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WOODBINE CUB SCOUTS RECEIVE ARROW OF LIGHT CROSS OVER INTO BOY SCOUTING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that two Woodbine residents, Colby Aaron Schalek and Louis Paul Ciabatoni, III, received the prestigious Arrow of Light before Crossing Over to Boy Scout Troop 56 at the Blue and Gold dinner held by Pack 56 on February 25, 2011.

The Arrow of Light is the highest honor awarded to Cub Scout (Cub equivalent of Eagle) and the only Cub patch that is worn on Boy Scout uniform. Requirements include knowing significance of Scout Oath, motto, slogan, salute, and handshake; earning at least eight activity badges; participating in an overnight campout or dayhike; and completing the "Honesty Character Connection".

Colby, who was a member of Pack 56, is also active in a number of sports, having played soccer for Cape Express and swimming for the Cape May Waves. He is a member of the Chess Club and Drama Club at Bishop McHugh School, where he also runs cross-country, and recently became a member of the Pitchforks and Buckets 4-H club. He is a member of St. Casimir's Parish, Woodbine.

Colby's father Fred, who was Scout Master in Woodbine, is himself an Eagle Scout, and currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 56. Colby's paternal grandmother was the first woman to ever serve on Woodbine Borough Council. Colby's mother is Tracey Schalek; his brother Nicholas is also very active in Scouting.

Louis, who was a member of Cub Pack 1078, is also active in sports, having earned his brown belt in karate and is preparing to receive his black belt at the American Martial Arts Academy (and supports local charities along with his karate classmates). He played basketball and runs cross-country for Bishop McHugh School, as well as being a member of the Chess Club. Together with his sister Gemma he maintains the flower garden in Honor of the Unborn Baby at St. Casimir's Church. Louis continues to help out with Pack 1078, where he serves as an example to the younger members.

Louis comes from a family steeped in Scouting tradition, as shown by the impressive list of Scouting achievements of his great-grandfather John Donnellan, Aunt Pat Quinlan, and Cousin Andrew Quinlan. Louis's paternal grandfather Louis Ciabatoni, Sr. and uncle Harry Ciabatoni (who is twin to Louis's father, Louis, Jr.) both served as members of Woodbine Borough Council. Louis mother is Maggie Ciabatoni.

Other Scouts receiving the Arrow of Light and Crossing Over at the banquets were Kyle Almand, Noah Fatale, Noah Learning, and Tony Herouvis.

“I want to congratulate all these fine young men, their leaders, and families on this well-earned achievement, and look forward to the day when I am notified of their Eagle banquets,” concluded Mayor Pikolycky.