"Net Tamid - Eternal Light & Everlasting Powerhouse"

I - The Net Tamid award which we give today to our young men as a sign of distinction and symbol of appreciation has great antecedents in Jewish tradition.

II - What it was - the Eternal Light, the candle's light which was never allowed to be extinguished in the candelabrum in the Temple.

III - What it symbolized - beauty, warmth, light (enlightenment, culture, brightness), its constant pull upwards (man to God), and its eternity - the Jewish soul lives forever.

IV - Every person has the Net Tamid, this eternal seed to which we must tend and nourish.

V - Every time we award a Net Tamid prize to a Boy Scout we do so because he has enhanced the qualities of his soul, radiated goodness and decency, and developed his religious personality.

VI - But this particular award is more than a recognition of personal achievement. It is also an inspiration to community achievement. When we honor a young man for his own, eternal personal light, we do not only compliment him for his own, personal light, we do also challenge him to become an everlasting powerhouse, an unending dynamo who will share others with the love for Judaism and ignite the Pin'ah which lies dormant in other souls.
AND THE WAY TO DO THAT is to continue to work on
your more determination and devotion to your congregation
and community.

Chiefly, when electricity first in Radio ~ 100 yrs-
ago - when individual lamps, once extinguished, didn't
affect others. But now if power house fails, all in darkness.
Once, every J. certain of own religious strength. Today all
depends on Synagogue.

This Synagogue, Richard, is that Power house. It,
God forbid, we fail - then all is lost. But if we
succeed, all well. Bring your own light into this Tabernacle, just as the old man
was in the 1st Synagogue.

You, Richard, have been blessed w. parents who
have tirelessly prepared you for this noble personal
development, as symbolized in the Boy Scout movement,
and for the lofty goals of religious behavior as
symbolized by Kaddish. Take your Eternal Light,
Richard, and help ignite the Everlasting Powerhouse
which is Kaddish. Help your self & help others feel the
warmth, see the light, and look upwards
with the Eternal Light. And charge, electricity
and galvanize the entire community with new
attitudes of reverence, tolerance, brotherhood
and the fear of God.