

## An Eagle Candle Opening Ceremony

We want you to understand clearly the full significance of each flame that each scout lives by, and through which we achieve worthy citizenship. Before you, a golden flame burns constantly; this flame symbolizes a scout's honor, which must never be dimmed. When a boy takes the Scout Oath, he is placing his honor, the brightest thing in his life, before his fellow scouts, his parents, and his friends. A boy without honor is as nothing, so it is a serious thing to give the Scout Oath on one's honor.

From this golden flame of a scout's honor is lighted the blue flame of duty to God, and to country. "On my honor I will do my best: to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law..."

We light the red flame of duty to other people. "On my honor I will do my best: ...to help other people at all times..."

We light the white flame of duty to self, "On my honor I will do my best: ...to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

We now bring to light the twelve white flames of the scout law, which make bright and clear the trail, which leads from boyhood to manhood.

A scout is Trustworthy.

A scout is Loyal.

A scout is Helpful.

A scout is Friendly.

A scout is Courteous.

A scout is Kind.

A scout is Obedient.

A scout is Cheerful.

A scout is Thrifty.

A scout is Brave.

A scout is Clean.

A scout is Reverent.