

Florida Master Guide Induction Ceremony

_____	Director
Director lights	Spirit of Pathfinding Candle – Large, Thick White Candle
_____	Guide Candle – Yellow Candle
_____	Master Guide Candle – Gold Candle
_____	Pathfinder Leadership Award – Red Candle
_____	Pathfinder Instructor’s Award – Blue Candle
_____	Pathfinder Pledge– White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Law – White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Aim – White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Motto – White Candle
_____	Inductees Affirmation
_____	Master Guide Charge
_____	Prayer

Inductees, please come forward.

Inductees, please be seated.

***Director:* I hereby declare the induction ceremony of the Florida Conference Master Guide Program now in order.**

Light the Spirit of Pathfinderering Candle.

For the light of our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinderering. The candle which I now light represents this spirit. It is the Spirit of Adventure, Fun, Learning, Camaraderie, Awareness, and Awakening, and above all, a Spirit of Reverence and a Spirit of Service to God and man. This candle represents the light that Master Guides shed on this dark world. It stands for shining Master Guide examples, showing how the Christian life is happy, healthful and filled with service to others.

This light is, of itself, NOT complete or sufficient. To introduce the complementary lights we call on our Master Guide Staff to assist in the ceremony.

Guide Candle – Yellow Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the spirit of the Adventurer, ETracker and Pathfinder levels.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, who have previously been invested in Pathfinder levels. We, in the past, have completed Eager Beavers, Busy Bees, Friends, or Guides. The completion of these levels have allowed us to mature spiritually and prepare ourselves for Master Guide Ministry.

Christ through Paul says, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put away childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I know fully, even as I am fully grown.”

I represent those whose goal it is to be with our Master Guide, Jesus Christ, and have advanced toward that goal, as members in the Adventurer, ETracker and Pathfinder Clubs.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Master Guide Candle – Gold Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Master Guide level.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, for the Master Guide level. The Master Guide Level is a course of study, that will help one to lead young people, to a greater knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus, our Savior.

Jesus, through Isaiah said, “I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths they have not know, I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light and the rough places into level ground.”

A Master Guide is an experienced leader of Christian Youth, training them for service to God. A Master Guide is to exemplify the Fruits of the Spirit, and the Character of our Heavenly Father, and the Characteristics of Jesus Christ, our personal Master Guide. Completing the Master Guide level is the final regular step in Pathfinders.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Leadership Award – Red Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Pathfinder Leadership Award.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates for the Pathfinder Leadership Award. The PLA is a course of study, for those who are Master Guides, and feel the calling to grow in Youth Leadership and Christian Service.

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

As PLA candidates we will expand our knowledge of Pathfinder Programming, strengthen our leadership and planning skills, find new ways of supporting Pathfinder Clubs, and organize new ways of introducing others to Jesus.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Instructor's Award – Blue Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Pathfinder Instructor Award.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, for the Pathfinder Instructor's Award. The PIA is a course of study for Master Guides, who have completed the PLA requirements, who feel the calling to teach counselors, staff and directors Pathfinders skills and spiritual applications.

Jesus said, "But you are not to be called Master, for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and he who ever humbles himself will be exalted."

As PIA candidates, we will learn to organize curriculum materials, present seminars, and join the pool of qualified instructors available to the Florida Conference and Local Clubs, and be of greater service to our Master Guide.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

After the lighting of the Level candles, the director says, These candles are symbolic of the good things of the Master Guide Program, emphasizing the high ideals for which the program stands, and the growth the Master Guide candidate has made in their ministry; in the past, is currently making, and will be making in the future.

We now turn to the representatives of the high calling and character to which we are called.

Pathfinder Pledge– White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the Pathfinder Pledge.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I dedicate myself to the commitments of the Pathfinder Pledge. We have felt the calling to the Pathfinder Ministry of Christ and are advancing his ministry by living our lives according to his principles, and being involved with his children.

“And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of the Lord, and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might; so that we may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us in the share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I vow to keep the Pathfinder Pledge.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Law – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the Pathfinder Law.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, who by the Grace of Christ, will live by the principles of the Pathfinder Law. We will achieve the high ideals, by covering ourselves with Christ’s righteousness and letting him lead in our lives.

“I will give you an undivided heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you, your heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh. Then you will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I vow to keep the Pathfinder Law.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Aim – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the Pathfinder Aim.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates who's aim is, to spread the Advent message to all the world in this generation. We are eagerly awaiting the soon return of Christ, and want to hasten that moment, by our personal involvement.

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come – the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where ‘the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever;’ where ‘the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick,’ and ‘the voice of weeping shall be no more heard.’

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, my aim is, the Pathfinder Aim.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Motto – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the Pathfinder Motto.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, whose motto is: The Love of Christ constraineth us. Love is the reason for the creation of the world, Love is the reason for Christ laying down his life on the cross, and Love is the reason for Pathfinder Ministry.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you; and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, my motto is the Pathfinder Motto.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

After the lighting of the pledge, law, aim and motto candles, the Director says:

On behalf of the candidate's representatives and on behalf of the Florida Conference, I accept the candidate's vows to dedicate themselves to their Master Guide, PLA and PIA level of study; to live according Pathfinder Pledge and Law; and direct their lives according to the Pathfinder Aim and Motto.

Master Guide, PLA and PIA Candidates,

Attention; Candidates, Front and Center.

Inductees Affirmation

_____ will lead the Inductees in their
Affirmation of the principles of Master Guides.

Inductees, I now ask you to affirm your dedication to the high principles of the Master Guide Program and repeat the Pathfinder Pledge, Law, Aim and Motto aloud. Please repeat after me:

**We hereby declare that I,
(please say your own name):
Will keep the morning watch;
I will care for my body;
I will keep a level eye;
I will be courteous and obedient;
I will walk softly in the
sanctuary;
I will keep a song in my heart;
I will go on God's errands.
I will, by the Grace of God,**

**Be pure, kind, and true;
I will be a servant of God;
I will be a friend of man.

My aim is to spread,
The Advent Message;
To all the World;
In my generation.

My motto is,
The Love of Christ Constraineth
Me.**

Thank you for your commitment. Please move forward, receive your candle, and light your candle from the Spirit of Pathfinding Candle.

Inductees light their own candles

The Director says, “**You are now being presented with a candle which you may now light from the spirit of Pathfinding candle.**”

As your light is now added to the other lights of our Program, we charge you in the presence of these Pathfinders leaders present, to let your light shine before others, in the spirit of Pathfinding.

_____ will now give the
Master Guide Charge.

Master Guide Charge

As a representative of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, it is my privilege to ask each one of you to re-dedicate and re-commit your lives to Jesus as you are inducted into this Master Guide Program.

You have been given the greatest responsibility in the world – to work with God’s young people.

Lighting your candle from the Spirit of Pathfinding candle shows that you are willing to live up to the highest ideals of the Master Guide Program and the principles for which the church stands. The Master Guide Program is a course of study that lasts until Jesus comes.

Christ is our true Master Guide, and he has already shown the way for us. After he takes us home, he will take away these uniforms, sashes and honors we now have; and he will replace them with white robes and golden crowns, as heavenly emblems, for the loving care you have shown, for his young people.

Therefore, you are charged, that by the grace of God; to endeavor every day to cherish these high ideals and principles; to love and obey God in all your life works, words and actions, and to daily draw nearer to God through prayer and Bible Study. By doing so, you will prove to be a true servant of God and a friend to man, every day, so long as you live.

We trust and pray that you will always be faithful to God and man, and uphold the worthy ideals for which the Church stands.

From this day forward, we pray that each of you will realize the job God wants you to do: lead in His Church programs, love those around you, and be a true servant of God and friends to His young people.

After the Charge

Inductees, Please remain at attention while prayer is offered.

_____ will now lead us in
prayer.

Pathfinders, Attention. Parade Rest. Prayer Attention.

PRAYER

Pathfinders, Attention.

These new Master Guide, PLA and PIA candidates are now inductees of the Florida Conference Master Guide Program.

The Induction Ceremony is now closed. You are dismissed.