

# AN INDUCTION SCRIPT

While this is only a suggested format keep in mind that the purpose of an induction is two-fold:

- 1 . To begin the new member's Kiwanis experience in a meaningful way.
- 2 . For current members to reflect on the purpose of Kiwanis and their membership.

This ceremony focuses on the importance of personal sponsorship of a new member and what it means to be a Kiwanian as outlined in the Objects of Kiwanis.

**PRESIDENT:** Kiwanis is something so good that each of us should want to share it. Surely there is no better evidence of our willingness to share Kiwanis than to sponsor a new member into our club. Today we are very pleased to recognize \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSORING KIWANIAN) for wanting to share his/her "K" with our newest member, \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER), whom we are now going to induct. Our ceremony will be led by \_\_\_\_\_ (INDUCTOR), \_\_\_\_\_ (INFORMATION ABOUT INDUCTOR (past club president, lieutenant governor, etc.)) At this time, I will ask these three individuals to join me here at the lectern.

**INDUCTOR:** We are all very indebted to \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSOR) for sponsoring our new member. \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSOR), will you now formally introduce \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER) to his/her fellow Kiwanians?

**SPONSOR:** Thank you. I take great pride in presenting our newest member, \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER). *(NOTE: Never have the new member say the following. Sponsor should be prepared.)* He/she lives in \_\_\_\_\_ (CITY). \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER) is married; he/she and \_\_\_\_\_ (SPOUSE'S NAME) have \_\_\_\_\_ (NUMBER) children: A native of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER) has a \_\_\_\_\_ (DEGREE) from \_\_\_\_\_ (SCHOOL NAME). He/she is a \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF POSITION) with \_\_\_\_\_ (EMPLOYER). Among his/her special interests are \_\_\_\_\_. I am very pleased to be his/her sponsor.

**INDUCTOR:** You have received a thorough orientation, and I think we need not repeat here all that we have reviewed with you. We should, however, take a few moments to reflect on the six Objects of Kiwanis, which serve as the guiding principles of our organization and offer each of us a framework within which to fulfill the obligations we have in our daily lives:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Having indicated a desire to become an active member of our club, and having been approved by our board of directors as a member, do you agree to embrace the Objects of Kiwanis as a guideline for your daily living? (New member responds. In advance, ask new member to relate here personal reasons for joining Kiwanis ( how Objects of Kiwanis relate to his or her own life.) Then we welcome you to this worldwide service club of one-third of a million community leaders in more than 75 nations.

As a way of symbolizing his/her sharing of the “K,” \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSOR) will now remove his/her “K” and place it on your lapel. (Sponsor pins new member with “K” he/she has been wearing today.)

**PRESIDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSOR), the club appreciates your willingness to share the values of service and fellowship in Kiwanis International with another individual. A new member for our club means new ideas, new enthusiasm, greater fellowship (and greater service. (If there is some recognition piece for the sponsor, it can be presented now.)

**INDUCTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER), by presenting you with this Official Certificate of Membership, I welcome you, on behalf of the entire membership, into the Kiwanis Club of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(Inductor presents membership certificate to the new member.)*

**PRESIDENT:** Today we have brought into our club a new member. He/she has been briefed on his/her responsibilities to us. As evidence that we will now commit ourselves to keeping our obligation to him/her as well, let us all stand and welcome \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER) into our club! (Applause) After our program today, before we adjourn, we will ask \_\_\_\_\_ (NEW MEMBER) and \_\_\_\_\_ (SPONSOR) to come to the entryway first, so you can greet them personally as you depart. Thank you!