



New member ceremony

Instructions: The new member ceremony should happen soon after fall membership recruitment. (If your club recruits members throughout the entire year, consider having a mid-year new member ceremony.) The ceremony may be part of a club meeting, or held at a different time and place with a special meal or service project.

Ideas to make your new member ceremony memorable

- Invite the school principal, parents and immediate family of the inductees, current Key Club members and members of your sponsoring Kiwanis club.
- Ask new members stand on stage, in front of the room or stand in the audience.
- Request that one club officer read the ceremony script while another shakes hands and distributes member pins as names are announced.
- Hand out membership pins and/or certificates, if available.
- Read a poem or story before or after the ceremony, or include a traditional activity your club participates in to welcome new members.
- Create a member orientation packet for all new members.
- Give each new member a small present.

Ceremony

"Welcome Key Club members, Kiwanians, distinguished guests and families. Today we celebrate and induct our newest members of Key Club. We are pleased to welcome them to our club and are looking forward to a wonderful year of service and fellowship with them.

I would like to invite our new members to come forward at this time.

<Pause until all members come forward>

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

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

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

As each of you give your best, remember the vision of Key Club International: We are caring and competent servant leaders transforming communities worldwide.

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 it is with great pride that 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.”

a Kiwanis-family member

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