

Transfer Ceremony

In 1917 Melvin Jones caught the spark of giving, and a desire to give back to the community in which he lived. Within a few short months he gathered other businessmen with a similar passion together, and a Lions Club was born.

The spark burst into flames on March 12, of 1920 in Windsor, Ontario, when the association became International with the establishment of the first Lions Club in Canada.

In the fall of _____ (*Club Charter Year*) your fellow lions ignited the spark of Lionism in _____ (*community name*) and established this Lions Club which you are now transferring to.

I am pleased to acknowledge that the Lions Club of _____ (*Club Name*) has happily accepted your request for transfer to their club.

Lion _____ (Transfer Member) caught the spark and spirit of the volunteer when he joined the Lions Club of _____ (*Previous Club*) and became active in many roles.

Clearly, Lion _____'s (*First Name*) dedication and enthusiasm are a good match with this Club.

At this time, I would like to call on Lion _____ (*Club Member*) to read the Lions Code of Ethics as a reminder to all here of our commitment to perform our duties in the most honorable means possible.

Since Lion _____ (*First Name*) expressed a desire to join the this Lions Club I now ask that he repeat after me the Obligation of Membership:

“I do hereby accept membership in the Lions Club of _____ (*Club Name*) knowing that such membership demands my participation in the functions of the Club.

To the best of my ability I will abide by the Lions Code of Ethics, and Lions Objects, as well as contribute my share to the programs of the Lions Club of _____ (*Club Name*), District A-15 and Lions Clubs International.”

Congratulations! You are now officially a member of the Lions Club of _____ (*Club Name*)!!

[OPTIONAL]

Lion _____ (*First Name*) will now present you with some pin(s) on behalf of the club, which represents their support and appreciation of your future service in the _____ (*Community Name*) and area community.

[OPTIONAL]

At this time, I would like to remind all club members of their obligation to you.

In order to ensure a rewarding, and long lasting relationship, between Lion _____ (*First Name*) and the Lions Club of _____ (*Club Name*), it is important that the Club members make sure that he / she is introduced to everyone, and made to feel welcome at all meetings and activities. It is also important that Lion _____ (*First Name*) be informed of the activities and events of the Club; and that he develop a good understanding of the operations of the Club. In short, will you, the Lions of this club, encourage Lion _____ (*First Name*) and assist him, as he makes his Lions home in your Club & in District A-15.

Lion _____ (*First Name*), I know that you are now looking *toward* a rewarding and gratifying life as a Lion with this Club, with numerous, and varied, experiences before you, and scores of friends waiting to be met in District A-15.

I would now invite all of the members to come forward and welcome their newest member, Lion _____ (*Transfer Member*)