**Eagle COH – James McCLure**

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**Scouts to carry Placards**

**Scout to Carry Eagle Flag**

**Eagle Escorts:**

NEED: American & CA Flag Bearers

**Call to Order by Master of Ceremonies: Tim Rasmussen**

Tim: Good afternoon and welcome to Boy Scout Troop 227's Eagle Court of

Honor for Eagle candidate James McClure. I’d like to introduce our Senior

Patrol Leader, Aidan Minear.

**Presentation of the Colors Aidan Minear**

**American Flag:** TBD on Saturday: Need a leader and three team members

**Troop Flag:** TBD on Saturday: Need a leader and three team members

**SPL**(Aidan): Company Attention/ Color Guard Attention/ Color Guard Advance/ Color

Guard prepare to post the colors/ Post the Colors, Scouts Salute/ Please Join me in the

pledge of allegiance/ Color Guard Regroup/ Color Guard Dismissed/Company at ease.

**SPL**(Aidan)**:** Scouts, please stand and join me in the Scout Oath. Ready, begin: ...

**SPL**(Aidan)**:** Will the Troop Chaplain please come up to give the

invocation.

**(Austin Hargis) :** <invocation>

**SPL**(Aidan): I would now like to invite Mr. Rasmussen, tonight’s Master of

Ceremonies, back up to the podium.

**Opening Remarks Tim Rasmussen**

**Recognition of any honored quest**

Tim: I’d like to recognize Lyn Semeta, Huntington Beach City Council elect.

And I’d like to recognize Jeff Campana, Pacifica District Eagle Chair.

Please stand and be recognized.

Tim: Please be seated. Presentation of the rank of Eagle Scout is an important and serious matter. This represents the climax of Jame's efforts for several years. However, this pinnacle has not been reached by the efforts of James alone; it has rather been made possible through the assistance of his fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, parents, and other members of the community.

The rank of Eagle Scout is a rank that only four percent of Scouts ever reach, therefore, it is fitting that a troop be proud of all of its Eagle Scouts, as well as

Eagle Scouts in attendance.

Would all Eagle Scouts in attendance please stand and announce your name and where and when you achieved the rank of Eagle Scout?

To be recognized as an Eagle Scout, a Scout must spend a great amount of time and be quite patient while working on the requirements for the various ranks in Scouting. Let us now follow the steps that James took on the trail to Eagle.

*Mr. Rasmussen goes backstage.*

**Voice of Eagle Mike Schuster**

*Mike reads from off stage or back of the room. When each rank is denoted on script, the person will walk up center aisle to front of audience, where he will hold the rank card-and face the audience.*

Mike (booming voice): This is the voice of the Eagle, whose heights you struggled for so long to reach. We remember well when you first came to the base of this cliff and how you looked up with ambition, determination, and awe.

Now look back for a moment at the cliff you have now climbed and the experiences you have encountered. These experiences should not be forgotten, and you will profit by ensuring that the adverse ones do not occur again, for experience is a valuable teacher if you heed its teachings.

We remember when you started along this trail that leads upward with your crossing over the bridge from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts in February 2010. You then pledged to live by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan, and thus became a full-fledged Scout.

Scout PLACARD Comes up:

You then started to live these promises even as we watched you study and then learn by doing. First you were only a Scout building yourself physically, mentally, and morally, showing improvement on physical fitness tests, learning basic first aid and knots as well as the rules for safe hiking, and going on your first campout.

Then your brother scouts called you Tenderfoot, and they were right.

Tenderfoot PLACARD comes up:

You were indeed a Tenderfoot, but not for long. While a Tenderfoot, you learned to enjoy the great outdoors on hikes and campouts and you participated in service projects. You also developed your skills with a compass, a pocketknife, an ax, and a saw while learning even more first aid. Soon you reached the first ledge and you were greeted by a group of Second Class Scouts.

Second Class PLACARD

At this point on the trail, some stop to catch their breath before continuing. But you began to study more and work harder on pioneering, first aid, cooking, and citizenship until you had mastered all the basic Scouting skills. You then reached another ledge.

First Class PLACARD

The First Class Scouts on this ledge had all learned the skills that the founder of

Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, thought most important. However, while entry onto this ledge meant that an older Scout no longer guided you along every step, you recognized that this ledge was not the final pinnacle that you sought; therefore, even as you were tempted to remain at the green meadow with the nearby crystal clear stream of First Class glory, your ambition stirred you to grow in service and leadership until you too were a Star Scout.

Star PLACARD

The shape of the Star badge is significant, as men on both land and sea find their direction by the stars. As you wore the Star badge, you were reminded to chart your life's course by the star of truth. You found that the difficulty of the trail from First Class had been a mere optical illusion, spurring you to climb further.

Now the trail was steeper and less worn. Fewer Scouts seemed to be heading in your direction. You looked back and saw the crowds below you. You looked up and saw the few above you, and with the same determination with which you started your climb, you continued on your trail.

Life PLACARD

Soon the badge of the Life Scout, the heart-shaped badge symbolic of life itself, was placed on your uniform. You will never forget the feeling in your heart that has been experienced only by Scouts reaching the ledge of Life. The way became far more difficult now. You could no longer put off the harder merit badges, and in addition to using your leadership skills to benefit our troop, you also used them in your extracurricular activities as well as in planning and leading others in completing your own service project.

Many times you, like those whom you had encountered earlier on the climb, had stopped to rest alongside the trail, but you persevered. Yes, we have watched as you have been transformed – from someone who struggled to memorize the Scout Oath and Law to someone who lives those words, from someone who wants to go camping to someone who's been camping many times, from someone who needs to be led to someone who can lead others.

And now that you are at the threshold of your goal, we welcome you, for you have done your climbing in a true manner. You are now entering the final steep and rocky trail that leads to the summit of this cliff – the rank of Eagle Scout.

As you peer over the summit, you see in the distance many more mountains that you know will not be insurmountable, for you have learned many skills in climbing this first of many mountains, and you will carry these skills with you long after this mountain is a mere memory.

Eagle FLAG is Presented

As you’ve climbed the trail to Eagle, you have adhered to the principles of Scouting, but one more thing is important: your future. As an Eagle, you become a guide to both other Scouts and the community at large.

Remember that now your actions are more conspicuous and that people will expect more of you. To falter in your duties would not only reflect upon you, but upon your fellow Eagle Scouts, so the torch you carry is not just yours but rather that of all other Eagle Scouts as well.

The Scout Ribbon has 3 colors, White, Blue and Red.

May the white of the Eagle Badge remind you to always live with honor. Your honor is your word, and it reflects not only upon you, but your obligations to your family, your Scout leaders, your friends, community and nation. Remember that now your actions are more conspicuous and that people will expect more of you, and the torch you carry is not just yours but rather that of all other Eagle Scouts as well.

To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is trustworthy" is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him but also because of the vital significance of the example he sets for all others.

The Blue in the ribbon of the Eagle badge is there to remind you of Loyalty An Eagle must show loyalty to his ideals, not letting others sway him from his course. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, community, and nation. His loyalty to his Troop and brother Scouts led him to pitch in and carry his share of the load up to the range of Eagle. Once an Eagle, this means he will pitch in and carry his share of the load for his community and the nation.

Red is the color of courage. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but also the determination to stand up for what's right, no matter what other people do or say. Trusting in God, with faith in his fellow man, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do.

The Scroll is also on the badge. It holds the ribbon. It represents service. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others helped him in his climb to Eagle. The performance of the daily Good Turn takes on new meaning when he enters a more adult life, as it leads to a lifetime of service.

The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. In doing all of this, he recognizes that it is only in giving of himself that he gives anything of value. Therefore, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, as long as he is serving others, he is to always wear a smile. A Scout is Cheerful,

The final obligation of an Eagle Scout is to have vision. As the Scroll holds the Ribbon, the Ribbon holds an Eagle. The Eagle represents Vision. Just as a bald eagle soaring high above the ground can look far into the distance, so too the Eagle Scout must look far into the future. As a leader he must now blaze his own trail. The Eagle flies high, and gives him vision for the future.

May the eagle hanging from the Eagle Badge encourage your vision.

*Mr. Rasmussen walks back to the front of the stage during following paragraph.*

These then are the obligations of the Eagle Scout: honor, loyalty, courage,

cheerful service, and vision. But while you deserve much credit for earning

Scouting's highest rank, remember to wear your badge with humility, ever

mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and Law be your guide from now on.

**Mr. Rasmussen :** Scouts, thank you, and you may return to your seats.

**Review of Requirements**

**Mr. Rasmussen**: To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 Merit Badges including twelve of which are required. He must serve actively in a Troop Leadership Position for a period of 6 months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. While a Life Scout, he must plan, develop and carry out a service project helpful to a religious institution, school or community, in a manner worthy of an Eagle Scout. He must demonstrate, through the testimony of character references, an otherwise, that he lives by the principles of the Scout

Oath and Law in his daily life. Finally, he must appear before a district Board of

Review.

James has completed all these requirements.

**Presentation of Rank William Henke**

**Mr. Rasmussen**: Will Mr. Bill Henke, Troop 227's Scoutmaster, please come forward to award the rank of Eagle Scout to James McClure?

**Mr Henke**: Will the Eagle Escorts please bring Eagle Scout James McClure forward?

*Eagle Escorts bring up James*

**Mr. Hencke**: You now stand here as an Eagle Scout Candidate. Are you ready to

accept the responsibilities which come with this honor?

**James**: Yes.

**Mr. Hencke**: In recognition of the obligations that come with the honor about to be bestowed upon you, I now ask you to reaffirm your commitment to Scouting by reciting the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan to this Court of Honor.

James *gives Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan*

**Mr. Hencke**: These are important words that not only have you spoken countless times before but that you have also demonstrated your willingness to live by the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law. It is my pleasure to administer to you another pledge that you have heard before but have never spoken. This is the Eagle Scout Pledge, and it is the final requirement left standing between you and the rank of Eagle Scout. Will you please give the Scout Sign and repeat after me:

I, (state your name)   
Do realize the obligation to my fellow man  
and to My home, my country, and my God

I will at all times do my best  
To assist other Scouts

Who are climbing the trail of Eagle,  
To give back more to Scouting,

Than it has given me,  
And to the best of my ability,

To be a living example,  
Of the Scout Oath and Law,  
and to work for the betterment of my community and nation

**Mr. Hencke:** And now, by the power vested in me as Scoutmaster by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege to proclaim that James McClure is an Eagle Scout!

*Pause for Pictures*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: Will the Eagle Escorts please bring the parents of Eagle Scout James McClure forward?

*Eagle Escorts bring parents up on the state. After bringing parents up, steps*

*offstage, hidden from the audience, and Tim and Bill stay on stage to help with*

*awards.*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: Mrs. McClure, you have guided and encouraged James to reach this pinnacle. Will you please recognize him by pinning the Eagle Scout Medal on his uniform?

*Cher pins the eagle scout medal on his uniform. Pause for pictures.*

*Tim retrieves the Eagle Scout Certificate frame.*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: Mr. McCLure, you have also guided and aided James along the trail to Eagle, therefore, will you please award James with his Eagle Scout Certificate?

*Wally presents James with the Certificate. Pause for Pictures.*

*After pausing for picture, James hands the certificate frame to Tim who places*

*it on the table backstage. He then retrieves the Mother’s Pin and gives it to James*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: James you mother has helped and encouraged you through each stage of your scouting career. When you started in cub scouts she received her first pin when you became a Tiger Cub. Will you now place the final pin of your scouting career onto her Mother’s Ribbon, the pin signifying your new rank of Eagle Scout.

*James pins the Mother’s pin to her Mother’s Ribbon. Pause for pictures.*

*Tim retrieves the Father’s pin and hands it to Bill.*

**Mr. Hencke**: James, your father has also guided and aided you along your trail to Eagle. He served as in both your Cub Scout den and in your Troop. Will you now place the Father’s Pin on his uniform.

*Pause for Pictures*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: Will the Eagle Escorts return James Parents to their seats?

*Eagle escorts return James’ Parents to their seats.*

**Mr. Rasmussen**: We have a Troop tradition of having Scouts welcome new members at First Class and Eagle Rank, to the fellowship of that rank. Will all Eagle Scouts form an Eagle’s nest to the left of the stage.

*All Eagle Scouts in attendance, including Wally and Bill, form a line to the left of*

*the stage.*

**Mr. Rasmussen:** It is my pleasure to introduce James McClure, Troop 227’s

newest Eagle scout.

*Pause for Pictures*

*James exits the stage, shaking hands with all Eagle Scouts.*

**Slide Show Wally McClure**

**Mr. McClure** : Please enjoy this short presentation of James life as a Boy Scout.

*Roll the slideshow.*

*Toward the end of the slide show Mr.Rasmussen and James walk back on stage.*

**Eagle Response James McClure**

**Mr. Rasmussen**: James would now like to say a few words.

**James** : <Gives Mentor Pins, and Thank you speech>

**Scoutmaster’s Minute Bill Jencke**

**Mr. McClure:** Will Mr. Hencke please come forward to deliver the

Scoutmaster’s Minute.

*Mr. Hencke delivers the Scoutmaster Minute.*

**Closing Remarks Tim Rasmussen**

*Mr. Rasmussen delivers personalized closing remarks, if desired.*

**Mr. Rasmussen** : Thank You all for attending tonight’s Eagle Court of honor, I’d Like to hand the podium over to the SPL, Aidan Minear, to give the closing Ceremony.

**Closing Flag Ceremony Aidan Minear**

**Aidan**: Company Attention/ Color Guard Attention/ Color Guard Advance/Color

Guard Prepare to retrieve the Colors/ Retrieve the colors/Scouts Salute/ Color

Guard Regroup/ Color Guard dismissed/ Company at ease.

**Epilog Tim Rasmussen**

**Mr Rasmussen**: And now, refreshments and cake will be served! Please Join us!