



Honorary Member Ceremony

President: "It is always a pleasure to receive honorary members into the FFA. The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize, from time to time, the efforts of others made on our behalf. Mr./Mdm. Secretary or Secretary (Last Name), please read the section of the national constitution which provides for honorary membership." (Reads Article 5, Section E.)

Secretary: "Honorary membership—farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention."

President: "Mr./Mdm. Secretary or Secretary (Last Name), will you introduce those who are to receive this honor?"

Secretary: "Mr./Mdm. President or President (Last Name), members and guests, I am pleased to read the following names:"

(Secretary reads the names of the recipient(s)).

President: "Will the officers take their places beside me? Will the ushers please present the candidates?"

(To explain why the honor is being conferred, the secretary gives a summary of what each candidate has done.)

Sentinel*: "I welcome you as friends of the FFA. It is my privilege as sentinel to extend to each of you the symbolic handclasp of friendship and brotherhood."

Reporter*: "As reporter, I am pleased to inform you that the FFA is a national youth organization whose purpose is to develop agricultural leaders. Welcome to membership."

Treasurer*: "Your contribution as a useful citizen in our democracy serves as an example for our members to follow. As treasurer, I welcome you to our organization."

Secretary*: "The FFA needs counsel and guidance from recognized leaders. It is my pleasure as secretary to add your names to our roll of honorary members."

Vice President*: "As vice president, I welcome you to the FFA. I would inform you that our members learn to appreciate the dignity of labor. Without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much."

President: "On behalf of every member, I wish to say we are proud to have you as honorary members. May this affiliation prove valuable to all. I impress upon you that we look to you for counsel and guidance. It is because of the great respect we have for you that you have been elected to honorary membership. May we always cooperate for the benefit of all. I now confer upon you honorary membership in the _____ FFA (chapter, association, etc.) and present you with this token of membership."

**These portions may be omitted if it is desired to shorten this ceremony. Italicized portions may be omitted in the event that officers other than those indicated are presenting the parts.*