

Council Guidance: Suggested Council Installation Ceremony

Installing Officer: Ladies and gentlemen, I now have the privilege and honor of installing the individuals who have been elected to serve as officers of this council of chapters during the next two years.

Will the secretary please call the names of the newly elected officers? As you do so, will they please come forward and stand to my _____, facing the chapter delegates and guests?

(The outgoing secretary reads aloud the names and offices of the newly elected officers. Each comes forward as his or her name is called.)

Installing Officer: Officers-elect, the _____ Council of Chapters has shown great confidence in your integrity and executive ability by electing you to your respective offices. These are positions of importance and responsibility. I now ask you: Do you accept the office to which you have been elected?

Officers-Elect: I do.

Installing Officer: Are you ready to receive the oath of office?

Officers-Elect: I am.

Installing Officer: Please raise your right hand and repeat after me: "I accept the office to which I have been elected. I will perform the duties of that office to the best of my ability and will, in all my undertakings, strive for the good of the _____ Council of Chapters. I will uphold and enforce the council's bylaws and will promote the aims of the Military Officers Association of America. All of which, I now affirm in the presence of the chapter delegates here assembled and before God and the flag of my country."

Please lower your hands.

Officers-elect, I now install each of you into the office to which you were elected. I charge each of you to be faithful and diligent in discharging the responsibilities of your office.

President _____, the _____ Council of Chapters is now in your charge. I relinquish to you this gavel, a symbol of your authority and responsibility.

Ladies and gentlemen, I declare the officers of the Council of Chapters have been duly installed. Will you please join me in a round of applause for your new officers?

I now offer the past and new presidents an opportunity to exchange council officer pins and would also offer the new president an opportunity to make comments, if desired.