



## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

*Schenectady Ward  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-Day Saints  
June 17, 1988*

Eagle Candidate: Peter Joseph Codella II

1. *Welcome/Sr. Patrol Leader* Howard Berg
2. *Presentation of the Colors* Troop 101  
*Pledge of Allegiance* Scouts
3. *Opening Remarks* Forest Berg
4. *Invocation* Bishop Andrew Crapo
5. *Trail of the Eagle* Voice of the Eagle
6. *Eagle Readiness* Forest Berg
7. *Eagle Challenge* Voice of the Eagle
8. *Reaffirming Scout Oath* Tom Purcell
9. *Pledge of the Eagle* Douglas Kerr
10. *Presentation of the Eagle* Fred Davis
11. *Remarks* Mark Cannon
12. *Congratulatory Comments* Terry Selin
13. *Eagle's Charge* Donald Brereton
14. *Eagle's Response* Peter Codella II
15. *Benediction* Tom Purcell

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
(in the Cultural Hall)

The Codella Family extends their thanks and sincere appreciation to Liisa Berg (*slide presentation*) and to Helen Brooksby (*for refreshments and decorations*) and to all Court of Honor participants.

## "IT'S ONLY A PIN"

Two fond parents watch their son where he  
stands,  
Apart from his comrades tonight,  
And see placed on his camp-battered tunic,  
a badge...  
An Eagle...the emblem of right.  
It seems just a few short months have  
passed  
Since he joined with the youngsters next  
door...  
How proud they were then of their  
Tenderfoot pin  
As they told of the message it bore.  
But the years have gone as he struggled  
along  
To learn what the Scout Law's about;  
He practiced them daily, the Oath and the  
Law,  
Until now he is an Eagle Scout.  
You may smile in your worldly old wisdom  
at this and say, "Why,  
It's only a pin."  
But I'll tell you, no honors he'll gain  
as a man  
Will mean quite as much to him.  
The red, white and blue of the ribbon  
you see  
Are the symbols of honor and truth.  
He has learned how to value these fine  
attributes  
In the glorious days of his youth.  
And the out-flinging wings of the Eagle  
that rests  
On the chest of this young man today  
Are the things which will lift him above  
petty deeds,  
And guide him along the right way.  
Yes, it's only a pin, just an Eagle Scout  
badge, But the heart beneath it beats  
true, And will throb to the last for the  
things that are good; A lesson for me...  
and for you.

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY



**Peter Codella**

Peter was born in Cedar City, Utah in April 1970, and grew up in Logan, Utah. When he was 7 he and his family moved to Houston, Texas, where they lived until they moved to Schenectady, NY, in December 1983.

He became a Cub Scout Dec. 14, 1978, when his mother became a

den leader for Cub Scout Pack 594. He earned the Bobcat Badge Dec. 29, 1978; the Wolf Badge, Mar. 30, 1979; Bear Badge, Mar. 27, 1980. He became a Webelos and earned 8 activity badges and the ARROW OF LIGHT, the highest award in Cub Scouting, on Nov. 14, 1980. He also earned the Faith in God Award.

For his EAGLE Badge, in addition to earning the required 21 merit badges, he completed a Service Project to benefit Niskayuna High School. He spent over 50 hours teaching drama students proper theatrical set building techniques. With the group he completed 12 stage flats, 3 doors units and 1 window unit, to be used throughout the years as a basic set unit. In Scouting, he has also earned the Order of the Arrow honor (Spring, Texas troop).

At school, he has been an active participant in stage band (trumpet player) and orchestra, Studio Singers and choir. He is the 1988 NHS recipient of the JOHN PHILIP SOUSA BAND AWARD, the top nationwide prize in the school band field. He is a NHS recipient of the MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE. He is also the recipient of NHS's Music Department scholarships: the Wendell B. Phillips Music Award and the Jeanette Odasz Prize in Music Appreciation. In the fall of 1988, he will attend Brigham Young University, majoring in Music/Drama/Theatre.