# EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

This is a Generic Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony that I have used several times. But it should be customized to make each Court of Honor as unique as possible.

-Tim Curt

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Ladies and Gentleman may I please have your attention".

"Please stand for the Presentation of Colors".

"Color Guard, advance the Colors".

(Troop marches in and remains in the aisle. Color Guard comes forward at the head of the Troop, stops with the Troop at the head of the aisle. Then continues forward and rotates to face the audience.)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Will the audience please join in the Pledge of Allegiance."

"Scouts, Salute!" (S.P.L. leads the Pledge of Allegiance)

(After the Pledge, while everyone is standing three Scouts come forward and complete the opening ceremony. SPL asks each scout by name to come forward.)

SCOUT : "The Red of our Flag represents the lifeblood of Brave Americans ready to die or worthily live for this our Country".

SCOUT : "The white of our Flag is for Purity, Cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed".

SCOUT : "The Blue of our Flag is for Faith and Loyalty, the eternal blue of the Star-filled heavens".

(Three Scouts return to the head of the line of the Troop.)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Color Guard, post the colors".

(Color Guard posts the colors, returns to the front of the line, and salutes the Flag.)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Troop take your seats".

(Scouts file into the seats going all the way down to the end.)

(Everyone is still to remain standing.)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Will everyone remain standing while

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Church, delivers the invocation".\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(delivers the invocation)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Thank you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Would everyone please be seated."

"I would like to introduce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Troop 161 and our Master of Ceremonies for our Eagle Court of Honor".

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Good afternoon honored guests, ladies, gentleman, scouts and Scouters. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Troop 161. It is my pleasure to be the Master of Ceremonies for this Eagle Court of Honor, honoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

"Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing for the award of Eagle Scout. The parents and Scout Leaders of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have labored long and faithfully to develop him towards responsible citizenship through the Boy Scout Program. Their efforts now culminate in the presentation of the Eagle Award. The success of these efforts, however, will only be manifested in the way this new Eagle sets a social pattern for the lives of those he touches".

"Honor Guard, please escort before this Court of Honor, Eagle Candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Honor Guard escorts candidate to the front of the room and returns to seats.)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "I will now call upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a member of

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ District Commissioners staff to open this Court of Honor".

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER: "By the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, I hereby declare this Court of Honor opened".

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Achieving Eagle is a long and arduous task. Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will outline long trail to the Rank of Eagle".

(Six preselected, rehearsed scouts with rank award signs prepare to assist in this ceremony.)

SCOUTMASTER: "Scouting is no doubt one of the greatest organizations in the world to foster the ideals of citizenship. It is little wonder then that so many of our nations greatest leaders had some of their earliest leadership experiences in scouting. The total development from boyhood to manhood depends on physical, mental and moral growth expressed in the Scout Law and Oath. The skills are so demanding and the challenges so great that it is not surprising to learn that only about 2 percent of all boys in scouting achieve the rank of Eagle. Let us now reflect on the trail to Eagle which a young man must undertake.

If you refer to your program, you can see the long trail this Eagle Candidate traveled.

SCOUT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Holds up Scout Emblem)

(Scout Rank)

"I am the Scout. My badge represents the international brotherhood of Scouting which I have joined."

SCOUTMASTER: "To become a Scout a boy must understand and promise to live by the Scout Oath and Law."

SCOUT : (Holds up the Tenderfoot Emblem)

(Tenderfoot Rank)

"I am the Tenderfoot. My three points stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath. You find me on the Mariner's Compass, forever pointing the way to the North Star and a safe journey in life. On my face are two stars representing truth and knowledge, a shield which is the emblem of a nation molded together in justice, and an Eagle to guard the freedom of my land."

SCOUTMASTER: "A Tenderfoot must .\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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SCOUT : (Holds up the Second Class Emblem)

(Second Class Rank)

"I am the Second Class. The ends of my scroll are turned up in the willing smile of the scout. On my face is the motto "BE PREPARED", and suspended from me is the knot, tied there to remind you of the slogan of the Boy Scouts of America, "DO A GOOD TURN DAILY".

SCOUTMASTER: "To become a Second Class Scout a boy must

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SCOUT :

(First Class Scout)

"I am a First Class Scout. I was Tenderfoot and I laid a course by the stars of truth and knowledge and I girded myself with the righteousness of justice and freedom. I added a smile that I might be a friend to all and bound myself together with the knot of duty to others."

SCOUTMASTER: "To become a First Class Scout A boy must earn

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SCOUT :

(Star Scout)

"I am the Star. Now that I can stand alone, I have earned the right to improve on my own. To me goes the honor of choosing my field. Before me lies an horizon of endless opportunity."

SCOUTMASTER: "To become a Star Scout a boy must earn a total of six merit badges, four of which must be from the required Eagle List."

SCOUT :

(Life Scout)

"I am the Life. I have shown the world that Scouting is in my heart. I have mastered knowledge of subjects that will benefit not only myself but my country and my fellowman. I am ready to reach for my wings to fly."

SCOUTMASTER: "To become a Life Scout a boy must earn a total of eleven Merit Badges, including seven from the required Eagle list."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "The Eagle Award is the culmination of the efforts

of and his leaders. A scout must earn 21 Merit Badges, in various crafts and skills. Eleven of these badges are required by the Boy Scouts of America.

You boys who sit here with the Troop are a part of the Eagle Award that is about to receive. As has helped you learn your scouting skills, he was exhibiting Troop leadership, that is necessary to develop to become an Eagle Scout. Hopefully, some of you will follow his example and complete your Eagle Rank.

Each Eagle Candidate must plan and supervise an Eagle Service Project. This Service Project demonstrates a Scouts capacity and willingness to exert his leadership ability in activities that are constructive and worthwhile in his community.

(Briefly describe the Eagle Service Project completed by the Candidate)

After a Scout has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle, he must be reviewed by an Eagle Board of Review, made up of members of the Troop Committee and a representative of the Council for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ District. This Board of Review meets to assure that the ideals of Scouting and the esteem of the Eagle Rank are upheld.

I would like to introduce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who sat on the Eagle Board and will report on the Boards findings."

### BOARD OF REVIEW

(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

"As a member of the Board that reviewed , I certify that after investigation, interview and examination, the Board is of the opinion that this Scout has demonstrated that he has held to the spirit of Scouting in his daily living. The Board recommends his advancement to Eagle."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Thank you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will now call upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Council\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help convey the responsibilities of the Eagle Rank to our new candidate."

: "I speak for the Eagle Scouts of this Council. I have the honor to give you the Eagle Scout 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. All who know you rejoice in your achievement. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and your brother Scouts.

Your responsibility 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 ability of her citizens. Our country has a great past, you can make the future still greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only towards the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and your fellow man.

So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to the finest living. We have too many who 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 common good.

Build America on the solid foundation 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 Candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I

charge you to enter the Eagle Scout Brotherhood, holding without reservation ever before you, the ideals of honor and service. By repetition of the Eagle Scout Promise before your fellow 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 than they could have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout, with the words which closed the Declaration of Independence"

(Speaker turns to the audience and says:)

"Will all the Eagle Scouts present today join \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I, as I administer the Eagle Scout Promise".

(Speaker waits for the Eagle Scouts to reach the front and line up.)

"Will everyone please stand."

"Eagle Scouts, please give the Scout Sign and repeat after me".

"I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath. (pause) I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself (pause) the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout. (pause) On my honor, I will do my best (pause) to make my training an example of my rank (pause) and my influence count strongly and for better citizenship, (pause) in my home, in my community and in my contacts with other people. (pause) To this I pledge my sacred honor."

(All Eagle Scouts except candidates, please return to seats.)MASTER OF

CEREMONIES: "Will Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lease come forward and present the Eagle Award"

SCOUTMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ "Will the parents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward."

"By the virtue of the authority vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I hereby award the rank of Eagle Scout to you."

(Scoutmaster gives Eagle Medal to the Scout's mother to pin on her son.)

"Will you please pin the Eagle Medal on your son."

(Scoutmaster gives Eagle pin for mother to Scout)

"No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout which has led to this afternoon. As the symbol of what this mother has made possible, this Court now asks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to present his mother a miniature Eagle pin."

(Eagle Scout pins pin on mother)

"Eagle Scout, it is customary that you also give your mother an Eagle kiss."

"Eagle Scout, would you also present your Dad with the lapel pin."

(Scoutmaster gives lapel pin to Eagle Scout to present to his father.)

(MC asks parents to return to their seats.)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "I would like to introduce Eagle Scout, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with a presentation from the National Eagle Scout Association."

: "The Troop Committee has enrolled you, our new Eagle Scout in the National Eagle Scout Association. May I present you with your certificate and membership card."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there are many dignitaries here today that would like to congratulate you and say a few words.

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 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "Are there any others present who wish to make a presentation at this time."

"\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has received many letters and certificates from dignitaries and friends who could not be here this afternoon. I would like to read a few of them."

(Reads letter from President and a few others)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is now time to hear from you"

(New Eagle Scout gives a few remarks)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: "I declare this National Court of Honor Closed.

Senior Patrol Leader take charge."

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Scouts please rise and repeat the Scout Laws Scout Sign"

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will you please deliver the Benediction:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Gives the Benediction)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: "Will everyone please rise..... Color Guard retire the Colors.

(Color Guard retrieves the colors and exits.)

"Will everyone, please join in refreshments"