

The Declaration of Office:

Members of Council shall stand and holding the Holy Bible shall repeat in unison with the Clerk:

"I,, do solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully, and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of to which I have been elected in the Municipality of the Town of Burlington and that I have not received, and will not receive, any payment or reward, or promise thereof, for the exercise of any partiality or malversation, or other undue execution of the said office and that I have not, by myself, or partner, either directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract with, or on behalf of the said Corporation.

"It seemed to Plato that there were four virtues required for the existence of the ideal state: WISDOM, COURAGE, TEMPERANCE AND JUSTICE.

These are the qualities which will serve as a standard of judgment in building a better community."

The Invocation and Address by Father Ryan.

Address by His Worship Mayor Owen Mullin.

At the conclusion of the address all Members of Council shall stand and repeat in unison with him:

THE ATHENIAN PLEDGE

"We shall never bring disgrace to our town by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our comrades; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the town; both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the Town Laws, and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty; and thus in all these ways we may transmit our town, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

"A Nation may establish a system of free government, but without municipal institutions it cannot have the Spirit of liberty" - de Tocqueville.