The Eagle Charge

"_____" (First Name of Eagle Scout), I have the honor of giving you the Eagle Challenge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most meaningful and significant movements in the world's history. You have been judged by the Boy Scouts of America as being worthy of this honor. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts, and to all mankind. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts.

America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens. Our Country has had a great past. You can help make the future even greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only towards the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service to God and your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. I challenge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God; and whatever others do, you will leave behind your record of which every other Scout may be justly proud.

Your conduct along the trail has been excellent. But one more thing is important - your future. As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more out of you. To falter in your responsibility would reflect not only on you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting."