

INDUCTION CEREMONY – another script

Inducting Officer: "This induction ceremony will welcome _____new member(s) into the fellowship of the _____ **Lions Club**. It is a most important occasion for this/these new members and for the club, so I sincerely request the full attention and silence of the membership during the ceremony. As I call the name(s) of the new member(s) and his/her/their sponsor(s) will they please take their place here at the front of the room."

Prayer: "We are gathered here to induct this/these new member(s) into the fellowship and service of the _____ **Lions Club**. Grant that we may give him/her/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."

Here the Inducting Officer Calls the Names: " _____ sponsored by _____, 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 for you 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 service minded person(s), our membership will become more representative of this community. The quality of the Lions Clubs can be measured by the Lions you see here tonight."

Inducting Officer: "Invitation into the world wide fellowship of Lionism is an honor which is greater because you did not seek it, but 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 for which our organization stands. I will now tell you something about the make-up and overall purposes of Lions Clubs International."

"Lions Clubs are non-sectarian, non-political, civic minded organizations. The members of Lions Clubs are men and women interested in the proper development of their community, State and Country. Lions Clubs International is the largest and most active of all service organizations. The general mission of Lions Clubs International is to recognize community needs and to affect a remedy through independent effort and/or co-operation with other service minded organizations."

(((**Inducting Officer:** "I will now ask Lion _____ to read the Lions Code of Ethics.")))

Inducting Officer: "Lion _____ will now explain to you what each letter in our name LIONS stands for"

L – Liberty (and Loyalty to country, community and home)

I – Intelligence (and Individual integrity in thought, word and deed)

O – Our (Our flag and language)

N – Nation's (and New ideas, new hopes, new ambitions in business and leadership)

S – Safety (and Service that is founded on the golden rule)

Inducting Officer: "Our slogan is: "WE SERVE."

(((**Inducting Officer:** " Lion _____ will now read the Lions Clubs Objects.")))

Inducting Officer: "Lion Tamer, please light your candle and turn off the lights. Fellow Lions, use your neighboring Lion's candle to light your candle and spread the light of Lionism as I read the following message:

*"The darkness which prevails in this room tonight is a symbol of the darkness in the world around us. We see hatred, suspicion and fear. We see the poverty and loneliness of the world's people, but there is a light which is throwing back the frontiers of darkness and that is the light of Lionism. Each candle represents an individual Lion. There are _____ members in this club and _____ candles) remain unlit. In order that you may receive the full rights and privileges of membership in this Lions Club I ask you: "Do you desire to become a member of the _____ **Lions Club**? Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club and with Lions International, I ask you to respond to my question with a simple "I DO."*

"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 a candle to signify your membership in this club. As you light the candle you will increase the light and make the world a brighter place in which to live."

"You are now a member of the _____ **Lions Club**. Your sponsor will present you with the Lions emblem pin which signifies your membership." (Sponsor(s) pins the emblem(s) on the new member(s).

Inducting Officer: "Fellow Lion(s) _____ wear that pin 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 among us."

"Now, I ask the sponsor(s) to respond with a simple "I will."

"Will you fulfill the following obligations?"

- * Make your new member(s) feel welcome by introductions to all club members.
- * Provide information about the club, it's officers and constitution.
- * See that the new member(s) receive committee appointments immediately enabling them to become active Lions.
- * Arrange an orientation session on Lionism.
- * Be ready to answer any question that might arise.
- * Encourage the new member(s) to discuss with you any problems and offer possible solutions.
- * Assist the new member(s) in developing into an outstanding Lions.

"I WILL"

"On behalf of this club, I present you with the new member kit. It contains your official certificate of

membership and such other materials which will help you get off to a good start in your life as a Lion."

"A Lion addresses a fellow Lion by Lion (First name, or nickname), never by Mr., Mrs., or Miss. Henceforth you will greet and be greeted accordingly. If you incorrectly address a Lion, forget to wear your Lion's pin or badge, fail to sing the national anthem, etc., beware of the Tail Twister, a tough customer whose word is law. If you are charitably inclined just get in the Tail Twister's disfavor and you will add to the clubs general fund:"

Inducting Officer: "Fellow Lions, please come forward and greet Lion(s) _____ and welcome them into our Lions Club."