It is an honor to have be invited to install your officer for the coming Lions Year, the 100th Year of Lions. This club has for many years had great leaders and your club has attained a reputation of being one of the most charitable, hardworking service organizations in your community. I anticipate that this slate of officers will achieve a very successful year as your Lion Leaders. This will be a light-hearted, fun, and enjoyable installation, but Leadership in Lionism is a serious commitment.

 With the help of your imagination, we will start a year-long voyage aboard a ship that sails the Seas of Service. Our ship is called the SS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Club Name) and will cruise the waters defined as friendship, joy of achievement, commitment to Service, and love of country. This ship has been built and steered by the loving hands of the members of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Club Name). Changes are made in the crew each year, but so far, no one has been forced to walk the plank.

 To keep a tight ship, every member of the crew must be on deck, ready and willing to do the job assigned to him or her. Attendance is our best sign of a well-organized crew.

We welcome everyone aboard this good ship and I can see that the passenger list glistens with the many friends and loved ones who have helped steer the course of this ship over the years. We are extremely happy to have you join us at the Captain’s table to witness the Changing of the Officers Ceremony.

Lion Secretary, have these Officers to be installed been properly elected by the club?

Thank You.

**Lion Tamer**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as Quartermaster you are responsible for the ship’s properties and should see that the flag, gavel, bell, podium are in place and that the deck is swabbed down and ready for the meeting. You act as a greeter and Sargent-At-Arms, should the need arise. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Tail Twister**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as the Social Director of the ship, you are to promote good fellowship, harmony, and add life and enthusiasm to the meetings. You are to levy whatever fines, stunts, or games that add in your duties and are the only member that can’t be fined, as it takes a unanimous vote of all members present – so I advise you not to leave the room. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Membership Chairperson**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, your responsibilities are to increase the passenger list of this great ship by encouraging the members of the crew to bring in names of quality people that will become committed Lions. You will also assist these new members by ensuring that they receive a meaningful installation and orientation to the crew. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Directors**, Lions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Navigators, as such with the Executive Officers you form the Board of Directors for this ship. Your duties are to oversee the operation and assist in plotting the course the ships takes. All of the ships business is thoughtfully considered and voted on by the Board of Directors. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Treasurer**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Ship’s Purser, as such it is your duty to see that each passenger pays their fare and deposits this and all other loot and booty that the ship collects. To due this you will need to keep accurate financial records; pay dues to the District and International as well as all other obligations that will keep this ship afloat. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Secretary**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Officer of the Day, as such you are the keeper of the Log, that charts the action and activities of the ship’s officers, crew, and passengers. This log is a permanent history of the ship’s journey of Service. You also serve as on the District Governor’s Advisory Committee, reporting the ship’s relevant activities to the Zone and District as necessary. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Vice Presidents**, Lion(s) ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Captain’s Mates, as such you must be aware of all of the actions and activities of the crew. You must always stand ready to step up and take the wheel, if necessary, and chair the committees that have been assigned to you. Will Ye’ Serve?

**President**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Captain of the Ship. You will guide and direct all of the ship’s actions and activities. The welfare, happiness, and honor of the ship, passengers, and crew fall upon you. With great power come great responsibility. You are also a member of District Governor’s Advisory Committee. Remember, if the ship sinks, the Captain goes down with the Ship. Will Ye’ Serve?

**Immediate Past President**, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are the Flag Officer. You have served your Ship with distinction! Effective today, you will stand detached from your present station and duties, but the Crew still has need of your Knowledge, Leadership, and Service. You will serve on the Board of Directors and will lend assistance to the current Captain, as deemed necessary, and continue to serve the Ship and all Lions in all activities as you did during your time as Captain.

Ships Officers, will you individually and collectively promise to stand by your Ship, live with it, work with it, and give as much of your time and effort as is necessary to properly perform your official duties? If so, answer, I Will.

Will the remaining members of the Crew of the SS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Club Name) please rise. These officers that you have elected, but they cannot carry out their responsibilities without your continued support. I know ask all of you, will you support and assist the Ships Officers, so that they have a Banner Year? If so, answer, I Will.

I officially declare these officers duly installed. I now ask that all Flag Officers of the SS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Club Name) – Past Presidents, please come forward for the passing of the gavel. Please line up in order that you served as Captain, from oldest to newest.

To you President, Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we hand you this gavel as a token of your Ship’s esteem and confidence in you. Let it serve as a symbol of your authority.

On behalf of the Lions of District 13-F, Multiple District 13 – State of Ohio, and Lions Club International I congratulate you on your successful Transfer of Command and wish you a successful year and smooth sailing in the coming Lions Year!