today, earning the Eagle Award is an honor and a privilege not all obtain. Others, outside our troop understand this. We would now like to convey their thoughts to Jim, by reading some special letters received by them.

Troop Scouters come up to read Letters of Congratulation.

Scoutmaster

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

Scoutmaster

On behalf of Troop 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.