



Court of Honor Ceremony

Opening

SPL:

Please stand for the presentation of the colors.

[Color guard assembles in the rear of the room.]

Color guard, present the colors.

[Color guard walks to the front of the room, crossing in the middle with the American flag leading.]

Scouts, hand salute.

Where our flag flies there is freedom. Please join me in expressing our allegiance to the flag.

[Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.]

Two.

Color guard, post the colors.

[Color guard posts flags in stands.]

Color guard dismissed.

[Color guard returns to their seats.]

Please be seated.

At this time will _____ Committee Chairperson please come forward to deliver the invocation?

Committee Chairperson:

Good evening. I'm _____ Committee Chairperson, committee chairperson of Troop 225, and on behalf of the troop, I would like to thank each of you for attending this court of honor. This is a very special occasion for our troop. As committee chairperson, it is my privilege to light the gold candle, representing the spirit of scouting. It is the light that guides all scouts present.

[Light the gold candle.]

I will now pass it to the scoutmaster, _____ Scoutmaster to light our way.

[Pass gold candle to scoutmaster.]

Scoutmaster:

This torch represents the scouting spirit, the ideals for which a scout strives for in his daily life. It has been passed down since 1907 to each generation of scouts. I honor it and protect it as I pass it on to our scouts.

[Scoutmaster passes gold candle to ASPL 1.]

SPL:

Scouts, please stand and recite the scout oath with me. On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law...

[Pause while ASPL 1 lights first blue candle.]

to help other people at all times...

[Pause while ASPL 1 lights second blue candle.]

to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

[Pause while ASPL 1 lights third blue candle.]

[ASPL 1 passes gold candle to SPL.]

ASPL 1: **The scout is called to lead an honorable life. Our guide is the scout law. Troop, please repeat with me the scout law, as our Senior Patrol Leader lights these twelve white candles representing the twelve points of the scout law.**

[SPL lights a candle for each point of the scout law.]

A scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

[SPL passes gold candle to ASPL 1.]

ASPL 2: **These two red candles represent the scout motto, be prepared...**

[ASPL 1 lights first red candle.]

and the scout slogan, do a good turn daily.

[ASPL 1 lights second red candle.]

SPL: **Please be seated.**

[ASPL 1 places gold candle in holder.]

Announcements

Presentation of Awards

The scoutmaster will present all rank advancements, and eagle palms. SPL and ASPLs will alternate with presentation of merit badges.

Repeat Announcements

Closing

ASPL 2:

A scout's first duty is to his country and to God. The parts of the scout law that guide him in this duty are brave and reverent.

[ASPL 2 extinguishes 10th and 12th white candles and first blue candle.]

A scout's second duty is to others. The parts of the scout law that guide him in this duty are loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind.

[ASPL 2 extinguishes 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th white candles and second blue candle. ASPL 2 passes candle snuff to ASPL 1.]

ASPL 1:

A scout's last duty is to himself. The parts of the scout law that guide him in this duty are trustworthy, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, and clean.

[ASPL 1 extinguishes 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 11th white candles and third blue candle.]

The scout motto is "Be Prepared"...

[ASPL 1 extinguishes first red candle.]

And the scout slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily."

[ASPL 1 extinguishes second red candle. ASPL 1 passes candle snuff to SPL.]

SPL:

These candles merely represent the guidelines a scout uses on a daily basis to show his scout spirit. And now I will extinguish the gold candle, which represents the spirit of scouting.

[SPL extinguishes gold candle.]

Although the flames of these candles are out, the spirit of scouting will continue to burn in the heart of each and every one of these scouts until we meet again.

Everyone, please stand for the retrieval of the colors.

Color guard, prepare to retrieve the colors.

[Color guard assembles at the rear of the room.]

Color guard, advance.

[Color guard walks to the front of the room.]

Color guard, retrieve the colors.

[Color guard lifts the flags from the stands. Stands are picked up from the ground.]

Color guard, retire the colors.

[Color guard walks to the rear of the room, crossing in the middle, with the American flag leading. Color guard posts the colors at the rear of the room.]

Color guard, dismissed.

[Color guard returns to their seats.]

This concludes our Court of Honor for this evening. Refreshments are in the rear of the room, and scouts, remember that adults and guest are served first. Good night.