

## INSTALLATION OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST OFFICERS

Installing Officer: As I call your name please form a line in front of me beginning on my right and forming to the left.

Director - \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Vice -North - \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Vice - South - \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary - \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer/Membership - \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Captain - \_\_\_\_\_

Sergeant at Arms - \_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain - \_\_\_\_\_

Installing Officer: "My fellow American Legion Riders, you have been chosen to fill the various offices of the Legion Riders at \_\_\_\_\_ Post#\_\_\_\_\_. Familiarize yourselves with the duties of your offices and carry out those duties with the same spirit from which arose The American Legion Family.

The Legion Riders consist of all affiliated American Legion organizations, Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. The welfare and success of this organization depends on you, as does the preservation of the integrity of the American Legion. Protect the good name of the American Legion with the people of our great nation; help them to know the Legion's purposes and policies. Remember the tolerance that animates us as members; remember there is no rank among us for we all serve as equals. We all are aiming for the same goals - the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.

Remember too - " The cardinal principles of the American Legion are -

The rehabilitation of all disabled veterans;

The care of the dependents of those who have answered the final call;

The care of those who now are suffering from wounds, disease and want;

The education of our children... and service to the community, state and nation."

You will raise your right hand, say "I" and give your name, where I give my name, and repeat after me:

"I \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly pledge myself, to perform faithfully and impartially, the duties of the office of, the American Legion Riders, I am about to assume. I further pledge that I am not a member of, and do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government."

You may lower your hands now.

The installing officer will ask the incoming Director to approach the podium.

Installing Officer: "To you Director \_\_\_\_\_, are entrusted very important duties. You must teach and protect the cardinal principles of the American Legion throughout your group. You are entrusted with the supervision of the duties of all officers of the Legion Riders. The poor and troubled will come to you and you must see no veteran is turned away without full justice.

Loyalty to your post, to its membership, to the state and national organizations are obligations which you now assume. You are more than the presiding officer for meetings; you are guided by the Constitution and the decisions of the group; yet the responsibility of the years programs is on your shoulders. You must initiate programs and carry them through to completion. You must familiarize yourself with the traditions of your post and the American Legion."

By your sincere acceptance and earnest performance of these duties, may the trust your fellow riders have reposed in you be justified.

"I extend to you the congratulations of the Department of \_\_\_\_\_ and I wish you well as you assume the responsibilities of your office."

The Installing Officer moves to original position and asks all newly installed officers to face the members and guests in attendance.

Installing Officer: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the officers of your choice for the \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion Riders. I congratulate you on the selections you have made. You have chosen them, now it is your duty to aid them in every way."

"And riders, you ride proud, ride far and ride safely for the principles and ideals of the American Legion...Congratulations.