



Hudson Lodge #787, NY Boy Scout troop 102 awarded two of its scouts the coveted rank of Eagle Scout in a court of honor held at the American Legion post in Hudson. The two scouts Andrew Drumm and Bernard Keeler met the rigorous tasks required of them including the completion of their Eagle Scout community project.

Andrews project was the re-appliancing of the kitchen at Camp Sundown, a camp for children who cannot be exposed to direct sunlight. The estimated project cost was \$25,000 without labor. Thanks to monetary donations and the donation of appliances, the project was able to be completed for much less.

Bernies project was the improvement of the connector trail between the Greenport town park and the Greenport Conservation area by removing tree stumps and roots and filling holes and dips in the trail surface. The trail is used by the Hudson city school district cross county track team for both training and meets. It is also used regularly by the general public for walking, running and jogging.

Pictured above Exalted Ruler Deb Minners presents awards to Eagle Scouts Bernard Keeler (left) and Andrew Drumm (right) in recognition of their fine achievement and for their commitment to their community.



Staten Island Lodge #841 member Fred Black, PER and lodge Scouting Coordinator as well as committee member with Troop 27, was present during the National Court of Honor when two young men made Eagle Scout. Jonathan Mangia and Timothy Mullen were the 60th and 61 st Eagle Scouts from Troop 27. - These young men displayed leadership rolls throughout their last four years in scouting as well as Citizenship in the community, the nation and the world.



Hicksville Lodge #1931- Hicksville Lodge's PER Rich Ruckdeschel, presented Girl Scout Leader Judi Franzen, with a check for \$125.00 for purchase of Girl Scout cookies to be sent to our troops in Iraq. This special project is now in its' fourth year and is funded by fund raisers within the Lodge.

Hicksville Lodge #1931- Arthur Senior, PER along with members of the Lodge, local officials, members of the community, family and friends, honored Eagle Scout Ian Herrmann for his achievements. Ian's Eagle Scout Project was to build nesting boxes for Northern Screech Owls and the American Castro in local parks within the community.

With over 150 people in attendance, the Lodge presented Ian with a \$50.00 savings bond and an American Flag, with his parents Artie and Jody, proudly at his side.



New York Lodge #1 and troop 121 recently honored Eagle Scouts, Thomas C. Lerch, and Michael V. Borgia at Bethany Congregational Church in East Rockaway, New York. In honor of this occasion New York Elks Lodge #1 presented Thomas and Michael with a framed American flag a certificate of Achievement and a check for \$ 50.00. Thomas and Michael Eagle project was to install new wood laminate floors paint and install the finish moldings in two classrooms in the basement of the church.



Thomas and Michael wanted to complete the project for Bethany, since they are the troop's sponsoring organization they wanted to give back to the church for their generosity and support.

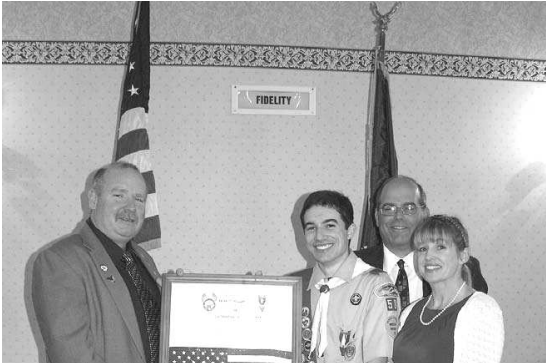
Pictured above: Peter Maffucci, Mr. and Mrs. Lerch Eagle Scout Thomas, and John Neenan, DDGER Scouting Coordinator. Also pictured top are: Mr. and Mrs. Borgia and Eagle Scout MichaelL



Ilion Lodge #1444 - Keith McMahon of Scout troupe 8 Ilion built this sign at the Central Ave. and Rt. 5S entrance to Ilion. This was a project which was inspired by Elk member John Spellman, who approached the troupe some time ago with the idea. The project was sponsored By the Ilion Elks Lodge. The Scouts accompanied by Exalted Ruler Chuck Howgate and Past District Deputy John Spellman dedicated the sign on Wednesday. The sign will be used for organizations to display their individual signs.

Southampton Lodge #1574- Southampton Lodge held a Court of Honor in a ceremony for new Eagle Scout, Peter Christopher Miller of Boy Scout Troop 58. Pictured above right: Thomas Daily, ER presented him with a U.S. Flag and certificate from the Lodge with more than 70 family members and guests in attendance. Peter's Eagle Scout project consisted of building a 10' x 10' utility shed for a family of Rwandan

Refugees in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.



Herkimer Lodge #1439 recently held their annual scholarship dinner, with a large crowd of students and parents were on hand for the awards. The evening was highlighted by the presentation of a ENF \$ 4000.00 scholarship to Mathew Landry. shown above receiving the award with ER Conrad Dowhanlak. Matthew will be attending Princeton University in the fall.

ELKS AND SCOUTING

The Order of Elks and the Boy Scouts of America share many of the same ideals and principles. What is your Lodge doing to promote their ideals and principles? Has your Lodge sponsored a Boy Scout Troop? A Girl Scout Troop? Have you considered sponsoring a youngster to attend the National Scout Jamboree next July at Fort AP Hill in Virginia? If so, I will be there to greet him.

Your Youth Activities Committee can start now to identify young men in your community who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout this year, as well as new Girl Scout Gold or Silver Award recipients. If you will transmit the name and address of each youth, together with the Troup number and Council name, to Tom McKibbon of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, a personal letter signed by Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Nichelson will be sent to each new Eagle Scout and each new Gold or Silver Award recipient. Brother McKibbon's address is 1001 County Road HH, Lamar, Colorado, 81052-9530.

Finally, why not honor an Elk in your community who has been especially active in the scouting movement. You can submit his or her name for consideration as a Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award recipient at the Orlando Convention next July. This award is one of Elksdom's most prestigious awards.

Milan Vosvick, Regional Representative
Elks and Scouting Movement



New York Lodge #1 recently honored Eagle Scout William J. Riley, IV at St. Raymond of Penyafort R.C. Church in East rockaway/Lynbrook/Bay Park, NY. In honor of this occasion the lodge presented Eagle Scout Riley with a framed American Flag, a certificate of achievement and a check for fifty dollars. William's service project was to solcite donations of computers from schools, cleaning them and donation them to "P.L.U.S Groul Homes, Inc." The group assists adults with mental disabilities such as dyslexia. Pictured above L to R: Peter V. Maffucci, Eagle Scout William J. Riley, IV and lodge scouting coordinator, John Neenan, PDD.