

# Sample Anchor Club Charter Ceremony, Initiation and Installation

Welcome

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Introduction of school and/or community guests, Pilots and Pilot officers in attendance

Letter read from Pilot International President

Letter read from District Governor, as applicable

Letter read from District Anchor Coordinator, as applicable

Letter(s) read from other community leaders, etc., as applicable.

Presentation of Charter

As the \_\_\_\_\_(insert office held and name), I am a representative from Pilot International. I commend your sponsoring Pilot Club for their desire to mentor youth and instill in young people an appreciation of our founding principles of friendship and service. The first Pilot Club was organized in 1921 and from that time forward Pilot members have been concerned about young people and their needs. In 1952 Pilot International adopted the project of Anchor Clubs. Our organization's service focus is youth leadership development, brain fitness and safety and caregiving. So as you determine the projects you want to work on please choose some projects that will create awareness of or assist these causes. Be sure and serve with all your heart and I promise you will receive back double what you give. On behalf of Pilot International I want to thank your school and adviser for supporting the Anchor program. And now I would like to officially present to \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of Anchor Club president) the President of the Anchor Club of \_\_\_\_\_ and to their sponsor the Pilot Club of \_\_\_\_\_(insert name of Pilot Club or community sponsor) the Anchor Charter, which reads as follows:

## Read Charter

Photo Opportunity of charter with club President, etc.

## Acceptance remarks by Anchor Club President

We accept this charter and we will work hard to make our school or community, advisor, sponsoring Pilots (or other sponsor) and proud of the service we do. We appreciate this opportunity to work with you, learn about leadership and grow through our friendship and service.

## Charter Signing

As your name is called please come up and sign the charter and receive your membership certificate. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will assist in the charter signing.)

## Initiation

It is a privilege to initiate you as charter members of the Anchor Club of \_\_\_\_\_.

Membership standards for Anchors are high and it is an honor to be called a member. Members strive to meet and live the values of A-N-C-H-O-R. Altruism, Noble Purpose, Citizenship, Honor, Open-Mindedness and Responsibility. At this time, I ask you to recite together the Anchor Pledge – The pledge is printed on the back of your program.

“In appreciation of the honor and benefits to be derived by me from membership in the Anchor Club of \_\_\_\_\_, I pledge on my honor to uphold the ideals and objectives of the Anchor Club; to work toward Improving myself, my home, my school and my community. I shall strive to respect the rights of others and to practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others. I promise to serve my nation and God, and to prepare for useful citizenship.

## Installation

Principal Name, (if applicable) Anchor Advisor/Sponsor, Pilots, Anchors, Friends and families, you have just seen the chartering and initiation of charter members for the Anchor Club of \_\_\_\_\_. We will now conclude this ceremony with the installation of its first slate of officers. Would the new club officers please come forward?

Installations are very special ceremonies. They are a time of dedication of oneself to the ideals of Anchor. Among your privileges as a member of Anchor, is the privilege of sharing the Anchor Creed.

At this time \_\_\_\_\_, (insert name of selected representative) will read the Anchor Creed, which is also printed on the back of your program.

“Realizing that in unity there is strength, we, as members of the Anchor Club, are resolved:

To work together in friendship and loyalty; to render service in our home, school and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness; to steer our ship of life by the bright stars of Hope and Faith; to follow words of guidance from parents, teachers and Pilot friends, for these, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are words of wisdom; to set full sail through channels of achievement which lead us to the port of success; and, When our ship of life is tossed by the tempers of misunderstandings and the angry winds of injustice, we will cast our Anchors of Courage, wisdom, and trust to hold us fast.”

Much of the creed and its inspiration are very appropriate to such an occasion as this one - when officers begin new duties and members apply themselves to the new plans for the year. We want you to think of your assignments, your offices, your committee work, and do as the creed says “render service to our home, school, and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness,” and to “set full sails through the channels of achievement.”

To lead you through those channels, we have our Directors, \_\_\_\_\_(insert names of Anchor directors). As directors you will be the sails on this ship of service. We know that the “set of the sails and not the gales, that determine the way the ship will go.” As members of the Club’s

Board of Directors, you will be considering proposals and using your initiative to help develop projects and plans. Remember, it is your duty to vote fairly and exercise your ability to encourage progressive ideas that will help your club move forward. Attend your meetings and be loyal, supporting your club projects with energy and excitement. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and promise to fulfill them to the best of your ability? If so, Please answer, "I do."

To Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_(insert Anchor treasurer name), your duties, as Keeper of the Treasury, are of great importance to your club. Begin and maintain good financial records for the club. Assist the advisor, the President and the committees with the budget information and be efficient and mindful of the resources of the club. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and promise to fulfill them to the best of your ability? If so, Please answer, "I do."

To Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_(insert name), as Secretary, you will be the keeper of the Log for this voyage. Your members know that records and reports will be accurate and complete through your diligence and hard work. You will need to communicate well with the membership and for the membership. Work closely with the Public Relations committee and assist the President to reflect the club goals and objectives through your correspondence. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and promise to fulfill them to the best of your ability? If so, Please answer, "I do."

To President Elect: \_\_\_\_\_(insert name), as President Elect, your responsibilities will be to stand by the President and preside in the President's absence. You will have a large part in coordinating the programs and projects, so we will think of you as the "Navigator" who is charting the course. Your President will need your loyalty and understanding, and in nautical terms, you may be asked to be the Anchor of courage and trust when things get rough. This will also be a great time of learning about the club and the needs of the school and community. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and promise to fulfill them to the best of your ability? If so, Please answer, "I do."

To President: \_\_\_\_\_(insert name), as President, you are the CAPTAIN. You will stay at the wheel and steer your ship toward the Port of Success. The President of an organization represents the club in many phases of school and community life. Carry this responsibility proudly, and uphold the prestige, which

Anchor Clubs enjoy. We know the bright stars of Hope and Faith will be lighting your way, and you will use the guidance of teachers, parents and Pilot friends when sailing in unchartered waters. Do you accept the responsibilities of this office, and promise to fulfill them to the best of your ability? If so, Please answer, "I do."

Pilots, school and/or community leaders, guests, family friends, and Anchor members, this will be the first slate of officers for the Anchor Club of \_\_\_\_\_(insert club name) and they are duly installed. We wish you good sailing and much success in your sails of service. Thank you again for the privilege of being part of this wonderful event.

On behalf of Pilot and Anchor International, we want to invite all the anchors and their families to join us at the Anchor Leadership Summit (insert name of city and date of next PI convention and Anchor Leadership Summit) to learn, provide service and make new friends with Anchors from all over the world including Japan, Bahamas and South Africa! More information will be forthcoming from the headquarters of Pilot to your emails and club advisor/sponsor.

(If applicable):

We also want to invite the officers and/or members attend our District Anchor Convention to be held \_\_\_\_\_(insert information here). More information will be forthcoming. This is a great opportunity for you to meet Anchors from all over the district and see what they do.

(If applicable):

We would like to recognize the members of the Pilot Club of \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for all of your hard work to get this club organized. To the Anchors of \_\_\_\_\_your Pilot Club (or other sponsor are paying the district (if applicable) and Pilot International dues (if applicable) for all Charter Members for this year!

(If applicable):

To \_\_\_\_\_(insert other sponsor(s) or advisor of Anchor club), Thank you for serving as advisor/sponsor of this Anchor Club. The Pilot Club of \_\_\_\_\_ would like to extend a paid membership to Pilot for as long as you are the Anchor Sponsor/Advisor. This will help maintain the relationship between our Pilot and Anchor members. We look forward to having you!

Now, thank you all for coming and for your support. After a brief photo opportunity we will enjoy refreshments (or insert what is applicable).

Refreshments, as applicable

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