**Rotary Introduction Protocols:**

26.080.  RI Protocol

The following order of protocol is recommended for introducing, presenting, and seating all current, past, and future officers of RI and its Foundation, committee members, and their spouses at all RI meetings, functions, and receiving lines, and for listing in all RI publications:

**Larger/International Meetings (IE: PETS, ZONE Institute, RI Conventions, District Conferences)**

RI President (or president’s representative)

RI Past presidents (in order of seniority)

RI President-elect

RI President-nominee

RI Vice-president

RI Treasurer

RI Director Executive committee chair

Other RI Directors

RI Trustee chair

RI Trustee chair-elect

RI Trustee vice-chair

Other RI Trustees

RI General secretary

RI Past Directors (in order of seniority)

RI Directors-elect

RI Past Trustees (in order of seniority)

RI Incoming trustees

RI Directors-nominee

RI Past General Secretaries (in order of seniority)

President, immediate past president, vice-president, and honorary treasurer of RIBI

District Governors

Past District Governors (in order of seniority)

Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and endowment/major gift advisers

District Governors-Elect

District Governors-Nominee

District Governors-Designate

At Rotary functions, officers should be addressed according to protocol only once with spouses included at the time of introduction.  Individuals holding more than one office or past office, shall be ranked by the highest current or past office held.

After the recommended order of protocol above, the following additional order of protocol is recommended and should be modified to fit local customs and practice:

**Smaller/Regional Meetings (IE: District Conferences, Pre-PETS, Club Meetings)**

District Governor

Past District Governors (in order of seniority)

Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and endowment/major gift advisers

District Governors-Elect

District Governors-Nominee

District Governors-Designate

Assistant District Governors

District Secretaries

District Treasurers

District Committee Chairs

Club Presidents

Club Presidents-Elect

Club Vice-Presidents

Club Secretaries

Club Treasurers

Club Sergeants-At-Arms

Other club board members

Club committee chairs

Past assistant governors

Rotarians

Rotary alumni

Rotarians’ families

At district meetings, Rotarians visiting from a foreign country may be placed before local Rotarians of the same rank, as a courtesy.

High-ranking non-Rotarians may be given precedence in ranking according to local custom.  Clubs and districts are encouraged to advise guests if protocol places Rotarians before non-Rotarians.  (October 2014 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 38)