

PREPARATION (6:30)

The ceremony will be held in the Community Center Gym.

Drill Color Guard (Mr. Hoge)

- Color Guard (Steve Desaulniers, Michael Balch, Nick O'Leary, Will Smith)

Brief ceremony participants (Mr. Brown)

- SPL (Robin Smith)
- Escort (Oli Simpson)
- Assistant (Jack Roberts)
- Rehearse Reading of the Law
- Rehearse presentation of candidates
- Rehearse presentation of parents

Set up flag stands, front table, and podium

Set up chairs (reserved seats for parents at front house right, Escort at front house left.)

Set up reception table (Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kraus, Mrs. Kinlaw)

PREOPENING (7:15)

Position Ushers with programs.

Greet VIPs. Brief them as necessary.

Seat candidates at the rear of the hall by 7:30. (Escort)

Seat the parents at the front of the hall by 7:30. (Escort)

OPENING (7:30)

SPL: (front and center, make Sign)

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Please rise for the American Flag."

"Color Guard, Post"

(color guard posts colors)

"Scout Salute.... I pledge allegiance..."

"Scout Sign..... On my honor....."

"Color Guard, dismissed." (color guard retreats.)

"Please be seated."

(Audience sits.)

WELCOME

SPL: “Good evening, everyone. I am Robin Smith, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 45, and it is my privilege to welcome all of you to our Eagle Court of Honor.

We have three distinguished guests with us this evening, and before beginning the ceremony I’d like to introduce them.

- First, **The Honorable Willy Black**, Moderator of the Town of Hanover
The Honorable Julia Griffin, our Town Manager,
is here to represent the Town of Hanover. Welcome, Ms. Black, Ms. Griffin and thank you for coming.
- We are also very pleased to welcome **Mr. Dennis Backus**, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Welcome, Mr. Backus, and thank you for joining us.
- And finally, **Mr. Richard Pond**, Representing the American Legion. Thank you for coming, Mr. Pond. We’re glad you can be here.”

COURT OF HONOR

Introduction, Report of the Board of Review and Opening

SPL: “Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Yorke Brown, chairman of the Troop Committee, will open the Court of Honor. Mr. Brown.” (Step aside)

Mr. Brown: (Introductory speech) (Introduces Mr. Collins)

Mr. Collins: (Report of BoR)

Mr. Brown: (Opening)

(Mr. Collins sits)

Reading of the Law

The Assistant comes forward carrying a taper. He meets Mr. Brown at the center. Mr. Brown holds the taper while the Assistant lights it. The Assistant then proceeds to the rear of the front table with the candle, and starting from his right, lights the first candle reciting,

Assistant: “A Scout is Trustworthy.”

From the rear of the hall comes the echo,

Echo Voice: “A Scout tells the truth. he is honest...”

The Assistant repeats this procedure through the entire Scout Law, lighting one candle for each of the twelve points.

After completing the reading, the Assistant extinguishes his candle and retreats to his

seat.

Presentation of the Candidate

SPL: (From station at stage left.) “Mr.Simpson, please present the candidate.” (The escort rises, and proceeds down the aisle to the rear of the hall. The candidate rises. Together they proceed to the front of the hall. Hidde stands front and center; Oli stands to his right and announces:)

Escort: “Life Scout Hidde Ebo Willibrord de Muinck!”

SPL: “Mr. Scoutmaster, the candidate is prepared.” (Escort retreats to his seat and sits.)

SM: (Comes forward)

- (Importance of teamwork --> Neckerchief swap)(SPL assists: take old neckerchief from SM, place on table, pick up new neckerchief and give to SM for presentation)
- (Importance of ideals --> Scout Oath and Law)
- (Importance of parental support --> Introduce parents)

SPL: “Mr. Simpson, please present the parents.” (The escort rises from his seat, proceeds to the center and then to the parents’ row. The escort offers his arm to Mrs. de Muinck and leads her to stand on Hidde’s right. Dr. de Muinck follows and stands to the right of Mrs. de Muinck. The escort retreats to his seat.)

SM: (Greet parents)
(Stands to the right of the group)

The Charge

SPL: “During Hidde’s career in Scouting, the troop has had three scoutmasters. It is now my privilege to introduce Hidde’s first scoutmaster, Mr. Gregg Hoge, who will give The Eagle Charge.”

(Mr. Hoge and Mr. Brown come forward. Mr. Brown stands with SPL, Mr. Hoge on the extreme right of the group, looking across towards Hidde.)

Mr. Hoge: (Remarks as appropriate -->invites Eagles in audience to rise)
(Reads Eagle Charge)
(Eagles in audience sit)
(Mr. Hoge sits)

The Conferral

Mr. Brown: (Remarks as appropriate.)

Mr. Brown: (Instructs on pinning process)
(SPL obtains Eagle Kit and certificate . Hands certificate to Mr. Brown.)

Mr. Brown: (Reads the eagle certificate)

(Mr. Brown obtains the eagle medal from SPL, shows it to audience and hands it to Mrs de Muinck, who pins it on Hidde.)

Mr. Brown: (Remarks concerning importance of fathers)
(obtains father pin, hands it to Hidde who pins it on father)

Mr. Brown: (Remarks concerning importance of mothers -- including reminder to candidate of the traditional kiss)
(obtains mother pin, hands it to Hidde who pins it on mother)

Mr. Brown: (Obtains the cloth eagle badge, gives badge to candidate, shakes hand, congratulates parents.)

Mr. Brown: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor of presenting to you Eagle Scout Hidde Ebo Willibrord de Muinck."

(Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown sit)

(SPL returns to his station)

SPL: "Mr. Simpson, will you please seat the parents?"
(Escort proceeds to the front, escorts the parents to their seats--Mrs. de Muinck first. Escort sits.)

Special Recognitions

SPL: "During our preopening gathering, I'm sure that many of you noticed here at the front of the room the displays of various memorabilia that we've assembled for our new Eagle Scout. These displays include some significant recognitions and commendations. I'd like to ask Assistant Scoutmasters Ned Dwyer and Byron Young to present them."

(Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Young alternate reading and presenting commendations, or introducing other organizational representatives as necessary.)

- Commendation from the Town of Hanover (introduce Ms. Willy Black Ms. Julia Griffin)
- Commendation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Introduce Mr. Dennis Backus)
- Commendation from the American Legion (Introduce Mr. Richard Pond)
- Commendation from the New Hampshire General Court
- Commendation from the US House of Representatives
- Commendation from US Senate

(Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Young sit.)

Closing

SPL: “Mr. Brown, would you please close the Court of Honor?”

Mr. Thompson: “With pride in the accomplishments of our new Eagle Scout, his parents, his Leaders, and his fellow Scouts, I declare this Eagle Court of Honor officially closed.” (Mr. Brown sits)

REFLECTIONS

SPL: “The Eagle Court of Honor is now complete. Troop 45 has gained its twenty-ninth Eagle Scout. Speaking for all the scouts in the troop, Hidde, congratulations!

Now is a time for reflection and appreciation. I’d like to begin by thanking all the people who helped make this gathering possible.

- First, Mr. Thompson, thanks to you and all the parent volunteers who have participated in the five boards of review leading up to this afternoon.
- Are there any Merit Badge Counselors in the audience? Could you please stand for a moment? All the scouts in the troop thank you for all you have taught us.
- Many other parents, leaders, and scouts pitched in to help out in various ways. Mostly, though, I want to thank all of you for coming and supporting the troop--especially those of you who traveled great distances to be here. We’re very glad you came.
- And finally, some of the moms of previous Eagle Scouts have prepared a little reception for after the closing. Thanks to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kraus, Mrs. Kinlaw, and Mrs. Simpson.

Now, is there anyone in the audience who would like to offer a reflection on our new Eagles?”

(Reflections)

SPL: “Now I’d like to relinquish the floor to our new Eagle Scout himself. I understand Hidde has some reflections of his own.” (SPL sits.)

(Hidde makes whatever presentation he may have. If he wishes to present the Mentor pin, this is the appropriate time.)

CLOSING

SPL: (Return to station) “Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the closing. Hidde, will you please lead us in the Scout Law?”

All: “A Scout is Trustworthy....”

SPL: “Circle up.” (Instructions as necessary)
(When circle is formed and all is quiet) “Scoutmaster’s Minute”

SM: (Scoutmaster’s Minute)

RECEPTION

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, REPORT OF BoR, and OPENING

Mr. Brown: “Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America has offered young men the opportunity to develop themselves in character, in citizenship, and in personal fitness. Each boy who enters the Scouting program learns the ideals of Scouting and, by participating in its activities and adventures, begins to advance in rank. The new Scout quite naturally becomes a Tenderfoot, and, with more effort, Second Class. By the end of his first year in the program a boy can earn the rank of First Class and count himself as a fully qualified Scout.

But at that point, the program changes; the advancement trail steepens. The First Class Scout sees before him a bewildering field of Merit Badges. He encounters new requirements for service, for leadership, for responsibility. As the Scout rises to Star, and then to Life, he sees the ranks of his companions thinning, for these advancements require real effort, real commitment, real initiative. His leaders support him, yes; they guide him, teach him, encourage him. But they also expect more of him. The farther along the trail the Scout continues, the steeper it becomes. He encounters no insurmountable obstacles, but the challenges are real, and often daunting. Only a few will reach the rarified air of the realm of the Eagles.

We assemble here this evening to recognize a young man from Troop 45 who has completed the Trail to Eagle--who has climbed the heights of advancement and has shown by his deeds that he is strong in character, upright in citizenship, and fit for the rigors of adult life.

It has been my pleasure over the years since this young man joined Troop 45 to observe his progress towards this summit. His Scoutmaster, assistants Scoutmasters, merit badge counselors, and many others have all helped him, and observed him, and monitored his progress. The Board of Review has evaluated his fitness to advance to each new rank, and has certified the completion of each advancement. Upon completion of the requirements for Eagle, however, he passed from our purview to that of the Eagle Board of Review. I now call upon our Unit Commissioner, Mr. Nicholas Collins, to present the report of the Sunapee District Eagle Board of Review.

Mr. Collins: “My colleague, Mr. Paul Boucher, chairman of the Eagle Board of Review, sends his regrets that he is unable to attend this evening. On his behalf I have the privilege of presenting the report of the Eagle Board of Review.

As the highest rank in Boy Scouting, the award of the Eagle Scout Badge deserves special attention as to the qualifications of candidates aspiring to this level of achievement. Advancement to Eagle Scout requires the completion of twenty-one merit badges, among which twelve are individually specified. Each candidate is required to render specific leadership service to his troop. Each candidate must conduct a major community service project that demonstrates organizational skill, leadership, and the

willingness to help others. After reviewing the satisfactory completion of these concrete requirements, the Eagle Board of Review then examines each candidate in the more abstract areas of character development and Scout spirit--for herein lie the deepest virtues of the Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Board of Review of the Sunapee District, Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America, has examined Life Scout **Hyde E W de Muinck** of Troop 45, Hanover, New Hampshire, for his fitness to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Board of Review is pleased and proud to certify to the National Office that Mr. de Muinck is fully qualified to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Brown, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am now pleased to report that the National Office has duly authorized us to confer upon this young man the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Mr. Brown: “Very well, then: By the authority vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I do declare this Eagle Court of Honor open for the purpose of elevating to the rank of Eagle Scout,

Hyde Ebo Willibrord de Muinck.

THE READING OF THE LAW

A Scout is **Trustworthy**. A Scout Tells the Truth. He is honest and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is **Loyal**. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

A Scout is **Helpful**. A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help other people without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is **Friendly**. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout **Courteous**. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is **Kind**. A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason he does not harm or kill any living thing.

A Scout is **Obedient**. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

A Scout is **Cheerful**. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is **Thrifty**. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is **Brave**. A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is **Clean**. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps to keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is **Reverent**. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.