

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF OFFICERS OF TFRW OR LOCAL CLUBS

Ceremonies for the induction of new officers are recommended for Local Clubs and the state federation. Such ceremonies give opportunity to express appreciation to outgoing officers and to instill a deeper sense of responsibility in new officers. The members may be given a separate charge so that they will also assume their share of the responsibility of the work of the Local Club.

Installation programs may be adapted from this basic outline to meet local requirements. They may be augmented by candlelight ceremonies, if desired. Be sure to arrange for pictures of the new officers for your local and state news media.

The outgoing President gives a short talk, introducing the incoming President and officers.

The installing officer may give a brief talk citing the objectives of the Local Club and charging the new officers with their responsibilities to the club and to Republican citizens in their community.

### **Some Local Clubs have found the following presentation effective:**

“You, the newly elected officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of Local Club*) are about to enter upon your respective duties. In accepting these posts, you are assuming a leadership role among Republicans, and therefore, you are setting an example, one that requires the best energy and devotion of which you are capable.

In accepting this post, do you promise to exert every possible effort to conduct Local Club activities that will attract women in your community who believe in the Republican Party and its principles, and in electing Republicans to all levels of government?

To that end, I ask you to raise your right hand and repeat after me your oath of office:

I solemnly swear / to live up to the provisions / of the governing laws of the Texas Federation of Republican Women / and the bylaws of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Local Club name*) / and to discharge all duties incumbent to my office / to the best of my ability.

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic, as well as the governing laws of the National Federation of Republican Women; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely and without mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which you are about to enter; So help you God.”

The officers respond to this oath: “I (or we) do”

Members of the Local Club also may be asked to give loyal support to the new officers, to attend club meetings regularly, to pay dues promptly, to serve when called upon, and in all ways to support the programs of the Local Club.

Turning directly to the audience, the Installing Officer declares:

“We of the National Federation of Republican Women believe that the responsibility of any organization is borne by the members as well as the officers. Would all of you, therefore, stand, raise your right hands, and take the following oath:

Do you as members of \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Club name) promise to give your loyal support to the new officers, to attend the meetings whenever possible, to pay dues promptly, to serve when called upon and in all ways to support this organization and the Republican Party?”

Response: “I do”

You are now starting upon a new year of activity in the Federation. Our activities are “operation unlimited.” We know that as individuals, as Local Club and State Federation members, and as a part of the National Federation, you will do your best to support the Republican Party and its candidates.

The Installing Officer then declares the women duly installed as the new officers of the Local Club or Texas Federation, naming each one with her title, and shaking her hand in congratulation.

The incoming President responds, commending the outgoing officers on their administration, naming highlights of their regime. She may also wish to present the outgoing President with a token of appreciation for service on behalf of the Local Club or Texas Federation. The outgoing President presents the gavel to the new President.

The Local Club determines when to present the President’s pin that is available from TFRW in Austin. It may be given at the beginning or end of a President’s term.