

All engineers are invited to accept the "Obligation of the Engineer" by joining The Order of the Engineer in a special ceremony in Columbus, OH during the MS&T'11 meeting.

Who is Eligible: Graduating Seniors in Engineering, Practicing Engineers, Professors Teaching Engineering in Accredited Programs

When: Monday, October 17, 2011, after the NICE business meeting at 2 PM

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center

Deadline for application: September 15, 2011

Ethics, integrity, honor . . . each year, we as professionals, stress these concepts more and more strongly. We introduce it in our academic engineering programs and discuss it as a topic at professional meetings. It has become a major issue in our national elections and a "buzzword" in the corporate boardroom. How do these words affect you, the engineer?

The American Ceramic Society's National Institute of Ceramic Engineers (ACerS/NICE) is proud to be a part of the **Order of the Engineer**, an organization which exists "to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, to bridge the gap between training and experience, and to present to the public a visible symbol identifying the engineer."

The Obligation of the Order of the Engineer is similar to the Canadian "Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer" which was initiated in 1926. Initiates will recite an oath acknowledging their obligation as engineers and will accept a stainless steel ring to be worn on the fifth finger of the working hand. The entire ceremony will last for approximately an hour, depending on the number of initiates.

Initiates, as they accept it voluntarily, pledge to uphold the standards and dignity of the engineering profession and to serve humanity by making the best use of Earth's precious wealth with integrity and honor. The Order exists to foster a unity of purpose and encourages engineers to honor their lifelong pledge.

NICE will host the next induction into the Order of the Engineer as part of the MS&T'11 meeting. To be a part of this ceremony, fill out the application form and mail it along with a check for \$25 to The American Ceramic Society. Be sure to provide your ring size (pinky finger of your working hand) as this will be ordered ahead of time for the induction ceremony. You have to have graduated from an accredited program to be initiated into the Order of the Engineer, so please fill that out on the form so we can verify it.

In the event you cannot read or access the form, please contact Marcia Stout at ACerS Headquarters at mstout@ceramics.org or call at (614-794-5821). The one-time cost of joining the Order of the Engineer (includes the ring and certificate; no dues is charged for this organization) is \$25. Please note that the **deadline** for submitting your application is September 15, 2011.

We hope that many of you will recognize the importance of acknowledging our obligation to society as engineers.

Sincerely,

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