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**Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich congratulates Peter Nicholas Kalis II.**

## Eagle Scout Receives Honors

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich delivered the keynote address at an Eagle Court of Honor honoring Peter Nicholas Kalis II. Kalis, 18, attends Langley High School and in the fall will be studying information systems as a full-time student at Drexel University. The former Speaker outlined the values embodied in the Scouting program. Gingrich spoke of how Lord Baden Powell, Scouting's founder, would have approved of Peter's use of Facebook to solicit volunteers to assist him in the service project required of all Eagle Scouts. Scoutmaster Nolan Mackness opened the Court of Honor at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church — Troop 667's chartering organization — on Kirby Road, McLean. Both the invocation and the benediction were delivered by the Rev. Doctor James Siddons, Pastor, Chesterbrook UMC. Peter's younger sister, Libby Kalis, read Letters of Congratulations received from President Bush, Vice President Cheney and other dignitaries. Nearly 60 attendees capped the event with a reception at the church hall.