

EAGLE CHARGE

Eagle Scout _____, would you please stand before this court of honor.

Congratulations on your achievement, and welcome to the rank of Eagle Scout. Before God and these assembled witnesses, I will hereby charge you with the responsibilities that go with this high rank. The Eagle badge you now wear is sacred. The silver eagle stands for freedom, and should serve as a constant reminder of your country's heritage. A ribbon that is made up of three colors holds this eagle. These three colors have significant meaning to the life of an Eagle Scout.

The white of this ribbon stands for honor. An Eagle Scout's honor is unquestionably sacred. You shall so live that you will reflect credit upon your home, your church, your school, your friends, and yourself.

The blue of this ribbon stands for loyalty. An Eagle Scout is loyal to his ideals. For without loyalty, all character lacks direction. Nothing should sway you in your loyalty.

The red of this ribbon stands for courage. It is easy to be brave when you have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. But the sign of a real man is one who will uphold the rights of others whatever the consequences may be.

These three things honor, loyalty, and courage should be your goal. The words "GOOD TURN" must now take on a new meaning. You should extend a helping hand to those in need, as others have helped you, when you were in need. Your code of action must be based on the belief that real leadership is founded on real service.

I now charge you with the responsibility of maintaining these values in the future as you have lived them in the past not just in Scouting, but throughout the rest of your life. I charge you with the responsibility of always maintaining your honor, your loyalty, and your courage, to the very best of your ability. Lastly, I charge you with the responsibility of passing on to other boys the skills and the knowledge that you have received, to extend the Scouting program to as many non-Scouts as possible, and to provide the opportunity for all Scouts to climb the advancement trail to Eagle.

This badge of Eagle is presented to you this afternoon by Troop _____ of the Mississippi Valley Council by the authority of the National Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America. It is presented with the sincere hopes that it will never have to be recalled. If you live the life that you have experienced during your years as a Scout, I know that this will never need to happen.

Again, congratulations on your fine achievement, and welcome to the rank of Eagle Scout.