

INDUCTION CEREMONY SCRIPT

PRESIDENT: Now that everyone has joined us, we will begin. Welcome to the 2020 Orion High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. We are gathered here to formally recognize those learners who have been selected by the mentors of our school. For current members and those former members who may be here, we hope this will serve to remind you of the standards of excellence you too are charged with **maintaining** as members of the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program.

Our chapter is proud to be inducting these new members with today's ceremony indicating the continuing emphasis on excellence that we represent for Orion High School, and the communities we represent across the United States and around the world. Throughout the year, members of our chapter serve as role models for other learners. In addition to the strong academic records which established our eligibility for membership, our chapter members are leaders in their communities, by participating in activities that serve the greater good. We are proud of this record of accomplishment and welcome these new members who bring new energy in support of our continuing work as NHS members.

It is as this time that we proclaim to all in attendance, that membership in the Orion High School Chapter of the National Honor Society has been earned by these candidates through the effective demonstration of the four qualities that serve as standards for the Society. Members of the chapter will now review these qualities for the candidates. (pause)

We begin with 'Scholarship'.

SCHOLARSHIP: *[light the candle from the lit candle on the table and places it in the first holder of the candelabra.]* "Scholarship denotes a commitment to learning. An Orion learner is willing to spend hours in reading and study, knowing the lasting benefits of a cultivated mind. We should continue to learn even when formal education has ended, for human education ends only with the end of life. Knowledge is one great element in life, which leads to the highest success and it can be acquired in only one way—through diligence and effort. Learning furnishes the lamp by which we read the past, the torch guiding us to understand the present and the light that illuminates the future. Candidates have the charge to continually expand their world through the opportunities inherent in scholarship."

PRESIDENT: "Leadership."

LEADERSHIP: *[light the candle from the lit candle on the table and places it in the next holder of the candelabra.]*

“Leadership should exert a wholesome influence on the school. In taking initiative in the classroom and in community activities (or school activities), the real leader strives to train and aid others to reach their common goals of success. The price of leadership is sacrifice—the willingness to yield one’s personal interests for the interests of others. A leader has self-confidence and will go forward when others hesitate. No matter what power and resources may exist in a school, community, or nation, they are ineffectual without the guidance of a wise leader. Leadership is always needed; thus, to lead is a meaningful and substantive charge to each of our members.”

PRESDIENT: “Service.”

SERVICE: *[light the candle from the lit candle on the table and places it in the next holder of the candelabra.]*

“Next is service. Service can be established in the routine of the day’s work where many opportunities arise to help others in and around the communities in which we live. A willingness to work for the benefit of those in need, without monetary compensation or public recognition, is the quality we seek in our membership and promote for the entire student body. We are committed to volunteering our time and talents to the creation of a better tomorrow.”

PRESDIENT: “Character.”

CHARACTER: *[light the candle from the lit candle on the table and places it in the next holder of the candelabra.]*

“Character is the force within the individual that distinguishes each person from others. It creates for each of us our individuality, our goodness. It is that without which no one can respect oneself, nor hope to attain the respect of others. It is this force of Character that guides one through life and, once developed, grows steadily within. Character is achieved and not received. It is the product of constant thought and action, the daily striving to make the right choice. The problem of Character is the problem of self-control. We must be in reality what we wish to appear to others—to be rather than seem. By demonstrating such qualities as respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship, we may hope to prove by example that we value Character.”

PRESIDENT: “At this time, will the new inductees please raise your right hand, and repeat the pledge.”

PLEDGE: (pause at the end of each line for candidates to repeat ON camera):

I pledge to uphold
The high purposes of the National Honor Society
To which I have been selected;
I will be true to the principles for which it stands;
And will always maintain and encourage
The high standards
Of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

PRESIDENT: "Thank you.

SECRETARY: *Now, call each of the new members by name to welcome them.*

PRESIDENT: "And now, Dr. Gallegos, our advisor will offer a few words.

Now, begin your first meeting, and set expectations for members. (See next page)

Agenda of the first fall meeting of the National Honor Society:

President: I now call this official monthly meeting to order at _____ time. Our secretary will now call roll. Members present must say "here" when their name is called.

Secretary: Call Roll

President: The following members have an excused absence for today's meeting.

President: I will now review the by-laws of our chapter, especially focusing on Community Service Requirements. (the by-laws will have been posted in the room)

President: Is there any old business for the chapter?

Parliamentarian: Yes, Mr. President. We have two items for change in the by-laws for our chapter. The first one is to make a decision on member dues for the chapter.

Adviser: Will speak to dues

President: Do I hear a motion on the dues?

President: Do I hear a second?

President: All in favor say aye. All against? Secretary will record ___ aye; and ___ nay;

President: What is the second item of Old Business?

Parliamentarian: Mr. President, the second item is to make a decision on the type of community service, or to allow members to do whatever they would like?

President: Is there a motion?

Members may make a motion or not

If there is no motion, then it stays the same

If someone makes a motion: "I _____ move that we....."

President: Is there a second?

Members may second

If there's a second, then president opens discussion

If there's no discussion, then restate the motion and take a vote.

President is there any other old business?

President: Is there any new business?

If so, follow the parliamentary procedures above

If no, then president says: Since there is no new business, we will continue to the Good of Our Order

Good of Our Order – Members may state/say anything they want.

President: Are there any announcements?

President: The next meeting of the NHS chapter will be on _____

President: Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Member must make a motion, and it must be seconded.

After the second, the President states: Our meeting is adjourned.