

# Messenger

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## "The Return of the Eagles"



Recently, Eagle Scouts of all ages gathered at the annual Santa Margarita District Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, "The Return of the Eagles." The scouts who earned the coveted Eagle rank in 2014 celebrated with past recipients who continue to provide their service and leadership to our area. In addition, many district members attended to support our district's Team Eagle program.

It took many Jedi warriors to help make this event successful. Thanks to the Eagle Dinner Committee: Jeff Boyer, Jack Cater, Dr. Kevin Chalk, Bob Dixon, Vic Enchelmayr, Jim Frederick, Eric Gemmell, Ken Kooyman, D.F. "Mac" McAndrew, Jared Minard, Jon Studer, and Tedd Theodore. It was a great pleasure to work with these dedicated scouts! They were always there- planning the dinner, working behind the scenes and helping the day of the event!

### *Special thanks to:*

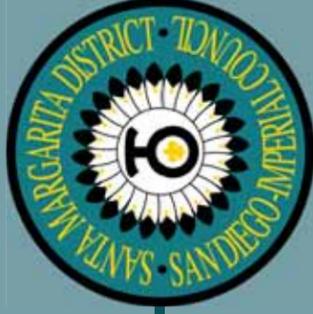
Guest Speaker Darryl J. Kimball – Not just an informative address, but inspiring and uplifting as well!

The leaders and scouts of Fallbrook Venture Crew 796 for the delicious dinner and the hard work they gave with both set-up and tear down! What a great Crew!

Boy Scout Troop 702 for the outstanding Flag Ceremony and for being runners the entire evening.

Tami Gemmell – The registration guru! Absolutely could not do a dinner without her smile and organizing skills.

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# Santa Margarita District

## Advancement Committee Report

Our District committee thanks and congratulates the Cubs, Scouts, Varsity, Ventures and their parents for the fantastic year we had in awards and advancements in 2014. We thank the district volunteers that so faithfully served as Unit Leaders, Advancement Chairs, Merit Badge Counselors, Eagle Project Counselors, Eagle Board Members and AOM Selection Committee Members, who encouraged, directed, cajoled, and coached the young men to their achievements. As Advancement Committee Chair, I personally thank all those members of the District Advancement Committee who worked so diligently to promote and administer the advancement of young men in scouting. "It's all about the boys"

We had a great year in advancement as summarized below:

<i>Cub Scout Ranks</i>		<i>Boy Scout Ranks</i>	
Tiger Cub	80	Tenderfoot	96
Bobcat	171	Second Class	77
Wolf	117	First Class	65
Bear	130	Star	70
Webelos	138	Life	63
Arrow of Light	91	Eagle	53
Total	727	Total	424

Merit Badges 2,255

We had a great year in 2014 and look forward to a great year in 2015!

Thank you Santa Margarita District!

Jim Frederick  
District Advancement Chair



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## Eagle Recognition Awards



Santa Margarita District recently recognized three members of our district with 2015 Eagle recognition awards. Bob Dixon was selected as this years recipient of the "Team Eagle Award". This award is given to an adult that is not an Eagle Scout who gives tirelessly to support the Eagle program. John Boyle was chosen as the "Santa Margarita Eagle Scout of the Year" for his exemplary service and leadership to others and Wes Scarborough was presented with the "Above & Beyond Award". This award is given to an adult Eagle Scout that continues to give back to his community. Congratulations to all three of these distinguished men!

## "The Return of the Eagles" (Continued)

Jeff Boyer and Krista Boyer for designing the beautiful program! The BEST ever!

Becky Gemmell – for donating her photography talents for the evening! The photos are beautiful!

Dr. Kevin Chalk – the best MC of the millenium!

Jon Studer for printing our program. Always does an outstanding job!

Leo Cabal – for setting up his display and engaging us all in a game with patches from around the world.

Ted Vallas – for bringing his display of historic scouting memorabilia. A huge hit with everyone.

Marcus Sneed – for his Stormtrooper duties.

Bob Dixon & Eric Gemmell – The dynamic duo that never stops, they make every event something you do not want to miss!

Until next year's Eagle Dinner!

YIS,

Pam Dixon

2015 Eagle Dinner Chair

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"The Scout Oath and Law are our binding disciplinary force"

Lord Baden Powell

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# Messenger for Cub Scouts

## Scout Fair 2015

The San Diego - Imperial Council annual Scout Fair was recently held at Qualcomm Stadium. It was a gorgeous day packed full of fun, food, and friends! With Santa Margarita's help and support the Scout Fair was a huge success! Santa Margarita units had booths, volunteered for set-up & take-down of the event, worked the OA booth, competed in the Pine Wood Derby, and participated at the Wood Badge Beading. Scouts earned merit badges, learned new cooking skills, and checked out what other scouts are doing throughout the council. Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters that helped make this event successful. Start making plans for next year!



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# Messenger for Boy Scouts

## Catholic Committee on Scouting Religious Emblem Mass Ceremony

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7pm

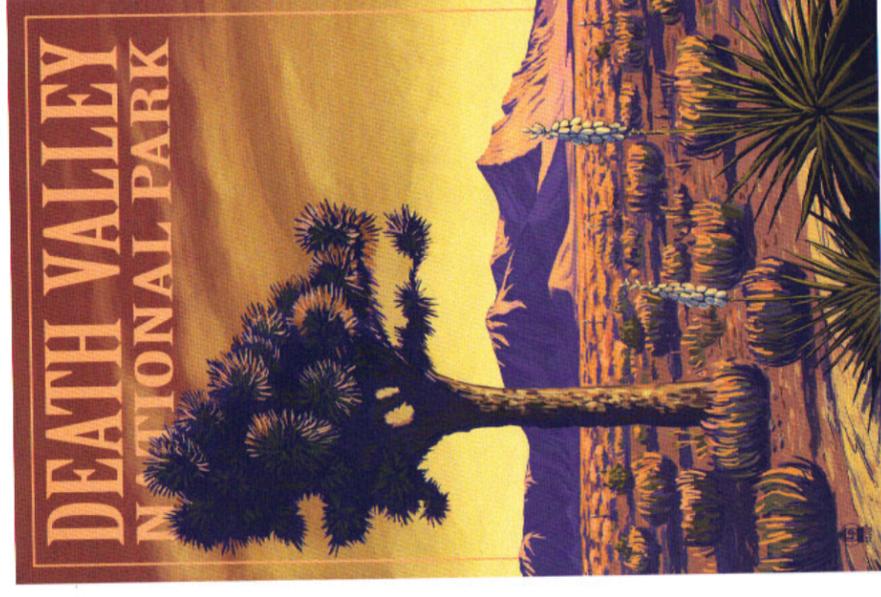
**WHERE:** St. Michael's Church  
15546 Pomerado Road, Poway 92065

**CELEBRANT:** Scout Chaplain Father Alex de Paulis

All Are Welcome!

Join us in an evening of celebration! All qualified Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Scouts will receive their religious emblems. We have many scouts in our district that that will be receiving their Emblem at this ceremony. All Scouters and all active Scouts in attendance are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

For more info on the Catholic Committee on Scouting, go to: [ccbsa.weebly.org](http://ccbsa.weebly.org)



## A Scout is Helpful

Troop 722 Knows the Meaning of Helpful!

Recently, Troop 722 led by Scoutmaster Ron Anderson, went on a campout to Death Valley. They had been out all day on Saturday, when they decided to head over to a place called Salt Creek with a goal to see the rare Death Valley pupfish before it got dark.

When they pulled up, a man approached the Scoutmaster and asked to use his phone. He had locked his keys in his car and needed to call a tow truck. They quickly found out that he was with his wife and three young children, ages 5-7 years old. When the man got through to AAA, they were told it would be an hour before the tow truck arrived.

At that point, the troop decided they would stay with the family until the tow truck arrived. The troop lent the family jackets and offered coffee to the parents and snacks to the children. The scouts all talked with the family and entertained the

younger children and before you know it two hours had passed before the tow truck arrived. It took another twenty minutes, with the troop members using their headlamps to light up the area, before the car door was finally opened. The family tried to pay the scouts for their help, but the troop declined because helping is what scouts do.

The next evening, the troop was back in camp when up walked the same motorist. He came up and shook hands, handed them a bag and took off. In the bag there was three bags of marshmallows for their campfire and an envelope. In the envelope was \$50 and a letter from the family. (See below) The adults jumped up to find the man but he was already gone.

Troop 722 Scouts, Scoutmaster Anderson and ASM Alvarez are to be congratulated on a job well done! They saw a need and handled it. Scouting is a special place where we learn values and help those that need it the most! Way to go, Troop 722!

Note: In case you are wondering, Troop 722 did go back the next day to check out Salt Creek and see those Death Valley pupfish!

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Ron and Boy Scout Troop,  
Thank you for your  
chivalrous action of putting  
us before your plans. You  
are all a tremendous  
example to us, others and  
our children. On our  
drive back to our campsite,  
we talked with our  
children about your  
example and how we  
should treat others.  
Please accept our

gratitude and enjoy the  
rest of your trip. We  
thought you might enjoy  
a snack here and one  
on your way home.  
Thank you so much  
again! of the  
WILLIAM IV JALSLABS  
ERIC Sandy  
MATTHEW  
EMELINE

# Presentation of Colors



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p752, p726,  
p702, t799



On Friday May 1, 2015, Scouts from Packs 787, 769, 752, 726 and 702 along with Troop 799, who attend Mission Meadows Elementary School, participated in "Scout Day" by presenting the colors at Friday Morning Sing assembly. Stephanie Pira, Committee Chair from Troop 799 and John Boshier Assistant Cub Master from Pack 787 were on hand in uniform to help coordinate the scouts.