**An Induction and Reflection Ceremony**

Tonight, is a special occasion. It is a time of rejoicing, a time of celebration, and a time of reflection.

Tonight, we have the opportunity to take delight in the induction of a new member.

We have the opportunity to commemorate the ability of one Lion to invite someone to join our prestigious organization. At the same time, we recognize our responsibility as fellow Lions to welcome, and guide this new member.

These events bring with them cause for reflection. Reflection on the part of the incoming member, and reflection for those of us who are already members and so I ask you:

What compels us to join Lions; not just the first time, but each and every year after? For each year when we pay our dues, we are consciously choosing to continue our membership. What is the force that drives us to do so?

If we take that moment to reflect on the integrity of the world around us, we will see that many things in our world are not built to last. Appliances, vehicles, roofs on our houses, aren't built to last.

But then there is our organization, Lions Clubs International, founded by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones in 1917 and currently celebrating 100 years of service! Built to last!

"Why is this so?"

Is it because of the Ethics on which it was founded?

Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please read the Lions Code of Ethics. (Thank You)

Is it because of the Objects that our organization adheres to?

Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please read the Lions Objects. (Thank You)

Maybe it's the Lions Emblem, its colors and what they stand for?

Lion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please read the Lions Emblem & Its Colors. (Thank You)

As we listen to these defining foundations upon which Lions Clubs International was established, we embrace the integrity for which it stands, in contrast to the ever-shifting world in which we currently live.

But in truth, no matter what drove us to join, it will be the smile in someone's eyes; the letter of appreciation; the realization that you are making a difference in the lives of others; that drives us on and moves us forward. Like the Lions Emblem, we cherish our past accomplishments, and look forward to future endeavors.

Lion Cub(s), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you stand before us, ready to make a commitment to the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club, to our Lions District, and to Lions Clubs

International.

*Have the inductees hold an unlit candle.*

I would ask that Lion Chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come forward and light each of the inductee’s candles.

The candle you are holding represents Faith, Hope and Love.

Faith, that what we do, makes a difference.

Hope, that we bequeath a legacy of having made the world a better place.

And last, but not least, the love which will develop between you and your fellow Lions as we all strive together to improve our communities, and the world around us. Your Lions Club will become a second family connected by a common compassion for others.

Lion Cub(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you hereby accept membership in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Lions Club knowing that such membership obligates you to participate in such functions of the club as you are able?

Answer, "I do".

Will you, to the best of your ability, abide by the Lions Code of Ethics and the Objects of Lions Clubs International?

Answer, "I will".

Congratulations. You are now officially a member of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club.

At this time, I would ask that your sponsoring Lion(s) place upon your left lapel(s) your Lions pin signifying membership.

Now, to the sponsoring Lion(s), 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?

Answer “I will”.

Lion(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you have chosen to make a difference. Have fun as you embrace your leadership role in your community. Never doubt the difference you make in the lives of others in your community, and around the world! Thank You for Stepping Up, and Serving Forward!

Welcome to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club, and Welcome to District A15!

*Additional Presentations: Membership Kit, I’m The One, DG Pin and District Pin & Directory*

Lion President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please lead the members of your Club in welcoming your newest Lion Member(s) *(shake hands or Lions Roar or both)*