**Sample Eagle Ceremony**

**October 15, 2017 3:00 p.m.**

**Color Guard:**

* David Smith
* Russell Nicodemus
* Jacob Seddelmeyer
* Jackson Allen
* Jackson Vogel

**Eagle Escort:**

* Will Chronister

**Master of Ceremonies:** David Ochoa

**Invocation**: Stephen Carrell

**100 Scouts**: Jeff Donnell

**Oath & Law**: Stephen Hotz

**Eagle Charge**: Todd Allen

**Eagle Presentation**: David Ochoa & Rob Nieporte

**AV Equipment**: Russell May

Master of Ceremonies: **David Ochoa**

*Good afternoon. My name is David Ochoa, and I am pleased to serve as master of ceremonies today. I’d like to remind you that there will be a reception honoring out new Eagle Scout immediately following the ceremony.*

*(other announcements if needed)*

*Will the Eagle Escort please escort the Eagle family to the front? (Pause)*

*Will the Eagle Escort please escort the Eagle Candidate please come to the front? (Pause)*

*Now please rise for the for the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**David Ochoa:**

And now will former Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 890 David Smith come forward to lead us in the presentation of the colors.

**David Smith:**

Presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance (led by scouts Jacob Seddelmeyer, Jackson Allen, Jackson Vogel and Russell Nicodemus.

**David Ochoa**

Now continue standing as Espree from Lake Highlands High School leads us in the singing of the National Anthem.

Espree sings.

Will you please be seated. **And** now will Stephen Carrell, Pastor of Worship and Music at Park Cities Baptist Church, please come forward to give the invocation.

Spiritual Charge and Invocation: **Stephen Carrell**

(Charge Tommy in his spiritual walk)

(then prayer)

**David Ochoa:**

*Troop 890 has a long tradition in Eagle Scouting. Nationwide statistics show that fewer than two percent of the large number of boys who initially register in scouting advance to the rank of Eagle. Troop 890 has an exceptionally high percentage of young men who have earned the Eagle rank. The term “young men” is used intentionally because by the time a Scout has attained the rank of Eagle he has advanced far along the path toward manhood.*

*Now please listen as Assistant Scout Master, Troop Committee Chairman and Eagle Scout Jeff Donnell tell us more about scouting.*

**Jeff Donnell*:***

*Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but later in life, all of these who have left scouting will remember that they had been in Scouting and will speak well of the program. Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all of their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.*

*Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting, and all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life, and many may credit it for saving their own.*

*Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will become adult leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.*

*One in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.*

*This story will never end. Like the 'Golden Pebble' of service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men through unending time."*

*(Jeff add your own personal comments about Tommy)*

**David Ochoa:**

*Today, Tommy O’Brien become Troop 890 Eagle Scout. Will Scout Master Stephen Hotz will now talk to us about the Scout Oath and Law.*

**Stephen Hotz:**

*Tommy can you remember when you received the Scout Badge? You learned that the Fleur-de-lis shape in the scout badge resembles the north point of an old sailor’s compass that shows that a Scout is able to point the right way in life. It had three points which you learned, like the three fingers of the Scout Sign stand for the three points of the Scout Oath….*

*Duty to God and country,*

*Duty to other people, and*

*Duty to self*

*Remember when you took those first steps up the long scouting trail? You began to build yourself physically, mentally, and morally by learning the Scout Oath and Law and learning what they mean.*

*Now, I would like to invite all scouts and scouters to stand and join with me in reciting those words that helped launch their scouting careers, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.*

*Scouts attention. Scout sign. Scout Oath:*

*On my honor, I will do my best*

*To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;*

*To help other people at all times;*

*To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.*

*Scout Law:*

*A Scout is:*

*\* Trustworthy,*

*\* Loyal,*

*\* Helpful,*

*\* Friendly,*

*\* Courteous,*

*\* Kind,*

*\* Obedient,*

*\* Cheerful,*

*\* Thrifty,*

*\* Brave,*

*\* Clean,*

*\* and Reverent.*

*Two. You may be seated.*

*(Stephen add your own personal comments about Tommy)*

**David Ochoa:**

*The pathway to Eagle can be described as a steep trail leading up to three peaks, the highest being that of Eagle Scout. Officially, the trail starts with the Tenderfoot rank and continues through Second and First Class ranks. Then, the mountain climbing begins. The path is marked with merit badges, leadership responsibilities, service projects, and the practice of Scouting skills and ideals. The first peak reached is that of Star Scout, the second is Life Scout, and, finally, Eagle Scout.*

*Now we will hear the Eagle Challenge read by Assistant Scout Master and Eagle Scout Todd Allen will now talk to us about the Scout Oath and Law.*

**Todd Allen:**

*Becoming an Eagle Scout is a great accomplishment; being an Eagle Scout is a great responsibility. The Scout Oath and Scout Law take on new meaning; the motto and slogan take on a new urgency.*

*The Eagle’s first obligation is to live with honor. He is a marked man, a leader; for good or ill, people will follow the example he sets. He would sooner give up anything than is reputation and good name. As Shakespeare said, “Mine honor is my life, both grow in one. Take honor from me and my life is done.” The white of the Eagle badge represents honor.*

*The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be loyal. As a follower, he promised to be loyal to those above him. Now, as a leader, he must also be loyal to those below him, treating them as he would want to be treated. And he must also be loyal to his ideals, not letting others sway him from his course. The blue of the Eagle badge represents loyalty.*

*The Eagle Scout’s third obligation is to be courageous. Stepping into his new role as a leader, he will face many challenges and obstacles. A ship in the harbor is safe, but that’s not what ships are for. The Eagle must have the courage to do what is right, no matter what other people do or say. The red of the Eagle badge represents courage.*

*The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to serve others, for a leader above all is a servant. The practice of the daily good turn leads the Eagle to a lifetime of service. He knows that only in giving of himself does he give anything of value. Just as it always has, the scroll on his badge represents service.*

*The final obligation of an Eagle Scout is to have vision. As a leader, he must now blaze his own trail. 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. Many people will follow him; only with vision will he lead them in the right direction. The silver eagle hanging from his badge reminds the Eagle Scout of vision.*

*These then are the obligations of the Eagle Scout: honor, loyalty courage, service and vision. With these qualities, he can lead his troop, his community, his nation toward a better tomorrow.*

*You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting’s highest award. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. There is no such thing as a “former” Eagle Scout—the honor and the obligations stay with you the rest of your life.*

*(Todd add your own personal comments about Tommy)*

**Russell May***: Run slide show and give a few reflections about Tommy.*

**David Ochoa:**

*It is now time for the highlight of our program; the presentation of the Eagle Scouts Awards. I’d like to ask our Eagle Coordinator Rob Nieporte to come forward to help make the presentation.*

*Will the Eagle candidate please come forward?*

*(Pause)*

*Now will the candidate stand and take the Eagle pledge. Also will all other Eagle Scouts please stand and rededicate yourselves by repeating the Eagle Scout Promise with Tommy:*

*I, (state your name)*

*Tommy O’Brien*

*Realize the obligations to my fellow Scouts*

*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 to Eagle*

*To give more back to Scouting than it has given to me*

*To assist my leaders and my unit as much as possible*

*And to be a living example of the Scout Oath and Law*

*To the best of my ability.*

*(have the Scouts return to their seats)*

*(David Ochoa reads, while Rob Nieporte presents the insignias)*

**Rob Nieporte:** *offers his personal thoughts about Tommy***.**

**David Ochoa:**

*Tommy O’Brien, will you and your parents come forward, please?*

*We now proclaim to the entire world your accomplishments. In recognition of the many hours of patient guidance given to you by your mother, we now present to her the Eagle pin so she can place it on your chest.*

*Pause*

*We will now present the Eagle neckerchief and slide to your father, who will please it around your neck.*

*Pause*

*In recognition of the many hours of Patient guidance given to you by your mother, will you now pin the Eagle mother’s pin over her heart.*

*Pause*

*In recognition of the many hours of Patient guidance given to you by your father, will you now pin the*

*Eagle father’s pin over his heart.*

*Pause*

*In recognition of the important role your mentors have played, will you please come to the podium and announce them. And tell us a little about what the Eagle badge and scouting mean to you.*

**Tommy gives his speech***:*

**David Ochoa:**

*Today has indeed been a special day.*

*(David’s offers his thoughts and congratulations)*

*Tommy O’Brien has accepted a weighty challenge: To live out the Eagle Scout Promise in his everyday life. It is a challenge worthy of each of us. Let’s give our new Eagle Scout a round of applause.*

*Pause*

*Will our new Eagle Scout please escort his parents to the reception area.*

*Pause*

*Color Guard*

**David Smith:** *Retrieval of the colors*

**David Ochoa:**

*Again, thank you for coming. Please join us for a reception to honor our Eagle Scout.*