

Michael and Linda Wade cordially invite you and yours to attend
the

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

For their 4th son to earn this rank:

THOMAS BROOKS WADE

On

Saturday, March 5, 2016

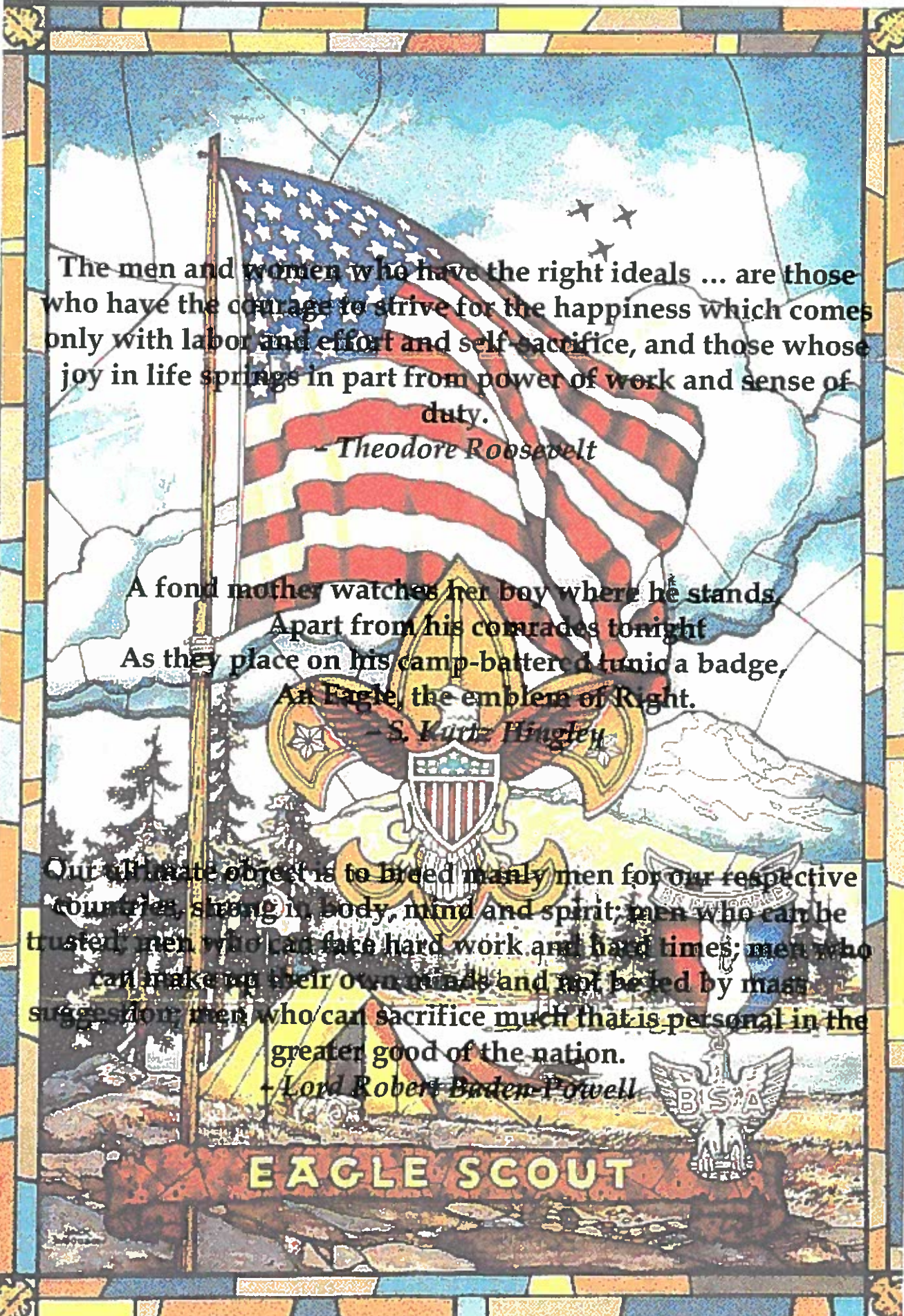
At 7:00 PM

St. Giles Presbyterian Church
1021 Hudson Road, Greenville, SC

Light refreshments will be served at the reception immediately
following.

R.S.V.P. by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, February 20th to:
Thomas Wade, 114 Forestdale Drive, Taylors, SC 29687
Or 864.322.5765 or greatawakening@att.net

*But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength:
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
— Isaiah 40:31*



The men and women who have the right ideals ... are those who have the courage to strive for the happiness which comes only with labor and effort and self-sacrifice, and those whose joy in life springs in part from power of work and sense of duty.

- Theodore Roosevelt

A fond mother watches her boy where he stands,
Apart from his comrades tonight
As they place on his camp-battered tunic a badge,
An Eagle, the emblem of Right.

- S. Kurtz Hingley

Our ultimate object is to breed manly men for our respective countries, strong in body, mind and spirit; men who can be trusted; men who can face hard work and hard times; men who can make up their own minds and not be led by mass suggestion; men who can sacrifice much that is personal in the greater good of the nation.

- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

EAGLE SCOUT

MICHAEL & LINDA WADE

February 5, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

We would be very honored to have you as a guest at Thomas's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. If at all possible, we would really like you to consider being there! Here's why: we have four sons, and Thomas is the fourth one to become an Eagle Scout! The first one got a letter from Governor Sanford. The next two received a certificate from you. We also got a phone call from a very nice lady (one of your staff) explaining that you could not attend those times because you had a very busy schedule and it was already full. But this is our fourth Eagle Scout, and we know that you are extremely busy, but we are hoping you could make an exception and find your way up to Greenville on March 5!

Let me tell you a little about Thomas – he's one awesome kid! Other adults – coaches, teachers, church leaders, scoutmasters – come up to me and tell me things they have noticed about him or seen him do that just make me so proud. These comments are unsolicited and from people who have nothing to gain from telling them to me.

For instance, one of the scoutmasters of Troop 266 was with Thomas recently at Winter Camp at Kiawah. Afterwards, he came up to me and told me what a joy it was to have Thomas there, because as an Assistant Junior Scoutmaster, he sets such a good example, has a great attitude, helps the younger scouts, and exemplifies Scouting values. Another leader, separately, remarked to me how impressed he was with Thomas's dedication to his running – getting up very early every morning in order to not let his daily practice runs slip. Thomas would pass these guys on their way to breakfast a couple times. Another scoutmaster had fun with Thomas because he knows what a straight arrow he is when it comes to wearing his uniform the right way. Because it was like 70 degrees that week and the mosquitoes were out, he told the troop that they did not have to wear their neckerchiefs to dinner. They knew this would be a very hard pill for Thomas to swallow, but Thomas complied. After about two nights, the scoutmaster knew that this was hard for Thomas, so he told the troop to wear their neckerchiefs, as they should have! The men had a great time telling me about this later and ribbing Thomas about it.

Thomas is a member of Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church, has a 4.3 GPA, and was All-State in Cross Country this year for Eastside High School. He always has a great attitude, encourages others, works hard, is self-motivated, does things without our asking, and reads his Bible and prays.

We understand that you were not able to make it to his brother James's ceremony or Daniel's ceremony. But please, if you can be here for this, please come, and bring your family. You will be blessed and encouraged!

Yours in Scouting,


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