

Kiwanis New Member 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 memberships.

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 _____, our Membership Chair. 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). *Next, include some personal information on where they are from, where they live now & for how long, married, children, degree(s), employer & title or position, special interests, etc.* I have known _____ (New Member) for _____ (Time) and am very pleased to be his/her sponsor.

INDUCTOR: At this time, we will 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 good will.

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 him/her to relate personal reasons for joining Kiwanis; how Objects of Kiwanis relate to his/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 the “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.

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 Los Alamos. *(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.