

## CANDLE OPENING CEREMONY

(Red Italics – instruction only DO NOT READ)

*(Table is flanked by flags. On the table are 18 candles, 3 blue, 2 red, and 12 white candles, and a gold candle used as a lighter.)*

We want you to understand clearly the full significance of the ideals by which Scouts live, and through which we achieve worthy citizenship. Before you, a golden flame burns constantly.

*(Gold candle is lighted, house lights out.)*

This golden flame symbolizes a Scout's honor, which must never be dimmed. When a boy takes the Scout Oath, he is placing his honor, the brightest thing in his life, before his fellow Scouts, his Scouting officials, his parents, and his friends. A boy without honor is as nothing. So it is a serious thing to give the Scout Oath in one's honor.

From this golden flame of a Scout's honor is lighted the blue flame . . . duty to God . . . and to country.

*(First blue candle is lighted)*

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law."

We light the blue flame of duty to other people.

*(Second blue candle is lighted)*

"On my honor I will do my best to help other people at all times . . . "

We light the blue flame of duty to self.

*(Third blue candle is lighted)*

"On my honor I will do my best to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

So that we may realize a new value in everyday life and in helping others, through being alert and ready, the golden flame brings to light the red flame of the Scout motto, "Be Prepared"

*(first red candle is lighted)*

and the red flame of the Scout slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily."

*(Second red candle lighted)*

We now bring to light the 12 yellow flames of the Scout Law, which make bright and clear the trail that leads from boyhood to manhood. Scouts and Scouters, shall we stand and repeat together the 12 points of the Scout Law?

*(Pause until all stand, then light each candle in turn as each point of the Law is repeated).*

A Scout is trustworthy . . . A Scout is loyal ...A Scout is helpful ...A Scout is friendly...A Scout is courteous...A Scout is kind... A Scout is obedient...A Scout is cheerful...A Scout is thrifty...A Scout is brave...A Scout is clean...A Scout is reverent.