



Alternate Officer Installation Ceremony

In one sense, what we do today is routine - all over the world, around this date, about a quarter million Lions will be inducted into offices in their Lions Clubs. But it is still a special occasion when a new leadership team takes the helm. New ideas, new directions, and hopefully, new jokes. Lion Secretary, have these officers and directors to be installed been duly elected and qualified?

Election to office in a Lions Club is at the same time a recognition and a challenge. Recognition, because your fellow members have seen the effort you put into serving your community. And a challenge to continue that effort to build your Club.

President _____(current president)_____, you remain on the Board this year as Immediate Past President. Freed of the responsibilities of day-to-day operation, you should use your experience to counsel the Board as it builds on the foundation laid by you and your predecessors.. We don't reinvent the wheel nearly as often when an experienced wheelwright is at hand. You may, however, without a single twinge of conscience, hand over to your successors all of that wonderful correspondence from worthy organizations that will continue to fill your mailbox.

Lion ____ (membership chair)_____, you have been elected to the position of Membership Director, established by Lions International because of the importance of membership to a Club's service. In this capacity you should encourage and assist Club members to seek out prospective new members, keep members mindful of how the process works, and with the help of your committee, compile information so that prospects will understand what is expected of a Lion, and the benefits they will receive as members of the world's largest service club.

I now ask next year's Board of Directors to please step forward. Lions _____(directors)_____ you have been chosen to serve as Directors. In that capacity you are not responsible for any specific Club activity, and so you should consider and guide all aspects of the Club's operations. Where possible, you should serve on the Club's major committees, so that there will be a continued flow of information and understanding back and forth between the Board which sets policy and the committees who execute it.

Lions _____(secretary)_____ and _____(treasurer)_____, please come forward. You have been chosen as Secretary and Treasurer, the administrative officers of the Club. It is your job to keep the records and make the reports required for Club operation, and to use your experience to advise the Board on matters of history, precedent, and bank balance. Good records and sound finance are vital to the success of our Club.

I ask _____(tt)_____ to come forward. You have been elected Tail Twister, in many ways the most difficult position on the Board. In spite of what you hear from time to time, your fellow Club members have great confidence that you will perform the delicate task of maintaining cheerful fellowship at our meetings, so that serious business can be lightened with good humor.

I ask _____(lion tamer)_____ to come forward. You have been elected to serve as Lion Tamer. You are responsible for the club's property. It is your job to ensure that the flags, gong, gavel and badge boards are properly placed at every meeting. You are also the club's official greeter, always welcome and introduce all guests and see that places are provided for all.

_____(vp's)_____, please come forward. You have been elected Vice Presidents and executive officers of our Club. These positions recognize the leadership you can provide and require you to work with the Committee chairpersons assigned to you to be sure that the functions of the Club's operation are carried out. You will also preside at meetings should the President be absent.

Lion _____(incoming pres)_____, please come to the podium. You have been elected as President, and will preside at all Club and Board of Directors meetings. You will represent the Club at Lions and public functions, and guide and coordinate the activities of Madison Central Lions. Your election recognizes your ability to manage, and the many contributions you have already made to our Club and its service.

Board members, you have heard what your Club has selected you to do. Do you accept the responsibility of your office? If so, answer “I do.”

Will all Club members please stand. I now declare your Board of Directors installed, and ask you to join me in a commitment to work with them to perform the service and enjoy the fellowship that make Lion membership satisfying.

Lion President _____(president)_____, have a great year! Here is the gavel which is the symbol of your position.