FLAG CEREMONY - DINNER

Set up: Podium is in the center of the room with the United States Flag to it's side

Each Scouting enters and stands at the podium and says his part. The words should be slowly and seriously stated. At the conclusion of his part, he takes his place to one side of the podium so that at the end there is one on each side and one at the podium.

1st Scout: carries a candle.

When I became a scout, I stood before three lit candles, representing duty to God, to Country and myself, These are the values of the society in which I live. In turn I made my pledge to live by them And so it was.

Now I need no candle. America's values are my values. My duty then has become my life's choice now.

2nd Scout:

I have achieved the highest of all of scouting achievements. My badge tells of the long trail that I have walked since that day before my scoutmaster and of my service to others

What symbol was chosen to remind me of this accomplishment? The Eagle on a background of red, white and blue. Scouting on a background of freedom. Tonight that badge reminds me that values have a cost.

3rd Scout:

In a thousand places tonight, in meeting halls, courts of honor, and around campfire's flames hundreds of scouts bear witness to freedom's values. The spirit once kindled by the flame lives within them. Their differences are many, their backgrounds diverse, and each seeks his own place in the world of tomorrow, On the shoulder of each is worn the emblem that unites us all, the flag of freedom. Please rise and join me in renewing our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

{pledge}

Thank you, please be seated.

Scouts leave area.