

## Rotary New Member Induction Ceremony

Fellow Rotarians, we have the honor and privilege today to welcome a new member into the Rotary Club of [INSERT CLUB NAME HERE]. He/She is \_\_\_\_\_. At this time, I would ask that \_\_\_\_\_, his/her sponsor and new member mentor come forward to the podium.

And now I call upon \_\_\_\_\_'s sponsor to tell us a little bit about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(The sponsor gives a brief bio about the new club member).

\_\_\_\_\_, you have been chosen for membership in the Rotary Club of [INSERT CLUB NAME HERE]. That is because the members of this club believe you to be a leader in your vocation and because you possess the qualities of head and heart for imparting the message of Rotary to those you come into contact with.

Rotary is an international membership organization of business and professional leaders. There are 1.2 million members in 35,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries around the world. By choosing "Imagine Rotary" as her 2022-23 theme, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones is encouraging us all to get up each day and IMAGINE how we can make a difference in other people's lives. You are truly joining a global organization.

In electing you to membership, we are doing more than taking you into our fellowship. We are making you a trustee with us in Rotary ideals. Knowing you to be a Rotarian, the world will, going forward from this day, judge Rotary by your conduct.

We charge you to conduct yourself in accordance with the Rotary Four-Way Test of the things you think say or do:

First: Is it the truth?

Second: Is it fair to all concerned?

Third: Will it build good will and better friendships?

Fourth: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

\_\_\_\_\_, The Four-Way Test is so important to this club that at the end of each weekly meeting we rise and recite it together as a reminder that we should live our lives every day according to it in everything we do. You would do well to become very familiar with the Four Way Test.

The honor and privilege of Rotary membership carry with it duties and obligations. You will be expected to attend the club's meetings and functions regularly, perform your share of the club's

community service activities and pledge your time and talent to the club by carrying the principles of Rotary into the daily life of our community.

You will also be expected to take an active role in recruiting new members for the club as well as consider becoming a leader by serving on a leadership team, becoming a team captain, serving on the board, accepting the honor of becoming an officer of the club including president nominee, president-elect and eventually president of the club. I can tell you from personal experience, it is an honor to serve as President of this club and every club member should aspire to it.

Now I will ask your new member mentor to affix the Rotary International pin to your lapel. We encourage you to wear your pin daily and with pride but especially at all club functions.

I now ask all club members and guests to please stand. Members of [INSERT CLUB NAME HERE], do you pledge your support of \_\_\_\_\_ as a new member of our club and will you make a commitment to warmly welcome him/her and get him/her actively involved in club activities? If so indicate by saying “we will.”

Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_, in the name of the Rotary Club of [INSERT CLUB NAME HERE] we now formally admit you to membership in this club.

Fellow Rotarians, I present to you our newest member, \_\_\_\_\_.

Welcome to Rotary \_\_\_\_\_, the world’s oldest, largest, and finest service organization.

Please be seated.

We have a packet of information for you that should help get you acquainted with Rotary. We will schedule new member orientation training for you very soon and in the meantime, your new member mentor will start immediately to help you get settled into the club.