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## Public Rituals - Installation of Officers

### **OVERVIEW**

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Whenever we transition officers it is not just important to meet with previous officers to ensure that knowledge is being passed along, but it is also vital that the chapter goes through the proper ceremony to install and have the newly elected officers recite the pledge to service.

This pledge is not only recited by undergraduate officers but it is also used when installing new National Council members and can be used whenever a position should change within the organization.

### **CEREMONY PREPARATION**

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The ceremony should take place after your last meeting before officer transition. The officer should not have officially assumed their posts prior to the execution of this ceremony. Ideally as many of your Board of Governors members as possible are present for the ceremony so they can begin making connections with the new officers.

The ceremony should be formal, meaning coat and tie, and members should be prepped to recite the pledge much like when they are given the oath of associate membership.

After the ceremony make sure to take some pictures of the newly elected officers, this can be a great piece of content to include in your social media outlets as well as your alumni newsletters. It is important that your stakeholders know who is assuming what positions.

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## SCRIPTING

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*When the appropriate time arrives, the outgoing president rises and asks the incoming officers to stand before him.*

PRESIDENT: Men of (insert college name), having united to form and organization and having elected officers it is now my duty to receive from those officers their pledge of service to this organization for the duties of the office for which they have been chosen.

Will the officers please come forward.

Upon you has been imposed a confidence which is a high honor. It is a tribute to your ability as a leader. In the coming days, you will be called on to live the fullest of your abilities to guide the progress of your organization to great achievements. In your care has been placed the future of this organization.

Guard against dissension among your members. If a member fails in his duty to himself or to this chapter, let it be your duty to restore in him the spirit of true fellowship. Be worthy of the task in which you are called by making yourself fully acquainted with all its obligations and by practicing all the duties and requirements of your office.

You will each raise your right hand, say "I", pronounce your name and repeat after me the following pledge:

"I, (say your name) do hereby promise upon my sacred honor to perform my duties as an officer of this organization to the best of my ability, without fear or prejudice, and with a strict adherence to the highest ideals of this Fraternity."

I now declare the officers officially installed.