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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY RECOGNIZES PATRICK GRACEY AT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR



Pictured Left to Right: Legislator Kevin McCaffrey; Doug Madlon, Lindenhurst Deputy Village Administrator; Patrick Gracey; and Joan Masterson, Lindenhurst Village Trustee.

Lindenhurst, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently joined with other local officials to participate in the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 54's Patrick Gracey. This special event took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (the sponsor of Lindenhurst-based Troop 54), and was attended by the proud friends and family of Nicholas, in addition to scouts of all ages.

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The journey a scout must endure to earn the Eagle Scout rank is no simple task. A number of requirements must be satisfied which involves a tremendous amount of focus, sacrifice and a passion to serve the community. The capstone requirement of every Eagle Scout candidate is his community service project. The service project involves the candidate identifying a need in the community, formulating a solution, acquiring resources, and ultimately executing the solution to make a lasting contribution.

The overall process inherent in the service project puts the knowledge and skills acquired through scouting to the test, and Patrick certainly lived up to the challenge. For his project, Patrick decided to refurbish the Copiague Youth Council's (CYC) facilities by repainting the kitchen area, refinishing the wood flooring, in addition to replacing old worn out tables. Patrick felt that this was an important contribution, as the CYC provides free after-school tutoring to many local students.

“I never cease to be amazed by the contributions that our local Eagle Scouts have made to our community,” said McCaffrey. “Patrick is no exception, as he has truly put himself on the path to a life of service and civic leadership. With people like Patrick leading the way, the future has never looked brighter for all of us.”

To learn more about Boy Scouting, those interested are encouraged to visit their website at:
<http://www.scouting.org/>.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.