

## Eagle Charge

We, tonight, have the honor of giving you the Eagle Scout Charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The 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 distinction and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts, to mankind in general. 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 a great past. You can help make the future even greater.

We charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service to God and to your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. We charge 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 say or may do, leave behind you a record of which every other Scout may be justly proud.

We will now ask you to make the Scout sign and repeat after me:

"I realize my obligation /  
to my fellow men, my home, /  
my country, and my God. /  
I will at all times do my best /  
to assist others /  
to live with honor and loyalty, /  
courage and service, /  
and to be a living example /  
of the Scout Oath and Law, /  
to the best of my ability.

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 of you. To falter in your responsibility would reflect not only your integrity, but also that of your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch is yours to carry; but it is not only yours—it is also ours...