

New Lions Club Member Induction Ceremony Script

Call to Order

We are about to begin our New Member Induction Ceremony, in which we will induct _____ new members into our club. At this time, I would like to call each of the new members and their sponsors. As their names are called, will the sponsors and new members please rise and come forward. Please hold your applause until all the names are announced. Thank you.

(Insert new member names and sponsor names.)

Welcome

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the officers and members of the _____ Lions Club, I want to express our sincere pleasure for your presence at this meeting. You have been invited to become members and we are all extremely proud that you have accepted membership in our club and Lions Clubs International.

You have joined the world's largest and most active service club organization; a group of more than 2.3 million men and women in 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographical areas around the globe, who are dedicated to making a difference. LCI is the only service organization to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and to have a seat at the United Nations. Through your membership, you will help our club reach out to people in need in our community, and throughout the world.

Lions Clubs International History

You are becoming part of a distinguished service history that dates back to 1917, when Lions Clubs International began as the dream of Chicago insurance man Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large. Jones' own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. Thirty-six delegates representing 22 clubs from nine states were in attendance. The convention began to define what the association was to become.

A constitution, by-laws, objects and a code of ethics were approved. Since that humble beginning, Lions club members have volunteered their time and talents to meet needs wherever they exist.

Lions are especially dedicated to serving the blind and visually impaired, a commitment made after *Helen Keller* challenged our members to become her "*Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against Darkness*" during the 1925 convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. Our motto, "*We Serve*" perfectly exemplifies the dedication to helping those in need felt by Lions worldwide.

Your membership in the _____ Lions Club will help us carry on this tradition of service for many years to come.

Local Club History

Our own club was founded in _____ (year). For _____ years we have been tirelessly serving those in need in _____ (your town) with projects ranging from _____

to _____, the _____ Lions Club is committed to bringing the unparalleled services of Lions Clubs International to our community.

(Add additional relevant information about your club and the exemplar work it has done within your community.)

Your club belongs to Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization founded in 1917 and comprising 1.4 million members belonging to those 45,000 Lions club worldwide. Throughout its proud history, Lions Clubs International has brought unparalleled humanitarian services to more than 202 countries and geographic areas around the globe and all continents.

You will find that membership in our Lions club will offer many opportunities for personal growth. Not only can you experience the incomparable feeling you receive from volunteering, but you will also have the chance to hone leadership, communication and organizational skills.

You can develop friendships that last a lifetime, meet other Lions from all corners of the world and contribute ideas that will help our club be an even more valuable part of our community.

Your membership in the _____ Lions Club will allow us to reach more people in need, in both our local and world communities.

The officers and members of this club are thrilled that you have chosen to help us continue the legacy of Lions Clubs International by improving the lives of the less fortunate and making our community an even better place to live. Welcome into our club.