

## 8 New Moraga Eagle Scouts

By Steve Angelides



Troop 246 Eagle Scouts (L to R): Hyder Ramatala, Kyle Morton (posthumously), Stephen Kuypers, Tristan Jones, Ryan Hoyt, Derek Hellender, Richard Hardy, Peter Geoghegan

Boy Scout Troop 246 presented Boy Scout's highest award, Eagle Scout, to 8 men at an Eagle Court of Honor convened by National Boy Scout President Rick Cronk before a full crowd of family and friends at St. Monica's earlier this spring.

One of the Eagle award recipients, Kyle Morton, had passed away on January 13, so his award was presented posthumously. The crowd gave a

standing ovation to Kyle's parents, Brian and Cynthia Morton, when St. Monica's pastor, Fr. Paul Minnihan, presented them with Eagle pins. The new Eagle Scouts were introduced by Scoutmaster Pat Geoghegan and Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Rijavek.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Cronk had all the Eagle Scouts of all ages who were present stand and join the new Eagle recipients in the

Eagle dedication pledge. Afterward, Fr. Minnihan delivered the benediction in the rear courtyard in honor of Kyle Morton, who had completed his Eagle service project by repairing the benches in that courtyard. A reception followed in the St. Monica Peace Room, hosted by the parents of the new Eagle Scouts.

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