

Apples of TOPS

An Officer Installation Ceremony

Items needed;

Flowers – red, blue, yellow, white and 2 dark (for black or purple may be used).

Apples with stems (one for each person being installed)

Large Candle

Taper candles – red, blue, yellow, white and 2 black (purple may be used)

Moderator: As we begin a TOPS year with our new officers, let us think of our fellowship as a sweet crunchy apple.

_____ Leader & _____, Co-Leader, please step forward. Your responsibilities can be compared to the core of the apple. The center of all activity. You will lead your chapter to Love what TOPS stands for and will work in close harmony with the other officers obeying the rules and regulations of TOPS. Will you serve as the core of our chapter by accepting these responsibilities. If so answer, “I will.”
(present apples)

_____ (Leader’s Name), the color of your candle is Blue, please light your candle from the candle of continuity. *(Present blue flower)*

_____ (Co-leader’s Name), the color of your candle is Red, please light your candle from the candle of continuity. *(Present red flower)*

Moderator: _____, Secretary please step forward. Your office may be compared to the seeds of the apple. The seeds you represent are designed to be planted in the minds of others, making others aware, arousing interest in the work of TOPS and enlisting both the commitment of present members and involvement of new members. Will you act as the seeds of our chapter by serving in your office of Secretary? Please answer, “I will.” *(present apple)*

_____ (Secretary’s Name), the color of your candle is Yellow, please light your candle from the candle of continuity. *(Present yellow flower)*

Moderator: _____, Treasurer please step forward. Your part of the apple is the flesh, which surrounds the core. Your office adds to the structure of TOPS. You help us to develop a supportive fellowship and to know the needs of others. Will you assume this role in building up the structure of our chapter? Please answer, “I will.”
(present apple)

_____ (Treasurer’s Name), the color of your candle is White, please light your candle from the candle of continuity. *(Present white flower)*

Moderator: _____, Weight Recorder & _____, Assistant Weight Recorder, please step forward. The part of the apple that describes your work is the stem. The stem to the main body of the tree, which supplies nourishment and stability, connects to an apple that continues to grow and reach maturity. Thus, the members nurture your committed services as you nurture them. Will you serve as this essential connection for the coming year? Please answer, "I will." (*present apples*)

_____(Weight Recorder & Assistant's Names), the color of your candle is Black, please light your candles from the candle of continuity. (*Present dark flowers*)

Moderator: Members of this chapter, will you please stand. As members of this chapter, you represent the tree to which the apples are attached. Upon YOU, depends the sustenance extended to the fruit. This sustenance is provided through your presence and involvement. Do you promise to be the sustaining tree? If so answer, "I will."

Officers, with the support of this chapter guiding your efforts, do you promise to fulfill the obligations of your office in so far as you dedicate yourselves through participation? If so answer, "I will."

Let us never cease to acknowledge that, just as the roots support the tree, the branches and the fruit, so our hope is rooted in TOPS Club, Inc. Together may our efforts bear fruit.

(Past leader presents gavel to the new leader, and the past leader may say a few words of thanks to the chapter and his/her past officers.)