



Suggested Lions Memorial Service

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SUGGESTED LIONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

My name is _____ (*give your name and title*)

It is an honour and a privilege for me to be here this evening with all of you to lead this Memorial Service for our friend in Lionism, Lion _____

As we begin this Memorial Service, I would ask that you repeat with me the Lions' Grace...

O Lord Thy blessings now let fall
Upon Thy Lions as we call
May all our ties of friendship be
Forever strengthened Lord by Thee.

(Read the following poem)

If we did not go to sleep at night
We'd never awaken to see the light,
And the joy of watching a new day break
Or meeting the dawn by some quiet lake
Would never be ours unless we slept,
While God and all His Angels kept
A vigil through this "single death"
That's over with the morning's breath...
And death, too is a time of sleeping,
And there's a sunrise for each soul,
For life, not death is God's promised goal...
So trust God's promise and doubt Him never
For only through death can man live forever.

It is fitting that we, who have enjoyed the fellowship and co-operation in Lionism of our friend, Lion _____, should mark his/her demise together.

Biography of deceased Lion... *(obtain information from club, a Lion from this club could give the eulogy eg President or close friend)*

We shall miss his/her presence. We acknowledge the obligation that he/she leaves with us... that we carry on, each of us with greater zeal, in order that those things which he/she would have helped us accomplish will not be left undone.

We seek to express once more the affection that we felt for Lion _____
We mourn, but we do not grieve his/her leaving us, for we know that he/she has been called to the home of our Heavenly Father, and there he/she has found peace and rest from his/her earthly labours.

He/She adopted and lived according to the Lions Code of Ethics. He/She was a credit to Lionism and was admired by those who knew him/her. We as Lions were proud to have served Lionism with him/her.

To his/her loved ones, we sincerely give our heartfelt sympathy.

We pray they may realize every comfort and hope of their faith in this time of sorrow.

(Pause)

We mourn the passing of our friend,
And gather now in solemn mood.
We know all things of time must end;
E'en what to us seems wholly good.

Fellowship we've had in service,
Common problems and beliefs;
Now our hearts are drawn together
By the bond of common grief.

We are thankful for the days
We've had with him/her who's joined the dead;
But thankful more that we have hope
For that which for us lies ahead.

Each one of us must run his course
Till He Who doeth all things well,
Will call us too to join our friends
Who now beyond our seeing dwell.

And so for now we say "Farewell",
And carry on the work below;
Believing that the time will come
When we will once more say "Hello".

(Please stand and bow your heads)

We ask these blessings in the name of Thy Son Who taught us when we pray to say...

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by Thy Name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,
Forever and ever....Amen

(Pause)

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work...

And glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Lion _____ will you please light the candle

(Choose a Lion to light a candle that has been set up ahead of time)

The glow from this candle beside Lion _____ is but a small symbol of the light which he/she caused to shine in the hearts and lives of his/her fellow man.

I, charge you, my Fellow Lions, not to allow the flame of the candle to grow dim.

Instead, you must kindle it so its glow will be ever brighter and that it may be seen from afar.

Let us stand for a moment in silence and let each of us who so desires, offer a silent prayer from their heart.

BENEDICTION:

Almighty God, hear the prayers spoken and unspoken, of our hearts.

Grant the Blessings of Thine inner peace and may Thy benediction rest upon us.

For thy Name's sake.... Amen.

(Ask the Lions to file past the casket and offer their sympathy to the family)