



Alternate New Member Induction Ceremony

It is an important day in the life of any Lions Club when a new member joins, because it is from new members that we draw new energy, ideas, and hands, for Lion service.

Today we welcome: _____(new member)_____ and his/her sponsor, Lion _____(sponsor)_____, please come forward.

_____ (new member) _____ is an _____(occupation) _____ for _____ (employer) _____ and he/she lives in _____ (city) _____ with _____ (spouse/partner name, if appropriate) _____.

You have been invited to join the _____ (club name) _____ Lions Club.

We are a member club of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world, with over 1.3 million members in more than 196 countries and areas.

We offer you a warm welcome to a group of congenial people who will become your friends, interesting and informative meetings, and, most of all, the opportunity to serve those less fortunate through our committees and projects. Our service extends throughout the state through the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, and throughout the world through Lions Clubs International Foundation. There are opportunities to attend training and

information sessions that offer invaluable information useful not only in Lions but in all aspects of your life and can lead to leadership responsibility.

We ask that you attend meetings regularly, participate in Club activities as much as possible, & get involved in as many aspects of Lionism as you can.

Do you accept our invitation? (New member reply).

You are now a member of ____ (club name) ____ Lions Club. To remind us all of why “We Serve”, I ask all present to close their eyes. You are experiencing a momentary limitation of your senses. Think for a moment of what you have lost. How will you do all the things you now do routinely? At the 1925 Convention, Helen Keller asked Lions to be her “Knights of the Blind”, and since that time, the preservation and restoration of vision has been Lions primary mission. With your help, we will do more. You may now open your eyes.

Your sponsor will now present your Lions pin, which you should wear with pride and satisfaction, knowing that you are helping others in many ways and in many places.

Lion President: (President offers welcome, presents New Member Kit.)

Lion (new member’s name), you now have a minute or two to tell us anything you wish about yourself, your occupation, family, interests - whatever you choose. Discussion of your business/profession is not forbidden at Lions meetings, but after today it may draw the attention of the TailTwister.