## Call to Order – Troops 848 & 849 Chartered Organization Representative (COR) Larry Myers

Good afternoon and welcome. On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 848, I would like to welcome you today to celebrate Trevon's Eagle Court of Honor. As COR for the Troop, it is my pleasure to declare this Eagle Court of Honor for Trevon Sly officially open. Would Life Scout Heather Korth from Troop 849 please come forward to give the invocation?

#### **Invocation –** Troop 849 Life Scout Heather Korth

Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask that you bless this gathering of family, friends, and leaders from near and far who have come together today to honor and celebrate with Trevon his earning of the highest rank in Scouting. Father, we also ask your blessing on Trevon's family, Scout leaders and fellow Scouts who have guided and supported Trevon along the path to Eagle. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

I would like to ask Troop 848's Eagle Scout Camden Redden to come forward for the presentation of the colors, a pledge of allegiance and the Scout Oath.

Presentation of the Colors/ Pledge of Allegiance – Troop 848 Eagle Scout Camden Redden

Everyone please stand for the presentation of the color and remain standing for a pledge of allegiance

Scouts and Scouters, please remain stand for the Scout Oath

## Scout Oath

Welcome – Troops 848 & 849 Committee Chair Emeritus Greg Meyer

Scouts, Scouters, family, and friends of Scouting, I would like to welcome you to this Eagle Court of Honor. This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection. The Eagle is the highest recognition that Scouting offers to Scouts. It is earned through the advancement program and only a small percentage of boys and girls who begin Scouting receive this honor.

ASM Kjell Stensrud Please come forward to 100 Scouts

#### One Hundred Scouts – Troop 848 Assistant Scoutmaster Kjell Stensrud

One in 4 boys and girls in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, 3 out of 4 were Scouts. Of any one 100 boys and girls who become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but later in life, all of these boys will remember that they had been in Scouting and will speak well of the program.

Of the one 100, only rarely will 1 ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the 100 will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the 100 will become pastors.

Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting, and all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least 1 will use it to save another person's life, and many may credit it for saving their own. Four of the 100 will reach Eagle rank, and at least 1 will later say that he or she valued his/her Eagle above his/her college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the 100 boys and girls will become adult leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys and girls.

# (Pause before reading the following statistics)

Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nationwide survey of high schools revealed the following information:

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts.
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71 % of football captains were Scouts

Scouts also account for:

- 64% of the US Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of the US Military Academy at West Point graduates
- 70% of the US Naval Academy graduates
- 72% of the Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of the FBI agents
- 26 of the first 29 Astronauts in NASA's program were Eagle Scouts

This story will never end. Tonight, we honor one Scout in a hundred. We know the things he has done in the past; imagine what he will do in the future.

I would like to ask Troop 848 Troop 848 Committee Member and Scoutmaster Emeritus John Roberts to come forward for Trevon's Trail to Eagle

## **Trail to Eagle –** Troop 848 Committee Member and Scoutmaster Emeritus John Roberts

We are gathered here tonight to mark the end of a long journey, a journey up the trail to Eagle.

(Cub Scout) In 2014, Trevon joined Pack 957 in San Jacinto District of the Sam Houston Area Council as a Cub Scout when he was in second grade. He earned his Wolf Rank the same year and became Bear the following year when he was in the third grade. By Fourth grade, Trevon was a Webelos and achieved the Arrow of Light rank in fifth grade. Trevon received the NOVA Down and Dirty and Science Everywhere Awards by Attending the STEM session at Houston Museum of Natural Science. By the spring of 2017, Trevon received the Arrow of Light, the highest award earned by a Cub Scout, and only award from Cub Scouts that can be worn on the adult uniform.

(Boy Scout) In 2017, Trevon joined Troop 848, chartered by Clear Lake United Methodist Church (at that time) in San Jacinto District when he was in fifth grade and earned his Scout Rank that same year. Trevon attended his first Boy Scout Summer Camp Woodruff in Georgia and earned the first 4 of his merit badges: Art, Swimming, and Rifle Shooting. Trevon attended his first Winter Camp at Bovay Scout Ranch in Navasota.

In the Fall of 2018, Trevon earned his Tenderfoot and Second Class Rank that same year, and the NOVA Shoot. His First Class Rank did not come until a year later, in 2019. Two years passed by before he earned his next rank, Star, in 2021 and Life in 2022. Trevon was elected to the Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow in 2019. He was inducted as an Ordeal Member in 2020 and sealed his membership to become a Brotherhood Member in 2021. That same year, Trevon participated in a high adventure trek at Philmont and only a few Scouts from the troop that earned the 50 miler award. He also completed the National Youth Leadership Training or NYLT at Bovay Scout Ranch. In the summer of 2022, Trevon joined his troop for a Scuba Diving experience at Sea Base in Florida.

Trevon took a strong interest in the OA, serving as Chapter Chief in 2023 and was elected to become the Colonneh Lodge Vice Chief of Program for 2024. He was elected Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow in 2023 and the same year, awarded the prestigious James E. west Fellowship.

Trevon took a strong interest in NYLT, served on staff five times: in 2021 and 2022 he was a Troop Guide, In the winter of 2022 he would go on to be Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) of Logistics, in the summer of 2023 he was the ASPL of Troop Guides. Finally in the Winter of 2023 he served as Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).

From 2022-2023 Trevon Served as a summer camp staff member at Camp Strake. He worked in the First Year Camper sector helping younger scouts advance to the rank of First class. He taught the scouts skills such as navigation, First aid, Knot tying, and Lashings.

Trevon participated in the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch in the summer of 2023 and is invited to serve on Staff as a Crew Guide in June this year.

In 2024, Trevon completed his Eagle Project and all requirements for the Eagle Rank. Trevon earned a total of 26 merit badges, 5 more

than the 21 merit badges required by the Eagle board, he had served several leadership positions in the troop, including Troop Guide, Instructor, OA Troop Representative, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Gold Patrol. Trevon has done more than 95 days and 95 nights camping so far in his Scouting career. He is also certified as a Lifeguard, CPR, Scuba & Snorkeling by the BSA.

Trevon will graduate from Clear Lake High School this month and will head to College Station to join his dream school to pursue a degree in engineering at Texas A&M University.

Trevon is registered as a Unit College Reserve to continue to serve the BSA as an adult.

**Candle Ceremony** – Troop 848 Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster Emeritus Steve Willis from Troop 848 please come forward for the candle ceremony.

## **Candle Ceremony**

I would like to ask Troop 464 Eagle Scout Alejandro Meija to come forward for the Eagle Scout's Obligation

**The Eagle Scout's Obligation –** Troop 464 Eagle Scout Alejandro Meija

The Eagle Rank represents proficiency in all Scouting skills and is attained by only about 4 percent of all young men and women in Scouting. It represents a great deal of teamwork as a member and leader of a troop. You demonstrated, by living the Scout Oath and Law, in an effort to perpetuate the Scouting Spirit. It also represents years of hard work, strength of character, persistence and, more important, it is indicative of what lies in the future as a Scout grows into manhood. Eagle Rank testifies that a Scout has an understanding of his community and his nation, and a willingness to become involved. It is also fitting at this time, to explain that not only does this badge signify his hard work, it also signifies certain obligations on his part.

The first obligation of an Eagle Scout is Honor. The white in the Eagle Badge represents honor, and it is the sacred foundation of his character. Character is not what you think of yourself, Trevon, but what you are, deep inside. It is what you do to reflect credit upon your home, family, church, school, friends, and yourself. Always let the white of the badge remind you to live with honor.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is Loyalty. The blue in the Eagle Badge represents loyalty, your loyalty, for without it, character lacks direction. Regardless of how rough the road, how difficult the task, or how impossible the situation, you must remain loyal to your cause and purpose. It is the sense of belonging, being a part of a team and working together with others. It is standing by your work, your promises and your pledges. It is also the feeling you give others....knowing that they can count on you. Let the blue of this badge remind you to remain loyal.

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is Courage. The red in the Eagle Badge represents courage, it gives your character force and strength. If you have faith in God and your fellowman, you are able to face each day unafraid and strive to share in the work at hand. You should do your part in all things, regardless of danger, adversity, or hardship. Let the red of the badge remind you of courage.

The fourth obligation is Responsibility. And is represented by the Scout Motto, Be Prepared. It means that you are always in a state of readiness, both in mind and body, so you will be able to face danger and help others to the best of your ability. It also means that you have been trained for emergencies, and that you are confident of your ability to do your duty as an Eagle Scout.

The fifth and final obligation is that of Service. This obligation is represented by the Eagle. You must extend a helping hand to those who still toil up the Scouting trail, just as others helped you achieve your goal. It means that the daily good turn must continue. You must strive to protect the weak and defend the helpless. The Eagle also indicates that you are now an elite member of an esteemed group of world citizens. With this honor comes the knowledge that any discredit which falls upon you, also befalls your brother Eagle Scouts.

Remember your obligations of Honor, Loyalty, Courage, Responsibility, and Service. Our heartfelt congratulations to you on this very, very special occasion, and our sincere hope is that you may always wear your Eagle Badge with dignity and pride.

I would like to ask Crew 355 Eagle Scout Gen Bosse to come forward to deliver the Eagle Scout's oath.

#### Eagle Scout's Oath - Crew 355 Eagle Scout Genevieve Bosse

Trevon, it's time. As an Eagle Scout candidate will you now take the Eagle Scout pledge? I know there are a number of other Eagle Scouts here with us tonight. Will you gentlemen and gentleladies stand with me and reaffirm your pledge? Give the Scout Sign and repeat after me in unison:

On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God. On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to my country. I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath. I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout. On my honor, I will do my best to make my training an example, and make my rank and influence strongly count for better scouting and for better citizenship, in my troop, in my community, and in my contact with other people, regardless of race, color, or creed. To this, I pledge my sacred honor.

The Eagle Scouts in the audience may now be seated.

At this time, I would like to ask Troop 848 Scoutmaster Emeritus Mike Rodriggs to come forward to present the Eagle Award to Trevon

**Presentation of the Eagle Award** – Troop 848 Scoutmaster Emeritus Mike Rodriggs

Will the **Honor Guard** please escort the candidate, Trevon, and his parents Dasharee and Tiffany forward.

Trevon, your parents have undoubtedly been your primary source of help and strength. The symbol of your success is the Eagle medal which I now present to your mother. Your mother will, in turn, pin the Eagle medal on your uniform. (*Tiffany pins the medal on Trevon' uniform*)

In recognition of your mother's devotion, please present her with this Eagle mother's pin. *(Trevon places the pin on his mother's Scout ribbon)* 

Your father has been a source of much advice and guidance along the Eagle trail, so I'd like you to present your father with this Eagle lapel pin. *(Trevon places the pin on his father's lapel)* 

In recognition of your Eagle rank, your father will present you with the Eagle neckerchief. (Dasharee changes the red neckerchief to the blue Eagle neckerchief)

Your grandfather has been a source of much advice and guidance along the Eagle trail, so I'd like you to present your grandfather with this Eagle lapel pin. *(Trevon places the pin on his grandfather's lapel)* 

In recognition of your Eagle rank I would like to present you with the Eagle Scout certificate and Eagle Scout patch to wear immediately on your uniform. (*Mr. Rodriggs* presents *Trevon the plaque and Eagle Scout badge*)

Trevon, earning 26 merit badges, 5 more than the 21 required for Eagle Scout rank, you have earned the Bronze Palm.

Eagle Scout's Response – Trevon Sly

#### **Eagle Scout's Recognition**

Pack 957 Cubmaster Michael Faulkner

Order of the Arrow Section G-2 Vice Chief JP Pinteralli

NYLT Course 123-8 Director Jose Chapela

#### Grandparents' Response - Dat Dao

At this time, I would like to ask Heather Korth to come forward for the benediction.

#### Benediction – Troop 849 Life Scout Heather Korth

Always remember that the LORD gives strength to those who are weary. Even young people get tired, then stumble and fall. But those who trust the LORD will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on broad wings; They will walk and run without getting tired. May you soar. May God's breath fill your wings and carry you to your destinies. May you continue to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. May you keep yourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. May you lead by influence and not by title alone. May you lead with that tenuous mix of humility, strength, example, and force. May you build into the lives of other young men—future Eagles—for all of your days. And... may the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again. Amen

I would like to ask Troop 848 Eagle Scout Camden Redden to come forward to retire the colors.

## Retiring of the Colors – Color Guard

At this time, I would like to ask Troops 848 & 849 Committee Chair Greg Meyer to come to the podium.

Closing – Troops 848 & 849 Committee Chair Emeritus Greg Meyer

I would like to offer my congratulations to Trevon for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor closed.

We invite you to join us for a wonderful reception. Thank you so much for joining us today.