

## **INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS**

(VERSION ONE)

**FELLOW OPTIMISTS:** You have been elected to positions of trust and responsibility. I know you appreciate the honor that has been conferred upon you. Such honor does not come unearned as you have already demonstrated your leadership and devotion to our organization. By your election, delegates of the Clubs in your District 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 general duty, through leadership and inspiration, to conduct District administrative affairs so all objectives of the year will be attained. You should offer guidance and counsel to all Clubs and encourage all Clubs to participate in the programs and objectives of Optimist International, to the benefit of their communities.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS-DESIGNATE:** To the Clubs located in your respective Zones you are the representatives of Optimist International and the District administration. You should offer counsel and guidance to those Clubs, urging them to achieve maximum effectiveness in their communities.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER-DESIGNATE:** It is your duty and responsibility to conduct your office in the manner prescribed by International Bylaws and Policy as Treasurer and as Secretary to the District Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the annual Convention. It is your personal responsibility to maintain a close, cooperative relationship with your Governor and to provide the teamwork necessary to attain your common goal--an efficient, fiscally sound and productive administration. The success of the District administration will depend, to a great degree, upon the type and extent of your cooperation with your Governor.

**GOVERNOR-ELECT:** You have been selected to serve this coming year as Governor-Elect of the District and in this capacity you will serve on the District Executive Committee and Board of Directors. In addition to the basic purpose of preparing yourself for service as Governor of your

District the following year, you will serve as a member of the Leadership Development Committee. Your position offers untold opportunities for important service to our organization.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GOVERNOR: (OPTIONAL) It is your duty to lend assistance to your Governor as needed to guarantee the success of the District and its Clubs. You are directed to cooperate with and act as a representative for the Governor-Designate in preparation for the year, to act as liaison between a certain number of Lieutenant Governors and the Governor, and attend all District Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings as well as the annual convention.

PAST GOVERNORS: Your experience is to be made available to guide and counsel the other District officers, to serve as a historical reference person, and to set an example of leadership to all District and Club leaders in their quest for service to youth and community.

GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE: You have been elected to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of this District. The measure of efficiency and leadership which you give and demonstrate will, to a great degree, measure the success of the District administration under your stewardship. Under the provisions of the Bylaws of Optimist International, and the general supervision of the District and International Board of Directors, it shall be your duty to preside at all meetings of the District's Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, and at the annual Convention, and to act for and on behalf of Optimist International in relation to all Optimist Clubs in this District.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

OFFICERS DESIGNATE: Will you please raise your right hand and repeat after me:

“In the presence of the Optimist Club representatives here assembled, I do solemnly promise and pledge that I discharge the duties of my office to the best of my knowledge and 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.