



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY

We are about to begin the ceremony which will welcome new members to the Lions Club of _____ and Lions Clubs International.

This is a most important occasion for the new members and the Club, and I am honoured to have been asked here tonight.

Secretary _____, could you bring forward the candidates and the sponsors please?

Secretary _____, has the board of Directors approved the applications of the candidates for induction as members of this club?

I express our pleasure that you have accepted the invitation to become members of this club.

Lions Clubs – a Quick History

Lions was started in Chicago Illinois in 1917 under the leadership of our founder Melvin Jones. It quickly expanded into Canada and Mexico and then other countries.

The first club in Australia was formed in Lismore in 1947 by Bill Tresise.

Today, we have over 1.3 million Lions in 210 different countries. In Australia we have approximately 1200 clubs and 24,000 Lions. In this District we have _____ Clubs and _____ members.

The Lions Club of _____ has a proud history of service having chartered on __/__/__. It is a very successful club within the local community and the wider community of Lions.

I am positive that these members will do their best to make you welcome.

Becoming a Lion signifies your acceptance that you will embody the purposes and ethics of Lions Clubs International,

and at this stage I would ask _____ to read the ethics.

Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club and Lions Clubs International, I will now administer the oath of membership and ask that you respond to my words with a simple "I will, or I do".



In the presence of its members, do you hereby accept membership in the Lions Club

of _____, knowing that such membership obliges you to participate in the functions of the club?

I DO

To the best of your ability, will you abide by the Lions code of ethics, attend regular club meetings when you can, accept such assignments and tasks that are given to you, so you can contribute your share to the Club, the District and Lions Clubs International?

I WILL

Your sponsor _____, will now present you with the Lion's badge which signifies your membership.

AFFIX lapel badge

I would now like your sponsor _____, to respond to my words with a simple I WILL as I outline the many obligations of a sponsor.

_____, it is your responsibility as a sponsor to:

- Make _____, feel welcome and ensure that he/she is introduced to all members.
- Provide _____, with information about the club, its board, its constitution and by-laws.
- Ensure that assignments are given quickly, enabling _____ to become an active Lion.
- Be ready to assist _____, in any way, regarding club matters and assist him/her to develop into an outstanding Lion.

_____, will you accept this responsibility?

I WILL



On behalf of the Club, I now present you with your official certificate of membership, your name badge and a new member's kit.

We are all proud and happy to welcome you as a new member of the Lions Club of

_____, so _____, please wear your badge with pride.

All members are now welcome to come up and greet _____