

## INITIATION CEREMONY

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It is always a pleasure to welcome a new member into Ruritan. It is the privilege of our club to welcome \_\_\_\_\_ as our newest member(s).

Please come forward.

You have been chosen a member of this club by your fellow members because they believe you manifest those qualities of leadership and service needed in Ruritan.

Ruritan's main purpose is service to the community-the center of American Life. From the community come our ideals, our integrity, our moral strength, and our leadership. These qualities are usually no stronger in the American people than they are in the communities in which they live. Ruritan is building a better America by helping to build better communities.

Membership in a Ruritan Club is an honor and a privilege. However, because service is the keynote, it also involves duties and obligations. These should be performed by you with faithfulness and enthusiasm.

You will serve as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee. \_\_\_\_\_ is its chair. As you serve on this committee and become involved in club activities, you will experience the satisfaction of working together and sharing the accomplishments of the club. This involvement creates an opportunity for fellowship that is seldom equaled.

I congratulate you and present you with this lapel button, and I am sure you will wear it with dignity and pride.

# INITIATION OF A NEW MEMBER

*Note to initiating officer:*

1. Review this card prior to the initiation ceremony.
2. Be sure you know the new member's name.
3. Be sure the new member has been properly voted into the club and indoctrinated.
4. Be sure you know the new member's committee appointment and the committee chair's name.
5. Have lapel button or new member kit ready for presentation
6. Be sure the member is welcomed at the close of the meeting.



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