

THE ORDER OF THE ENGINEER – FACT SHEET

➤ What is the purpose of the Order of the Engineer?

The purpose of the Order of the Engineer is to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, to bridge the gap between training and practice and to present the public with a visible symbol of identifying the engineer.

➤ Who is eligible to be a member?

- Graduates in engineering from colleges with curricula accredited by ABET
- Seniors in engineering in colleges with curricula accredited by ABET (for Louisiana Tech this means students who will graduate by Winter Quarter 2012)
- Registered professional engineers
- Special engineers who by reason of education, eminence and experience are deemed worthy of the Order.

➤ What are membership activities?

The Order of the Engineer requires a solemn obligation to oneself *“to uphold devotion to the standards and the dignity of (the engineering) profession”*. It is an obligation to turn to, *“practical use, the principles of science and the means of technology... to serve humanity by making the best use of earth’s precious wealth.”*

There are no dues and no meetings of the Order of the Engineer. The induction ceremony includes the presentation of a ring and an Obligation certificate to each inductee. Inductees are encouraged to wear the ring on the fifth finger of the working hand and to display the signed Obligation certificate as visible reminders of the publicly accepted Obligation as a contract with themselves.

The “Obligation” promotes honesty and integrity, and recognizes that today’s engineers are dependent on their predecessors to gain their skills. The personal integrity of a member and respect for the good opinion of his/her peers is the discipline expected of all members of the Order.

➤ When and where is the induction ceremony?

The induction ceremony will be held in the Student Center on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., following the Senior Projects Conference.

➤ Whom do I contact?

Return the enclosed Inductee Information form to Dr. James Nelson, Assoc. Dean of Undergraduate Studies. The return address is on the form. The cost of the ring is \$20.00.

The Deadline is Thursday, April 14, 2011.