

## 211-3 THE Y'S MEN'S INDUCTION CEREMONY

### IT MEANS SOMETHING TO BE A Y'S MAN (PART I)

It means something to be a Y's Man means something to be an idealist - one whose expressing itself in sacrificial altruism.

Various organizations have various business prominence, some social standing, some athletic prowess, and so on. But, we know of none that some athletic prowess on basis of membership **Unselfishness of Character** - except the Y's Men!

One who seeks increased business, social, intellectual or athletic opportunities, will find them in greater study groups, golf clubs, and a host of other worthy organizations. as these the Y's Men are never in competition.

One who seeks to ally himself with young, active his effectiveness in serving his fellow men - one who asks in return nothing but the rarest fellowship bound but the rarest unselfishness of character - will find his Men's Club.

### TO BE LOYAL TO THE YMCA (PART 2)

Second. To be a Y's Man means to be Second. To be a Y's Man means to be Association. Y's Men und Association. Y's Men und dormitory, any more than a dining room is the Y's Men's Club. Nor is an institution promoted by professional directors an association, a union of persons acting together for an association, a union of persons. The persons are young men who strive to You and I and our fellow members, we are trained specialists whom we retain to supervise our trained specialists whom we retain an instrument to facilitate the accomplishment of our common aims.

Next to the church the Y is the greatest character builder in the emphasis on the young people of day schools and colleges it is one of the great world leader in physical education and development. It has few rivals in breaking down the vicious barriers ere cultures throughout the world. It is a leading foe of international racial injustice, and thus a powerful force never disparaging true patriotism.

**The central purpose of the Y's personal and united effort in carrying forward every phase program of the Young Men's Christian Association.**

Third.Third. To Third. To be a Y's Third. To be a Y's Man means to be **World Minded**. Europe, Europe, Asia, Africa, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, all imbued with the same idealism, all working towards the same objectives, one of which is "To achieve peace and inter-racial justice."

We hold that "The measure of a man is the breadth of his interests; if he is indifferent to international or inter-racial local affairs he is not interested in other lands; if he is limited by the narrow confines of his own domain he does not measure up to the standard of the Y's Man, whose horizon is world-wide."

#### **TOTO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERYTO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY (PART 4)**

Fourth.Fourth. Fourth. To be a Fourth. To be a Y's Man means "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right." This motto was adopted by the Y's Men because of the tendency of most people to insist upon full enjoyment of all their rights, remaining oblivious to the corresponding duties.

Just as the green light giving right of way to a car have a corresponding red light to warn traffic on the cross-street of its duty to stop, so every right we enjoy is founded upon a corresponding duty.

Our motto is a constant challenge to us to pay less heed to our rights, and more to the discovery and discharge of our duties - to transfer the emphasis from rights to duties.

#### **TO BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACTIVE (PART 5)**

Fifth.Fifth. To be a Y's Man means to be **Enthusiastic**. The constitution says there shall be but one fellow who absorbs his fill of food, give time and energy to the serious work of the club, among the Y's Men. **Enthusiasm** is derived from the Greek word 'Theos' meaning 'God'. An enthusiastic activity of the Y's Men does not mean doing things noisily; it means a continuously inspired activity.

Varily, it means something to be a Y's Man; to be an idealist, to be world minded, to emphasize not the Y, to be world minded, to be enthusiastically active. If this is the basis upon which you will so signify by raising your hand affirmatively, thereby pledging your devotion to the club.

(Pause for reply)

Having made this public avowal you are now Having made this public avowal you are now  
the Y's Men. the Y's Men. (Hand lapel button to each candidate; if the Y's Men. (Hand lapel  
an emblem on the wall, and direct attention to it). You will see an emblem on the wall,  
emblem consists first of a triangle, the emblem consists first of a triangle,  
denote its three-fold program of spirit, mind and body denote its three-fold  
border of the triangle appears the word "**international**" indicative of the  
scope of our brotherhood and the breadth of our purpose of our brotherhood  
triangle you see a golden star shedding rays of light on the triangle you see a golden  
**Club**". This star symbol. This star symbol. This star symbolizes the **Star of Bethlehem**  
centuries ago guided the Three Wise Men of the East to the Star of Bethlehem  
Even as the Star of Bethlehem served as a guide to the Wise Men of the East,  
East, so may the golden star in this emblem, representing our club, serve as a constant guide to  
our club, serve as a constant guide to the true realization of the nobility of unselfish service.

I am grateful to pronounce you Y's Men - and I am grateful to pronounce you Y's Men - and I am grateful  
(and Women) of and for the Y - and I rejoice to extend to you on the handclasp of Y's fellowship.  
Y's Men everywhere the handclasp of Y's fellowship.

