

"BOUQUET" INSTALLATION SERVICE

Materials: 1 red rose; 4 white flowers; flowers for all attending

The _____ School Nutrition Association is now in session for the installation of officers for the ensuing term. It is with pleasure that I present to the membership the following officers who have been elected or appointed to serve your association for the year _____.

President _____

President-Elect _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

As officers-elect, you must realize that the highest honor of the Association is being bestowed upon you. It is through serving your chapter as officers that you will grow in your capability to attain the aims and goals of your Association. The _____ Chapter will benefit as you reflect your growth and knowledge back to each member. This is the key to an effective, stronger chapter.

(To outgoing President, _____) the rose of the outgoing President symbolizes courage. Red, the strongest color of all hues, denotes strength in leadership. Courage and strength were both needed for you to have the determination to succeed. As President of the _____ Chapter, you have worked with a sincere desire to make your term of office successful. With determination, strength, and courage you and your executive board have succeeded in furthering the purpose of your School Nutrition Association in feeding the school children of your area.

Will you please accept, for the moment, the RED ROSE of courage, strength, and determination? *(take rose and remain in place)*

(To President _____), the flower of the President is to symbolize the first aim of the School Nutrition Association, which is to encourage the growth of your chapter. Not only in increased number of members, but in the educational growth of your members through workshops and the open exchange of ideas. This type of growth will help members to feed our children more successfully so each may attain his or her full potential. The office of President is one of great responsibility because the continued success of this organization depends in great measure on the diplomacy and skill of the president officer. You will be the chief executive officer and preside at meetings of the executive board as well as meetings of the general membership. You will perform all duties usually associated with the office of the president. I charge you with this great responsibility. Please accept, for the moment, the symbol of your office. *(Take white flower, pause and go to the bottom of the line)*

President-Elect _____, the flower of the president-elect symbolizes the second purpose and aim of your association—to develop and maintain high standards for good school nutrition. As President-elect, you shall perform the duties and functions of the president whenever necessary; preside when she is absent and assist the president when the need arises. Take the time to study the needs of your chapter and promote better understanding of your local, state, and national organization. Please accept, for the moment, the symbol of your office. *(Take white flower, pause, go to foot of line)*

Secretary _____, the flower of the secretary symbolizes mutual help and cooperation among the membership. As secretary, you shall conduct correspondence at the request of the president and shall accurately record the minutes of all meetings in a permanent book, belonging to the association. Please accept, for the moment, the symbol of your office. (*Take white flower, pause, and go to foot of line*)

Treasurer _____, the flower of the treasurer symbolizes the 4th aim of purpose of the association - to further the professional growth of members. As treasurer, you shall receive the have custody of all funds of the association and deposit the same in the name of, and to the credit of, your association. You will keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the association. Will you please accept, for a moment, the symbol of your office. (*Take white flower, pause, and go to foot of line*)

(*To members*) You will notice that all four of your elected officers hold a white flower, each is perfect and beautiful by itself, yet holds the promise of a greater beauty. I will ask each of your officers to now place their symbol of office in the vase (*pause*) and afterward to repeat after me:

I solemnly promise that I will --- to the best of my ability--- faithfully perform all the duties belonging to the office for which I have been elected.

Outgoing President _____, will you place your red rose in the vase also. (*Outgoing President then takes her seat*)

This is a beautiful grouping, with the rose of your past president lending its boldness and courage to the white of your new officers.

I will now ask each of you to please stand, take the flower from in front of you and, one by one, bring it forward and place it in the vase, please. Return to your place and remain standing. As you do so, I will read the renewal of your obligation as members as part of this installation ceremony.

As members, I charge you to be active in the _____ chapter; to attend its scheduled meetings, to assist its officers and committee members and to do all that you can, as a member, to further the purposes and goals of this association.

Please bow your heads for prayer. Our most gracious, Heavenly Father, we bow our heads in prayer to ask your blessing and guidance for these officers and this membership. We are ever mindful of our opportunities to be of service by our work in the School Lunch Program. We are grateful for the opportunities we have to serve and work with our nation's children so that we may contribute to the mental and physical growth of each child. Truly, we are in your service and pray for your continued blessings and guidance so that this association may grow in strength of numbers and value of service performed. Amen

Please be seated. (*Rap gavel*) I now declare you to be duly installed officers of the _____ chapter of the School Nutrition Association for the ensuing term of office.

(To members) Each of you---as you have contributed to this bouquet in front of your new president, can contribute in the same manner to your chapter. All of you are different, in personality and ability. Singularly, you are a perfect person and hold the potential of great things. All together you have formed a bouquet of unsurpassed beauty, with the red rose of the outgoing president passing its strength to the white flowers of your new leaders. The white, in turn, reflects the hues contributed by all the members. That is what your chapter is all about. It should become a blend of all its members. No one flower forms a bouquet. Rather the beauty depends on the varied interplay of colors and shades of all the blooms. The success of the _____ chapter depends on the loyalty, interest, and cooperation of each of its members. Each individual's contribution to the work of the association, no matter how small or large, is comparable to this bouquet. Each flower increases the beauty of the whole.

(Congratulate each officer --- finally present bouquet to President)

It has been my pleasure to install your officers. I wish for them and your chapter success and continued growth with the ultimate goal being the fulfillment of the aims for which the association was organized. I now present your new President _____.