

# New Member Induction and Pledge

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This occasion marks the beginning of your opportunity for participating through fellowship and friendship, in the activities of your club on behalf of your community. Through your personal service as an optimist you will have the opportunity to help repay, in various ways, the debt we all owe our community for the privilege of enjoying its many benefits. You will learn the Optimist Creed and its significance, a genuine challenge to the life of all men and women. You will be inspired by our slogan, "Friend of Youth".

In all these things we seek to make our indelible mark on the life, progress and welfare of our communities, our nation and our peoples. But only by your regular attendance at meetings, and active participation in your club's activities, can you be rewarded with a fuller life and the self-satisfaction that comes to each of us as we serve our community and its youth.

We therefore ask, as we admit you to the fellowship of Optimism, if you too, will join our company, our friendship and our fellowship, in efforts to strive towards these objectives. If you do, please answer, "I DO".

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby pledge / that I will do my best /at all times / to live by the spirit of the Optimist Creed / and I will also give of my time /and talents / as generously as possible / to support the activities / of my club, /my district /and Optimist International.

Now, being aware of the responsibilities, opportunities and privileges available to you as a member, on behalf of the officers and members of the Sponsor Club, the \_\_\_\_\_ District and Optimist International, I am happy to offer you my hand of Optimist Friendship. We are happy to have you as a member.

Your President \_\_\_\_\_ will present you with your new member kit and your membership pin. President \_\_\_\_\_ will then review the expectations of each new member to join our Optimist Club.

(If the President is conducting the Induction, the new member's sponsor could present the new member kit and their membership pin.)