



## new member Ceremony Key Club international

**Instructions:** It is recommended that the New Member Ceremony be performed soon after membership recruitment. The ceremony may be a part of a club meeting or done in conjunction with a special meal, service project, or event welcoming new members.

### **Options:**

- Invite members of your sponsoring Kiwanis club, the school principal, parents, and members of the Key Club to attend.
- Have new members stand on stage/front of room or stand in audience.
- Have one designate read the ceremony, while another designate shakes hands and distributes member pins as names are announced.
- Hand out membership pins/certificates, if available.
- Read a poem or story before or after the ceremony, or include a traditional activity in which your club participates to welcome new members.
- Provide a small gift or create a member-orientation packet for all new members.

### **Ceremony:**

“Welcome Key Club members, Kiwanians, and distinguished guests. Today we celebrate and induct our newest members of Key Club.

I would like to invite our club’s New Members to come forward at this time.

*<Pause until all members come forward>*

*<Read off new members names and hand out pins/certificates, optional>*

Because of your shared interest in serving your home, school, and community, it is a great privilege to welcome you into our club. Joining Key Club provides you the opportunity to serve by participating in projects and events. Active participation in projects further develop your leadership skills and provides personal development, and great fellowship opportunities.

Our constant goal is to be a vital force in the organization, make membership more meaningful to our members and more valuable in its service.

As each of you give your best, remember the vision of Key Club International: To develop competent, capable, and caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

At this time I would like each of you to make your membership pledge by repeating after me.

I pledge, on my honor,

*<New members repeat in unison>*

to uphold the Objects of Key Club International;

*<New members repeat in unison>*

to build my home, school and community;

*<New members repeat in unison>*

to serve my nation and God;

*<New members repeat in unison>*

and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

*<New members repeat in unison>*

Then with great pride I induct you as members of the (insert club name or school) Key Club. Key Club expects great things from your continued membership in the Kiwanis family, just as we know that membership will bring many rewarding experiences into your life.

Congratulations. Please join me in welcoming our newest Key Club members.”

*<Applaud>*