

# LIONS INDUCTION CEREMONY

*The induction of new members into the Lions organization can take a variety of forms depending upon the customs and activities of the club and the district. To lend dignity and importance to the induction ceremony, it should be performed by a well-respected Lion. Existing Lions may be invited to stand during the ceremony to reconfirm their commitment to service.*

**(Use Pledge #1 or #2, the Pin Presentation, and Closing.)**

**Pledge #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 the Obligation of Membership:

I do hereby accept membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club knowing that such membership encourages me to participate in functions of the club. To the best of my ability I will abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, and contribute my share to the programs of my club, district and Lions Clubs International.

You are now officially a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club. Your sponsor will now present to you the Lions emblem pin, which signifies membership.

**Pledge #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 \_\_\_\_\_ knowing that you are encouraged to participate in functions of the club? "I do."

To the best of your ability will you abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, attend meetings whenever possible and contribute your share to the programs of your club, district and Lions Clubs International? "I will."

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*Pin Presentation* (Sponsor presents 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?

- Be a sponsoring 'mentor' for your new Lion;
- 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;
- Arrange for orientation sessions for the new member;
- Be ready and willing 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (new member), wear this emblem with pride, for it represents your membership in the world's largest service club organization; an association that has a distinguished legacy of meeting needs worldwide.

Let me congratulate you and welcome you to 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 New Member Kit, which will help you get off to a good start in your life as a Lion. We are all extremely proud and happy to have you as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club.