

Empire MDPETS Sample New Member Induction Ceremony:

Consider including several members to make the new person feel special and make their induction a big deal. Divvy up the different parts among however members you have available to assist!

President:

[Name of inductee] this induction is important to all of us here today. We hope that you will always remember this ceremony.

Rotarian #1

“Spare moments are the gold dust of life”. Of all the portions of our life, the spare moments are the most fruitful in good, as well as evil. These are the words of Paul Harris, founder of Rotary.

Rotarian #2

Under his direction the Rotary movement was started in 1905.

As of _[date]___, _[number]___ clubs and _[number]___ members follow his footsteps in the five avenues of service: to our clubs; to our vocations; to our communities, to international relations and to our youth.

Rotarian #3

You will learn more about each of these five avenues of service as you endeavor to practice the Rotary motto, “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”. Until this motto is practiced, it is only words.

Rotarian #4

Rotary gives us an opportunity to grow as men and women. 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.

When you practice, “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”, you will realize another Rotary motto, “HE OR SHE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES THE BEST”.

Rotarian #5

Attendance at Rotary is greatly valued. The honor and privilege of Rotary membership carries with it duties and obligations. You will be expected to attend the club's meetings regularly, to perform your share of club service, and to place your knowledge and talents at the disposal of the club in its task of carrying the principles of Rotary into the daily life of the community.

Rotarian #6

The Four Way Test is an ethical guide for Rotarians. It has been translated into more than 100 languages and is often recited at Rotary gatherings:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotarian #7

“The object of Rotary consists of four components:

1. FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. SECOND: High ethical standards in businesses and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Rotarian #8

3. THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
4. FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

President

That concludes this induction ceremony. We are proud to accept you into Rotary and, for this moment, you are the newest Rotarian in the entire world. Welcome!

President and Sponsor

President hands pin to Sponsor who pins it on inductee.

President presents plaques: Four Way Test --- Object of Rotary

Shakes hand

"Welcome to Rotary"