

**“TOGETHER IN HARMONY”**  
**An Officer Installation Ceremony**  
**For the Barbershop Harmony Society**  
**2010**

Ladies and gentlemen, as we are gather to(night) to install and honor your new officers and pay tribute to those who have served faithfully in the past, let me remind you of Society President Bill Biffle’s motto for 2010, “Together in Harmony”.

“Together in Harmony”. It was Harmony that first brought us together. It was the sound of our voices, raised in song, that first attracted us to this wonderful hobby. For many of us, it was the ringing of a barbershop chord sung in a quartet – the essence of what we do – that cemented our commitment to the Barbershop Harmony Society. We joined for the music – for the harmony.

And it was harmony in the larger sense – the positive feelings we developed for each other as we sang together, the camaraderie built by working together to achieve a shared goal, the fraternity we’ve built here together – that keeps us coming back week after week.

So we were brought “Together in Harmony”. And so we remain.

The chapter is the basic place where we nurture that harmony - the place we experience it in all its forms. And it’s the success of your chapter – and hundreds like it across North America and around the world – that will guarantee that we will always have a place for harmonizing - a place for barbershoppers present and future to experience harmony in all of its forms.

It is the responsibility of the leadership of your chapter to foster and support this harmony – administratively, fraternally, and musically. We are gathered here to(night) to install the officers who will guide your chapter through this coming year and help all of you maintain the harmony that brought – and that keeps – us together.

Will the officers to be installed please come forward and stand beside me?

President (name)..... It is your responsibility to lead all the men who come together to seek harmony week after week. To inspire them to new heights of harmony and to new levels of chapter success. Your guidance will keep all of the members of the (insert name) chapter focused on the things that will guarantee musical and social harmony throughout the coming year.

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Music VP (name).....It is your responsibility, working together with your team, to develop and implement a plan to help foster musical harmony in your chapter. You, the Music Team, and the Music Director will work together to provide a satisfying musical product to insure that the men who come together each week will always find the harmony we all seek.

Program VP (name)..... Your responsibility is to plan and implement a harmonious and balanced program for your chapter throughout the year. Harmony is found when a true feeling of fun that involves all the members of the family is present. Never lose sight of the basic unit of harmonic fun, the quartet, or of the importance of providing variety in everything we do. Harmony – and togetherness - will surely result.

Membership VP (name).....Your responsibility will be to help your chapter bring new men into this fraternity, to bring them together to find harmony in singing and in fellowship. To find, invite, enroll, and orient new members so that they, too, can find the joy we have when we sing barbershop harmony together.

Marketing & PR VP (name).....Your job for the coming year is to make sure that everyone in your area has a chance to hear and learn about the togetherness we find in harmony – musical and fraternal harmony. Only by spreading the news about how barbershopping enriches lives through singing can we hope to grow. By always presenting our Society, your chapter, and every member is a positive light, you will help us grow “Together in Harmony.

Student Activity (YIH) VP (name).....Introducing youth to the wonders of barbershop is one of the most important ways we can guarantee the survival of our hobby. You have the enviable job of putting the joy of barbershopping into the eyes of young people. As you organize and coordinate this important effort, always strive to present our music, our chapter, and our Society is the most positive way to young people, their parents and teachers, and to everyone involved in this important process. With your efforts, we can show them that music making with other good fellows doesn’t have to end when their schooling does. In fact, it can be – should be – a life long experience.

Treasurer (name)..... Money – accounting for it, spending it wisely, and planning for a secure financial future – is essential to the maintenance of harmony in our life together. By providing accurate accounting, sound fiscal advice, and prudence in all things financial you will guarantee that we will never be unharmonious in these important things. For surely, a

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balanced ledger is essential to finding and maintaining a balance in the harmony of life.

Secretary (name).... By maintaining accurate records, by keeping the management team aware of past board decisions and by creating a record of current decisions, you will support the harmonic workings of the group in a vital way. In addition, by keeping in touch with the larger barbershop world through our staff in Nashville, you will make certain that all the records of your chapter and of its members are in harmony with the rest of our Society.

Board members at large, (names)....As at-large members of the board your duty is to represent the viewpoint of all chapter members. Always be available to listen to any member's concerns and be willing to act as an advocate on the board for their point of view. In addition, you may be called upon to chair or serve on committees and task forces. Your commitment to our success and the energy and wisdom you bring to your work on the board will be an important part of our harmony in the coming year.

Immediate Past President (name).... As an experienced leader of your chapter, you have the duty to share your wisdom and experience with each new officer to help him succeed in his particular area of responsibility. Further, the chapter will need your enthusiastic support for any plan, action, or idea that will create and maintain harmony and togetherness in your chapter and foster its long-term success.

While he is not an elected officer, the Musical Director has a major responsibility, of course, for the harmony of any chapter. (Name), by your leadership skills, your musical skills, your sense of humor, your positive attitude, and your eagerness to help all of the members succeed as singers, you will contribute greatly both to the quality of the musical harmony the chapter makes, and to the feelings of fraternity that make this wonderful hobby so special.

Men, as you stand before your fellow barbershoppers, friends, and family, I ask each of you if you will now accept your responsibility for being – as a board – “Together in Harmony” at all times and, further, I ask each of you if you will pledge to build harmony in your chapter throughout the coming year, and – finally – if you will accept the obligation to faithfully execute the duties of your office to the best of your ability. If so, please answer...”I will”.

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(Answer)

Having heard your assent to these charges, I herewith declare you to be duly installed as officers of the (name) Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated, for the year 2010, and to be, in fact, now and forevermore – “Together in Harmony!”

Gentlemen, in this installation ceremony, the word “together” was used 25 times and the word “harmony” appeared 35 times. These two words – and the concepts that they imply – are essential to our survival as a Society. If, in this increasingly complicated and difficult world, we can offer men a haven in which they can find togetherness and harmony week after week, we’ll surely survive – and indeed, prosper.

As a celebration of your installation as officers of the (insert name) Chapter and of the spirit of togetherness that harmony brings, let us stand together and sing “Keep the Whole World Singing”.

(Song)

Brothers, let us go forth “Together in Harmony” – now and forever!

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