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Timothy Shurtliff Awarded Eagle Scout Rank 12/17



TIMOTHY SHURLIFF

According to the National Eagle Scout Association the Eagle Scout Award is scouting's highest rank and among its most familiar icons. Men who have earned it count it among their most treasured possessions. Among notables who became Eagle Scouts are Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon; Gerald Ford, 38th president of the United States; and Willie Banks, Olympic athlete and former

world record holder in triple jump and long jump. Approximately four percent of boy scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

On Sat., Dec. 17, Timothy Shurtliff, the son of parishioners Jim and Monica Shurtliff, joined the distinguished group of young men so recognized and honored when he received the award of Eagle Scout during an official Eagle Court of Honor ceremony at the parish hall.

Timothy credits his dad, who previously served as Troop 1776 scoutmaster for approximately three years, and his older brother Alex, who himself is an Eagle Scout, as having the greatest influence during his 11 years of scouting experience.

"Everyone has played a part," the 17 year old said, "and Alex has been a real role model for me."

Among the 32 merit badges Timothy has acquired are 13 that are required for Eagle Scout recognition including First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, and three concerning Citizenship (Community, Nation and World). His Eagle Scout Service Project was the design and construction of a nine hole disc golf course at the Churchill County Fairgrounds with collaboration from Tom Fleming, who suggested the idea, and the county's Parks and Recreation personnel. From start to finish the project took a little over one year to complete. The City of Fallon and Churchill County assisted with the cost of

materials, while various sponsors such as local businesses or individuals paid for the signs posted at the tees.

When asked what he has learned through scouting, Timothy said leadership—that is, being able to work with all kinds of people to get things done—was, in his words, huge. "I wasn't a leader before (scouting)," he reflected, "but now I am."

Congratulations, Timothy, on your achievement!



The sign above welcomes players to the Churchill County Disc Golf Course located at the entrance to the Churchill County Fairgrounds (between the indoor swimming pool and the Parks & Recreation Building). The nine-hole layout was planned and constructed by Timothy Shurtliff, with the collaboration of Tom Fleming and county officials, as his Eagle Scout project. Over 20 sponsors are listed as contributors.

Parish Christmas Party Dec. 18

Parishioners and their guests are invited to the annual St. Patrick's Christmas Party on Sun., Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. in the parish hall. Meat will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring a hearty side dish or salad (serving 8-10 people) to the potluck. Sign ups are being taken in the Rose Room after the weekend Masses in order to determine the number of persons who will attend. A fun-filled evening, including a visit from Santa, is planned. A drawing for the handcrafted quilt for which the Ladies Guild has sold raffle tickets will be held that night. Come and enjoy the holiday festivities!



NOTICE: The Parish Office and the Food Pantry closed Fri., Dec. 23, Christmas Eve, and Fri., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve.

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Amillia's Prize-Winning Drawing

A young girl with an artistic talent achieved a significant distinction that was shared with many across Nevada this Christmas.

Late last year Amillia Nguyen, daughter of St. Patrick Catholic Church parishioners Tu and Rosa Nguyen, entered a state-wide Knights of Columbus contest to submit a drawing with the theme *Keep Christ In Christmas*. The winning artwork would be imprinted on a button to be distributed near Christmas 2016 by the various Knights Councils throughout the state. Among all the submissions provided by children of all ages who were enrolled in religious education classes in Nevada, Amillia's entry, chosen by Fallon Council 4828 to represent its group and St. Pat's, was picked as the state winner. Then nine year old Amillia received a certificate and was awarded \$100 for her win.

The *Keep Christ In Christmas* button contest is offered by the Nevada State Council each year. On Nov. 27 of this year Grand Knight Jim Shurtliff spoke to current St. Patrick's CCD students about the 2016 Knights contest whose winner will have his/her drawing featured on the Christmas 2017 button. Fallon Council #4828 needs to judge all entries and have its selection turned in to the Nevada organization no later than Jan. 10.

In addition to the State Council's button contest, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors a world-wide *Keep Christ In Christmas* poster contest open to all young



Amillia Nguyen receives her certificate for winning the Knights state-wide button contest. Also pictured: State Deputy Greg Sprigg, Grand Knight of Fallon Council 4828 Jim Shurtliff, Father Tony, and District Deputy Gary Butori. Photo: Tu & Rosa Nguyen.

people between the ages of 5-14. Submittals must be on an 11 in. X 17 in. sheet of paper with winners chosen from three age groups (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14). Entries for the poster contest must be submitted to local Knights by the end of December. For more information contact Fallon Council #4828 Grand Knight Jim Shurtliff or District Deputy Gary Butori.

Congratulation to Amillia! 😊



Raquel and Carmen with Catholic Charities of Reno offer assistance information every 2nd and 4th Friday, 10-11 a.m., at St. Pat's (when the pantry is open).



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 17 & Dec. 18—Sat. & Sun.—Regular Masses

Dec. 18—Sun.—5 pm—Parish Christmas Party and Potluck

Dec. 22—Thurs.—6 pm—Simbang Gabi Mass

Dec. 23—Fri.—6 pm—Simbang Gabi Mass

Dec. 24—Sat.—Christmas Eve—5 pm—Children's Mass

Dec. 24—Sat.—7:30 pm—Christmas Eve—Christmas Carols sung by church choir

Dec. 24—Sat.—8 pm—Christmas Eve—8 pm—Mass with church choir

Dec. 25—Sun.—Christmas Day—11 am Mass—Fil-Am choir

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1—Sat. & Sun.—Regular Masses



Annual Diocesan Conference Jan. 6 & 7

The Annual Diocesan Conference is scheduled for Jan. 6 and 7 at the Nugget in Sparks. Its theme this year is *Renewed!—¡Renovados!* whose inspiration, according to a diocesan publication, "comes from the joy of renewal based on our continued implementation of the Diocesan Synod and bring sent as ambassadors of mercy following the Jubilee Holy Year." The registration fee for the entire conference, beginning Fri. at 1 p.m. and continuing through Sat., is \$50. Attendance at the Saturday workshops only is \$30. To pick up a registration form or for more information contact the parish office or go online to the following:

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