

## Induction Ceremony

We are about to begin the induction ceremony which will welcome a new member to the fellowship of the Lions Club of ..... This is a most important occasion for the new member and for the club, and I would be pleased if you would give this ceremony your full attention.

Will the Sponsoring Lion please bring forward the candidate for induction.

On behalf of the members of the Lions Club of ..... I express our pleasure that you have accepted the invitation to become a member of this club and Lions Clubs International.

..... Lions Club has a proud history. It is a successful club, both within its own community and the wider community of our Lions District. We are proud to say that we are part of the world's largest service club organisation, with about 1.4 million members in over 190 countries and geographical locations throughout the world.

You have been invited to become a member of this club, not on account of what the club can do for you, but on account of what you can do for the club by way of service, for those less fortunate than yourself. We believe as members of Lions Clubs International that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth.

Membership of a Lions Clubs signifies your acceptance of certain obligations, most of which are embodied in the Lions Objects and Ethics. At this stage, I would like to remind all of us of the Lions Objects and Ethics and ask Lion ..... to read the Lions Objects followed by Lion ..... reading the Lions Code of ethics.

*The Lions Objects and Ethics are now read*

### *Turning to the new member*

Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club and Lions Clubs International, I now ask you to respond to my words with a simple " I Do" or " I Will "

Do you hereby accept membership of the Lions Club of ..... knowing that such membership obligates you to participate in all functions of that 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 -"*

You are now a member of the Lions Club of ..... and your sponsor will now present to you the Lions emblem pin which signifies this membership.

### *Turning to the sponsor*

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:-

- Make our new member feel welcome
- Introduce our new member to all club members
- Provide our new member with information about the club, its offices and constitution
- See to it that assignments are given immediately, thereby enabling our new member to become an active Lion
- Be ready 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 -"*

### *Turning to the new member*

Fellow Lion ...*new member*... wear with pride this emblem. Let me congratulate you and welcome you into the greatest of all service club organisations -Lions Clubs International.

On behalf of the club, I now present you with your New Member Kit which includes your official Certificate of Membership. We wish you a long and happy association with Lions.

Fellow Lions, please welcome your new member, Lion .....