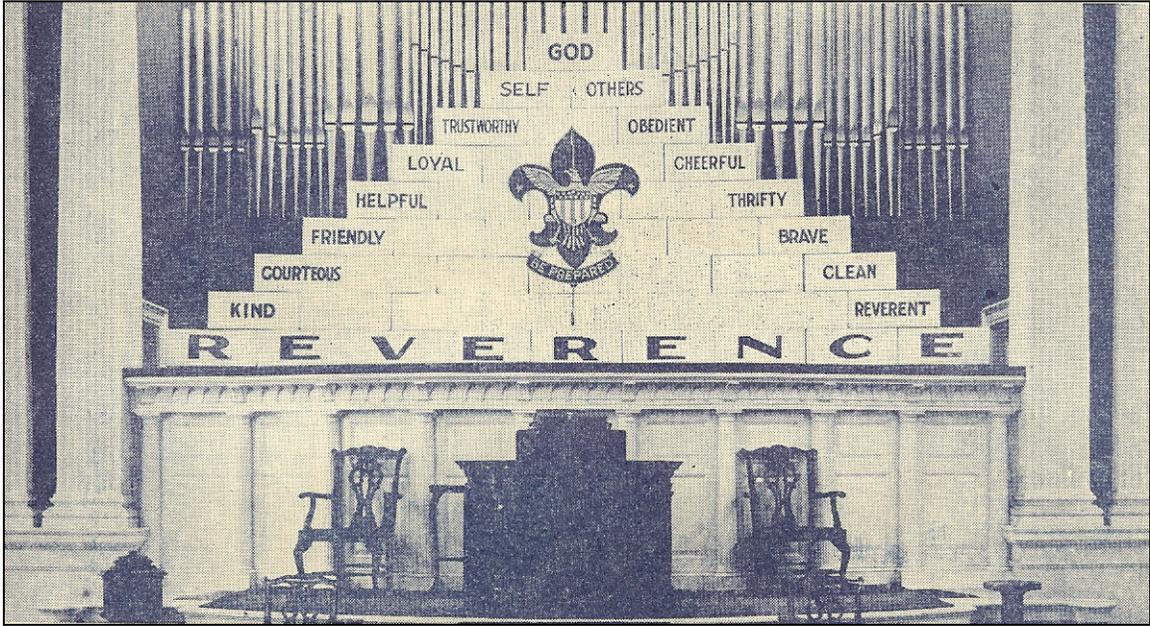


Troop & Pack 110 Investiture Ceremony



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Program for Installation of Troop/Pack 110

The program begins at the discretion of the Pastor following the customary formal opening of the Church services.

I. Invocation

Pastor Phil Alexander:

(After invocation, introduces the Chartered Organization Representative)

“It is my pleasure to introduce to you Eagle Scout Jim Kelly.”

II. Introduction

Jim Kelly:

“Joining us today is Walt Twardowski, Panther District Commissioner, representing Southwest Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America.

(Jim will also acknowledge any other council Scouters present at this time who will come forward and stand to the side allowing room for Jim when the Pastor comes forward again and continue)

“A Scout is Reverent.

“Faith in God and respect for the sanctuaries of worship are not forwarded among our people by religious persecutions in other lands. It is, therefore, more than ever, incumbent on all faithful Scouts and Scouters, in these hectic times, to preserve our religious principles in loyalty to our own convictions, as we also show our respect for the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. Times may change, but there can be no shifting standards in the basic honor and integrity of our people, so long as we build upon the sure foundations of the Christian religion.

“The late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman’s last message to the Boy Scouts was expressed in these words:

‘It may be that the historian of the future, who will see the present as we can not see it, because we are too near to its events, will chronicle the origin of the Boy Scout movement as far more important for the development of humanity than the Battle of the Marne.

‘I believe the Boy Scout Movement is in the deepest, most far-reaching sense truly religious; for while religion has manifold forms, it has only one eternal voice, whether that comes from Rome, Geneva or Canterbury, and it is the voice of everlasting justice, love and sacrificial service.

'There can be no great people without a great religion and all your talk about character is so much playing down the wind, unless the regenerating and creative forces make a man obedient and the highest law reigns in his heart!'

"The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God. In the first part of the Boy Scout's Oath or Pledge the boy promises, 'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.' The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the Universe, and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship, and are wholesome things in the education of the growing boy. No matter what the boy may be – Catholic or Protestant or Jew – this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before him. The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of a boy, but it is absolutely non-sectarian in its attitude toward that training. Its policy is that the organization or institution with which the Boy Scout is connected shall give definite attention to his religious life.

(Jim may add a few words and then steps to the side)

III. Dedication To Service (Congregation)

Pastor Phil Alexander:

"Please understand that when we use the word 'Troop' we are referring to the Scouting program as a whole. Today we are blessed to perform a Pack and Troop Investiture ceremony, a formal acceptance of the Scouting program as a youth ministry for our church.

"The beginning and the end of the Scout obligation is 'duty to God.' The first part of the Scout Oath is this promise by the Scout: 'On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God.' The twelfth Scout Law reads 'A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.'

"Scouting, though non-sectarian, is essentially religious. It is most fitting, therefore, that this Church should administer a Scouting program for its own boys and give them a Troop home.

"Troops connected with the Churches have a longer life and a more constant leadership than any other type of Troop. The Church can provide a suitable home for the Troop; it can provide Troop Leaders of good moral character; it has the confidence of parents; it completes the program of religious education; it carries on with the boy into manhood and through his whole life span. These are practical reasons why Church Troops are the best Troops. The Churches have more to give to a boy than any other type of sponsoring institution.

"From the standpoint of the Church, Scouting offers an interesting, worthwhile program of character development and practical training in participating citizenship. Our nation needs God-fearing men. The strength of our country is the strength of its religious convictions. The men of the Church are doing a national service when they help the Church to develop the religious life of its boys and the boys of the community.

*(Pause, **Pastor** instructs the congregation to stand)*

“Will the congregation please rise?”

(Pause to let everyone stand in silence)

“Will you, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, embrace the Scouting program as a youth ministry, and support its aims and methods of achieving moral, spiritual and character growth development?”

*(The congregation responds, ‘We will.’ The **Pastor** then turns and faces the **C.O.R.**)*

“And will you, Jim Kelly, accept the duties and obligations of Chartered Organization Representative, who is responsible for preserving the religious principles of our Church using the Scouting program as a youth ministry?”

*(**Jim** responds, ‘I will.’)*

(The pastor then asks the congregation to be seated.)

“I now call upon Panther District Commissioner Walt Twardowski to install the leadership of the troop.”

IV. Installation of Leadership

Walt Twardowski:

*(**Walt** may want to add a few words as this provides an opportunity to indicate the part the Local Council plays)*

“In the administration of a Scout Troop the Church accepts definite responsibilities. The Local Scout Councils do not administer a Scout Troop anywhere. The Church administers its own Scout Troop. The Scout Movement provides a program, trains leaders, and helps the Church to maintain Scout standards and carry out the Scout policies, but your Troop leaders and your Church officials should clearly understand that they have full charge of the administration of your Troop. You select the Scoutmaster and supervise his work with the Troop. You formulate the Troop policies with respect to its participation in the larger program of the Church and you control its participation in any activity which takes it away from the Church building.

“To this end, you have appointed a Troop Committee to have general oversight of your Scoutmaster and his staff and to serve as his ‘board of directors.’ This committee is responsible to your Church board for the administration of your Scout Troop in a way that fulfills the purposes of your Church in its work with boys. Your Scoutmaster is responsible to your Troop Committee.

“I now ask the Chartered Organization Representative Jim Kelly to introduce the Troop and Pack Committees and they in turn, their respective committee members and assistants.”

C.O.R. Jim Kelly:

“It is my pleasure to introduce to the Congregation of Good Shepherd Church, Troop 110 Committee Chair – Al Piotter

(Al introduces his committee, each step forward facing the congregation)

C.O.R. Jim Kelly:

“It is my pleasure to introduce to the Congregation of Good Shepherd Church, Pack 110 Committee Chair – Carina Guillard

(Carina introduces her committee, each step forward facing the congregation)

(Walt continues)

“As the Troop and Pack committees of this Church you have selected a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and staff, and you have agreed to provide a suitable meeting place for this Troop and to advise with the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster from time to time on policies affecting the coordination of the Scouting Program with the entire program of the Church. You will observe the policies of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and you will encourage the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, their assistants and members of the Troop to carry out the Boy Scout Program. You are responsible for the operation of the Troop in such a way as to insure its permanence and a satisfactory program in keeping with the major objectives of the larger program of the Church. You will see that the Troop has an opportunity to go camping and that it is provided with a working budget and that the Scouts contribute as they can to this budget, and that the Troop funds are properly disbursed and accounted for. You will assume general supervision of the Troop property and you will also assume active direction of the Troop, in case of the inability of the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster to serve and until such time as his successor has been duly appointed and commissioned.

“Will you, Troop and Pack 110 Committees, accept these responsibilities and will you actively assist the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster in carrying out the Scouting program?”

(The answer is “I will.”)

(Walt continues with the Declaration of Religious Principle)

“An excerpt from the Declaration of Religious Principle, Article III in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America reads as such: ‘The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but is absolutely non-sectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. The Boy Scouts of America's policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

‘Only persons willing to subscribe to this Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.’

“Do you, Troop and Pack 110 Committees understand and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle as outlined by the Boy Scouts of America?”

(The answer is “We do”. Committee members then return to the back behind the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, their assistants and youth members, representing in ceremony, the first line of support.)

“I now ask the Chartered Organization Representative Jim Kelly to introduce the Troop Scoutmaster and Cubmaster and they in turn, their respective assistants, staff and junior leaders.”

C.O.R. Jim Kelly:

“It is my pleasure to introduce to the Congregation of Good Shepherd Church, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 110 – Pete Duggan”

(Pete introduces his assistants and junior leaders, each step forward)

C.O.R. Jim Kelly:

“It is my pleasure to introduce to the Congregation of Good Shepherd Church, Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 110 – Kaye Raducanu”

(Kaye introduces her den leaders and cub scouts, each step forward)

(Walt continues)

“Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Staff Officers:

“Will you, as the officers of this Troop and Pack pledge your loyal support to the Troop and Pack and will you faithfully discharge your duties in administering this Troop and Pack so as to fulfill the aims and purposes of the Boy Scout Movement and the aims and purposes of this Church? Will you encourage the individual Scouts to be faithful in their religious duties and all other phases of their Scout obligation? Will you help them to carry out the Scout program of advancement, and will you in all matters so conduct yourselves as to encourage these Scouts to attain the highest standard of Christian living and useful citizenship, and will you work sympathetically with the Pastor and his Staff to properly correlate your Troop and Pack activities with other activities of this Church in its work with boys?”

(The answer is “I will.”)

(Walt continues)

“Do you, as Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Staff officers understand and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle as outlined by the Boy Scouts of America?”

(The answer is “We do”. Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Staff officers then step back but in front of the committee line, representing in ceremony the second line of support.)

(Walt continues)

“I now ask that all remaining charter members of Troop and Pack 110 come forward.

(Walt pauses to allow remaining members to align themselves in front of leaders)

“Members of Troop and Pack 110, you have heard the pledge of your Troop and Pack leaders. Will you pledge yourselves to faithfully support the officers of your Troop and Pack in their efforts to help you carry out your Scout Program and your Church Program, and will you be loyal to the Troop and Pack and its Officers?

(The answer is “I will.”)

(Walt continues)

“Do you, as members of Troop and Pack 110 understand and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle as outlined by the Boy Scouts of America?

(The answer is “We do”. Charter members then step back but in front of the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and officers, thus forming the 3rd line.)

V. Presentation of Troop and Pack Charters

District Commissioner to Pastor to Unit Leaders

(Walt continues)

“Pastor Phil Alexander, inasmuch as Troop and Pack 110 are properly organized to carry out the Scout Program and has declared its intention to do so, you are now authorized and requested to present to your Troop and Pack Committee their charters, to the Troop and Pack Officers their Commissions, and to the Scouts their Certificates of Membership in the Boy Scouts of America.”

*(Note: At this time the **Pastor** presents the Charters to the Troop and Pack Committees with the following statement :)*

Pastor Phil Alexander:

“Members of the Troop and Pack Committees, on behalf of this Church I present to you the Troop and Pack Charters which authorizes you to have general supervision of the Scout Troop and Pack in this Church, and with these Charters, I pledge you my hearty support and the official backing of this Church.”

*(Note: The **Pastor** now presents the commissions to the Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and their assistants with the following statement:)*

Pastor Phil Alexander:

“Scoutmaster Pete Duggan and Cubmaster , on behalf of this Church I present to you your Commissions as administrative officers of the Scout Troop and Pack of this Church. And these Commissions to your associates – the Assistant Scoutmasters of the Troop and the Assistant Cubmaster and Den Leaders of the Pack – and with these Commissions I pledge you my hearty support and the official backing of this Church.”

*(Note: The **Pastor** may now deliver to the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster the Scout badges and registration cards for members of the Troop and Pack with the following statement :)*

Pastor Phil Alexander:

“Scoutmaster Pete Duggan and Cubmaster Kaye Raducanu, on behalf of this Church I present to you the Certificates of Membership in the Boy Scouts of America for the members of your Troop and Pack.”

(Note: The Scoutmaster and Cubmaster align the Troop and Pack youth members before the Congregation, have them repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Scout Oath respectively. The Cubmaster then presents to each boy his membership card and any badges which the Scout receives in his left hand as he salutes with his right hand. Following is the Scoutmaster who then presents to each boy his membership card and any badges which the Scout receives in his left hand as he salutes with his right hand.)

VI. Annual Plan

Scoutmaster & Cubmaster

*(At this time the **Scoutmaster and Cubmaster** should tell of the Troop and Pack’s plans, and bespeak the cooperation of the parents and institution. At this time the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster can add some words of their own.)*

VII. Dedication To Service

Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Staff

*(Scoutmaster **Pete Duggan** introduces his **Senior Patrol Leader** who will dedicate his service using “The Scout Law For Elected Leaders” ceremony (see appendix). The **SPL** will have his assistants light one candle (lower tier of twelve candles) after each Law is read. After all candles are lit, the **SPL** will continue)*

“These last 3 candles represent a Scout’s obligation to duty. Duty in service to God and Country, duty in service to others and duty in service to ourselves. Publicly we proclaim this obligation in our oath. Silently this obligation becomes our character. The first candle represents a Scout’s duty to God and Country.”

*(The first candle is lit by an assistant and then the **SPL** will raise the Scout Sign and say:)*

“On my honor, I will do my best. To do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law”

*(The second candle is lit by an assistant and then the **SPL** keeps the Scout Sign raised and continues :)*

“To help other people at all times.”

*(The third candle is lit by an assistant and then the **SPL** keeps the Scout Sign raised and continues :)*

“To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

(SPL lowers Scout Sign)

VIII. Closing

Scoutmaster Pete Duggan

*(The **Scoutmaster (Pete Duggan)** will close the ceremony with a few brief words about the Spirit of Scouting as represented by the light of the candles, for example :)*

“As you can see each candle is represented by a specific Scout Law and the obligation of duty we have sworn to oath. Alone, each candle is bright but together the light is much brighter. Even though Scouting has only been around for almost a hundred years, our Oath and Law are based on the 10 commandments which have existed much longer. The Law of God is truly embossed in the Spirit of Scouting. Though we may extinguish these candles, the Spirit of Scouting will continue to be bright in our hearts.

IX. Benediction

Pastor Phil Alexander

Appendix

Materials/Equipment needed

U.S. Flag
Troop/Pack Flags
Troop/Pack Charters
Registration cards
Badge of Office (patches aka commissions)
Table for items

Scout Oath & Law Log w/candles and lighter (table cloth for melted wax)
The Scout Law For Elected Leaders (copy for SPL to read)

Setting

In front of speaking podium, a small table to hold charter and presentation items
Troop Flag to the left and U.S. Flag to the right
All Scouters and Scouts will be in line behind the Pastor and COR when ceremony starts

Declaration of Religious Principle

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The Scout Law For Elected Leaders

As an elected leader in my Troop, I am...

TRUSTWORTHY (*pause as candle is lit*): My Scoutmaster and the Patrol Leaders I serve can count on me to keep my commitments and to be there for them.

LOYAL (*pause as candle is lit*): I respect my fellow Troop leaders and always support them.

HELPFUL (*pause as candle is lit*): When a Patrol Leader has a problem, he knows he can come to me for support. I make a point of looking for new things to do, to make our Troop strong and fun.

FRIENDLY (*pause as candle is lit*): I smile when I greet my fellow leaders and the adults who support my Troop. I am a friend to every Scout in the Troop, regardless of rank or position.

COURTEOUS (*pause as candle is lit*): I add "Sir" when I speak with adults, and I add "please" to my requests of my fellow leaders--I never "bark orders."

KIND (*pause as candle is lit*): I look for the Scout who needs special help, and I give it wherever I can. When I can't, I find someone who can.

OBEDIENT (*pause as candle is lit*): I live the ideals of Scouting, which are the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

CHEERFUL (*pause as candle is lit*): No one ever sees me frown, complain, or shirk from my responsibilities. I attack every job and every problem with a smile and a "let's do this thing" attitude.

THRIFTY (*pause as candle is lit*): I use my natural energies to strengthen my Troop and serve our Patrol Leaders; I don't waste my energy on things that don't move us forward with adventure and fun.

BRAVE (*pause as candle is lit*): I stand up for Scouting's ideals. I try new things and new ways, even though they may intimidate me at first. I am always my own person.

CLEAN (*pause as candle is lit*): I speak with clarity and always with a positive attitude. I never speak ill of a fellow Scout.

REVERENT (*pause as candle is lit*): I believe that every Scout in my Troop has a special, unique, and God-given goodness in him, and I make it my responsibility to find it and bring it out.