New Member Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony is a very important part of retention because it sets the tone as to the privilege of being a member of your Rotary Club. An induction ceremony should always be a solemn occasion so that existing club members and the new member alike are reminded of the importance and honor of becoming a member of your Rotary Club. Here are some **ideas** as to what an induction ceremony should be. This should be tailored to the personality and desires of your club. Having a District Governor or Assistant District Governor present adds importance to the occasion.

1. Have a prepared presentation during the ceremony that talks about
   1. Rotary’s mission
   2. The benefits of membership in YOUR club
   3. The honor of becoming a member of YOUR club
   4. Why the new member was approved for membership
2. Give the inductee the option of inviting a spouse/significant other to attend the induction paid for by the club.
3. Have the inductee sponsor present so that she/he will be part of the ceremony.
4. Have the sponsor pin the Rotary pin on the inductee.
5. Provide the inductee with a new member packet with materials relevant to appropriate websites, club committees, club officers, and other pertinent information.
6. Explain to the inductee that she/he will have an appropriate amount of time to
   1. Describe what attracted she/he to your club.
   2. Why she/he wanted to be a part of your club.
   3. Some information about themselves.
   4. The committee she/he intends to join.
7. At the conclusion of the induction all members should stand to welcome the new member.