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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear

Today, on this special occasion marking your achievement of the Eagle Scout rank, we are honored to join in the chorus of congratulations and praises that you will receive, and that this accomplishment surely warrants. As our nation's newest Eagle Scout, you are joining an elite group of young men who have done what few can. You should be very proud, and rest assured in knowing that the impact you leave on Scouting, your community, and our world is great. Congratulations on this amazing milestone!

The achievement of the Eagle Scout rank marks a transformative moment in every young man's Scouting career. Each step along your trail to Eagle was marked with new challenges around every corner—at times, surmountable, at others, formidable. Today, we celebrate your triumph over these challenges, and reflect on your new high place. We give you our warmest congratulations for this remarkable accomplishment, and offer our advice as you continue to push forward, for your journey is just beginning.

All who you know gather today to rejoice in your achievement. But remember, your new position is one of honor and responsibility, for you are now a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you assume a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to your country, and to your fellow Scouts. For those Scouts who follow your example, you are becoming the face of everything Scouting stands for, and everything they hope to become. The next generation of Eagle Scouts starts with you; you must now choose to fall from great heights, or soar to places unknown.

As an Eagle Scout, you have no reason to fear. You know that the Scout Oath and Law will serve as the bedrock on which you shall build a fulfilling life. With those values constant in your heart, follow your passion wherever it leads. Lead a life filled with laughter and selflessness, and joy will come your way. Trust in your convictions, stay open to growth, and, if nothing else, do a good turn daily. If these lessons from Scouting are a part of your daily life, failure is impossible.

Again, congratulations on your achievement of the Eagle Scout rank! As you begin to take flight, our hearts are full of pride.

With eyes to the sky,

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