



NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Officer:

The newly elected and appointed officers of Dugout/Sector _____ will approach the alter facing the Tri-Color of the Organization, with the Golden Rodent seated two paces in the front of the officers, his hands crossed upon the Flag of our Country.

(S.R. places left hand on the right shoulder of the G.R., B.P. places left hand on the left shoulder of G.R. Other officers line up behind these in alternating fashion, B.P. behind S.R., Bl.P. behind B.R., etc.)

The installing officer requests that the REG call the roll of officers.

Installing Officer:

Brothers, it is a pleasure to thus see you before us as the newly elected officers of this Dugout. The Brothers of Dugout _____ have seen fit to confer an honor upon you which it is trusted will be not only respected as the honor it truly is, but which will be accepted by each of you as a charge upon you to truly, duly, and well administer the solemn duties which may fall to your lot as officers of a Dugout. All pales into nonexistence in comparison with having the esteem of your fellow members. Did your Brothers not feel that you and each of you were especially fitted to the task given you to perform you would not have the honor which is yours this evening. Justify this faith and at the close of your term of office, may it be the privilege of each of you to know that you are leaving a work well accomplished. You will repeat after me as follows, saying “I” and giving your full name:

I, _____, as an officer of this Dugout, do hereby promise and swear, on my word as a Brother of this order, that I will do all in my power, to fulfill the obligations of this order, pertaining to the office, to which I have been *elected* or *appointed*.

That I will truly and well, to the best of my ability, carry out the work pertaining to my office, always endeavoring to conform, to my duties as my conscience shall dictate, never allowing myself to be swerved, from what I shall consider my bounden duty, by the voice of the masses, or the power of might, that no considerations shall enter, into the discharge of my duties, other than a devout wish, to do according to the trust, which has been placed in me.

To all this I promise and swear.

Installing Officer:

Brothers, what shall forever be the motto and guide of these new officers?

Members:

“Semper Idem et Semper Fidelis.”

Installing Officer:

Brothers, I declare you to be regularly installed as officers of Dugout _____. Be assured that the best wishes of the Imperial Council shall always be yours. I give this Dugout into your hands.