



INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

(VERSION TWO)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS-DESIGNATE: Fellow Optimists, you have just taken a most significant step. Heretofore, most of you have been active in your Clubs. NOW, because of the leadership you have demonstrated, you have been elected to a high District office. Indeed, it is an International office by virtue of the fact that Districts are administrative subdivisions of Optimist International for the purpose of aiding and encouraging Clubs to carry out the purposes of Optimist International.

Your vantage point is no longer from the Club to the District and International, but from the District and International to the Clubs, the “doers” in this organization. You are International’s closest link with its Clubs. Possibly most important, indeed critical, to the success of our great organization is your function as a communications link with Clubs. Your other duties and responsibilities include service as a member of the District Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

I charge you to perform these duties and responsibilities with all due diligence, energy and enthusiasm.

SECRETARY-TREASURER-DESIGNATE: Yours is a big job in this organization and this District. We are fortunate to have a person of your stature to fill the position. Yours is a position vital to the administration of the District. Your responsibilities broadly include the maintenance of all financial and administrative records of the District, preparation of required reports and guardian of the District’s purse. Your faithful performance of those duties is vital to the efficient administration of this District. Further, you are the Governor’s closest assistant and there will be heavy dependence on you throughout the coming year. You should anticipate the Governor’s needs for assistance and stand ready at all

times to provide it. You also serve as a member of the District Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

I charge you to perform these duties and responsibilities with all due diligence, energy and loyalty.

GOVERNOR-ELECT: Yours is most definitely not the role of a person waiting in the wings for your turn to provide leadership a year from now. As Governor-Elect you sit as a member of the District Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. More importantly, you serve on the District Leadership Development Committee, which has primary responsibility for the in-service training of current District and Club leaders and for the vitally important function of developing the leadership of tomorrow. This includes not only training of declared leaders but the inspiration of desire to lead both at the Club and District level.

I charge you to perform your duties and responsibilities with diligence and vigor in order to contribute to the success of the present and insure the success of the future.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GOVERNOR: (OPTIONAL) As Assistants you have been chosen to lend a helping hand to the Governor as he/she performs the duties of the office. It is your responsibility to work at all times for the attainment of the goals the Governor has set forth. You also have the responsibility for providing inspiration and guidance, on the Governor's behalf, to a number of Lieutenant Governors. It is your duty to serve as a member of the District Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

I charge you to perform these duties and responsibilities with all due diligence, energy and loyalty.

PAST GOVERNORS: As Governor of this great District you are its Chief Administrative Officer and have the duty of making effective the policies, programs and objectives of Optimist International. More than that, however, you have the obligation of providing inspiration and giving your time, devotion, leadership ability and genuine concern for the success of youth and community programs in each and every Club of this District. Inspiring their leaders and members to fill the needs for youth and community services in their respective constituencies should be your aim and constant goal.

In so doing you will achieve much personal recognition and many awards, but the greatest reward you will ever receive will be the satisfaction in having given your very best efforts and having seen them produce intended and even unanticipated accomplishments.

I charge you to perform the duties for your office with diligence, devotion and enthusiasm.

Please turn and face me...raise your right hand and repeat after me...

OATH

I swear or affirm that I will support and uphold the Bylaws and Policies of Optimist International, and carry out the duties of the office to which I have been elected, to the very best of my ability, so help me God.

DECLARATION

Fellow Optimists, by the authority granted me by Optimist International, I hereby declare each of you officially installed in your respective offices.

My compliments to you, and best wishes for a most successful year.