

# GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB



## Induction Of a New Member

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

*Place: Granite Restaurant, Gravenhurst*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

## **LIONS INDUCTION CEREMONY - Introduction**

**PRESIDENT LION \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS OF THE GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB,  
GUESTS....**

**It is indeed a pleasure and an honour for me this evening to be involved with the ceremony of inducting \_\_\_\_\_ into the Gravenhurst Lions Club.**

**The ceremony that we are about to begin is a very important event in the life of this new Lion and, one that will be remembered for many years to come.**

**Before we begin, however, I would like to briefly outline the origin of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.**

**Eighty nine years ago, in 1917, Melvin Jones brought a group of business and professional men together in a Chicago hotel to explore the possibility of merging a group of independent luncheon clubs into something both larger and more focused.**

**Melvin Jones was motivated by a vision. He saw there was an element missing in the clubs of his day, an element that would in his words, “give something back to the community”. That missing link was an emphasis on humanitarian action. While existing organizations performed some community service, their primary function was “networking”. While Jones certainly saw the value of enhancing the business and professional lives of members, he felt that for many, this would be not enough.**

**Lions became an ‘international’ organization in 1920 when the Border Cities Lions Club was established in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Some eighty nine years later, we are the largest service organization in the world.**

**We began as a group of Chicago businessmen. Today, we welcome men and women of all nationalities and professions into our**

**organization. In 1923, we began a crusade - heeding the call of Helen Keller - to become 'knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness'. Our goal today is to eliminate preventable and curable blindness throughout the world.**

**Many people honour and accept organizations that look to a proud and successful past for inspiration; the inspiration they need to build a bright future, organizations, I believe, like Lions Clubs International.**

**May I offer my sincere congratulations to \_\_\_\_\_ for  
accepting the challenge of helping people in our community who are  
less fortunate**

## **INDUCTION SERVICE.....**

We are about to begin the initiation ceremony which will welcome \_\_\_\_\_  
as a member into the fellowship of the Gravenhurst Lions Club.

\_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU AND LION \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE COME FORWARD.  
(New Member) (Sponsor)

**On behalf of the MEMBERS OF THE GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB,**

**I express to you our pleasure and pride at your presence this evening.**

**You are about to become a member of the world's largest and most active service club, the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS.**

*LION \_\_\_\_\_, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AND LIGHT THE **PURPLE CANDLE** REPRESENTING **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**.*

**All of us believe that your membership will be beneficial to the Gravenhurst Lions Club, to Lions International and, most of all, to yourself.**

**The rewards of Lionism are great. You will enjoy the fellowship of some of the finest people in your community. As a Lion you will see the humanitarian needs in your community and, we hope that you will assume a leadership role in fulfilling those needs.**

**Lionism is non-sectarian, yet it stands for all that is good. It is non-political, yet it encourages a lively interest in government affairs.**

LION \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU PLEASE READ ABOUT '**OUR NAME**'.

*PRESIDENT LION IRENE WILL YOU PLEASE LIGHT THE **GOLD CANDLE** FROM THE **PURPLE CANDLE** REPRESENTING THE \_\_\_\_\_ **LIONS CLUB**.*

LION \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU PLEASE READ '**THE LIONS CODE OF ETHICS**'.

LION \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU PLEASE READ '**THE LIONS OBJECTS**'.

## **THE NAME....**

The “LIONS” proper name is: “THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS”.

## **THE EMBLEM....**

A large letter ‘L’ standing for LAW, LIBERTY, LABOUR, LOYALTY, LOVE, LIFE, LIONS; on a circle representing the Lions clubs all bound together into one; Lion’s profiles looking two ways, representing a Lion looking in every direction for an opportunity to give unselfish service, with the word “LIONS” at the top representing the Association. It is the unwritten obligation of every Lion to wear and display his emblem with pride.

## **THE COLOURS PURPLE AND GOLD....**

To Lions, PURPLE stands for LOYALTY to country, LOYALTY to friends, LOYALTY to one’s self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the traditional colour of STRENGTH, COURAGE, and the tireless DEDICATION TO A CAUSE. GOLD symbolizes SINCERITY of purpose, LIBERALITY in judgement, PURITY in life and GENEROSITY in mind, heart and purse toward their fellow man.

## **THE SLOGAN....**

“LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION’S SAFETY”.

## **THE MOTTO....**

“WE SERVE”

## **LIONS CODE OF ETHICS....**

**Individual members of Lions Clubs are guided by a CODE OF ETHICS which, with only minor changes, has stood the test of time since its adoption by the International Convention of 1918.**

**1. TO SHOW MY FAITH IN THE WORTHINESS OF MY VOCATION BY INDUSTRIOUS APPLICATION TO THE END THAT I MAY MERIT A REPUTATION FOR QUALITY OF SERVICE.**

**2. TO SEEK SUCCESS AND TO DEMAND ALL FAIR REMUNERATION OR PROFIT AS MY JUST DUE, BUT TO ACCEPT NO PROFIT OR SUCCESS AT THE PRICE OF MY OWN SELF-RESPECT LOST BECAUSE OF UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TAKEN OR BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE ACTS ON MY PART.**

**3. TO REMEMBER THAT IN BUILDING UP MY BUSINESS IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO TEAR DOWN ANOTHER'S; TO BE LOYAL TO MY CLIENTS OR CUSTOMERS AND TRUE TO MYSELF.**

**4. WHENEVER A DOUBT ARISES AS TO THE RIGHT OR ETHICS OF MY POSITION OR ACTION TOWARDS MY FELLOW MEN, TO RESOLVE SUCH DOUBT AGAINST MYSELF.**

**5. TO HOLD FRIENDSHIP AS AN END AND NOT A MEANS. TO HOLD THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP EXISTS NOT ON ACCOUNT OF THE SERVICE PERFORMED BY ONE TO ANOTHER BUT, THAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP DEMANDS NOTHING BUT ACCEPTS SERVICE IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS GIVEN.**

**6. ALWAYS TO BEAR IN MIND MY OBLIGATIONS AS A CITIZEN TO MY NATION, MY PROVINCE AND MY COMMUNITY AND, TO GIVE THEM MY UNSWERVING LOYALTY IN WORD, ACT AND DEED. TO GIVE THEM FREELY OF MY TIME, LABOUR AND MEANS.**

**7. TO AID MY FELLOW MAN BY GIVING MY SYMPATHY TO THOSE IN DISTRESS, MY AID TO THE WEAK, AND MY SUBSTANCE TO THE NEEDY.**

**8. TO BE CAREFUL WITH MY CRITICISM AND LIBERAL WITH MY PRAISE; TO BUILD UP AND NOT DESTROY.**

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES....**

**TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.**

**TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.**

**TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.**

**TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.**

**TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.**

**TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.**

(New member) \_\_\_\_\_, Please light the white candle from the gold candle.

## **LION'S OATH....**

Since you have expressed a desire to affiliate with this Club, and with Lions Clubs International, I now ask that you respond to my words with a simple 'I DO' or 'I WILL'....

“Do you hereby accept membership in the GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB knowing that such membership obligates you to participate in all functions of the Club?”.....**I DO.**

“To the best of your ability, will you abide by the LIONS CODE OF ETHICS, attend meetings regularly, accept such assignments as are given to you and, to contribute your share to the programmes of your Club, District and Lions Clubs International?”.....**I WILL.**

You are now a member of the LIONS CLUB OF GRAVENHURST.

Your SPONSOR LION \_\_\_\_\_ will now place the LIONS EMBLEM on your left lapel which signifies this membership.

## **SPONSOR'S OATH....**

Now I would like to ask LION \_\_\_\_\_, YOUR SPONSOR, to respond to my words with a simple **I WILL**.

“Will you, LION \_\_\_\_\_, fulfill the following obligations to this new member?

Make him/her feel welcome at all Lions' functions by introducing him to other members?

Provide him/her information about our club, its officers, and Constitution?

See to it that officers provide assignments which will enable him/her to immediately become an active Lion?

Be ready to answer any questions on the operation of the club, Zone, Region or, District?

Encourage him/her to let you know of any existing problems and offer possible solutions?

Assist him/her in developing into an outstanding Lion?”.....**I WILL**

### **\*ALTERNATE SPONSOR'S OATH...**

To you, LION -----, as sponsor, do you promise to do all in your power to assist LION ----- to carry out his/her pledge faithfully and conscientiously?

## **CLOSING STATEMENT.....**

Fellow Lion \_\_\_\_\_ wear this Lions' emblem constantly, with pride.

Let me congratulate you and welcome you into the greatest of all service Club organizations - THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS.

On behalf of the GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB,

I now present you with your official CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP, a NEW MEMBER KIT, a COPY OF THIS INDUCTION SERVICE and a District A12 ORIENTATION MANUAL which will help you get off to a good start in your life as a Lion.

I also want to congratulate Lion \_\_\_\_\_ who is your sponsor.

As such he/she will encourage you and assist you in becoming an outstanding Lion. On behalf of Lions Clubs International and ALL the members may I say that we are all proud and happy to have you as a MEMBER of the GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB.

## **LIONS, HOW DO WE GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBER.....?**

(Lions' Roar and/or a handshake of congratulations)