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Troop Court of Honor Well-Attended

The troop meeting on February 22nd was Troop 888's annual Court of Honor. Each family of the Scouts attending brought a covered dish for a "pot-luck" dinner. Following a quick opening ceremony, lines formed at serving tables filled with a variety of



Mr. Green watches as Brandon Sipes and Daniel Sloope light their candles.

food, and then Scouts and their families ate dinner in a semicircle facing the front of the room with its troop and Scouting exhibits and large candle-display.

After dinner, a slide show was projected on the rear wall with pictures of Scouts involved in troop activities, at troop meetings, on camping trips, at Boy Scout Camp, and during summer trips to the National Jamboree, Washington, DC, and whitewater rafting. The slide show brought a lot of laughs from both the Scouts and their families, for many photographs captured some of the lighter sides of our Scouting experiences. As Mr. Kent mentioned though, as much fun as it looked like the boys were having during their camping trips and Scouting activities, while they were having fun, they were also learning.

When the slide show was over, Senior Patrol Leader Tony Speedling had the Scouts sit with their families in sections of the room, similar to patrol corners. It was time for a special recognition ceremony, which would honor each Scout and what he had achieved so far in his Scouting career. One by one, Mr. Kent called up the members of our troop, reading out the ranks they had reached and the number of merit badges they had earned. For each of their accomplishments, the Scouts were allowed to light a candle marking their progress towards Eagle. In a short while, there was quite a bright blaze of lit candles, especially in the merit badge section of the candle display, where 206 candles, closely positioned, started to burn.

Its not unlikely, that at next year's Court of Honor, there might be a half dozen candles lit by a half dozen Scouts for Scouting's highest achievement.



Color Guard and Flag Bearers: Joshua Southerland, Kurt Lester, Matt Silverberg, and Avery Scott started things off during the opening ceremony of the Court of Honor Troop Meeting.



Mr. Kent looks on as Greg Spatholt and Steven Sloope light their candles.



Scouts attending the Troop Court of Honor, February 22—Kneeling: Frankie Starace, Travis Collins, Russell Spatholt, Steven Sloope, Tripp Collins, Daniel Sloope, Matt Silverberg, Shane Collins, Brandon Kimbrell, Ian Barker, Standing: Dominick Bezmen, Will Hall, Kurt Lester, Justin Davidson, Geoff Britzke, Dan Mesich, Timothy Green, Greg Spatholt, Michael O'Neill, Jeff Silverberg, Tony Speedling, James Bumgardner, Jason Hardee, Cory Keibler, Tristian Addington, Dane Rebochak, Brandon Sipes, Theodore Fontana, Avery Scott, Josh Southerland, Sam Snodgrass