

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our Town Rotary Club

[Note: This form is to be used for the induction of one new member. A separate form is to be used for the induction of two or more new members]

[The ceremony will be started by the chairperson of the Rotary Information Committee, who will provide the following information about the new member]

Rotary Information Chairperson:

“TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR US. WE ARE BRINGING A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CLUB. S/HE IS

Name, including preference for a first name

Proposer's name

Classification

Occupation, including company and title

Family members

Residence address”

[The Rotary Information Committee chairperson then will call on the club president for the induction message.]

Club President:

“IT IS MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF _____ TO WELCOME YOU AS A MEMBER.

WHILE WE CAN MAKE YOU A MEMBER OF OUR ROTARY CLUB, WE CANNOT MAKE YOU A ROTARIAN IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD. THAT IS A DISTINCTION, WHICH YOU MUST GAIN FOR YOURSELF.

WE WELCOME YOU NOT ONLY FOR THE FINE FELLOWSHIP WHICH WE WILL SHARE, BUT ALSO FOR THE ASSISTANCE YOU WILL PROVIDE TO HELP US CARRY OUT THE CLUB'S PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

ROTARY IS AN ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE PLEDGED TO THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS. THE MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUBS ARE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE CAN BE IMPROVED THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE UNITED IN THE CAUSE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS.”

[The club president then asks the new member and the proposer to come to the front of the room.]

“__ (FIRST NAME) _____ YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE _____ ROTARY CLUB BECAUSE WE BELIEVE YOU TO BE A LEADER IN YOUR RESPECTIVE VOCATION AND BECAUSE YOU DISPLAY THOSE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WILL ENABLE YOU TO ENJOY ROTARY AND TO IMPART ITS MESSAGE OF SERVICE AND GOODWILL.

YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR VOCATION IN THIS CLUB, AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO YOUR VOCATION MUST NATURALLY COME TO US THROUGH YOU. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU WILL BE AN AMBASSADOR FROM THIS ROTARY CLUB TO YOUR VOCATION, AND WE WILL RELY UPON YOU TO CONVEY THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF SERVICE, WHICH WE HERE ADVOCATE, TO THE PEOPLE IN YOUR VOCATION WHOM YOU HAVE THE HONOR TO REPRESENT.

THE COMMUNITY WILL KNOW AND JUDGE ROTARY BY YOUR EMBODIMENT OF IT IN CHARACTER AND SERVICE, AND WE ACCEPT YOU AS A MEMBER WITH CONFIDENCE THAT OUR PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION WILL BE SAFE AND SECURE IN YOUR HANDS.

WE ALSO EXPECT ASSISTANCE AND INSPIRATION FROM YOU IN HELPING US TO BECOME BETTER ROTARIANS, AND IT IS WITH THIS HOPE THAT I NOW ASK YOUR SPONSOR TO INVEST YOU WITH THE DISTINGUISHING LAPEL PIN OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND TO OFFER YOU THE RIGHT HAND OF ROTARY FELLOWSHIP.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD SHOWS THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE _____ ROTARY CLUB IN GOOD STANDING, AND IT IS THE ONLY IDENTIFICATION NEEDED FOR YOU TO VISIT AND BE WELCOMED BY ANY OF THE MORE THAN 29,000 + ROTARY CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN OVER 162 COUNTRIES

FELLOW MEMBERS, I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN PRESENTING TO YOU OUR NEW MEMBER, __ (FIRST & LAST NAME) _____.

[The club president then asks the new member to station himself or herself by the door when the meeting adjourns so he or she may be greeted and welcomed to the club by the other members]