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North-American Interfraternity Conference Model Officer Installation Ceremony

This script is intended as a model for the installation ceremony of newly elected IFC officers and representatives.

Required Preparation:

- Recommended attire is coat and tie.
- A special location should be selected for the ceremony, and dim lighting or candlelight is appropriate, but not necessary.
- Campus officials and other special guests should be invited at least one month in advance. The President, Vice President for Student Affairs, or the Dean of Students may be asked to share their own fraternity/sorority experiences and their expectations of IFC.
- A short reception should follow this ceremony if possible.

Outgoing IFC President

We are gathered together to officially recognize and install the Interfraternity Council officers of (insert name of institution) for the (insert term of office) year. First, (insert name and title) will make some introductory remarks to the group.

IFC Advisor or other Campus Official

Fraternities have served the intellectual, spiritual and social needs of collegiate men since at least 1776. And although the popularity of fraternity life among collegiate men is unquestionable, the value of fraternities has been and will continue to be examined in the near future. The role of the Interfraternity Council in promoting, developing, and maintaining self-regulation of the fraternity community by fraternity men cannot be overemphasized. As a council, you are charged with advocating for a fraternity experience that is driven by our shared fraternal values; collaborating with your peers as well as other campus constituents to continuously elevate the fraternity/sorority as well as entire campus community; and educate yourselves and your brothers and sister on the critical issue facing both fraternities and college students as a whole so that the fraternity community is prepared to be leaders in addressing our shared challenges.

The responsibilities we are placing in your hands are immense. During your term of office, you may be challenged by critics of fraternity life, criticized by your peers and perhaps even questioned by your own brothers. Serving the fraternity community will not be a simple task, but it will provide an arena in which you will be able to strengthen and enhance the quality of fraternity and sorority life on campus. An opportunity to serve, to lead, to motivate, to empower, and to educate your peers awaits you. My office and student affairs professionals on campus stand ready to assist and support you in any way that we can. Good luck.

Outgoing IFC president

(After suitable pause) Will the newly elected officers of the (insert name of institution here) Interfraternity Council please come forward at this time? (Insert name) of (insert fraternity affiliation), as the new President of the IFC, do you promise to uphold the duties of your office and to represent the entire fraternity community at all times? (Other additional responsibilities may also be included. The outgoing IFC president concludes by placing an IFC President Pin on the new IFC President at this time.)

**Other Outgoing
IFC
Officers**

(Insert names) of (insert fraternity affiliation), as (insert position title), do you promise to uphold the duties of your office and represent the entire fraternity community at all times? (Additional duties maybe included at this time. Each outgoing officer places an IFC Officer Pin on the newly installed officer.)

**Outgoing IFC
President
(optional)**

(Insert name) of (insert fraternity affiliations), as an IFC Delegate, do you promise to fulfill your duties as a representative to the Interfraternity Council; represent the position of your chapter to the Interfraternity Council; and challenge both your chapter and community to live up to (Additional responsibilities may be included at this time. Outgoing IFC officers place IFC Representative Pins on each delegate.)

**Outgoing IFC
President**

I now call you, the newly installed leaders of our fraternity community, to commit yourselves to the continued elevation of the fraternity community. Raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, (state your name) / in an effort to lessen the disparity, between fraternity ideals and individual behavior / and to personalize these ideals in my daily fraternal experience / commit myself to the continuous betterment of the fraternity community / by understanding and practicing the values expressed in my fraternity ritual / living and leading with integrity / and expecting the same of my peers. / I will challenge all members of the fraternity community to live up to the values of their organization / and I will confront those who do not. / As an officer of the Interfraternity Council / I will respect the dignity of all persons, / advocate for and serve the needs of the fraternity community / and work to further the fraternity movement in my community.

Congratulations to each of you. We wish you well as you serve the (insert name of institution) fraternity community.