**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**

**Proudly Presented by**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 12**

**Minsi Trails Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

**In Recognition of**

**EAGLE SCOUT**

**Michael Thomas Andrew**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009**

**3:00 P.M.**

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**Allentown, Pennsylvania**

**Scoutmaster Committee Chair**

**Robert Durfey Apurva Gandhi**

**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**

**PROGRAM**

**TROOP ASSEMBLY**...........................................Color Guard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE……………….**SPL Tyler Landis

**INVOCATION**…………………………Rev. Thomas A. Neel

**SONG, “**America”………………..All sing led by Rev. Neel

**WELCOME.………………………………………**JoeAndrew

**SCOUT LAW & SCOUT OATH**………………..Evan Brown

**EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION**……..Troop Leadership

* Presentation of U.S. Flag

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

* The Honorable Julie Harhart – State Representative
* Ellen Kern, Chief of Staff for Senator Pat Browne
* Tori Morgan, Commissioner - South Whitehall Twp
* Citations & Letters of Recognition….Apurva Gandhi

**GUEST SPEAKER**..............................................Ron Kistler

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SCOUTMASTER**

**POEM**…………………………………………..Laurie Andrew

**EAGLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**……………Mike Andrew

**EAGLE SCOUT CHALLENGE**….…...................Ron Kistler

**BENEDICTION**……………………..…Rev. Thomas A. Neel

**Song**, “America the Beautiful”

………………………….………….All sing led by Rev. Neel

**RETIRE THE COLORS**…………………………Color Guard

**Join us for a light meal and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, located downstairs to celebrate Troop 12’s newest Eagle Scout Mike Andrew.**

**Please be sure to write a message or sign your name on the picture board as a remembrance for Mike.**

**America**

My country, ‘tis of thee,

sweet land of liberty,

of thee I sing;

Land where my fathers died,

land of the pilgrims’ pride,

from every mountainside let freedom ring!

Our father’ God, to thee,

author of liberty,

to thee we sing;

long may our land be bright

with freedom’s holy light;

protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

**America the Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plane! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

**Acknowledgements**

Mike would like to thank all of the dedicated leaders, parents and volunteers that have helped him to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Mike would also like to thank all of the scouts or former scouts of Troop 12 who have made his time in scouting so enjoyable.

A special thank you to Bob Durfey, Dan Reitz, Karl Kramer, Greg and Beth Guth, and Bob LaDue for guiding him through Boy Scouts, to Kirk Brown, Mike Dunmire, and Penny Yuditsky for their involvement in his Cub Scout years, and his parents, Joe and Laurie, for their encouragement and support throughout his scouting journey.

**Eagle Project**

Mike would like to thank Mr. James Weber at South Whitehall Township, and all of those who helped him complete his Eagle Scout Project, the creation of a walking/running path at the township complex on Walbert Avenue. Mr. Weber was always very constructive in guiding Mike and coordinating the Township’s participation in the project. Thank you also to Mr. Gary Salter for his time and the use of his front end loader to move around the 200+ cubic yards of mulch, which for many earlier outings was moved by shovel and wheelbarrow.

**Project Volunteers**

Alex Salter Raaj Parekh Kyle Yuditsky

Evan Brown Dana Kacyon Tyler Durfey

Joey Guth Kyle Durfey Lenny Salines

Joe Andrew Laurie Andrew Ron Kistler

Joe Yoder Morris Halpin Gary Salter

James Weber Greg Guth Beth Guth

**Project Donors**

Ron Kistler Tax Services Asplund

Tall Timbers Nursery Jaflo

South Whitehall Township William SIGNS

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Andrew Action Rental

Scouting History of Mike Andrew

Michael Thomas Andrew entered scouting as a Tiger Cub in Pack 60 in September of 1997 at Jordan Lutheran Church. He continued with Pack 60 throughout the Cub Scout years and progressed along the Webelos trail, participating in many scouting events. A highlight was the annual Pinewood Derby.

Michael became a Boy Scout in Troop 12 at Asbury United Methodist Church in March of 2002. As a scout in Troop 12, Michael participated in many trail hikes, troop campouts, District Camporees, summer camp programs, first aid meets, and service projects. He was also active in the troop fundraising events, especially the pancake breakfasts and popcorn fundraisers.

Michael held a number of leadership positions, including assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and quartermaster. Now, having attained the age of 18, he is an Assistant Scout Master still assisting with the troop.

Michael earned 23 Merit badges: (\*required for Eagle):

Citizenship in the Community\* Family Life\* Personal Management\* Lifesaving\*

Citizenship in the Nation\* Communications\*

Citizenship in the World\* First Aid\* Camping\* Swimming\*

Environmental Science\* Personal Fitness\*

Canoeing Leatherwork Cooking Shotgun

Fingerprinting Rifle Shooting

Bird Study Archery Basket Weaving Sports

Wood Carving

Michael’s Eagle Project consisted of constructing a walking/running path at the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building. It was a very ambitious project that took almost 250 man hours to plan and execute. Before beginning the project, Michael had to present his plan for approval to the Township Director of Public Works – James Weber. The basic plan was to design a pathway through both a grassy and a wooded area and then place about 10 inches of mulch on it. The path was about 8 feet wide by 800 feet long.

One of Michael’s favorite scouting memories was the adventure of traveling with a crew of 11 others to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in the summer of 2005. This was a 12 day trip that entailed hiking for 10 days through the wilds, cooking each evenings’ meal, and camping in tents every night. It was a tremendous growth experience.

Michael is a Senior at Parkland High School. He enjoys both wakeboarding and snowboarding. He is employed part time by the Kuhnsville Car Wash and is a snowboard instructor at Bear Creek. Michael is a member of Good Shephard Lutheran Church in Kreidersville, PA and plans to attend Philadelphia University in the Fall of 2009 for the five year Architecture program.

**History of Troop 12**

BSA Troop 12 was first founded in Allentown in 1927. It was chartered by the American Legion Herbert Paul Lentz Post #29 meeting at 457 Hamilton Street, Allentown. In 1946, Troop 12 moved to the YMCA at South Centre Square. In 1955, it moved to Asbury United Methodist Church at Hamilton and Jefferson. It was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce until 1958 when Asbury became the sponsor. The troop stayed with the church after a fire destroyed the church in downtown Allentown. The troop moved to South Whitehall and continued until 1985 when it became dormant. It was rechartered in 1999 and has continued to provide a solid scouting program. Troop 12 is currently sponsored by Asbury’s United Methodist Men’s Group. Robert Durfey is Scoutmaster.

**BSA Troop 12 Eagle Scouts**

1927 Von Curtis Person 1973 Jonathan Davis

1929 George Goundie 1973 Douglas Frank

1929 Roy Hoffman 1973 Michael Lucas

1929 Donald McGovern 1977 Scott Brumbaugh

1952 William Donnolly 1977 James Cressman

1953 William Barnett 1977 Thomas Sweeney

1956 Arthur Opplinger, Jr. 1977 James Weidner

1959 Ronald Bushner 1980 Brad Brumbaugh

1959 Frederic B. Koch 1980 John Weidner

1962 Ronald Yost 1983 Stephen Gadomski

1967 John Fallat 1983 Stephen Kuhns

1969 Jim Samios 1983 Walter Risley III

1970 Thomas Davis 1999 Richard Kipp

1970 John Josephson 2002 Andrew Bench

1971 Mark Menges 2003 Ryan Halpin

1971 David Roberts 2003 Michael Hartranft

1971 James Samois 2004 Andrew Kramer

1971 Craig Coleman 2005 Daniel Marino-Meehan

1971 Thomas Weaber 2005 Gregory Bringhurst

1972 Michael Josephson 2006 Michael Teti

1972 Douglas Snyder 2006 Vivek Ananthan

1973 Kenneth Benson, Jr. 2006 Charles Horne

1973 Mark Booz 2007 Henry Joseph Guth IV

1973 Robert Cowdrick 2008 Michael Andrew