The stainless steel ring given to inductees and worn on the little finger of the working hand is an internationally recognized symbol of a professional engineer. It symbolizes acceptance into a profession with roots that can be traced to antiquity, a profession that still plays a vital role in shaping the future.

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The Order of the Engineer was founded in Ohio in 1972 based on the principles of Canada’s “Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer.” Induction into the Order of the Engineer represents an important transition from student to working engineer. Membership in the Order requires neither dues nor attendance at meetings. The Order is strictly a society whose members have agreed to the formal statement known as the “Obligation of an Engineer” and who have agreed to wear the symbolic stainless steel ring as a mark of their professionalism. Any engineer who has graduated from an ABET-accredited college is eligible to be inducted into the Order.

The Induction into the Profession Ceremony

The University of South Florida College of Engineering’s Induction into the Order ceremony is held in conjunction with the University’s commencement exercises. The College holds two Ceremonies each year to coincide with both fall and spring commencement activities. The USF College of Engineering ceremonies is open to the public and friends and family members of the graduates are encouraged to attend. The small, intimate nature of the ceremony gives inductees and their supporters a chance to savor the experience of seeing a student become a professional or an established engineer honor their chosen profession. The highlights of the ceremony include the presentation of faculty members, an address by a guest speaker, the public acceptance of the Obligation of an Engineer, and the placement of the stainless steel ring on each inductee’s finger.

The Oath

I am an Engineer. In my profession I take deep pride. To it I owe solemn obligations.

Since the Stone Age, human progress has been spurred by the engineering genius. Engineers have made usable nature’s vast resources of material and energy for mankind’s benefit. Engineers have vitalized and turned to practical use the principles of science and the means of technology. Were it not for this heritage of accumulated experience, my efforts would be feeble.

As an Engineer, I pledge to practice integrity and fair dealing, tolerance and respect, and to uphold devotion to the standards and dignity of my profession, conscious always that my skill carries with it the obligation to serve humanity by making the best use of earth’s precious wealth.

As an Engineer, in humility and with need for divine guidance, I shall participate in none but honest enterprises. When needed, my skill and knowledge shall be given without reservation for the public good. In the performance of duty and in fidelity to my profession, I shall give the utmost.

The Obligation of the Engineer

The Obligation, or Oath, of the Engineer is similar in nature to the Hippocratic Oath recited by graduating medical students. At the USF College of Engineering Ceremony, graduating students and other inductees affirm the following oath: