

INDUCTION SERVICE FOR NEW MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:

The primary purpose of Credit Professionals International, is to promote the interest of CPI in our industry, and in part, to further the education of our members in the methods, practices, and general procedures of credits and collections; to promote good will, fellowship, and a better understanding among our members through personal contact and association; also, to bring about a closer cooperation between those employed in the credit industry.

INDUCTING OFFICER:

Under the direction of Edith Shaw Johnson, Credit Professionals International began in April 1930 in Portland Oregon. Known originally as the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs, the principles and purposes of the organization have remained the same.

The _____ Local Association held its first organized meeting on _____ . We are affiliated with both the District and the International organization of Credit Professionals International. We are part of _____ - Council that comprises District _____. The motto we follow is FAITH, VISION AND COURAGE.

THE CPI TRIANGLE – THE SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE

In over 75 local associations scattered over the continent of North America: North, South, East and West, you will find more than 800 members wearing a pin which carries the emblem representing the ideals and purposes for which we were organized.

The CPI triangle pin is symbolic as well as attractive. The triangle shape itself has always stood for unity, and the three sides come together to form a balanced whole.

The rays emanating from the base of the triangle indicate the far-reaching impact of Credit Professionals International.

At the base of the triangle - the source of the rays – is YOU, the MEMBER. The individual members are the foundation upon which the entire organization is built. They are the beams, which radiate education, community service and dedication to excellence in personal and professional endeavors.

From the member base come five rays. These represent the various spheres influenced by the actions of the members. They are The Local Association, State, District, International, and Non-members who are affected by CPI, such as employers and consumers. The strength of the membership base strengthens each of these groups, building momentum as it travels to each level.

PRESIDENT:

(Light four candles)

During our induction service, we have four lighted candles which stand for the LOCAL ASSOCIATION and the three principles for which it stands, FAITH – VISION – COURAGE. We must have FAITH in our fellowmen, which is so necessary today: VISION to look forward to better things and happier thoughts; COURAGE to do and say what we feel is right.

Will you kindly repeat the Pledge of our Local Association after me?

“ I hereby pledge myself to promote the interest – of Credit Professionals International in their industry – to further the education of its members – in the methods, practices and general procedures – of credit and collection – to promote good will and fellowship – and to bring about a closer cooperation – between all those employed in the credit

industry – I further agree to uphold and abide – by the rules and principle of our organization – known as the _____ CPI Local Association.”

Please sign our membership register.

Presentation of CPI handbook, copy of local bylaws, membership pin etc.

(These items vary from Local Association to Local Association. The corporate office also has a new member kit available.)

Introduce new members to other members.

PRESIDENT

Now that you have seen our Symbol of Excellence, the CPI pin, you have taken the Local Association pledge, and signed the Local Association membership register, you are now officially a member of the Credit Professionals International Local Association of _____.

Will our other members please rise and all repeat in unison, our Creed that guides us in our work.

Welcome by Local Association President

Welcome by Inducting Officer

Dismiss new members to be seated