

INDUCTION CEREMONY SUGGESTIONS

The induction of new members into a local Lions club can take a variety of forms depending upon the customs and activities of the club and district. In order to lend dignity and importance to the induction ceremony it should be performed by a well-respected Lion.

Following are suggested items which can be included in the induction ceremony:

- ? Give a brief history of The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- ? Present a short history of your club and its current activities.
- ? Stress that membership is by invitation and that the member being inducted is welcomed by the entire membership.
- ? Remind the new members of their obligations to the club and the international association.
- ? Administer the oath (suggestions follow).
- ? Present a New Member Kit with a description of its contents.
- ? Explain a sponsor's responsibilities.
- ? Welcome the new member into the Lions association on behalf of the club and district.

Suggested Oath No.1

"Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club, and with Lions Clubs International, I now ask that you repeat after me:

"I do hereby accept membership in the Lions Club of _____ knowing that such membership obligates me to participate in all functions of the club. To the best of my ability I will abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, attend meetings regularly, accept such assignments as are given me and contribute my share to the programs of my club, district, and Lions Clubs International."

"You are now a member of the Lions Club of _____"

Your sponsor will now present to you the Lions emblem pin which signifies this membership."

Suggested Oath No.2

"Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club and with Lions Clubs International, I now ask that you respond to my words with a simple 'I do' or 'I will.'"

"Do you hereby accept membership in the Lions Club of _____ knowing that such membership obligates you to participate in all functions of the club?"

- I do -

"To the best of your ability, will you abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, attend meetings regularly, accept such assignments as are given you and contribute your share to the programs of your club, district, and Lions Clubs International?"

- I will -

"You are now a member of the Lions Club of _____ .

Your sponsor will now present to you the Lions emblem pin which signifies this membership."

Presentation of Pin

(Sponsor present pin to new member.)

"Now I would like to ask the sponsor, Lion _____ to respond to my words with a simple 'I will.'

"Will you fulfill the following obligations:

- ? make your new member feel welcome
- ? introduce your new member to all club members;
- ? provide your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution;
- ? see to it that assignments are given immediately, thereby enabling the new member to become an active Lion;
- ? arrange for orientation sessions on the Lions;
- ? be ready to answer any questions that might arise;
- ? encourage the new member to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions,
- ? assist the new member in developing into an outstanding Lion?"

- I will -

Closing Statement

"Fellow Lion _____ wear with pride this emblem. Let me congratulate you and welcome you into the greatest of all service club organizations...The International Association of Lions Clubs.

On behalf of the club, I now present you with your official Certificate of Membership and a New Member kit which will help you get off to a good start in your life as a Lion.

We are all proud and happy to have you as a member of the Lions Club of _____."