

INDUCTION CEREMONY

WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WHICH WILL WELCOME _____NEW MEMBER/S INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE _____LIONS CLUB. THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS AND FOR THE CLUB SO I SINCERELY REQUEST THE ATTENTION AND SILENCE OF THE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE CEREMONY. **WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE TURN OFF THEIR CELL PHONES.** AS I CALL THE NAMES OF THE NEW MEMBER AND HIS/HER SPONSOR WILL THEY TAKE THEIR PLACE HERE AT THE FRONT.

LET US PRAY

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO INDUCT THIS/THESE NEW MEMBER/S INTO THE FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE OF OUR LIONS CLUB. GRANT OH LORD THAT WE MAY GIVE THEM THE FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING THAT GOES WITH TRUE LIONISM. WE ASK THAT WE NOT ONLY DEDICATE THIS/THESE NEW MEMBER/S TO SERVICE, BUT THAT WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE SERVICE AND CAUSE OF LIONISM.
AMEN

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE _____ LIONS CLUB, I EXPRESS TO YOU OUR PLEASURE AND PRIDE AT YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS MEETING. OUR INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FELLOWSHIP, IS BASED ON OUR

BELIEF THAT YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, WILL STRENGTHEN THIS CLUB IN IDEAS, IN PRESTIGE, IN FELLOWSHIP, IN ENTHUSIASM AND AS A SERVICE MINDED PERSON. OUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BECOME MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS AND LEADERS OF THIS COMMUNITY. THE QUALITY OF THE LIONS CLUB CAN BE MEASURED BY THE LIONS YOU SEE HERE TONIGHT.

INVITATION TO THE WORLD - WIDE FELLOWSHIP OF LIONISM IS AN HONOR, WHICH IS GREATER BECAUSE YOU DID NOT SEEK IT. YOUR SPONSOR PRESENTED YOUR NAME, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED YOU AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED YOU. YOU WERE INVITED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE FINE THINGS THAT OUR ORGANIZATION STANDS FOR. I WILL NOW TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE MAKEUP AND OVERALL PURPOSES OF LIONS CLUBS.

LIONS CLUBS ARE NON-SECTARIAN, NON-POLITICAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. THE MEMBERS OF LIONS CLUBS ARE MEN AND WOMEN, INTERESTED IN THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY, PROVINCE AND NATION. LIONS INTERNATIONAL IS THE LARGEST OF ALL SERVICE CLUB ORGANIZATIONS. THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL IS TO RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND TO EFFECT A REMEDY THROUGH INDEPENDENT EFFORT OR COOPERATION

WITH OTHER CIVIC MINDED ORGANIZATIONS.

I WILL NOW ASK _____ TO READ
THE LIONS CODE OF ETHICS.

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT EACH LETTER IN
OUR NAME STANDS FOR.

L - LOYALTY TO COUNTRY, COMMUNITY AND HOME.

I - INDIVIDUAL INTEGRITY IN THOUGHT, WORD AND
DEED.

O - OUR FLAG AND LANGUAGE.

N - NEW IDEAS, NEW HOPES, NEW AMBITIONS IN
BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

S - SERVICE THAT IS FOUNDED ON THE GOLDEN RULE.

OUR SLOGAN IS " WE SERVE "

I WILL NOW ASK _____ TO READ
THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES.

THE DARKNESS WHICH PREVAILS IN THIS ROOM
TONIGHT IS SYMBOLIC OF THE DARKNESS IN THE
WORLD AROUND US. WE SEE HATRED, SUSPICION AND
FEAR. WE SEE THE POVERTY, WANT AND LONELINESS
OF THE WORLDS PEOPLES. BUT THERE IS A LIGHT
WHICH IS THROWING BACK THE FRONTIERS OF
DARKNESS, AND IT IS THE LIGHT OF LIONISM. EACH
CANDLE REPRESENTS AN INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBER.
THERE ARE ___ UNLIT CANDLES.

IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE THE FULL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS LIONS CLUB AND LIONS INTERNATIONAL, I MUST NOW ASK YOU. DO YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE _____ LIONS CLUB? SINCE YOU HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO AFFILIATE WITH THIS CLUB, AND LIONS 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 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 -

I NOW ASK YOU TO LIGHT YOUR CANDLE TO SIGNIFY YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB. AS YOU LIGHT THE CANDLE, YOU WILL INCREASE THE LIGHT AND THUS MAKE THE WORLD A BRIGHTER PLACE IN WHICH TO DWELL. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE THAT IT MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY

YOUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

YOU ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE _____ LIONS CLUB.

YOUR SPONSORS WILL NOW PRESENT TO YOU THE LIONS EMBLEM PIN WHICH SIGNIFIES MEMBERSHIP.

FELLOW LION, WEAR THAT EMBLEM CONSTANTLY, WITH PRIDE. ANY LION WILL RECOGNIZE IT WHEREVER YOU MAY BE AND WILL RESPECT AND WELCOME YOU, KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE COME THE SAME WAY ALL LIONS DO, WITH THE LIONS CODE OF ETHICS, A GOVERNING BOND BETWEEN YOU.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE SPONSORS TO RESPOND TO MY WORDS WITH A SIMPLE " I WILL " .

WILL YOU FULFIL THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATION??

- MAKE YOUR NEW MEMBER FEEL WELCOME BY INTRODUCING THEM TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS.
- PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB, ITS OFFICERS AND CONSTITUTION.
- SEE THAT YOUR NEW MEMBER RECEIVES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS IMMEDIATELY, ENABLING THEM TO BECOME AN ACTIVE LION
- ARRANGE FOR ORIENTATION SESSIONS ON LIONISM.
- BE READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION 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 -

ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB, I PRESENT YOU WITH YOUR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR SPONSOR WITH THEIR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORSHIP.

A LION ADDRESSES A FELLOW LION BY FIRST NAME OR NICKNAME ONLY; NEVER MR., MISS. OR MRS. A LION. DON'T BE BACKWARD - HENCEFORTH YOU WILL GREET AND BE GREETED ACCORDINGLY. IF YOU INCORRECTLY ADDRESS A LION, FORGET TO WEAR A LIONS PIN OR BADGE, FAIL TO SING, ETC. BEWARE THE TAIL TWISTER, A TOUGH CUSTOMER WHOSE WORD IS LAW. I CANNOT HELP YOU AGAINST THE TAIL TWISTERS COMMAND. IF YOU ARE CHARITABLY INCLINED, GET IN THE TAIL TWISTERS DISFAVOR, IT WILL HELP THE CONVENTION FUND.

AS A NEW LION YOU WILL BE KNOWN AS THE BABY LION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NEXT NEW LION IS INDUCTED. THE BABY LION HAS CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

I WOULD NOW ASK _____ TO EXPLAIN THEM TO YOU.

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE _____ LIONS CLUB, I FORMALLY
WELCOME YOU INTO THIS CLUB AND LIONS
INTERNATIONAL AS A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER WITH
ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

I WOULD ASK ALL MEMBERS TO RISE AND
PERSONALLY WELCOME THE NEW LIONS TO OUR
FELLOWSHIP.