

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP

Supplement to the *NSDAR Ritual and Missal*

CHAPLAIN: Please raise your right hand and respond in the affirmative to the following questions.

Do you promise faithful loyalty to the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the _____ State Society (*or Organization*) and _____ Chapter, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise faithfully to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to respect the Flag of the United States of America, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise that at all times you will promote the objectives of the National Society, which are historic preservation, education and patriotism, to the best of your ability, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: You may lower your hand.

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Let us pray:

Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts in prayer, grateful for the blessings of liberty and for the privilege of membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. We thank You for this (*these*) new member(*s*) who is (*are*) willing to give her (*their*) time, thought and talent in service to the National Society. May her (*their*) service be pleasing to her (*them*) and to You. Amen.



NOTE: The Regent extends her hand in welcome and presents the new member(*s*) with the Chapter Bylaws, Yearbook and/or a token of welcome.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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REGENT: The officers to be installed please come forward and line-up in the order in which you are listed in the Bylaws. The newly elected State Regent and State (*First*) Vice Regent are installed at Continental Congress; therefore, they stand separately from the state officers being installed.

CHAPLAIN: You have been duly elected to an office in _____ Chapter (*State Society/Organization*), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. You are accepting the responsibility of fulfilling the duties of your office and to working with the members to further the historic, educational and patriotic objects of the Society. The members have expressed their confidence and faith in you. Your acceptance assures the members of your dedication and your willingness to serve the members and the Society.

If you accept the office to which you have been duly elected, please raise your (*ungloved*) right hand and respond to the following questions in the affirmative with "I do."

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise faithfully to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and to seek its observance by others?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise faithful loyalty to the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and to the Bylaws of _____ Chapter (*State Society/Organization*)?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise faithfully to perform the duties and responsibilities of your office to the best of your ability and understanding, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: You may lower your hand.

CHAPLAIN: Will the members of the _____ Chapter (*State Society/Organization*) please rise? You have heard the vows of your newly-elected officers. There is a part each of you must take to assure a successful term of office.

Please raise your (*ungloved*) right hand.

Do you, too, promise faithfully to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bylaws of the National Society and the Bylaws of the _____ Chapter (*State Society/Organization*)?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you further promise to cooperate with all your officers to the best of your ability, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: You may lower your hand.

That which is gone out of your lips you shall observe and do according as you have vowed unto the Lord your God.

- *Deuteronomy 23:23*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we beseech You, with Your gracious favor to behold these your servants, who have been duly elected to office in the _____ Chapter (*State Society/Organization*), and who now accept the responsibility of leadership. Grant them wisdom and understanding and the desire to serve with unfailing loyalty. Unite them and the members so that the work of the Society may excel in its historic, educational and patriotic endeavors for God, Home and Country. We humbly pray that all we do will reflect our love for You. With grateful hearts we ask in Your Name.

Amen.