

Swearing in Ceremony for new member in the SCV

Commander:

"Will the (officer designated) present the candidate."

Officer:

Commander, Compatriot (candidate's name) seeks membership in the (camp name) and the Sons of Confederate Veterans."

Commander:

"We are gathered here to initiate into the bonds of fraternal brotherhood Compatriot (candidate's name).

We share a common birthright as Southerners and descendants of those who served the Confederate States of America.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a patriotic organization, not linked with any other organization, and is not political nor sectional.

We take justifiable pride in our Confederate forebears, men and women, whose sacrificed their all for the cause in which they believed.

The Confederate soldier won the admiration of the

World by his courageous fight against an enemy overwhelming in numbers, equipment and implements of war.

With few exceptions they were volunteers who fought for principles of government in which they believed.

Although defeated, they left us traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, and respect for womanhood;

They left us a passionate belief in freedom for the individual.

Our Confederate ancestors bequeathed to us a military

Tradition of valor, patriotism, devotion to duty, and a spirit of self-sacrifice.

When our nation no longer admires and pays tribute to these traditions, we will no longer remain a free nation.

Now, having expressed your desire to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans, state the name, rank, and unit of Your ancestor."Candidate: (States name, rank and unit).

Commander: "The Chaplain will now administer our pledge."

Chaplain: (Note - a (/) has been inserted to provide a point at which the Chaplain will stop and allow the candidate to recite the previously stated words).

"The candidate will raise his right hand and repeat after me..."

"I pledge allegiance to the United States of America / and to its Constitution, and promise to defend it against all enemies. // I pledge myself to loyally support / the activities of the camp / and the Sons of Confederate Veterans / whose purpose it is to cultivate, / perpetuate, and sanctify / the memory of the Confederacy. // In so doing. I not only honor my Confederate ancestor, /,but also affirm my loyalty and devotion to God / and country which is so much a part of his character."

Commander: "On behalf of (camp name & number), and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, welcome into our

Ranks Compatriot (candidate's name). (Optional) I am honored to present to you the pin of membership (and

Certificate and membership card, if available)

Special Judge Roy Bean Camp Pledge

Adjutant with a Texas flag draped over himself and holding a copy of the Camp Constitution.

Adjutant

""Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to uphold the letter of the Judge Roy Bean Camp Constitution as revised in 2018 and support your fellow Compatriots?"

Member answers, "I do".

Adjutant

"And furthermore, do you swear solemn allegiance and vow to uphold the honor of Miss Lilly Langtry"

Member Answers: " I do"

Adjutant

Asks the Camp as a whole, "What do y'all think of Miss Lilly?"

Camp responds, "That's one of the most beautiful women I've seen".

Adjutant

"By the power vested in me through SCV Camp Judge Roy Bean and the great and honorable State of Texas. I hereby proclaim you to be compatriots of SCV Camp Judge Roy Bean".

Camp responds. "For Texas and Miss Lillie"

Installing Officer:

"Members of the (camp name) Camp, Number (camp number), Sons of Confederate Veterans,

reposing special faith and confidence in you, have elected you to lead our camp during the coming year(s).

How well we, as a camp, perform these tasks entrusted to us, and whether our camp continues to grow in strength and accomplishments, will depend on how well you perform the duties of your office.

Therefore, on behalf of your compatriots in (camp name), I ask each of you: Do you pledge yourself, with loyalty and dedication, to protect, defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to faithfully perform the duties of your office, to regularly attend the meetings of our camp, and to support all the activities of our camp, our division, and our International organization, to the best of your ability? So help you God.

Thank you. I hereby declare you duly installed in the office(s) of this camp to which you have been elected."