

**District A-15**

**Lions Memorial Service**



## ***THE MISSING LION CEREMONY***

As you entered this room you may have noticed a small table in a place of honour. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that a member of our Family is missing from our midst, and so we have chosen to remember him/her at this time.

The table is ***ROUND*** – To represent the circle of life.

The table is ***WHITE*** – Symbolizing the purity of his/her service to his/her loved ones, his/her various communities of interest and those in need.

The candle is ***LIT*** – Symbolizing the light he/she has given us by his/her unconquerable spirit and love for life and family.

The pinch of ***SALT*** – Symbolizes the sweat of his/her labours, and the tears endured by those left behind.

The ***BREAD*** – Symbolizes the fruit of his/her efforts. The seed he/she has planted so we may enjoy the Harvest, he/she has given to us all.

The ***GLASS*** is inverted – Symbolizing that he/she cannot celebrate with us today.

The ***CHAIR*** – The chair is empty, he/she is no longer here.

***REMEMBER!*** All of you who loved him/her, and called him/her part of your family, who depended upon his/her aid, and relied upon his/her wisdom, for surely, he/she has not forsaken you.

He/she chose to be an active member of his/her community until the day of his/her passing. It falls upon us to continue the work he/she started, in his/her church, his/her service work and most importantly his/her family, to protect the legacy he/she has entrusted to us, and to guide the world to a New Vision of Peace and Service.

Thank You Lion \_\_\_\_\_, it has been a great trip!

**OPENING:**

FELLOW LIONS,  
WE GATHER TOGETHER TO HONOUR,  
REMEMBER AND SAY FAREWELL TO LION \_\_\_\_\_

WE GATHER TO SPEAK OF WHAT IS,  
NOT OF WHAT MIGHT BE.

WE GATHER KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER  
IF IT WERE OTHERWISE

YET WE MEET FOR A GOOD CAUSE  
BECAUSE WE HONOUR A LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING,  
THE LIFE OF A FELLOW LION

AS THE POET (UNKNOWN) STATED SO WELL

*WHEN IT COMES THE TIME FOR REMEMBERING  
ALL THE GOLD IN THE WORLD HAS LITTLE MENTIONING  
FOR IN THE MOMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNTING  
IT IS KINDNESS TO OTHERS...  
WHICH IS NEVER LEFT WAITING*

**THE 23<sup>RD</sup> PSALM**

**READ BY A CLUB MEMBER**

**Ask those present to join with you.**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT  
HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES  
HE LEADS ME BY THE STILL WATERS,  
HE RESTORES MY SOUL,  
HE LEADS ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
FOR HIS NAME SAKE.

YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY  
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH  
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL,  
FOR THOU ART WITH ME

YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF WILL COMFORT ME  
YOU PREPARE A TABLE FOR ME IN THE FACE OF MY ENEMIES;  
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;  
MY CUP RUNS OVER..

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME  
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE  
AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD,  
FOREVER.

IN LIFE, LION \_\_\_\_\_  
CHOSE TO LIVE A LIFE AS A LION,  
A LIFE OF SERVICE TO FAMILY  
AND OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.  
WE SEE IN THIS LIFE A TRUTH ,  
THAT IS SIMPLE,  
YET PROFOUND....

WHEN YOU HAVE SERVED,  
YOU ARE REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO SERVED WITH YOU

FELLOW LIONS  
BY OUR PRESENCE WE ONCE MORE ATTEST  
THAT WHEN LIONS GATHER  
TO HONOUR THAT YOU HAVE LIVED,  
YOU HAVE NOT LIVED IN VAIN

FOR AMONG LIONS:

THE SIZE OF YOUR BODY IS OF LITTLE ACCOUNT  
THE SIZE OF YOUR BRAIN IS OF SOME ACCOUNT  
THE SIZE OF YOUR HEART IS THE MOST ACCOUNT OF ALL  
YOUR SERVICE IS THE EVIDENCE OF YOUR GREATNESS

WITH LION \_\_\_\_\_ WE REMEMBER A LIFE MARKED BY GIVING ,  
HELPING AND THEREFORE A LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING

LION \_\_\_\_\_ WAS A CREDIT TO LIONISM  
AND WAS GREATLY ADMIRER BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM/HER  
MOREOVER HE/SHE WAS PROUD TO BE A LION  
AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE  
THE COMMUNITY, OUR COUNTRY AND OTHERS  
REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, NATIONALITY, OR CREED.  
IT IS PROPER AND FITTING THAT WE  
WHO HAVE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP  
AND CO-OPERATION IN LIONISM  
GATHER TO PAY HONOUR, TRIBUTE AND RESPECT

**DELIVER LIONS EULOGY**

**CLUB MEMBER**

Please discuss this item with the family. You can have a Lions Eulogy during the Lions Service and the family might have their eulogy during the funeral service.

THANK YOU LIONS,

WE SHALL MISS, YET REMEMBER LION \_\_\_\_\_,  
WHO HAS SO UNSELFISHLY CONTRIBUTED SERVICE  
TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND LIONISM

A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN LION \_\_\_\_\_  
JOINED THE \_\_\_\_\_ LIONS CLUB,  
HE/SHE LIT A CANDLE. THIS CANDLE REPRESENTED HIS/HER OWN TORCH OF  
SERVICE. HIS/HER SERVICE HAS NOW COME TO AN END.  
DEATH IS A PREMIUM WE PAY FOR HAVING LIVED.  
BUT TO DIE COMPLETELY  
A PERSON MUST NOT ONLY FORGET  
BUT BE FORGOTTEN.

LION \_\_\_\_\_,  
YOU WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN  
FOR HE/SHE THAT DOES GOOD FOR OTHERS SAKE  
SEEKS NEITHER PRAISE NOR REWARD  
BUT IS SURE OF BOTH IN THE END

**MOMENT OF PRAYER**

**LION \_\_\_\_\_**

FELLOW LIONS....

LET US TOGETHER OFFER THE LORDS PRAYER

AS A BLESSING GIVEN US BY JESUS CHRIST

AND AN HONOUR TO OUR FELLOW LION

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN

HALLOWED BE 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

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY

ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER

AMEN

FELLOW LIONS LET US NOW OFFER OUR FINAL FAREWELL TO OUR  
FELLOW LION

TO \_\_\_\_\_ (Husband/Wife NAMES) AND HIS/HER FAMILY  
AND THEN TAKE OUR LEAVE.

**BUT**

LET US ALWAYS KEEP THE MEMORY OF LION \_\_\_\_\_  
AS HIS/HER LASTING TRIBUTE.

THE PRESIDENT, OR PERSON IN CHARGE THEN LEADS OFF THE GROUP  
TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE FAMILY AND TO PAY FINAL RESPECTS  
TO THE DECEASED

**“Determine who will be the one to start beforehand, don’t wait until the end to  
make the decision.”**



# Further Instructions

This is a Christian Service. When dealing with other religions and faiths, you will have to make adjustments to this document.

The person that is going to be responsible for the service should know where the service will be held, in the Funeral Home Chapel or in a visitation room. If you have never been in this Funeral Home then it becomes imperative that you attend before the service (the night of if necessary). Go early and get an understanding of how you are going to handle the service. You should also read through the service at least once or more before service time. You could also stroke out the, he/she and him/her to apply to the right person.

The items in the Missing Lion Ceremony should be available through the Funeral Home. If they do not have these items then it is up to you to make sure they are available. A simple phone call to the Funeral Home to ask about these items is appropriate.

The blank spaces in this document are to allow the leader to place names in the proper places.

Where possible the family and extended relatives should be seated at the very front of the chapel or room (if chairs or pews are available) otherwise the immediate family could be standing in a line at the head end of the casket. This facilitates the end of the service and allows the Lions to pay their final respects to the deceased member and to the family members.

**The Lions Grace IS “The Lions Dinner Grace.” It does NOT have a place in the memorial service**