

Our Membership and the Boy Scout Connection

My name is Michael Horowitz and I have been a member of the Knights for the past forty years and have made over one hundred presentations of Knights of Pythias Eagle Certificates and Patches at Eagle Court of Honors in my area during the past twelve months and I have sent in over 500 applications for eagle scouts all over the country to receive our eagle scout certificates and patches.

I am an Eagle Scout, Woodbadge, Order of the Arrow-Vigil Honor, National Eagle Scout Association, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, Director of Public Relations for the Jewish Committee on Boy Scouting in Nassau County, Chairman of the Aleph & Macabee classes.

The Knights of Pythias will give every New Eagle Boy Scout a Pythian Eagle Scout Certificate and Patch for their Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

They just have to go to the following website and fill out the form at:
<http://www.pythias.org/scouts/scouts.html>

***Your website should have a link to the Boy Scout Connection.**

We can use all this information to offer all new eagle scouts, their parents and friends free or discounted membership for the first year that they become a member of the Knights. We have a great way to promote our order but we are not fully using it



properly. We have been missing out on a golden opportunity to introduce ourselves and our Order to the families and friends of these Eagle Scouts and their Boy Scout Troop. One of our members should make a personal presentation at the scout's eagle court of honor. Take a picture and put it the local newspapers. This presentation allows us to introduce our Order, our Principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, including giving the Knights of Pythias the name recognition we so deserve. We can increase our membership in our areas. Try it now. Follow up is very important after we make the Eagle Certificate & Patch presentation.

The National Boy Scout Jamboree is taking place next July, 2010 in Virginia. It will be the one hundred anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Here is a great opportunity to introduce our organization to 40,000 scouts. Let's start planning for this event now. They come from all over the country.

*We should consider having a member in each lodge in charge of Public Relations.

“Communications and Education is the key to our growth”

The future of our order rests in the youth. In order for our organizations to grow, we must look at things in a new mindset and be willing to try new methods and ideas. We must use every means of communications to spread the word about organization. We must try new approaches, methods in order to keep up with the times. Change is hard, but in order to grow we must change our outlook and methods in order to increase our membership. It is always easy always to accept the status quo on things. Action speaks louder than all the words.

Let's put our words into action now!

“The future of our Order rests with each one of you”

Brothers please spread the word about our Boy Scout Connection and websites:

www.pythias.org/scouts/scouts.html

www.pythias.org

www.pythianinternational.com