

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JURISDICTION SWEETHEART INSTALLATION

### **SWEETHEART AND PRINCESS INSTALLATION**

*The installation of the Sweetheart and Princess(es), if kept brief, can be used effectively to enhance the Chapter installation or reception. The Master Councilor-elect is responsible for planning the installation ceremony of the Sweetheart and Princess(es). Definite instructions should be given to those persons participating so that the ceremony may proceed smoothly.*

*The Sweetheart installation ceremony takes place during the Chapter Installation of Officers, after the presentation of the gavel to the newly installed Master Councilor and before the gavel is returned to the Installing Officer. If the Sweetheart or Princess is to be installed at a regular chapter meeting, the chapter may recess and have the ceremony performed prior to closing.*

The Installing Marshal or retiring Master Councilor escorts the Installing Sweetheart (she may be the outgoing Sweetheart of the Chapter, the League Sweetheart/Princess, or the Jurisdiction Sweetheart/Princess) to her place just North of the altar, so that the Sweetheart that is being installed may see and hear her. Another current or past Sweetheart may serve as installing Sweetheart with the approval of the Advisory Council.

NOTE: The Installing Sweetheart is NOT to be taken East of the Altar.

The newly installed Marshal or other chapter officer(s) escorts the Sweetheart-elect and Princess-elect to a position directly West of the Altar; the Installing Princess (if there is one) and the Princess(es)-elect are escorted just South of the Altar.

NOTE: With the exception of the Installing Sweetheart/Princess, NO other past sweethearts/princesses are allowed to participate in the Sweetheart Installation Ceremony.

**INSTALLING SWEETHEART:** (Looking at the Sweetheart-elect, while holding the rose that is to be present to her, says the following :)

**"A Sweetheart's beauty is a glowing virtue, for it shines not only from without, but from within. Our Heavenly Father so loved beauty, that he placed it first among his creations of nature. In the glow of an autumn sunset and in the loveliness of a red rose, one may find beauty."** (Lay the rose on the corner of the altar).

**"But He created the most precious beauty of all, in the radiance and warmth of a Sweetheart's smile. \_\_\_\_\_ (Sweetheart's Name) because of your beauty and charm, you are being honored by the young men of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (League), Order of DeMolay, by being installed as Sweetheart for the ensuing term. As you kneel before the altar, always remember, that a Sweetheart is sincere and thoughtful, and blessed with a beauty that makes her radiant among all the others."**

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(Installing Sweetheart instructs the Sweetheart-elect to assume kneeling position at the Altar and to place both hands flat on the Books of Faith.)

**INSTALLING SWEETHEART:** You will say I, state your name and repeat after me.....promise to uphold • the high standards of young womanhood • in every respect.

I promise to uphold the precepts of • filial love, • reverence for sacred things, • courtesy, • comradeship, • fidelity, • cleanness • and patriotism. • I promise • that to the best of my ability, • I will attend all Chapter, • League •and Jurisdiction activities • at which it is proper • for me to be present. • I promise, • that I will never wear • the pin of the Sweetheart • of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (League), • anywhere I would be unwilling • to take my parents. (The Sweetheart-elect removes her hands from the Books of Faith)

The Installing Sweetheart proceeds to a position behind Sweetheart-elect to place the tiara or the Master Councilor steps forward to do the “crowning”

**INSTALLING SWEETHEART:** The Installing Sweetheart places the sash over the right shoulder of the Sweetheart-elect. **The tiara now being placed on your head symbolizes the Chapter's (League's) choice of young womanhood. You are the representative and the Sweetheart of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (League).**

**May this night be but one of the happy milestones in your life, and may your beauty always be as radiant as it is tonight.**

At this point, the Installing Sweetheart asks the new Sweetheart to rise and remain two steps West of the Altar. The Installing Princess (or Installing Sweetheart) takes her position on the North side of the Altar for the Princess(es) installation. The Princess(es)-elect remains standing south of the Altar.

**INSTALLING PRINCESS:** (hands the princess- elect a rose) **As Princess (es) of ..... Chapter, do you promise to uphold the high standards of young womanhood in every respect?**

RESPONSE: I do.

**INSTALLING PRINCESS:** **Do you agree to abide by all the other promises as affirmed by the Chapter Sweetheart?**

RESPONSE: I do.

**INSTALLING PRINCESS:** **Do you also agree, that, upon the request of the Advisory Council of this Chapter (League), you will be willing to assume the duties of the Sweetheart in the event that she is unable to serve her full term of office?**

RESPONSE: I do.

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The Installing Princess (or Installing Sweetheart) places the sash over the right shoulder of the Princess(es)-elect. Either the Installing Princess (or Installing Sweetheart) crowns the Princess(es), stating, **"The tiara now being placed on your head symbolizes the Chapter's (League's) choice of young womanhood. You are the representative and the Princess of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (League). May this night be but one of the happy milestones in your life, and May your beauty always be as radiant as it is tonight.**

(If desired) A presentation of flowers to the newly installed Sweetheart (and Princess(es)) is appropriate at this time.

All are then escorted back to their seats in the North.