

Lean on me

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The installer could be a past or outgoing officer.

INSTALLER:

The song Lean On Me has a very broad appeal, as people from just about any background can relate to the lyrics. It was a hit on a variety of formats and did well all over the US and throughout much of the world. Withers told us: "It's a rural song that translates across demographic lines. Who could argue with the fact that it would be nice to have somebody who really was that way? My experience was, there were people who were that way. They would help you out. Even in the rural South, there were people who would help you out even across racial lines. Somebody who would probably stand in a mob that might lynch you if you pissed them off, would help you out in another way."

- Will the Weight Recorder please come forward? You grasp the purpose for coming together each week and praise progress while encouraging those who are struggling.

name: _____

We lean on you to record each member's weigh-in on weight charts provided by TOPS Club, Inc., as well as maintains and files on time all necessary weight records. The Weight Recorder studies and follows all current TOPS Rules applying to weight recording. If you accept these duties, answer "I do." Having so affirmed, accept this token.

- Will the Treasurer please come forward? Your task is to handle chapter assets carefully.

name: _____

We lean on you to handle all money received and disbursed, give reports whenever requested at regular meetings on chapter finances and promptly forwards all memberships, maintenance fees, and other transactions to the Coordinator or headquarters

If you accept these duties, answer “I do.”
Having so affirmed, accept this token.

- Will the Secretary please come forward?

You clearly note all concerns and events as they occur at meetings.

name: _____

we lean on you to keep accurate minutes at each meeting—specifying names, dates, motions and contest rules as needed. If asked by the Leader, the Secretary reads all official communications and tends to all correspondence.

If you accept these duties, answer “I do.”
Having so affirmed, accept this token.

- Will the Co-Leader please come forward?

You are positioned to take over any office vacancy with confidence and enthusiasm when needed.

name: _____

• We lean on you to help the Leader serve the chapter, preside at chapter meetings in Leader’s absence, and fill the office if permanently vacated. Co-Leader also fills any other office temporarily until the officer returns or a permanent replacement is elected or appointed.

If you accept these duties, answer “I do.”
Having so affirmed, accept this token.

- Will the Leader please come forward?

You point the way, insisting that we be united in our commitment, acting as one to help all.

name: _____

Keeping in mind the goals and philosophies of TOPS Club, Inc., the Leader determines and carries out the wishes of the majority of the chapter.

The Leader disregards personal preference, is well prepared, starts

meetings on time, seeks member participation, guides topic discussion, and enthusiastically develops helpful, inspiring topics. The Leader works with all officers and reviews the chapter's progress regularly. The Leader notes individual progress and talks privately with those having difficulty, offering extra encouragement.

We lean on you to help us carry on.

If you accept these duties, answer "I do."

Having so affirmed, accept this token.

The lyrics to the classic song Lean on Me is befitting to achieving effective leadership in TOPS. While they set the tone, leaders cannot do it alone; nor should they be expected to do it alone. It takes a village. However, as shown in the movie, even if some within the village don't want to help, the leader still must take the lead in TOPS and strive to make something out of nothing, for our member's sake. However, support and respect are a two-way street; the leaders never can forget that if they want to succeed.

(Installer, address members.)

we all need somebody to lean on and

Our officers form a strong team to

support us and gives us someone to "Lean on"

