

## Troop 94 – Scout's Own Service

### LOYAL

*Troop assembles for Scout's Own Service....once everyone is seated begin the program*

**Greeting:** We would like to welcome you all to today's Scout's Own Service.

*Instruct everyone to remove their hats.....they may remain seated*

**Prayer:** Please bow your heads...

For this time and this place,  
For your goodness and grace,  
For each friend we embrace,  
We thank thee, O Lord.

Amen

*Ask Everyone to please stand for the Scout Oath and Scout Law*

**Scout Oath – Scout Sign....Please recite the Scout Oath with me**

**Scout Law - Please say Scout Law ....Two**

*Ask Everyone to please have a seat*

#### **Today's Message: Diego's Kite**

Once there was a father and son, Mr. Ramos and Diego, who went to a kite flying festival. Diego was very happy seeing the sky filled with so many colorful kites and asked his father if he would please buy him a kite with long string and a roller so that he could join the crowd and fly a kite too. Mr. Ramos smiled and said, "Sure!" then he made his way a few steps over to the shop at the park where the festival was being held. After a very short wait, he purchased a kite with colorful streamers and some string on a roller for his son.

Once Diego and Mr. Ramos quickly assembled the kite, Diego could not wait to actually fly it. Soon, with his father's help, the kite reached high up in the sky. After a while, Diego said, "Dad, it seems like the thread is stopping the kite from flying higher. Can we just cut the string off of the kite so it will be free? Once we do that, the kite will be able to go flying even higher! Can we please cut the string?" So, the father cut the string from the kite's roller. Diego was so excited as the kite started to go a little higher that he began to jump up and down!

But then, slowly, the kite started to come down. And, soon it fell down on the roof of a tall, nearby building. Diego was so surprised to see the kite fall from the sky. He was so confident that the kite would've soared to outer space by cutting it from the string. He asked, "Dad, I thought that after cutting the string, the kite would have gone higher and higher. Why did it fall down?"

Mr. Ramos explained, "Son, sometimes in life, we often think that things or people that we are tied to are holding us back. The string was actually not keeping the kite from going higher, but it was helping it stay higher when the wind slowed down. Then, when the wind picked up, you helped the kite go up higher in because of the string. So, when we cut the string, the kite fell down without the steady support you that were providing to the kite by way of the string". All at once, Diego realized his mistake.

**Reflection:** Sometimes we feel that we can go our own way and do the things that we want to do if rules from our parents and loved ones weren't in the way. But we fail to realize that our family and our loved ones are the ones who help and guide us throughout our lives with their support. Their encouragement helps us to reach higher heights in our life. They are not holding us back but, helping to uplift us to be our best. Never let go of them.

***Ask Everyone to please stand***

**Benediction:** May you walk in Peace. Live with Love, work with Joy, and May the Great Scoutmaster go with you.

**Closing:** Thank you for attending our Scout's Own Service. Let's close by singing the Scout Vespers

**Scout Vespers :** *Second verse optional.....Scouts may hum the tune as they exit quietly*

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?

***Second verse***

Quietly we now will part,  
Pledging ever in our heart,  
To strive to do our best each day,  
As we travel down life's way.  
Happiness we'll try to give,  
Trying a better life to live,  
'Till all the world be joined in love,  
and with peace under skies above.