

## TROOP 110 SCOUTMASTER CHANGE CEREMONY

### **Materials:**

Scoutmaster badge of office

### **Participants:**

Senior Patrol Leader  
Outgoing Scoutmaster (called Scoutmaster)  
Incoming Scoutmaster (called Scoutmaster Candidate)  
Chartered Organizational Representative or Head  
Troop Committee Chair

*(Special setup: Present Scoutmaster should have his or her badge of office loosely sewn on the left shoulder sleeve or attached using tape)*

The Troop Committee Chair asks for all members of the Troop to stand behind him or her. The Troop stands in a semi-circle behind the Troop Committee Chair.

**Troop Committee Chair:** This evening marks another significant event in the history of our Troop and this community; for tonight, as you are aware, we install a new Scoutmaster and temporarily transition our present Scoutmaster, Larry Meador, to Assistant Scoutmaster.

Before I ask Larry Meador to come forward, I would like to review what a Scoutmaster does. To provide this explanation, I now call upon Chris Hembree, the Senior Patrol Leader of our Troop.

*(Troop Committee Chair stands to side and allows Senior Patrol Leader to come center)*

**Senior Patrol Leader:** Mr. Meador works closely with me as I lead the Troop. As Scoutmaster, Mr. Meador and I manage the program and he insures that I get the training and coaching I need to do my job and to lead other boys in our Troop. Mr. Meador also works with the Troop Committee Chair and members of our Troop Committee to insure that the proper support is given to whatever we as Troop leaders plan -- a campout, a day trip, or just a regular Troop meeting. The Scoutmaster is also the visual example for all of us here and works hard to insure that each Scout is guided in the direction toward Eagle and is making good progress toward his goal. *(Senior Patrol Leader may address specific comments about Scoutmaster and wishes him or her well).*

**Troop Committee Chair:** At this time, I wish to call upon our Scoutmaster, Larry Meador, to come forward. *(Scoutmaster comes forward).* We have enjoyed working with you over the last two years you have given to Scouting as Scoutmaster of this Troop. It now becomes time for us to appoint your successor and to induct him as our new Scoutmaster. It gives me great honor to introduce Lance McReynolds, our candidate for the position of Scoutmaster.

*(Scoutmaster candidate comes forward and stands on one side of Troop Committee Chair)*

**Troop Committee Chair:** It is the desire of this Troop's Committee to appoint and commission you as Scoutmaster of Troop 110. As you have heard from our Senior Patrol Leader, your main job is to advise the Troop officers and assist in their training and coaching as they develop the Troop's program. We are placing the confidence of our families and our Scouts onto your shoulders as you continue to provide a quality program for our Scouts and this community. Will you accept our nomination and serve as Scoutmaster of this Troop?

**Scoutmaster Candidate:** Yes, I will do my best.

*(The Senior Patrol Leader brings the Troop's flag forward and in front of the Troop Committee Chair. He then hands the flag to the Scoutmaster and then leaves. The Chartered Organizational Representative or Head comes forward and takes the place of the Senior Patrol Leader. The Scoutmaster then gives the flag to the Chartered Organizational Representative or Head as **Troop Committee Chair** states:*

The Scouting program is a part of the community service mission of Central Presbyterian Church. It is highly appropriate that the symbol of the Troop, the Troop's flag, be returned to the charter representative of Central Presbyterian Church, because it is this organization which gives final approval to adults working with our youth.

*Larry Meador then removes his badge of office and hands it to John Spain.*

John Spain then invites the Lance McReynolds to place his left hand on the pole of the Troop's flag, above that of the Chartered Organizational Representative's hand.

**John Spain:** Please raise your hand in the Sign of the Scout and repeat after our Troop Committee Chair, Steve Lovick. .

*(Scoutmaster Candidate does so)*

**Troop Committee Chair:** I promise to do my best ---to be worthy of my office as Scoutmaster --- for the sake of my Scouts --- This Troop --- and the World Brotherhood of Scouting.

**Chartered Organizational Representative or Head:** Thank you *(Lance McReynolds lowers his or her hand.)*

*(John Spain hands flag to new Scoutmaster)* Under the authority of this organization and of the Westark Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, I hereby appoint you as Scoutmaster of our Troop. We trust you to keep your promise and herewith present to you the insignia of your new office.

*(John Spain hands old Scoutmaster patch to Troop Committee Chair, who places it aside and pins new Scoutmaster badge of office on the left shoulder of the new Scoutmaster. (the old patch is later given to the former Scoutmaster).*

*(John Spain shakes the free hand of the new Scoutmaster and leaves. The Senior Patrol Leader returns to the center and the Scoutmaster gives the Troop's flag to the Senior Patrol Leader who then takes it back and places it back onto it's base).*

**Troop Committee Chair:** *(Gives short background on new Scoutmaster)* Please join me in welcoming our new Scoutmaster, Lance McReynolds

END OF CEREMONY