

Installation of Officers-Fruit Salad Theme

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Introduction: It is my privilege to install the new officers of _(Chapter) __ tonight. These new officers will provide leadership for all activities for __(Chapter)__.

Tonight's theme is based on fruit or fruit salad. As you know, a fruit salad is a combination of various fruits. There are many famous quotes and puns pertaining to fruit, like: "Be like a pineapple—always wear your crown." "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" "Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is" by Mark Twain. So, let's see how "fruit" can compare to offices in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Immediate Past President (Peach)- As Immediate Past President, __(name)__, thank you for "peaching" in and helping the president with questions and procedures. You can support, encourage, and advise the president and the other chapter leaders and be there for her when questions arise.

Historian (Grapes)- As Historian, __(name)__ you will have fun getting the bunch of sisters into pictures, and a historical book will be a "grape" adventure. The adventure will continue as you compile a written history of the chapter and its various meetings. Please accept this bunch of grapes as thanks for collecting this biennium's memorabilia.

Chaplain (Orange)- "Orange" you glad __(name)__, that as chaplain, you are able to give inspirational messages to our chapter! You shall open each Alpha Delta Kappa chapter meeting with a thought for the day or a meditation. You will be asked to take part in all ceremonies as requested by the president.

Sergeant-At-Arms (Lemon)- __(name)__, being Sergeant-At-Arms is a bit lemony. Little tangy comments about procedures will help us learn more during our meetings. Your duties are not easy, peasy, lemony squeezy. You will preserve order as directed by the president. You will be the door keeper at each meeting. Some of your duties you may include counting ballots at meetings, making needed signage for meetings and other events such as officer and guest place

cards, reserved seating, and special seating, if requested. You may also greet guests at each meeting!

Treasurer (Plum)- As treasurer, __ (name) __ you will be adding up the numbers, paying bills, writing checks, and balancing the accounts that are “plum” important to our chapter. As treasurer you are the keeper of the financial records for the chapter. You will be collecting dues from the members and have the ability to disperse funds based on the budget for the biennium. You are also responsible for the auditing and the formation of the budget for the biennium, keeping records of all receipts and expenditures, and giving accurate regular reports at each meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Lime)- __ (name) __ you will be sharing correspondence and keeping our chapter happenings in the *lime*light as corresponding secretary. You will complete the Annual Chapter Highlight Summary, prepare, and conduct correspondence as directed by the president, assist the president in mailing/emailing the newsletter, and read correspondence at chapter meetings.

Recording Secretary (Pear)- As recording secretary, __ (name) __, it’s *apparent* that your notes and ability to track role and member involvement is necessary for a successful biennium. You will need to toss out the unimportant details in the minutes while leaving what is needed when transcribing the minutes. You will need to send your minutes to the chapter president, as well as other district and state officials.

President-Elect (Banana)- __ (name) __, as President-Elect, you may not be the “top banana”, but we’ll call on you to “slide” in and assist with programs and help the president whenever needed. You are in a position to assist the president in any way which presents itself and to accept and perform all duties pertaining to your office. You will take part in ceremonies and be the chairman of the program committee.

President (Apple)- __ (name) __, you are the “apple of our eyes”. You will lead meetings and serve as a crisp and shiny role model. You have been given the greatest honor and the greatest responsibility. It shall be your duty to preside at all meetings of __ (Chapter) __, to appoint necessary committees, and to devote such time as may be necessary to promote the interests of __ (Chapter) __.

All Officers- To all of the __ (Chapter) __ officers – Do you pledge to fulfill, to the best of your ability the duties of your office? If so, answer, “I do.”

All members (Strawberries)- As members of __ (Chapter) __ You have a “berry” important role. You are a vital part of our chapter “patch” or fruit salad. These officers have pledged to carry out the duties of their offices. Do you, as members, pledge your loyalty and support to them? The answer is, “We pledge our support.”

Just as a fruit salad is a mixture of different fruits, __ (Chapter) __ is mixture of different personalities. As you can see, each officer or fruit, provides a unique color and flavor to our chapter officer team or fruit salad. The combination of these personalities is truly a gift to __ (Chapter) __. Our fruity team would not be complete without each unique role. Grab your spoons, and let’s dig into a tasty year in for __ (Chapter) __