NOTE: It is recommended that either Version One or Two be used in most instances as they accord the proper respect and formality to the ceremony. This version should only be used in the rare instance when time is at a premium.

FELLOW OPTIMISTS: You have been elected to positions of trust and responsibility. Such an honor does not come unearned as you have already demonstrated your leadership and devotion to our organization. By your election, delegates of the Clubs have expressed their confidence in your ability and have placed in your hands the administration of District affairs for the coming year.

It is your duty, through leadership and inspiration, to conduct District administrative affairs, as well as to offer guidance and counsel to all Clubs and encourage them to participate in the programs and objectives of Optimist International.

Officers designate, please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

“I swear or affirm that I will support and uphold the Constitution, 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.”

By virtue of the authority vested in me as your official International Representative, I declare you officially installed in office.