

Fellow Rotarians and honored guests.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of _____, it is my privilege to induct a new member today. Please allow me to introduce _____ and his sponsor, _____.

_____, you are beginning a great adventure in leadership, in friendship, in service to your community and your fellow man.

You have been invited to membership, and the Rotary Club of _____ has accepted you as a person of good character, high ethical standards, a person who has the heart of service, and will represent the classification of _____ as a leader in the community.

Your sponsor, _____, has extended the hand of friendship and invited you to become part of a worldwide organization dedicated to encouraging and fostering the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. _____, please recognize _____ by placing this sponsor pin on his lapel.

_____, you have been invited to join Rotary, but it will be through your own actions that you become a Rotarian.

We encourage you to learn all you can about Rotary, and to strengthen your own leadership and communication skills by actively participating in the activities of the club, including attending weekly meetings, social events, and service projects.

You will be provided many opportunities through your Rotary club and district to enhance and expand your professional and personal skills, and these opportunities can provide great value to you.

You will also be provided with many opportunities to provide service to others—through club service, vocational service, community service, new generations service and international service—known as our 5 Avenues of Service.

The Rotary Club of _____ is known for great work in _____, and has been involved in _____ for many years among many other local and international projects.

We welcome your strong arm and strong heart for service in joining the club to engage Rotary Change Lives.

Through your membership, you will enjoy a network of business leaders and professionals and we commit ourselves to do our part in making you feel welcome in the club.

When we join Rotary, we become part of something bigger than ourselves.

Beyond enriching our own lives and the lives of our family members, the relationships we build foster understanding across communities and cultures around the globe.

I am proud to be a Rotarian, and it is my pleasure to provide this pin by which your fellow Rotarians and the community at large will recognize you as a Rotarian, and we ask you that you wear it proudly, every day. I will ask your sponsor to affix the pin to your lapel.

I also have a challenge for you, if you are willing. My challenge is for you to share the gift that has been given to you by your sponsor, and to invite another person, of your same qualities of character, reputation and commitment to join our club within the next 3 months.

The honor of becoming a Rotarian is only surpassed by sponsoring a new member.

Do you accept this challenge?

Thank you.

With that, I declare you duly inducted into the Rotary Club of _____.

When you shake the hand of one Rotarian, you are within reach of 1.2 million more. Together we are working to enrich youth, ensure health, develop communities and promote peace.

Please rise and help me welcome our newest member, _____.

Appendix: Sample Induction Ceremonies

Sample 1

Fellow Rotarians, it is my privilege and pleasure today to welcome into membership in our club _____, whose name was proposed by _____. The proposal has been reviewed in accordance with our club constitution and bylaws. I now ask _____ (sponsor) to come up here with _____ (proposed new member).

_____, we now proceed to admit you into membership in the Rotary Club of _____ and to the friendship of Rotary throughout the world. It has already been explained to you that the ideal of Rotary is service. Our principal motto is Service Above Self and the object of this club and all Rotary clubs is to encourage and foster this ideal as a basis of worthy enterprise. You are to share in this effort.

You have been approved for membership in this club because we believe you to be a worthy representative of your vocation, interested in the ideals of Rotary, and willing to do your share in translating these ideals into action. You have agreed to accept the obligations of membership in this club and to obey this club's constitution and bylaws.

Now I have the pleasure of asking your proposer to pin on the Rotary emblem, which we hope you will wear with pride.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of _____.

Fellow Rotarians, I am happy to present to you Rotarian _____, our newest member.

Sample 2

Rotarian _____, will you please bring forward your nominee for membership in our club.

_____, you have been selected by the members of this club to hold active membership and are hereby loaned the classification of _____.

The principles, responsibilities, and obligations of Rotary have been explained to you, and you have expressed your willingness to become a Rotarian. No one is eligible to become a Rotarian unless, in his or her business or professional life, he or she endeavors to practice the principles of goodwill and service.

The members of this club have invited you to join them because they believe you are already actualizing these principles. In electing you to membership, we are doing more than taking you into our fellowship — we are making you a trustee with us of Rotary's ideals. Knowing you to be a Rotarian, the world will henceforth judge Rotary by your conduct.

Membership in Rotary is an honor and privilege, and every privilege has its corresponding obligations. One of the special obligations of membership is regular attendance at the weekly meetings; it is the basic method of fulfilling the principle of fellowship as well as a way of representing your vocation.

Every member is expected to perform his or her share of club and community service, and the committees of the club will afford you opportunities to serve. For the rest of this Rotary year, I would be pleased if you would serve on the _____ committee.

Last, but by no means least, is our ideal of friendship. As you expect to receive, so give. May you be stimulated by the friendship you find here, and may we in return know you to be an added source of strength to our club.

Will the members please stand.

It is my privilege and honor to induct you as a member of the Rotary Club of _____.
I also have pleasure in pinning on the emblem of our worldwide association. Wear it always and with pride.

Fellow Rotarians, I present to you Rotarian _____, and I charge you not to fail in your duty by giving _____ your friendship and helping to make his/her membership useful and happy.