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## LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY HONORS ANDREW KLIENITZKE AT EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY IN BABYLON



*Picture left to right: Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, NY Assemblyman Joe Saladino, Andrew Klienitzke and Andrew's family*

Babylon, NY: On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Troop 194's Andrew Klienitzke. The ceremony took place at the American Legion Post 94 in Babylon and was attended by New York Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Town of Babylon Councilwoman Jacqueline A. Gordon, Sean Rogan from New York Senator Phil Boyle's office and Andrew's family and friends.

This was the second Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony for Troop 194 in as many weeks. Last week, Legislator McCaffrey also attended Troop 194's Mario Bencivenga's ceremony.

While Andrew's career in scouting reached a culmination on Sunday, it has been marked with achievements since the beginning. An Eagle Scout must complete all requirements before the age

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of 18, one of which is obtaining 21 merit badges. Andrew, at the young age of 16, received his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday having obtained 48 merit badges.

Additionally, Andrew received awards for the Fifty Miler in Canoeing, the Mile Swim at Ockanickon Scout Camp and the Snorkeling B.S.A. He also has held multiple leadership positions, such as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Den Chief for Pack 99.

An Eagle Scout's service project is the crowning achievement of a candidate's journey to Scouting's highest rank. The project must be one that benefits the community, in addition to being planned and managed by the candidate. This process necessarily involves formulating a project idea, determining the required human and material resources and demonstrating unwavering leadership throughout the process.

For his project, Andrew collaborated with Babylon Village Mayor Ralph Scordino and the Parks Department to beautify a local playground that was near where Andrew grew up. Through Andrew's work and coordination, the playground received a total of 166 man hours dedicated to beautifying the park by adding new paint, a set of swings and additional sand for the children to enjoy.

"The Eagle Scout Badge that Andrew has earned will stay with him forever and is a mark of a young man with dedication and respect," said McCaffrey. "Andrew can now take this badge with him and be recognized as a solid citizen. I have no doubt that Andrew's future is bright."

For those interested in learning more about Boy Scouting, they can visit the organization's main website at: <http://www.sccbsa.org/>. To learn about Boy Scouting in Suffolk County specifically, interested parties may visit the Suffolk County Council at: <http://www.sccbsa.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.*

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