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Troop 409
November 10, 2013

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Court of Honor Opening

Mr. Breidenstein:

This Court of Honor is now called to order. Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Bob Breidenstein, Troop 409 Committee Chairperson and it is my honor to welcome you on behalf of the Troop to our Fall court of Honor. This Court of Honor will be somewhat different from previous Courts as it will have a decidedly “boy-lead” feel.

At this time, I would like to ask Senior Patrol Leader, Robbie Frazer to come forward for the presentation of the colors.

Robbie: Flag Ceremony & Invocation

We are here today/tonight to recognize the achievements of members of our Troop. But first, we must remember that a Scout is Reverent. Will our Chaplain’s Aid, Michael Fabian come forward to lead us in the Invocation.

Michael Fabian:

Let us Pray:
Heavenly Father, our Gracious God. We have much to be thankful for. As we meet tonight as a Scout Troop, remind us that we have a duty to God, and that we have promised to be reverent to You. Guide us in all that we do, so that we can become better Scouts. In the name of our Creator we pray.

Amen.

Robbie:

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Will Life Scout and Assistant Junior Scoutmaster, Michael McDonough please come forward come forward to lead us in the Scout Oath and Law. He will be assisted by Eagle Scout & Moose Patrol Leader, Matthew Fabian.  {Robbie may now sit}

Michael McDonough:

When a boy becomes a Boy Scout, there is within him something that we call the Spirit of Scouting. This single candle before you represents that spirit. Because the Spirit of Scouting embodies the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, it becomes a shining beacon of inspiration. Alone, this light may seem feeble, but when
multiplied by millions of boys in Scouting around the world, it is powerful indeed. After a boy enters Scouting, he goes by a new set of guidelines, the Scout Oath and Law. One by one, using the flame from the spirit of Scouting, we shall light the symbols for each part of the Scout Oath and Law.

**Matthew Fabian :** [Three large candles are lit by a Scout as the Scout Oath is read.]

**Michael McDonough:**

Please Stand and remain standing: Scout Signs

“On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country; to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep my self physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

In the Scout Oath, the young Scout promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty, first to God and his country; second, to other people, by helping them at all times; and third, to himself, by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. You see how the Spirit of Scouting is now beginning to grow and become a little brighter.

**Matthew Fabian :** [Twelve candles are lit by a Scout as the Scout Law is recited.]

**Michael McDonough:**

The Scout Law is made up of twelve separate traits; each is an important foundation in the building of strong character, which is one of the three aims of Scouting.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful.

Friendly, Courteous, Kind.

Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty.

Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

You now can see how the Spirit of Scouting is glowing bright around us, illuminating the darkness and shedding light among even those who may not know much about Scouting.

I’d now like to turn the podium back over to our Master of Ceremonies Mr. Breidenstein

Please be seated
Mr. Breidenstein:
Advancement is one of the Eight Methods used by the Boys Scouts of America to achieve the Three Aims of Scouting, Character, Citizenship, and Fitness. To earn the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout, each scout must spend a great deal of time and effort learning and demonstrating a set of skills that should serve him well in the outdoors and more importantly, throughout his lifetime. Therefore, the occasion that recognizes these achievements should be memorable. Today/tonight we will follow and Light the Eagle Trail as we recognize the accomplishments of our fellow scouts.

Senior Patrol Leader, Robbie Frazer, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Michael Janak, Patrick Harrington, Connor Murphy and Bobby Breidenstein will now present Rank Advancements.

Bobby: Throughout the year we have the pleasure of welcoming new Scouts to our Troop.

To become a Boy Scout and earn the Scout Rank, a boy must learn the Boy Scout Oath, Promise and Law as well as the Scout Sign, Salute, and Handshake.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have joined our Troop and earned the Scout Rank since the last Court of Honor.

As we welcome our new Scouts to our troop, we want you/them to understand that you/they are special in that you/they are willing to strive for higher goals and achievements. Good Luck on your trail to become an Eagle Scout. As I call your name please come forward and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

Micah Avery
Brady Imiola
Shane Murphy

I invite Connor Murphy to the podium

Connor Murphy:
The Chinese have a saying: “A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” There’s a lesson for us in that saying. In Scouting as in life, the rewards do not come to those who sit back and wait but to those who continually take steps both large and small towards their ultimate goals.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have taken the first major step toward the Eagle Scout summit by earning their Tenderfoot Rank.

Please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

ADD Tenderfoot ranks
Congratulations, you have taken your first step on the Boy Scout journey by earning your Tenderfoot rank. As you look over your Boy Scout Handbook during the coming weeks, you will probably find lots of interesting things that you want to investigate. By doing this, you are taking small steps towards your next big step in the journey, Second Class.

I invite Michael Janak to the podium

Michael Janak:
This Second Class represents the second major step in your Scouting experience. You have earned the rank of Second Class by gaining a better idea of the skills you need for Scouting and your life beyond Scouting. The experience of Scouting can lead you in many different directions. Only you can decide on the direction you are want to take. Just like a compass and map are useful for finding your way through the woods, you can use the Scout Oath and the Scout Law to chart your trip up the Eagle Trail. As you receive your Second Class, you have started charting your course through Scouting and you need to continue to follow this path.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the Second Class Rank.

Please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

ADD Second Class ranks

Congratulations, you have earned the rank of Second Class. Take a close look at your Second Class Badge. The ends of the scroll are turned up as a reminder of the willing smile of the Scout. On the scroll is the Boy Scout motto “Be Prepared” and a knot is tied there to remind you of the slogan of the Boy Scouts, “Do a Good Turn Daily.” You have remembered these things and deserve to be acknowledged for that. Continue to follow these guidelines and you will be an inspiration for those who are to follow you. Please accept the congratulations of all who have joined us today, and be sure to help those who come after you see their way.

I invite Patrick Harrington to the podium

Patrick Harrington:
The First Class rank represents a significant step on the Eagle Trail. First Class Scouts have learned to abide by the code to which a true and mature Scout is forever bound, his personal honor and the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts earning this rank have mastered the outdoor skills of Scouting and can be counted on to take care of themselves and others in just about every outdoor setting. First Class Scouts have advanced from a novice to enjoy living in the outdoors for longer periods of time. As we present you with your First Class badge and rank advancement card, we charge you to continue your development as a Scout, so that you may better serve others.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the First Class Rank.

Please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.
ADD First Class ranks

In your next steps in Scouting you will start learning the skills that will help you guide others along the path of Scouting. You will earn the next ranks in scouting by learning from the members of your community. Merit badges will teach you various areas of knowledge that the community has. Community service will help in developing your pride and confidence in what you do. Junior leadership in your patrol and the troop will help you with taking on responsibility as you grow. The guide posts for your next steps in Scouting are the Scout Oath and Law. You will be asking the community for help in your advancement and you need to provide the community with your help as well. We trust that you are willing and able to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges that accompany the First Class Scout rank.

I invite Robbie Frazer to the podium

Robbie:
Scouts being recognized for earning the Star rank tonight are taking a long step toward Eagle. They have advanced in a way that obligates them to give younger Scouts the service and experiences that they have received. Star Scouts leave the part of the troop which receives Scouting and are now admitted to a smaller group who now provides Scouting to our less experienced Scouts. These young men have the privilege and duty to give Scouting - to give leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts who will follow their lead. Their willingness to do so is a pledge of service and a sign that their understanding of the ideals of Scouting is growing. The Star Scout badge that they wear is a constant reminder of the star of service that guides them on the trail to manhood.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the Star Rank.

Please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

ADD Star ranks

You are no longer just a First Class Scout; You are the Star. Even though you have the support of your parents, you now can stand alone. You have earned the right to improve on your own. To you goes the honor of choosing your field. Before you lays the horizon of endless opportunity. The Star on your new badge will guide you like the stars in the sky and lead you to your next step, that of Life Scout. The Star you have earned should also guide those that come after you as they shall be looking to you for leadership and encouragement. The Scout participation, spirit, and service you completed to earn this award will guide you and others like a star to further advancement. As you complete merit badges for the next step— Life Scout—you’ll be a constant source of help to your fellow Scouts. They’ll be counting on you for leadership and guidance to show them the way!

I invite Bobby Breidenstein to the podium

Bobby:
The rank of Life Scout is one that few scouts in the troop achieve. Scouts earning this rank have done so by showing that their heart has the spirit of scouting. They have mastered the outdoor skills required to obtain the rank of First Class and then started learning more about Scout Spirit and service to others on the path to becoming a Star Scout. By continuing to learn about service to others, and gaining a deeper understanding of Scout Spirit, they then earn the rank of Life Scout. The path traveled, the path towards Eagle, requires an even
deeper understanding of Scout Spirit and Service to others. What they learn as they continue along the path towards Eagle Scout is that badges have no substance without the spirit and service offered willingly towards others.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the Life Rank.

Please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

ADD Life Rank.

Scouts, in receiving your Life rank tonight, you are approaching your last step toward Eagle. You have shown that you can lead your troop in service and share in the Scouting experiences you have received. Tonight, you are entering that select group who will directly work towards their Eagle rank. In doing so, you must not only give service, you must also lead others in performing a service project of your choosing. Your willingness to do so will be a pledge of service and a sign that your understanding of the ideals of Scouting. When you are finished with the requirements we will give you, you will, indeed, be worthy to join those very few who are Eagle Scouts.

May the Life Scout badge that you now wear be a constant reminder of the life of service that will shine as a guide to lead you on the trail to manhood. The heart shape of the badge is symbolic of life and courage. For you, now, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law will mean more than ever before. You will ever strive to make them the keynotes of your conduct. This miniature badge is for your mother or father in to recognize their love, comradeship, encouragement, and faith in you. The shape of your new badge symbolizes life and growth. You must continue to grow in Scouting, but at the same time share your knowledge and skills with others. Your path continues to Eagle, if you so choose.

I invite Connor Murphy to the podium

Connor Murphy:
The rank of Eagle is the loftiest of Scouting Goals. Only a small percentage of scouts, less than 2% of all scouts earn this prestigious rank. The journey on the path to Eagle is difficult, but by applying the skills learned and earned from Scout to Life, a dedicated boy scout can obtain his Eagle.

As an Eagle, the Troop, your friends, your family and community will look to you for leadership, and hold you to the highest of standards. It is said, “the rank of Eagle does not change the Scout, BUT, the expectations of the Eagle will forever change the Scout.”

The Eagle is expected to walk a little taller, hold his head a little higher, do more than is required, volunteer first, provide unprompted help and be the last to leave, making sure all that is needed to be done has been done at a level befitting not just his Troop or his Community or his family but for all Eagles past, present and future. Only an Eagle knows what is truly expected of an Eagle for this rank permits you to stand on the shoulders of all Eagles before you to support all Eagles after you. The brotherhood of Eagles is strong, solemn and sacred.

We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the Eagle Rank and Eagle Palms. Will all Current Eagles in the Audience please stand
Eagles please come forward as your name is called and light your Rank Advancement Candle and place it in the wooden candle holder.

Christian Clark  
Brian Grimm  
Will Peterson  
Michael Janak  
Bobby Breidenstein

Mr. Breidenstein:  
The advancements of rank are but a portion of the life and experiences of a scout. Merit Badges are the stepping stones on the pathway to Eagle. Troop 409 has a rich history of Merit Badge acquisitions. At this Time will Patrol Leaders, Kevin Matuszak for the Flaming Arrows, Ryan Wilson for the Warriors and Matthew Fabian for the Moose please come forward to recognize their respective patrol members for earning merit badges since last May. As your names are read, please remain standing until your entire patrol is recognized.

I invite Ryan Wilson to the podium

Ryan Wilson:  
Read names of your Patrol and the merit badges earned

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I invite Kevin Matuszak to the podium
Kevin Matuszak:
Read names of your Patrol and the merit badges earned

Clark, Jacob
Emergency Prep*
Lifesaving*
Wood Carving
Kayaking
Nuclear Science

Fabian, Michael
Canoeing
Cit In World*
Rowing
Cit In Nation*
Kayaking

Harrington, Nicholas
Computers
Emergency Prep*
Geocaching

Krause, Connor
Cooking
Home Repairs
Space Exploration
Fingerprinting
Kayaking

Lindner, William
Art
Cooking
Small Boat Sailing
Computers
Geocaching

Matuszak, Kevin
Cit In Nation*
Cit In World*
Golf

McCormick, Michael
Art
Fish and Wildlife
Metalwork

Piekarski, Marek
Nuclear Science

Roberts, Nathan
Art
Kayaking
Wilderness Survival
Cooking
Shotgun Shooting

Talty, Colin
Archery
Cit In Nation*
Rowing
Canoeing
Cit In World*
Swimming*

I invite Matthew Fabian to the podium

Matthew Fabian:
Read names of your Patrol and the merit badges earned

Banks, Cole Rank:
First Aid*
Painting
Welding
Kayaking
Small Boat Sailing

Clayback, Michael
Cooking
Geocaching
Scouting Heritage

Frazer, Adam Rank:
Art
Kayaking
Small Boat Sailing
Cooking
Painting
Welding

Gulczewski, Sam
Auto Maintenance
Kayaking
Small Boat Sailing

Imiola, Brady
Art
Chess

Jerabek, Nicholas
Rowing

Krause, Nicholas
Cooking
Lifesaving*
Rowing
Kayaking
Metalwork

LaFalce, Jonathan
Art
Kayaking
Small Boat Sailing
Cooking
Painting
Welding

Piotrowski, Eric
Golf
Lifesaving
Sculpture

Pronko, Matthew
Auto Maintenance
Electricity
Welding

Surdej, Steven
Cit In Nation*
Cit In World*
Environmental Sci*

Mr. Breidenstein: will read names of the SPL & ASPL’s and the merit badges earned
Mr. Breidenstein:
The strength of any organization rests on its members and volunteers. I would like to recognize the many volunteers who help keep this Troop vibrant. Please stand, remain standing as we recognize your efforts.

Charter Organization: EUCC
Charter Sponsor: Rev Anderson
Charter Rep: Mr. Pankow
Scoutmaster: Mr. Frazer
Asst. Scoutmasters: Mr. Heck, Mr. Fabian, Mr. Henshaw
Treasurer: Mr. Gulczewski
Adv Chair: Mr. Surdej, and Mrs. Janak (emeritus)
Outdoor Chair: Mr. Horvath
Quartermaster: Mr. Wilson
Kernal: Mr. Harrington
Roster: Mrs. Wabick
Training: Mrs. McDonough
Candy bars: Mr. Jerabek
Webmaster: Mr. Breidenstein
Committee: Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Breidenstein, Mr. Matuszak

As a final recognition, on behalf of the Troop, Committee, and Scoutmasters I would like to extend our sincerest level of appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Nancy Janak who has served as Troop Advancement Chair for many years. During her tenure she has endured many “I need this and I need that, can you give me….fill in the blank.” In her role as Advancement Chair, any scout who has advanced owes a small part of that to her organizational skills and patience. Nancy, thank you, thank you, thank you!

At this time I would like to invite Senior Patrol Leader, Robbie Frazer to retire the colors as this concludes our Ceremony.

Robbie: Lead Philmont Grace and retire the colors

For food, for raiment
For life, for opportunity
For friendship and fellowship
We thank thee, O Lord