

Preparation

1. Lay out the kits and remove the pins and certificates
2. Ask if they do a Lions roar
3. Ask the President to present the sponsor pins

Call to Order

We are about to begin our New Member Induction Ceremony, in which we will be inducting _____ into your club. At this time, I would like to ask them and their sponsors _____ to come forward (Insert new member names and sponsor names.)

Welcome

Lions and Guests, on behalf of the officers and members of the Lions Club of _____ and Lions Clubs International, I want to express our sincere pleasure at your presence at this meeting. You have been invited to become members and we are all extremely proud that you have accepted membership in _____ club and Lions Clubs International. Membership in a Lions club is a privilege. You have joined the world's largest and most active service club organization, a group of over 1.4 million men and women in over 48,000 clubs in found in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe, who are dedicated to making a difference. Through your membership, you will help _____ club reach out to people in need in your 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 a 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 code of ethics were approved. I would like to ask Lion _____ to read our code of ethics. Thankyou Lion _____

The "Association of Lions Clubs" became international when the Border City Lions Club was formed in Windsor Canada in 1920. 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. Now Lions Clubs International has expanded their pillars to include vision, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger and the environment. Your membership in the Lions Club of _____ will help them 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 of _____ is committed to bringing the unparalleled services of Lions Clubs International to our community. (Add additional relevant information about your club and the exemplary work it has done within your community.)

You will find that membership in our Lions Club and Lions Clubs International 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 your club be an even more valuable part of our community. *(Add additional relevant information based on what the new member is looking for in their involvement in your club. This is one of the questions on the New Member Questionnaire in the Just Ask! guide.)*

Your membership in the Lions Club of _____ will allow us to reach more people in need, in both your local and world communities. The officers and members of this club are thrilled that you have chosen to help them continue the legacy of Lions Clubs International by improving the lives of the less fortunate and making their community an even better place to live.

Pledges

“Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this club, and with Lions Clubs International, I now ask that you respond to my words with a simple ‘I do’ or ‘I will.’

Do you hereby accept membership in the Lions Club of _____ and Lions Clubs International knowing that you are encouraged to participate in functions of the club?

I do –

To the best of your ability will you abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, attend meetings whenever possible and contribute your share to the programs of your club, district and Lions Clubs International?

I will –

You are now officially a member of the Lions Club of _____ and Lions Clubs International. Your sponsor will now present to you the Lions emblem pin, which signifies membership and your membership certificate

Pin Presentation

(Sponsor presents pin and member certificate to new member.)

“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?

Be a sponsoring ‘mentor’ for your new lion;

Make your new member feel welcome;

Introduce your new member to all club members;

Provide your new member with information about the club, its officers and constitution;

Arrange for orientation sessions for the new member;

Be ready and willing 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 –

I will now ask (Club president or presiding Lion) to present the sponsor with their sponsor pin and certificate

Closing Statement

“Fellow Lion _____ (*insert new member name*), wear your Lions Pin with pride, for it represents your membership in the world’s largest service club organization; an association that has a distinguished legacy of meeting needs worldwide.

Let me congratulate you and welcome you to the greatest of all service club organization... The International Association of Lions Clubs. We are all extremely proud and happy to have you as a member of the Lions Club of _____

On behalf of the club, I now present you with your New Member Kit, which will help you get off to a good start in becoming a lifelong Lion. I would now invite the members of the club to come forth and congratulate their newest members.