



# **Benjamin Sgammato**

## **EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET**

*March 21, 2013*



**Benjamin Sgammato joined Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Milford Cub Scouts Pack 4 in 2001. He was a member of the Eagle Patrol led by Mrs. Geri Eddins. His most memorable cub scout experience was the Pine Wood Derby, held annually right here in this banquet room. As a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Ben and patrol mates Nick Eddins and John Gilpin decided to join Troop 4. Ben earned his Arrow of Light and became a Boy Scout in 2006 at the age of 11.**

**In Troop 4, Ben started as a member of the Flying Monkeys patrol. At the age of 14 he became an active member of the Venture patrol. Ben's favorite troop activities include the Troop's camping, hiking and high adventure trips. He is a veteran of the Troop's 2010 week-long 50 mile Penobscot River wilderness canoe trip, and has joined the troop on several summer weeks at Camp Resolute in Bolton MA. Ben has held a variety of Troop leadership positions, but most importantly, he served a very productive year as the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader.**

**For Ben's Eagle Scout Service Project, he designed and led a team to construct a 105 foot memorial brick walkway that leads from the front of St. Mary's church to the Parish Center. To raise money for the project, Ben sold engraved paving stones to friends and St. Mary's members to honor the memory of loved ones. The walkway beautifies the front of the parish, and provides a lasting memorial for St. Mary's congregates to enjoy. Ben chose a challenging project with high visibility. His leadership style balanced tact and quick decision making to successfully address design and construction feedback along the way. His project was sponsored by St. Mary's of the Assumption.**

**Outside of Scouting, Ben is in his senior year at Holy Name High School. He was a member of the cross country and track teams. Ben's love of music led to his membership in the High School chorus and in his own band. He volunteers his time to the community as a member of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and Christian Leaders. Ben also works part time at Gene's Variety in Milford. In the fall of 2013, Ben plans to enroll at the College of Mount St. Vincent in New York City to pursue a degree in Communications. Ben's Scouting advice to his younger troop mates: "Make the most out of your scouting experience by taking every opportunity presented to you."**

