

Order of the Engineer

The Order of the Engineer induction ceremony will be conducted at the 2005 Engineers Week Dinner, February 24, by Richard Culver, Ph.D., Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Engineering Design at Binghamton University. He will be assisted in fee collection (\$10 to cover the cost of the ring and certificate) and ring sizing by Binghamton University Watson School engineering students.

If interested in joining the Order, please fill out the form below and mail with your E-Week dinner reservation to the address below. (The ceremony will only be conducted if there is evidence of sufficient interest in advance of the E-Week Dinner). For questions, please contact Dr. Culver by telephone at (607) 778-2880 (w) or by e-mail: rculver@stny.rr.com.

The Order of the Engineer was initiated in the United States in 1970 to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the profession, to bridge a gap between training and practice, and to present to the public a visible symbol identifying the engineer. The first ceremony was held in the Spring of 1970 on the campus of Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio. The Order is for all engineers, so it quickly spread to other areas where qualified engineers were invited to accept the Obligation of the Order and to wear its stainless steel ring. (The first induction ceremony held by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers was in the Fall of 1983).

Those who participated in the formation of the Order believe it is a fellowship of engineers trained in science and technology and dedicated to teaching, administration or practice of their profession. Initiation into the Order includes adherence to a Creed and acceptance of a stainless steel ring to be worn on the little finger of the working hand. The ring is a constant reminder of the wearer's Calling, a bond of strength in adversity, and assurance that one is not alone in his or her endeavor, but is joined by a vast number of fellows with a common purpose and resolution. It is also a badge of recognition, which will be known to the public. It is worn with pride and viewed with honor.

After initiation into the Order, there are no further meetings to attend or dues to pay. The Obligation is voluntary and for life. It does not replace or compete with NSPE, ASCE, ASME, IEEE, SWE or any other educational, scientific or engineering organization, but lends dignity and significance to those who are members.

The Order of the Engineer is an indication of pride in engineering by a professional that believes in learned preparation and devoted service. Only those who have met high standards of engineering training, administration, or practice and who voluntarily accept the Obligation are entitled to enter the Order. The ring is not a trinket to be bought or an award to be conferred carelessly. It is rather, the wedding of the Engineer to his or her profession.

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Reservation for Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Engineering Degree(s), University, Year Earned: _____

Engineering Society Affiliation(s): _____

Mail: Engineers Week Dinner; c/o ASHRAE Twin Tiers Chapter; PO Box 6786; Ithaca, NY 14851-6786

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