

INSTALLATION FOR LIONS CLUB OFFICERS

INSTALLING OFFICER: It is my privilege and pleasure to be with you today to install the officers of this Lions Club for the coming fiscal year.

Lionism began in June, 1917, when a young Chicago Insurance agent, Melvin Jones, presented to a group of separate business clubs the idea of consolidating the individual clubs into one strong influential club with the goal of helping the community and serving humanity without regard to politics, religion, race, or in any way the personal interests of the members.

The Lions are members of the largest service-oriented group of Clubs under an International organisation, where each member enjoys fellowship, develops leadership capacity and dedicates part of their free time to help those in need in their own community first, but also in the rest of the world.

Lion Secretary, have the officers to be installed been properly elected to their respective offices?

(The Secretary attests the election).

The fact that they have been elected by the members of their Club bears witness to the trust placed in them by their fellow Lions. In accord, I too am confident that they can be depended upon to serve their Lions Club and the humanitarian goals of Lionism to the best of their abilities.

It is not my intention to instruct them in detail in their various duties. Their names will be filed in the office of Lions International, from which they will receive information and suggestions for carrying out their various duties. I know they can be depended upon to read and study this informative material carefully, and to execute their duties faithfully. I shall, however, call each officer to the dais, and briefly outline their duties in the club, so that both the officer and all the other Lions will fully understand the role he/she is to play in the Club.

The colors of purple and gold were selected as the official colors of the Association in 1917. To Lions, purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgement, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward mankind.

INSTALLATION OF LION TAMER

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to serve in the role of Lion Tamer. As such, you will be in charge of and responsible for the Club's property. You will see to it that the flags, gong, gavel and banner are properly placed. You are to assist the past presidents as the official greeters, always welcome and introduce all guests and see that places are provided for all.

Will you perform these duties to the best of your ability?

LION TAMER: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF TAIL TWISTER

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to serve in the role of Tail Twister. As such, you will be responsible for maintaining harmony and encouraging good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the best tradition of the Tail Twister. You shall impose and collect the fines at the meetings (and shall use your best judgement when doing so). Much of the success of the meetings will depend upon your resourcefulness in promoting stunts; fun and laughter, making the members forget, for a time at least, their business and any worries they may have. Thus you will break down any reserve which might exist, and draw the members together in closer friendship.

Will you perform these duties to the best of your ability?

TAIL TWISTER: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to serve your club as Membership Chairman. As such, you will chair the committee that is responsible for the growth of this club. Please see to it that all prospective members are properly advised of their obligations to the club and Lions Clubs International. Provide a meaningful induction, and assist the sponsors in keeping the new members informed and active in the club. The Membership Committee will also help with the retention of existing members.

Will you perform these duties to the best of your ability?

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF LIONS CLUB DIRECTORS

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lions _____ and _____, you still have one year to serve as directors. Lions _____ and _____, you have been elected to serve as directors on the Board for two years. With the other officers, you form what is termed the Board of Directors of the Club. Your position is important because you will assist in formulating and executing the policies of the Club. You will faithfully attend the regular and special meetings of the Board and your Club. You will give unselfishly of your time and effort to advance your club and Lions International.

Will you perform these duties to the best of your abilities?

LIONS CLUB DIRECTORS: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

INSTALLING OFFICER: Third Vice-President _____, Second Vice-President _____, and First Vice-President _____, you will cooperate with the other officers and directors of your Club in forming the policies that will guide your Club and its members. Additionally, each of you will oversee the functioning of committees whose performance is vital to the Lions Club. You will motivate the Lions membership to become active in all Club affairs. Furthermore, you in order of your office and presence, will substitute for the President in his/her absence from any Club or Board of Directors Meeting.

Will you, as Vice-Presidents, perform these duties to the best of your abilities?

VICE-PRESIDENTS: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF TREASURER

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to serve your Club as Treasurer. As such you will be custodian of all Club funds, depositing all monies received in such bank or banks as are designated by your Board of Directors. You will assist the Finance Committee in preparing a budget and such financial statements as may be necessary. You will disburse funds only upon direction of the Board of Directors. You will give bond for the faithful performance of your duties; this is for your own protection and in keeping with recognised and accepted business procedure.

Will you, as Treasurer, perform these duties to the best of your ability?

TREASURER: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF SECRETARY

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to serve your Club as Secretary--one of the most important offices in your Club. The success of your Club will be determined largely by the efficiency with which you perform the duties of your office. You are the President's closest assistant. Under the direction of the President and the Board of Directors, you are the liaison officer between your club and Lions International and between your club and your District Governor's Organisation. You will receive many important communications, and it is your duty to see that your Board of Directors and your club receive those, which require their attention. Among your duties as provided in the Lions International Constitution and By-laws, you shall submit regular monthly Membership and Activities Reports to Lions International, with copies to District Governor, Region Chairman and Zone Chairman on forms provided for this purpose by Lions International. You shall keep the general Club records, including minutes of the Club and Board Meetings, committee appointments, officers' list, attendance records, list of Key members and a roster of members. You shall issue membership cards and you shall collect from all members and others, all monies due the Club, turning such funds over to the Treasurer. You shall furnish financial statements to the Board of Directors monthly, to the Club quarterly, and to Lions International semi annually. As part of your monthly report to the Board, you shall include the names of all members who are in arrears in payment of dues and those who have absented themselves beyond the attendance requirement provided in the Constitution and Bylaws. You are also an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee and as such you will attend the quarterly advisory committee meetings of your Zone.

Will you, as Secretary, perform these duties to the best of your ability?

SECRETARY: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have been elected to the office of President of your Club. You are its Chief Executive Officer, and will be expected to preside at all meetings of your Club and regular and special meetings of your Board of Directors. You will, in accordance with the Lions International Club Standard Organisation Plan, appoint Administrative and Activities Committees necessary to the functioning of your Club, and act as an ex-officio member of each of these committees. With the assistance of your Vice-Presidents, you shall see that these committees function. You are also, with the club secretary, an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee and as such you will attend the quarterly advisory committee meetings of your Zone. In addition, you shall serve as an example of spirit and dedication for the Lions Club members, and you shall show each member that you care about their participation in the Club and the unique talents they have to offer in the service of others through your Lions Club. Keep in mind that at the end of your term of office you will be called to give an account of your stewardship. Your record of achievement will then be history. This record in years to come will be compared with the records of other presidents. Your fellow members - not you - will be the judge and the jury. Now is the time to plan, and take steps to continue to build your club in every way possible so that it may be an example to other clubs, and a credit to the community, the district and to Lions International.

Will you, as President, perform these duties to the best of your ability?

PRESIDENT: "I will."

INSTALLATION OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lion _____, you have served your Club well during your Presidency, and the membership still has need of your knowledge and leadership. You will serve as a member of the Board of Directors, and you will lend assistance to the incoming President, providing him/her with needed records and reports, and sharing with him/her what you have learned in your Presidency. You will continue to exercise the same concern for the involvement of all Lions in Club Activities, as you did during your term of office.

Will you perform these duties to the best of your ability?

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: "I will."

ADDRESS TO LIONS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

INSTALLING OFFICER: Lions Officers and Directors, the policies and the achievements of this Lions Club will depend largely upon your actions. You shall authorize all expenditures. So may I, at this time, caution you not to create any indebtedness beyond the income of the club, nor disburse funds for purposes that are non-essential to the objects of the club?

I ask you now, will you individually and collectively promise to stand by your Club, live with it and work with it, and give as much of your time and effort as is necessary to properly perform your official duties?

LIONS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: "I will."

ADDRESS TO LIONS MEMBERSHIP

INSTALLING OFFICER: Will all the Lions Club members please rise? Fellow Lions, you have entrusted these Lions with the responsibilities of your Club for the coming year, and they have pledged themselves to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. For them to succeed, and, in turn, for your Lions Club to succeed, these officers and directors, and your Club must have the fullest support of each and every one of you. Lions, I now ask you, will you faithfully assist the leaders of your club, and will you give of yourselves, actively and unselfishly, so that your Club will prosper and so that the noble goals for which it strives will be met?

LIONS CLUB MEMBERS: "I will."

INSTALLING OFFICER: It is my pleasure to declare these Lions duly installed into the respective offices to which they have been elected.

Immediate Past President

Pass on the Clubs – Gong, Gavel and Clubs Charter

(Address President)

Lion President, you have received the Clubs – Gong, Gavel and Charter, as a token of your club's esteem and confidence in you, and as your symbol of authority. On behalf of the membership of your club, I want to assure you of their readiness to follow your leadership during your term of office.

And now Lion _____, it is my extreme personal pleasure to congratulate you upon the honour your club has conferred in electing you as it's Chief Executive, and to extend my very best wishes to you and this splendid club, for a most successful year under your leadership.