

**Complete Script for the
Eagle Scout Court of Honor
for Josh Gienapp
2:00 pm Sunday, March 31, 2019** *(rev. 2pm 3/30/19)*

Laptop/Sound: ??

Acting SPL: **Matt Blake**

Emcee: **Tom Arneberg**

Eagle Charge: **Tom Zwickel**

Bugler: **Simon Arneberg**

OPENING

Bugler: Assembly

SPL: Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the opening flag ceremony and remove all unofficial head gear...Troop attention... Color Guard, ADVANCE THE COLORS...Scout salute...bugler sound.

(Color guard brings flags up and posts in stand.)

(Bugler plays "To the Colors" while it's being walked up.)

Post the colors.

SPL: Please join me in the pledge of allegiance. "I Pledge allegiance to the flag..." Two.

SPL: Scouts, please give the Scout Sign as we recite the Scout Oath. (Do Oath.)

SPL: Now, one of our Scout dads, Mr. Chris Uttecht, will deliver the opening prayer.

Chris Uttecht: *(Opening prayer)*

SPL: You may be seated.

Scout Law Candle Ceremony

*(12 Scouts line up and each light a candle as they explain their point of the Scout Law. **Scouts should line up right next to the table with the candles, to avoid the long wait as each Scout walks forward.**)*

SPL: This green candle symbolizes the Spirit of Scouting. Our troop will now illuminate the 12 points of the Scout Law.

SPL: A Scout Is Trustworthy.

Scout 1: A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, there may be serious consequences.

SPL: A Scout Is Loyal.

Scout 2: He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his Scout Leader, his home, his parents, his church, and his country.

SPL: A Scout Is Helpful.

Scout 3: He must be prepared at any time to save a life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must try to do at least one Good Turn for somebody every day.

SPL: A Scout Is Friendly.

Scout 4: He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout. He is especially friendly to new kids and those who need a friend.

SPL: A Scout Is Courteous.

Scout 5: He is polite to all, especially to women, children, the elderly, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

SPL: A Scout Is Kind.

Scout 6: He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

SPL: A Scout Is Obedient.

Scout 7: He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, and all other duly constituted authorities. If he thinks a rule is unjust, he will work to change the rule rather than just disobeying it.

SPL: A Scout Is Cheerful.

Scout 8: He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery.

He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

SPL: A Scout Is Thrifty.

Scout 9: He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy causes.

SPL: A Scout Is Brave.

Scout 10: He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear and to stand up for right against the peer pressure of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies. Defeat does not down him.

SPL: A Scout Is Clean.

Scout 11: He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

SPL: A Scout Is Reverent.

Scout 12: He is reverent toward God. He lets God's light shine through the way he lives his life.

SPL: Hello, my name is Matt Blake, a former Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 72. Welcome to our Eagle Court of Honor for Joshua Gienapp. Now I'd like to introduce our Scoutmaster -- please welcome Mr. Tom Arneberg.

Tom A: Thank you, Matt. Ladies and gentleman, Scouts and Scouters, good afternoon, and thank you all for coming to this Eagle Court of Honor. Your presence here today not only honors Josh and the other Scouts, but supports our troop and the whole Scouting movement.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize some of our special guests today:

- Josh's grandfather from Chippewa Falls...
- his other grandparents from

Menomonie...

- his Aunt Theresa from St. Paul...
- Aunt Mary from the Washington, DC area...
- Chippewa Falls Mayor **Greg Hoffman**...
- City Councilman **CW King**...
- Scout Executive in charge of the entire Council, **Tim Molepske**
- State Representative **Rob Summerfield**
- World-famous orchestra director **Molly Malone**
- etc., etc.

Tom A.: To earn the Eagle Scout rank, every candidate must perform a special service project. This project must benefit a community group other than Scouting, must have lasting value, and must involve a lot of other people under the Eagle candidate's leadership.

Josh discovered a cool game up at summer camp called a "Gaga pit," and decided to head up a project to build one of these for the kids at our local YMCA. We have a special guest to talk about his project - newly relocated in to the tundra all the way from Pennsylvania just last month, please welcome the Chippewa Valley YMCA's new Executive Director, Ms. Linda May!

Linda May: (talk about project)

Tom A.: And now we're going to hear about a different part of Josh's life. Ever since he was a little boy, he wanted to play violin. He has spent the last four years playing not only in a chamber orchestra, but in an amazing group that does choreography while playing stringed instruments, called the "Wire Choir." This group is one of the best in the country! And its director has the notable accomplishment of having written the best Eagle Scout Recommendation Letter in the history of Scouting. Please welcome Chi-Hi Orchestra Director Ms. Molly Malone.

Molly Malone: (talk about Josh in orchestra)

Tom A.: I usually don't talk much in these ceremonies, but Josh actually asked me to say a few words. (Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah...)

Tom A.: Now we're going to hear about this journey from a father's perspective. Please welcome Eagle Scout, retired fighter pilot Lt. Col. Brian Gienapp.

Brian Gienapp: (blah blah blah)

Tom A.: Now you'll get a flavor of what it's like to be a Scout in Troop 72, as we watch a bit of history in the Scouting career of Josh. Sit back, relax, and enjoy **Josh's Journey to Eagle.**

SLIDE SHOW

(Award Presentation)

Tom A.: And now to present the Eagle Charge, please welcome Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout 1976, Mr. Tom Zwickel!

Tom Z.: Honor guard, please escort the Eagle candidate to the stage.

(Honor guard escorts Josh to the front, where he stands facing the audience.)

Tom Z.: Before we finish the official Eagle award, we have a couple of very distinguished guests who would like to present their own special awards.

Please welcome, covering the 23rd Senate District, State Representative **Kathy Bernier.**

Kathy B: (gives award)

Tom Z.: Please welcome, covering the 67th Assembly District, State Representative **Rob Summerfield**

Rob S: (gives award)

Tom Z.: Josh, The Boy Scouts of America constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant movements in history, and you

have been counted worthy of this highest rank. Scouting has helped millions of boys, but fewer than 5% have made it to the top rung.

We all rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility.

Our country has had a great past. You are here to make the future greater. I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication.

Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and to your fellow man. But wear your Achievement with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, service to others and reverence toward God.

Tom Z.: Honor guard, please escort the candidate's parents to the stage.

Tom Z.: Mr. Gienapp, you can now pin this Eagle award on your son.

(Brian puts pin on Josh.)

Tom Z.: Josh, now you can pin your mom and dad with the "Eagle Scout Mom" pin.

(Josh puts pin on his mom and dad, after which Mom and Dad are escorted to their seats.)

Tom Z.: And now for the official Eagle Charge. We would like all the Eagle Scouts in the audience to please stand and repeat the Eagle Scout pledge along with Josh.

Tom Z./Josh/Eagles:

*"I thoughtfully recognize
and take upon myself
the obligations and responsibilities
of an Eagle Scout."*

*"With the help of God, I will do my best
to make my training an example."*

*"My influence and my opportunities
strongly count for physical fitness,
for wholesome character
and for devoted citizenship,
in Scouting and in my community."*

"To this I pledge my sacred honor."

Tom Z. (to Eagles in audience) Thank you; you may be seated.

Tom Z.: Josh, by the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to officially declare you Eagle Scout. (NO PAUSE HERE!) **Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you EAGLE SCOUT Joshua Gienapp!** (*Spontaneous unplanned thunderous applause*)

Josh: (short acceptance speech, during which he can present his Eagle Mentor pin)

SPL: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for attending our Court of Honor. Please stay around for some food afterward. Now please stand for the closing prayer by Mr. Uttecht.

Chris Uttecht: (Closing Prayer)

SPL: Color Guard, retrieve the colors. Bugler sound. Two. **This Court of Honor is now adjourned.**