

THE INSTALLATION OATH
OF OFFICERS

of

THE ESOTERIC FRATERNITY

of

TRIGINTA OPTIMI

Instructions on Formality

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING

Dux Sacrorum
Praeco

ROBES

During the Installation Oath of Officers, the Dux Sacrorum, the Praeco, and each Officer being installed shall wear the official robe of his office.

PARAPHERNALIA

Paraphernalia required to perform the Installation of Officers Oath shall be:

- (a) Coat-of-Arms standards
- (b) two(2) long candles
- (c) gavel

ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICERS (See "Form", Chapter VIII, Article 3, Sec. 1-c) (Page 136)

The officers being installed shall assemble at the Officers Table, directly facing the assembled members.

The Dux Sacrorum shall stand at the left end of the group, and shall face the officers being installed.

The Praeco shall stand at the right end of the group, facing the assembled members, and shall carry in his right hand a Coat-of-Arms standard.

CANDLE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENT (See "FORM", Chapter VIII, Article 3, Sec. 1-c) (Page 136)

The two (2) candles shall be placed on the Officers Table, at the extreme left and right ends respectively.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

No Frater shall wear a hat or smoke during this ceremony. Any Frater engaging in this, or in any other form of disorderly or profane conduct, may be expelled from the ceremony by the Dux Sacrorum or presiding officer, and may be punished accordingly by the presiding officer of the ceremony as he sees fit, either by fine, suspension, or both.

THE CEREMONY :

Dux S. Fratres! The esoteric Fraternity of Triginta Optimi administers to these newly elected officers the Oath of Installation.

(Sounds Gavel 3 times)

Dux S. The Fratres will arise and stand!

(Assembled Members rise and stand)

Dux S. Romanos Rerum Dominos ! Fratres, Silentium Facite!

(Sounds Gavel 1 time)

Dux S. (Addressing officers to be installed)

Fratres, you will raise your right hands and repeat after me:

(Oath)

"I, _____, do hereby most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will faithfully execute and perform the duties of the office of (office) _____ of Triginta Optimi, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Triginta Optimi. So help me God."

(Prayer)

Almighty God, sublime Master of the Universe, humbly we ask thy guidance for these officers of Triginta Optimi in prosperity as well as in adversity, and may they ever be mindful of the fact that they, as officers of our Fraternity, are the symbol of everything for which Triginta Optimi stands. Amen.

(Addressing officers being installed)

Fratres, on behalf of the Fraternity and all of its members, may I congratulate each of you on the honor which has been officially conferred upon you tonight. It is an honor of which you can justly be proud. Through the decades that have come and gone since T.O. was founded, there rises a scroll bearing the names of those Fratres who have preceded you in the office you now hold. The spirit of these Fratres, both living and deceased, is with us tonight.

As officers, you have a sacred obligation, for tonight there has passed into your hands a torch that was lighted in 1895 and which has been proudly glowing through the many succeeding years. The colors of Triginta are not the fading hues that linger round the setting sun; they are the crimson and gold of the rising and ever brightening dawn.

At the end of your term of office, may you find justifiable pride in looking back over the year, and feel the deep abiding satisfaction that comes to those for a job well done.

Again, my congratulations to each of you.

You will now attest to the obligation you have taken tonight by signing the "Constitution Book" of your Chapter (Note: or the "Constitution Book" of Council if Council officers are being installed).

(OFFICERS SIGN NAMES IN CONSTITUTION BOOK)

(WHEN ALL OFFICERS HAVE SIGNED, SOUND GAVEL 3 TIMES)

Dux S. Fratres, let us all join in singing "Triginta Optimi". Following this while the newly installed officers remain in their places, the members will form a single line to my right, passing from each new officer to the next one, and extending his hand in the fellowship of T. O.

(MEMBERS SING "TRIGINTA OPTIMI" SONG)

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(MEMBERS FORM A SINGLE LINE, PASSING FROM ONE NEW OFFICER TO ANOTHER, EXTENDING HIS HAND IN THE FELLOWSHIP TO T. O.)