

Sample New Pilot Club Member Initiation

New member initiations may be formal or informal. The idea is to make it special with a short, simple and to-the-point presentation. Speak from the heart as you welcome new members.

Ask that all members come to the front and stand together. (You may wish to include sponsors.)

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome and initiate you as a member of the Pilot Club of _____.

You are not only joining this Pilot Club, but also the _____ District and Pilot International, bonding with clubs in the United States, the Bahamas, Japan and South Africa. Pilot International was founded in 1921 on the principles of friendship and service.

Together, we will passionately impact the world fulfilling Pilot's mission to *influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service focusing on preparing youth and young adults for service; encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.*

(names of members being installed), having indicated a desire to become an active member of our club, do you agree to embrace the initiatives of Pilot International, committing your gifts, time and service to its mission and participating in activities and fundraisers to support our areas of service?

(Response)

We encourage you to learn all you can about Pilot International by actively participating in the activities of this Pilot club. On behalf of each member of the Pilot Club of _____, we welcome you. We know that you will share your Pilot membership and experiences with your friends and family as a way to encourage them and help us make an even larger impact in communities around the world. Together, as Pilots, we strive to **"Do More. Care More." and "Be More."**

Congratulations!

(Lead applause)

Pilot International will be mailing you a packet with lots of valuable information about our organization. You are encouraged to read this information carefully, visit our website (www.pilotinternational.org) frequently, and contact a club member or mentor regarding questions you may have, especially during your first year as a Pilot.

At this time, the new member pins and optional name badges may be presented to the new members. If sponsors are included, you may wish to add recognition for them into your script,)

Some ideas you might consider are:

- Let the new members light a candle from a larger Club Candle
- Have existing members/sponsors and/or officers pin the new members
- Use other props such as flowers, trinkets or other special keepsakes as a gift for each
- in smaller groups each member's name could be read aloud as they are presented with their pin/gift
- Have Pilot Sponsors be a part of the Service or at least introduced at some point
- Incorporate the Pilot Pledge or Code of Ethics

No matter how you use this ceremony, make sure to take lots of pictures for the Club scrapbooks, posting on ALL of the Pilot Facebook pages, and submitting for inclusion on the website or in the Pilot Log.