



Rotary Protocol & Etiquette & Decorum

Rotary Marks

Rotary Code of Policies



“There are many organizations of an international character, most of them formed for promoting a definite objective. And most of them, no doubt, are quite worthy. But may I call your attention to the fact that there is no other international organization such as Rotary, for it is the one great international organization which is non-political, non-sectarian, non-secret, and not for financial gain.”

- Ed. R. Johnson



CLUB MEETINGS

The weekly meetings are primarily fellowship meetings and should not be used to make decisions on club problems, financial matters, the details of club projects and plans. The Manual of Procedures is clear in stipulating that the Board of Directors is the governing body of the club and decides on those issues in meetings separate from the weekly fellowship meetings. If the Board needs to consult the members, it may call for a club Assembly.



Rotary Invocations

Rotary Invocations should be short and simple, acceptable to any religious denomination. Even when members are predominantly catholic, protestant or other, the Rotary Invocation should be inter-denominational.



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Welcoming of Visiting Rotarians and Guests should be explicitly recognized. When recognizing, mention first the name of the Club, classification or profession , designation in the Club or District and finally name in a sentence as follows: ‘Fellow Rotarians, ladies and Gentlemen, please, help me welcome, “(Title, their name and name of their club)”. Then lead in the applause.



Introductions During Rotary Functions

Proper recognition of the dedicated volunteers who serve Rotary at various levels is an important part of the "culture and tradition" of our organization. This recognition is part of the "compensation" of those who dedicate a significant portion of their lives to the important work of Rotary.



RI Introductions Protocol

The following order of protocol shall be used to introduce, present and seat all current, past, and future officers of RI and its Foundation, committee members, and their spouses at all RI meetings, functions, and receiving lines:

International President (or President's representative)

President-elect

Vice-President

Treasurer

Other Directors

Past Presidents (in order of seniority)

Trustee Chairman



ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES – JANUARY 2016

Article 21 (21.020) Use of Name “ROTARY” & Emblem

Article 21 (21.020.6) Use of Rotary Marks

Article 26 (26.080) Protocol – Introductions, Presenting & Seating

Article 33 Rotary Marks - Definitions



**CLUB VISIT OF THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



Rotary Clubs must fulfill one of the few duties that is actually required by Rotary International, which is to host the District Governor for the official District Governor club visit. The District Governor will meet with the Club board approximately 30 minutes to one hour prior to the meeting. The District Governor will be the program for your meeting the day of their visit.



We have learned that a few Rotary clubs are sponsoring or hosting gun and knife shows, shooting tournaments and hunts and are using Rotary's trademarks on materials for these events. As you may know, the RI Board has set forth guidelines for use of the Rotary Marks by Rotary clubs for sponsorship and cooperative relationship purposes, and this policy prohibits clubs from accepting relationships that support the use of harmful products, including weapons and other armaments; see the relevant Rotary Code of Policies Section.