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## Lions Clubs International

### History

As secretary of The Business Circle, Melvin Jones organized a meeting of practical-minded visionaries at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, on June 7, 1917, that set the stage for the organization, later that year in Dallas, Texas of today's international organization. The minutes of that meeting show that he had invited the International Association of Lions Clubs of Evansville, Indiana, the Vortex Club of St. Louis, Missouri, the Business and Professional Men's Association of St. Paul Minnesota, the Wheels and the Concordia Club of Omaha, Nebraska. He also invited the Optimist and Exchange Clubs, but the Exchange Clubs did not attend.

The records show the Melvin Jones had a vision for this organization, where members would help those less fortunate than themselves without any expectation of reward. "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," he said.

Years after the Objects and Ethics, had been adopted, Melvin Jones observed: "If a Lions Club follow out its Objects, it will have the full program. It will be interested in world affairs, in national problems, in the needs of its own local community and in the welfare of individual members."

The minutes of that meeting also reflect that because the Lions Clubs in attendance had an International, previously incorporated as a non-profit corporation, all clubs represented there that day, under several different names, were invited to accept charters in The International Association of Lions Clubs and become part and parcel of that organization. Within the next few months several clubs took advantage of this invitation and the first Convention was called for October 8-10, 1917.

At that first Convention the delegates; adopted a Constitution and Bylaws, voted to open membership to women as well as men, retained the name of Lions by a vote of 24 to 6, elected the first President Dr. Woods, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Managing Officer Melvin Jones (a position he was to hold for 33 years, at which time , 1950 at the age of 71, he was named Secretary for Life), four Directors and drafted the Lions Objects and the Lions Code of Ethics.

Now, for the first time, Lionism had the structure to prepare for its international destiny. It had gained the form to make it a worldwide force for goodwill and brotherhood.

At the third International Convention, in Chicago in 1919, a young attorney name Halsted Ritter from Denver, Colorado decided L-I-O-N-S should mean Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety. His suggestion was adopted by the delegates.

In 1920 Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada.

June 30, 1925 Helen Keller, accompanied by her remarkable teacher Anne Sullivan-Macy, was introduced to the 5,000 delegates of the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio who greeted them with a standing ovation. Anne first related Helen's story, then Helen spoke in her own words and

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Anne repeated them. She ended her remarkable address with the following words, “Will you not help me hasten the day when there will be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind children untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness? I thank you”

Resolutions were then offered, seconded and unanimously approved, making Miss Keller the first, and Miss Sullivan-Macy the second Honorary members of our association, at the same time making Helen Keller the first Lady Lion. Her response was, “I am happy and proud to be a Lion.”

In 1927 Mexico became the second country to join Lions Clubs International

Note of interest: Miss Amelia Earhart was also made an Honorary member of the New York City Lions Club in 1935.

The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. In 1945 we were one of the first nongovernmental organization invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

In 1957 Lions Clubs International created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with the opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo Clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

In 1968 the Lions Clubs International Foundation was established to assist Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions meet the needs of their local and global communities.

In 1987 Lions Clubs International became the first service club organization to admit women as members.

Through Sight First, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale. Launched in 1990 Lions have raised more than \$ 346 million for this initiative. Sight First targets the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

Today, Lions Clubs International extend our mission of service every day-in local communities, in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our services broad, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief. Our international network has grown to include over 200 countries and geographic areas. Lions Clubs International has over 1.35 members in over 46,000 Clubs.

## Melvin Jones Biography

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, married Amanda in 1909 and became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency. He soon joined the Business

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Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interest of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association founder was also recognized by those outside association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California at the organization of the United Nation.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over. Melvin Jones died June 1, 1961 at the age of 82, having suffered a stroke while on a trip to Edmonton in 1959 to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary. He has never missed an International Convention.

## Lions Clubs International Purpose

**To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.

**To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.

**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 community.

**To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

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**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 endeavors.

## Lions Clubs Code of Ethics

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards other, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**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.

**Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely or my time, labor and means.

**To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

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**To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy,

## Mission Statement:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understandings through Lions Clubs.

## Vision Statement:

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

## Our Moto:

We Service

## Logo:

The Lions emblem (or logo) is recognized and respected symbol around the world. Although it has been modified and modernized, the basic design dates back to 1919. It consists of a gold “L” on a blue field surrounded by a gold circle. On either side on the circle is the profile of a Lion’s head, one looking back upon a proud past and the other looking optimistically toward the future.

Various forms of the emblem may be downloaded for member and club use from the LCI Web site. You should know, however, that the emblem is a registered trademark in most countries and should only be used in accordance with Lions Clubs International Trademark Policies, which may be found on the LCI Web site.

Prepared from the Multiple District Achieves and from Lions Clubs International Web site.

PDG Eric Buttle

Multiple District C Historian

## Multiple District 37 & Multiple District C History

In 1917, at what later became as the first annual Convention of the Association of Lions Clubs, it was decided to create a leadership structure for the existing “Founder” Clubs throughout the United States.

The purpose of the structure was two-fold:

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- (1) To properly supervise the existing Clubs, and
- (2) To promote an orderly and vigorous extension of Lionism

The Convention divided those portions of the USA where “Founder” Clubs presently existed into nine Districts, each under the direction of a District “Governor”. The nine District were:

District # 1: California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington

District # 2: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and western Wisconsin

District # 3: Colorado, Wyoming and Montana

District # 4: western Texas, New Mexico and Arizona

District # 5: eastern Texas, Louisiana. Part of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida

District # 6: Oklahoma and Kansas

District # 7: Arkansas and Missouri

District # 8: Kentucky, Tennessee, and part of Mississippi

District # 9: Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and eastern Wisconsin

The remainder of the USA was left “undistricted” as Clubs had not yet been chartered there. Although Montana had no Lions Clubs in 1917, and thus was not represented at the first Annual Convention in Texas, it was placed, along Wyoming and Colorado, in District # 3.

In 1921 the first re-Districting and re-numbering of Lions “areas” took place at the Convention held in Oakland, California.

Lionism had exploded across the USA between 1917 and 1921. New Clubs had been formed in areas that were not attached to any existing Lions District. In some of the original nine Districts, the number of Clubs became too great for the District Governor to properly supervise.

The Lions movement was re-Districted into 17 District, as follows:

District # 1: Illinois (one of the “Founding” States, and the location of the headquarters office in Chicago)

District # 2: Texas (with the most Lions Clubs)

District # 3: Oklahoma (with the second most Lions Clubs)

District # 4: California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada

District # 5: Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota

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District # 6: Colorado

District # 7: Arkansas

District # 8: Louisiana

District # 9: Iowa and Nebraska

District # 10: Upper Michigan

District # 11: Lower Michigan

District # 12: Kentucky and Tennessee

District # 13: Ohio

District # 14; Pennsylvania

District # 15: Wyoming and Montana

District # 16: New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia

District # 17: Kansas

This Convention also decided that as future Districts were formed, whether from territory previously undistricted, or from areas separated from growing Districts, they were to be given the lowest numbers remaining unassigned.

In 1921, although Montana still had no clubs at the time first redistricting, it was placed with Wyoming in District 15. The first District Governor for District 15 came from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Shortly after the formation of this new District 15, the first Lions Club in Montana was organized in Billings on October 21, 1921.

At the 1922 District 15 Convention held in Torrington, Wyoming, Montana Lions were first represented. There were delegates from ten Clubs in Wyoming and one in Montana.

A second Lions Club in Montana was formed on December 22, 1922 in Great Falls.

Between 1921 and 1926 Lionism grew rapidly in Montana, and at the first Lions Convention held in Billings, Montana in 1926 there were now seven Lions Clubs in the State – Billings, Great Falls, Forsyth, Chinook, Big Timber, and Roundup – with a total combined membership of 242.

At the 1926 International Convention held in San Francisco, California (where incidentally, it was decided to remove the word “white” from the Constitution & Bylaws as a criteria for membership in a Club) the District Governor of District 15 recommended that Montana be separated from Wyoming, and that Montana be designated as the thirty-seven District of Lions Clubs International. The recommendation was accepted, and Julius J. Wurthener of Great Falls was appointed by the International Board of Directors to served as District Governor.



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The first annual Convention of Lions District 37 was held in Great Falls on May 14-14, 1927, was nine Clubs (additional Clubs has been organized in Belt and Choteau) represented by 96 delegates and guests. The first elected District Governor – Whit Carolan of Forsyth – was chosen, and it was reported that at the end of June 1927, there were 311 members in Montana.

In 1929 Lionism flowed across the border into Alberta. And the first Lions Clubs in Alberta - the Lions Club of Calgary – was formed on January 29, of that year. That Historic event was soon followed by the organization of the Lions Club of Edmonton on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1929.

In 1930 Julius Wurthener of Great Falls was elected to the International Board of Directors, the first ever from District 37. During his first year on the Board he recommended that Alberta become a permanent part of Lions District 37. His recommendation was accepted, and District 37 became a truly “International” District on July 1, 1931, at the fifth annual District 37 Convention held in Missoula, Montana.

The first annual Convention ever held in Alberta convened in Calgary in 1932. At that time District 37 had 29 Clubs with 999 members.

In 1934. at the eighth annual Convention held in Havre, Montana, the first Canadian District Governor of District 37 was elected – Hal C. Ostlund of Lethbridge.

In 1939, at the International Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, PDG Dr. Arthur Spankie of Calgary was elected to serve on the International Board of Directors, thereby becoming the first Canadian from District 37 to hold that office.

In 1942, as the growth of Lionism continued unabated, it became increasingly difficult for one District Governor to preform his duties, and as a result it was decided at the annual Convention held that year in Edmonton to elect two District Governors for District 37.

In 1946, to accommodate the growing number of members and Clubs in District 37, three District Governors were elected, and the “sub” Districts were named in alphabetical order A, B, C, thereby eliminating some earlier confusion whereby they were named in accordance with the first letter of the last name of the District Governors.

Three sub-Districts were geographic boundaries were established, and Lions District 37, which now had three Districts within its Montana/Alberta boundaries, now became “Multiple District” 37.

In 1948 a further sub-division of Multiple District 37 was approved, and it was divided into four sub – Districts – A, B, C, and D – with defined geographic boundaries.

In 1948, the statistics reported the following:

Sub-District 37-A – 25 Club – 1,100 members

Sub-District 37-B – 18 Clubs - 704 members

Sub-District 37-C – 25 Clubs – 1,406 members

Sub-District 37-D – 28 Clubs – 1,212 members

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At the conclusion of the Lions year 1955-1956, Multiple District 37 had 154 Clubs and 6,123 members. Multiple District 37 continue to have four sub-Districts until 1959, when a further re-Districting of Multiple District 37 was approved, and a new sub-District 37-E was added. About this time the “sub” Districts came to be know and described simply as Districts.

At the annual Convention held in 1965 in Edmonton, Alberta, due to the rapid expansion of Lions into our new territory that included North West Territories and northern British Columbia, delegates decided that there should be a sixth District established. After considerable debate and discussion at the International Board level, the addition of a sixth District was approved, and the boundaries re-aligned effective July 1, 1967.

In 1975 the International Board approved the addition of two more Districts within Multiple District 37, bringing the total of eight, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H effective July 1, 1976.

Since then, due to an aging membership, changing population demographics, and the reduction of average club membership size from about 37 to 23, three of the eight Districts have been dissolved, and in 2004 we again have five Districts within Multiple District 37.

From 2007-2008, the statistics reported the following:

District 37-L- 68 Clubs – 1,234 members

District 37-I- 71 Clubs – 1,351 members

District 37-O- 53 Clubs – 1,455 members

District 37-N- 52 Clubs – 1,250 members

District 37-S- 56 Clubs – 1,452 members

In 2015 Montana Lions decided not to have an International Multiple District. Redistricting took place in 2015 with all Lions Clubs in Montana becoming District 37. Lions Clubs International formed all Canadian Lions Club from Multiple District 37 into Multiple District C with two Districts C-1 and C-2. The first District Governors elected are Lion Hank Hoekstra for District C-1 and Lion Hazel Hiebert for District C-2.

The above information came from the Lions Information Committee in November 2007 and from the Past District Governors Achieves.

P.D.G. Eric Buttle Historian

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

## 1926-1975 MD 37 District Governors

DG Julius J. Wuerthner

Great Falls, Montana

DG T.W. Carolan

Forsyth, Montana

DG James Griffin

Chinook, Montana

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1926-1927

DG James J. Lachlen  
Big Timber, Montana

1929-1930

DG George C Hoyt  
Shelby, Montana

1932-1933

DG Thomas M. Robinson  
Helena, Montana

1935-1936

DG Knute W. Bergan  
Helena, Montana

1938-1939

DG William J. Jameson  
Billings, Montana

1941-1942

MD 37 Divided into 2 Sub Districts: A and B in 1942-1943

DG James D Wallace  
Edmonton, Alberta

1942-1943

DG Percy G. Neville  
Missoula, Montana

1927-1928

DG Leo C. Graybill  
Great Falls, Montana

1930-1931

DG Walter M. McLaughlin  
Billings, Montana

1933-1934

DG Frank E. Van Demark  
Cut Bank, Montana

1936-1937

DG Herbert J. Klindt  
Billings, Montana

1939-1940

DG Stuart DesRosier  
Browning, Montana

1942-1943

DG H. James West  
Lacombe, Alberta

1928-1929

DG Don E. Anson  
Wisdom, Montana

1931-1932

DG Hal C. Ostlund  
Lethbridge, Alberta

1934-1935

DG Arthur T. Spankie  
Calgary, Alberta

1937-1938

DG Thomas A. Harkness  
Missoula, Montana

1940-1941

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1943-1944

DG Paul Baker

Lethbridge, Alberta

1944-1945

DG Marshall Murray

Kalispell, Montana

1945-1946

1943-1944

DG W.N. Deatherage

Harlem, Montana

1944-1945

DG Gordon L. Sorenson

Red Deer, Alberta

1945-1946

MD 37 Divided into 3 Sub Districts: A, B and C in 1946-1947

DG Philip F. Lewis

Missoula, Montana

1946-1947

DG Paul K. Moreland

Raymond, Alberta

1946-1947

DG Ray E. Nelson

Choteau, Montana

1946-1947

DG H. Ray Elter

Great Falls, Montana

1947-1948

DG Wilfred J. Edgar

Innisfail, Alberta

1947-1948

DG Dr. E. V. Spackman

Lethbridge, Alberta

1947-1948

MD 37 Divided into 4 Sub Districts: A, B, C, and D in 1948-1949

DG Charles D. Dean

Billings Montana

1948-1949

DG A. Graeme Kirstine

Edmonton, Alberta

1948-1949

DG Louis L. Schmaltz

Beiseker, Alberta

1948-1949

DG Charles Matkin

Magrath, Alberta

1948-1949

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DG Dale H. Davis

Billings, Montana

1949-1950

DG Robert L. McIlveen

Taber, Alberta

1949-1950

DG James A. Cheetham

Dutton, Montana

1949-1950

DG Walter Staves

Polson, Montana

1949-1950

DG Worth A. Lawson

Chinook, Montana

1950-1951

DG Harry Scragg

Red Deer, Alberta

1950-1951

DG Heber Merrill

Lethbridge, Alberta

1950-1951

DG Kenneth C. Long

Cardston, Alberta

1950-1951

DG W.M. C. Rowley

Ekalaka, Montana

1951-1952

W.W. (Bill) Buxton

Thornbury, Ontario

1951-1952

DG Leo H. Murphy

Choteau, Montana

1951-1952

DG Jack. E. Coulter

Hamilton, Montana

1951-1952

DG William J. Hagen

Billings, Montana

1952-1953

DG Dr. Lynn G. Hall

Edmonton, Alberta

1952-1953

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DG Stanley J. Scales

Vulcan, Alberta

1952-1953

DG Morris E. Sanford

Helena, Montana

1952-1953

DG Albert W. Schammell

Scobey, Montana

1953-1954

DG Howard D. Halliday

Didsbury, Alberta

1953-1954

DG Kenneth J. Bailey

Kalispell, Montana

1953-1954

DG F.A. (Jimmy) Graehl

Missoula, Montana

1953-1954

DG M.E. (Jim) Evanson

Billings, Montana

1954-1955

DG Aarne Niemi

Calgary, Alberta

1954-1955

DG Stewart A. Adams

Calgary, Alberta

1954-1955

DG Franklyn Dunlop

Pincher Creek, Alberta

1954-1955

DG Jess L. Angstman

Havre, Montana

1955-1956

DG Walter Ellet

Morinville, Alberta

1955-1956

DG Dr. H.W. Bateman

Choteau, Montana

1955-1956

DG Don Thorton

Blairmore, Alberta

1955-1956

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DG Hugo J. Golfi  
Red Lodge, Montana  
1956-1957

DG William W. Ritson  
Edmonton, Alberta  
1956-1957

DG Chas H. Lin  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
1956-1957

DG Bon Paulos  
Couer d'Alene, Idaho  
1956-1957

DG Ted Westin  
Chinook, Montana  
1957-1958

DG R. Kenneth Dezall  
Caroline, Alberta  
1957-1958

DG Harry Lauback  
Great Falls, Montana  
1957-1958

DG W. Arthur Lundrigan  
Cardston, Alberta  
1957-1958

DG David Overturf  
Bozeman, Montana  
1958-1959

DG Don Carruthers  
Bon Accord, Alberta  
1958-1959

DG John J. Thompson  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
1958-1959

DG Tom Carter  
Plains, Montana  
1958-1959

MD 37 Divided into 5 Sub Districts: A, B, C, D and E in 1959-1960

DG Arthur W. Kamhoot  
Forsyth, Montana

DG Paul Guenette  
Edmonton, Alberta

DG Arnold C. Hanusa  
Choteau, Montana

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1959-1960                 | 1959-1960                      | 1959-1960          |
| DG Stanton Morris         | DG Fred T. (Scotty) Edwards    |                    |
| Calgary, Alberta          | Calgary, Alberta               |                    |
| 1959-1960                 | 1959-1960                      |                    |
| DG Harold (Andy) Anderson | DG Rudolph R. Ripple           | DG A.L. Horner     |
| Bridger, Montana          | Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta     | Westbank, BC       |
| 1960-1961                 | 1960-1961                      | 1960-1961          |
| DG Harry M. Chapman       | DG Charles County              |                    |
| Libby, Montana            | Calgary, Alberta               |                    |
| 1960-1961                 | 1960-1961                      |                    |
| DG James M. Stout         | DG J. Hector Areneau           | DG Donald B Wilcox |
| Helena, Montana           | Waterloo, Quebec               | Shelby, Montana    |
| 1961-1962                 | 1961-1962                      | 1961-1962          |
| DG John (Jack) Kerr       | DG Eli Scraba                  |                    |
| Frank, Alberta            | Lacombe, Alberta               |                    |
| 1961-1962                 | 1961-1962                      |                    |
| DG Ernie M. Tompkins      | DG Justice Virgil P. Moshansky | DG Karl M. Nutter  |
| Billings, Montana         | Vegreville, Alberta            | Shelby, Montana    |
| 1962-1963                 | 1962-1963                      | 1962-1963          |
| DG J. Ray Myers           | DG Raymond B. Lawson           |                    |
| Kalispell, Montana        | Calgary, Alberta               |                    |
| 1962-1963                 | 1962-1963                      |                    |



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| DG W.R. Scott<br>Billings, Montana<br>1963-1964                  | DG Ernest F. Holmgren<br>Edmonton, Alberta<br>1963-1964     | DG William P. McNeil<br>Cochrane, Alberta<br>1963-1964 |
| DG Bastian (Ross) Zoetman<br>Pincher Creek, Alberta<br>1963-1964 | DG William J. Rothwell<br>Sylvan Lake, Alberta<br>1963-1964 |  |
| DG Chester W. Jones<br>Billings, Montana<br>1964-1965            | DG G. Mort Pettit<br>Fort St. John, BC<br>1964-1965         | DG Hebert D. Berland<br>Conrad, Montana<br>1964-1965   |
| DG E. George Markin<br>Helena, Montana<br>1964-1965              | DG Jim R. Hopkins<br>Innisfail, Alberta<br>1964-1965        |  |
| DG W. Ben Vail<br>Bozeman, Montana<br>1965-19866                 | DG Edward G. Hay<br>Edmonton, Alberta<br>1965-1966          | DG James L. Dickson<br>Cascade, Montana<br>1965-1966   |
| DG Bert R. Gibb<br>Cardston, Alberta<br>1965-1966                | DG Fred M. Thompson<br>1965-1966                            |  |
| DG James L. Carter<br>Glendive, Montana<br>1966-1967             | DG Art Stapleton<br>Morinville, Alberta<br>1966-1967        | DG Martin Eriksen<br>Portland, Oregon<br>1966-1967     |

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| DG R. W. (Bob) Harris | DG D. A. (Alex) Gibson |
| Boulder, Montana      | Calgary, Alberta       |
| 1966-1967             | 1966-1967              |

MD 37 Divided into 6 Sub Districts: A, B, C, D, E and F in 1967-1968

|                     |                               |                         |
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| DG Fred Gedney 37-A | DG P.D. (Dunc) Lancaster 37-B | DG Chester K. Boid 37-C |
| Miles City, Montana | Edmonton, Alberta             | Whitefish, Montana      |
| 1967-1968           | 1967-1968                     | 1967-1968               |

|                       |                          |                              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| DG A.A. Neddow 37-D   | DG Ernest T. Latham 37-E | DG A.P. (Tony Renneberg 37-F |
| Fort Macleod, Alberta | Calgary, Alberta         | Kelowna, BC                  |
| 1967-1968             | 1967-1968                | 1967-1968                    |

|                         |                           |                            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| DG Lewis M. Arnold 37-A | DG Alexander J. Tait 37-B | DG Derek H. B. Martin 37-C |
| East Helena, Montana    | Edmonton, Alberta         | Medicine Hat, Alberta      |
| 1968-1969               | 1968-1969                 | 1968-1969                  |

|                    |                           |                            |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| DG Don Aadsen 37-D | DG Leigh M. Williams 37-E | DG Dr. Jack Dobush 37-F    |
| Ronan, Montana     | Arrowwood, Alberta        | Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta |
| 1968-1969          | 1968-1969                 | 1968-1969                  |

|                            |                        |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| DG Theodore W. Witzel 37-A | DG Andy Fraser 37-B    | DG Harold Shields 37-C |
| Lake Havasu City, Arizona  | Sherwood Park, Alberta | Lethbridge, Alberta    |
| 1969-1970                  | 1969-1970              | 1969-1970              |

|                       |                          |                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| DG Ray Stoddard 37-D  | DG Walter Wearmouth 37-E | DG Rodney Nichols 37-F |
| Medicine Hat, Alberta | Cochrane, Alberta        | Red Deer, Alberta      |

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|                             |                          |                               |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1969-1970                   | 1969-1970                | 1969-1970                     |
| DG Joe J. Koyancik 37-A     | DG Frank D. Wilson 37-B  | DG Robert A. Roush 37-C       |
| Wilbaux, Montana            | Sherwood Park, Alberta   | Havre, Montana                |
| 1970-1971                   | 1970-1971                | 1970-1971                     |
| DG Robert E. Kelly 37-D     | DG Ray Bragg 37-E        | DG Lloyd E. Gillespie 37-F    |
| Polson, Montana             | Bowness, Alberta         | Wetaskiwin, Alberta           |
| 1970-1971                   | 1970-1971                | 1970-1971                     |
| DG Tom Lehman 37-A          | DG Angus Murray 37-B     | DG Michael Bolokoski 37-C     |
| Missoula, Montana           |                          | Lethbridge, Alberta           |
| 1971-1972                   | 1971-1972                | 1971-1972                     |
| DG Frank Kops 37-D          | DG Gerry Cammaert 37-E   | DG Arnold Fredlund 37-F       |
| Big Fork, Montana           | Rockyford, Alberta       | Forestburg, Alberta           |
| 1971-1972                   | 1971-1972                | 1971-1972                     |
| DG Charles K. Campbell 37-A | DG Rock N. Holman        | DG Kenneth L. Gilbert 37-C    |
| Billings, Montana           | White Rock, BC           | Great Falls, Montana          |
| 1972-1973                   | 1972-1973                | 1972-1973                     |
| DG Matthew H. Gordon 37-D   | DG Burge Larsen 37-E     | DG William H Ferem 37-F       |
| Missoula, Montana           | Strathmore, Alberta      | Rocky Mountain House, Alberta |
| 1972-1973                   | 1972-1973                | 1972-1973                     |
| DG Charles K. Campbell 37-A | DG Alex W. Boychuck 37-B | DG John Oreto 37-C            |
| Billings, Montana           | Stoney Plain, Alberta    | Medicine, Alberta             |
| 1973-1974                   | 1973-1974                | 1973-1974                     |

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|                          |                             |                                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| DG Lawrence Bonertz 37-D | DG W. R. (Bill) Bishop 37-E | DG William (Bill) McGeachy 37-F |
| Pincher Creek, Alberta   | Calgary, Alberta            | Rimbey, Alberta                 |
| 1973-1974                | 1973-1974                   | 1973-1974                       |

|                             |                      |                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| DG Robert W. Patterson 37-A | DG Russ Forsyth 37-B | DG Lee E. Eichinger 37-C |
| Denton, Alberta             | Edmonton, Alberta    | Essex, Montana           |
| 1974-1975                   | 1974-1975            | 1974-1975                |

|                            |                               |                          |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| DG H.H. (Hugh) DuBois 37-D | DG Judge Brian Stevenson 37-E | DG Chester Williams 37-F |
| Tucson, Arizona            | Calgary, Alberta              |                          |
| 1974-1975                  | 1974-1975                     | 1974-1975                |

|                                  |                          |                        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| DG Charles K. (Ken) McShane 37-A | DG Dr. Lynn G. Hall 37-B | DG Mike Tuchscher 37-C |
| Billings, Montana                | Edmonton, Alberta        | Bow Island, Alberta    |
| 1975-1976                        | 1975-1976                | 1975-1976              |

|                          |                         |                        |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| DG Wayne Rassmussen 27-D | DG Dr. Jim English 37-E | DG Lars N Sandahl 37-F |
| Cardston, Alberta        | Calgary, Alberta        |                        |
| 1975-1976                | 1975-1976               | 1975-1976              |

MD 37 Divided into 8 Sub Districts: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H starting in 1976-1977

### District 37-A District Governors

|                   |                         |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| DG George Lockie  | DG Rev. Sigurd E. Burch | DG Carl Rupp      |
| 1976-1977         | 1977-1978               | 1978-1979         |
| Billings, Montana | Roundup, Montana        | Billings, Montana |

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|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| DG Tom Lehman<br>1979-1980<br>Missoula, Montana                | DG William A. (Doc) Asbury<br>1980-1981<br>Bridger, Montana | DG Dan Krum<br>1981-1982<br>Worden, Montana           |
| DG Gary Tschache<br>1982-1983-<br>Bozeman, Montana             | DG George A. Bernard<br>1983-1984<br>Worden, Montana        | DG Bob Piper<br>1984-1985<br>Bozeman, Montana         |
| DG John Johnson<br>1985-1986<br>Glendive, Montana              | DG Gene Theimer<br>1986-1987<br>Billings, Montana           | DG Hershel Carpenter<br>1987-1988<br>Bozeman, Montana |
| DG Rev. Sigurd E. Burch<br>1988-1989<br>Roundup, Montana       | DG Rev. Floyd Smithson<br>1989-1990<br>Westby, Montana      | DG Larry Mahler<br>1990-1991<br>Scobey, Montana       |
| DG Dave Armstrong<br>1991-1992<br>Billings, Montana            | DG Ivan Brandt<br>1992-1993<br>Glasgow, Montana             | DG Paul Hayes<br>1993-1994<br>Bozeman, Montana        |
| DG William F. (Bill) Brinkel<br>1994-1995<br>Billings, Montana | DG Leonard, Mapston<br>1995-1996<br>Billings, Montana       | DG Bryon Guenther<br>1996-1997<br>Laurel, Montana     |
| DG Gene Dillman<br>1997-1998<br>Culbertson, Montana            | DG Craig Price<br>1998-1999<br>Sidney, Montana              | DG Dave Armstrong<br>1999-2000<br>Billings, Montana   |

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DG Dick Corne

2000-2001

Bozeman, Montana

DG Dave Hajny

2001-2002

Ennis, Montana

DG Shirley Dillman

2002-2003

Culbertson, Montana

DG Andy Black

2003-2004

Billings, Montana

## District 37-B District Governors

DG E.H. Canning

1976-1977

Sherwood Park, Alberta

DG Henry Romanchuk

1977-1978

Westlock, Alberta

DG Michael A. Letersky

1978-1979

Edmonton, Alberta

DG P. W. (Bill) Jones

1979-1980

St. Albert, Alberta

DG R. O. (Bob) Baetz

1980-1981

Yellowknife, N.W.T.

DG E. R. (Bud) Baxter

1981-1982

Edmonton, Alberta

DG W. W. (Bill) Webber

1982-1983

St. Albert, Alberta

DG Lorenz Wiens

1983-1984

Edmonton, Alberta

DG Henry Descheemaeker

1984-1985

Hay River, N.W.T.

DG J. E. Jack Logan

1985-1986

St. Albert, Alberta

DG W. Grant McLaren

1986-1987

Edmonton, Alberta

DG Jack Fehr

1987-1988

Sherwood Park, Alberta

DG Dr. Michael Skuba

1988-1989

DG Ted Dupilka

1989-1990

DG William A. (Bill) Bissonette

1990-1991

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|                     |                     |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Edmonton, Alberta   | Athabasca, Alberta  | Edmonton, Alberta  |
| DG Bob Griffin      | DG Jack Isaman      | DG Ted Dupilka     |
| 1991-1992           | 1992-1993           | 1993-1994          |
| Edmonton, Alberta   | Edmonton, Alberta   | Athabasca, Alberta |
| DG Harvey Atkinson  | DG Stan Kozoriz     | DG Fern Bilodeau   |
| 1994-1995           | 1995-1996           | 1996-1997          |
| Morinville, Alberta | Edmonton, Alberta   | Vimy, Alberta      |
| DG Rene Jones       | DG Dr. George Bevan | DG Bill Mercer     |
| 1997-1998           | 1998-1999           | 1999-2000          |
| Edmonton, Alberta   | Edmonton, Alberta   | Edmonton, Alberta  |
| DG Larrie Taylor    | DG Dr. Patti Hill   | DG Ken Pickett     |
| 2000-2001           | 2001-2002           | 2002-2003          |
| Edmonton, Alberta   | Edmonton, Alberta   | Athabasca, Alberta |
| DG Leo Bruseker     |                     |                    |
| 2003-2004           |                     |                    |
| St. Albert, Alberta |                     |                    |

### District 37-C District Governors

|                     |                          |                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| DG Kedric Flint     | DG Thos A. (Tony) Botter | DG Wallace S. (Wally) Blue |
| 1976-1977           | 1977-1978                | 1978-1979                  |
| Cut Bank, Montana   | Medicine Hat, Alberta    | Saco, Montana              |
| DG E. Roy Hadington | DG Ron Randall           | DG Byron R. Rutt           |
| 1979-1980           | 1980-1981                | 1981-1982                  |

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|                       |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bow Island, Alberta   | Shelby, Montana            | Coaldale, Alberta          |
| DG Einer Lund         | DG David R. Robinson       | DG Bill Larson             |
| 1982-1983             | 1983-1984                  | 1984-1985                  |
| Havre, Montana        | Bow Island, Alberta        | Lethbridge, Alberta        |
| DG Robert R. Hunter   | DG Leroy Howg              | DG Richard (Shorty) Graves |
| 1985-1986             | 1986-1987                  | 1987-1988                  |
| Great Falls, Montana  | Picture Butte, Alberta     | Great Falls, Montana       |
| Dg Kenneth Riley      | DG Charles (Rex) Manuel    | DG T. J. (Ted) Slusar      |
| 1988-1989             | 1989-1990                  | 1990-1991                  |
| Lethbridge, Alberta   | Fairfield, Montana         | Lethbridge, Alberta        |
| DG Jiro Miyagawa      | DG Richard (Shorty) Graves | DG Oreland Goehring        |
| 1991-1992             | 1992-1993                  | 1993-1994                  |
| Lethbridge, Alberta   | Great Falls, Montana       | Claresholm, Alberta        |
| DG Walter E. Hantsman | DG Jim Spate               | DG Ruben Gebhardt          |
| 1994-1995             | 1995-1996                  | 1996-1997                  |
| Great Falls, Montana  | Taber, Alberta             | Sims, Montana              |
| DG Ray Van Schaick    | DG John Witherspoon        | DG Gerald Becker           |
| 1997-1998             | 1998-1999                  | 1999-2000                  |
| Medicine Hat, Alberta | Lethbridge, Alberta        | Havre, Montana             |
| DG Wayne Gilbertson   | DG John Mathis             | DG Gail Witherspoon        |
| 2000-2001             | 2001-2002                  | 2002-2003                  |
| Bow Island, Alberta   | Great Falls, Montana       | Lethbridge, Alberta        |



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DG John Mathis

2003-2004

Great Falls, Montana

## District 37-D District Governors

DG Dale Lauman

1976-1977

Sommers, Montana

DG Andrew C. Robinson

1977-1978

Butte, Montana

DG Robert (Bob) Hubka

1978-1979

Claresholm, Alberta

DG H. Winston Sproule

1979-1980

Pincher Creek, Alberta

DG George T. Hanson

1980-1981

Columbia Falls, Montana

DG O. K. Werner

1981-1982

Kalispell, Montana

DG Dan Sturdevant

1982-1983

Helena, Montana

DG R. W. Scotty Duff

1983-1984

Blairmore, Alberta

DG Cecil R. Owen

1984-1985

Missoula, Montana

DG Dale Pelton

1985-1986

Kalispell, Montana

DG Joe Powers

1986-1987

Butte, Montana

DG Jim Hobson

1987-1988

Blairmore, Alberta

DG Jim Theilman

1988-1989

Whitefish, Montana

DG Dr. (Doc) Whitesitt

1989-1990

Helena, Montana

DG Wayne Wages

1990-1991

Missoula, Montana

DG C. D. (Bud) Beagle

1991-1992

DG C. D. (Bud) Beagle

1992-1993

DG Marvin Kaschke

1993-1994

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|                            |                       |                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Missoula, Montana          | Missoula, Montana     | Polson, Montana     |
| DG Robert J. (Bob) Simkins | DG Ed Malesich        | DG Ardith Jornelund |
| 1994-1995                  | 1995-1996             | 1996-1997           |
| Helena, Montana            | Butte, Montana        | Cardston, Alberta   |
| DG R. W. Scotty Duff       | DG Wayne Hintz        | DG Earl Johnson     |
| 1997-1998                  | 1998-1999             | 1999-2000           |
| Blairmore, Alberta         | Helena, Montana       | Cowley, Alberta     |
| DG Dick Heida              | DG W. J. (Bill) Brown | DG Steve Hadnagy    |
| 2000-2001                  | 2001-2002             | 2002-2003           |
| Lolo, Montana              | Lethbridge, Alberta   | Butte, Montana      |
| DG Paul Buck               |                       |                     |
| 2003-2004                  |                       |                     |
| Missoula, Montana          |                       |                     |

### District 37-E District Governors

|                 |                     |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| DG Richard Luft | DG Marc Bernier     | DG Howard MacDonald |
| 1976-1977       | 1977-1978           | 1978-1979           |
| Keoma, Alberta  | Calgary, Alberta    | Carbon, Alberta     |
| DG Dave Deitz   | DG Ken Seitz        | DG George Chorney   |
| 1979-1980       | 1980-1981           | 1981-1982           |
| Milo, Alberta   | Strathmore, Alberta | Calgary, Alberta    |
| DG Allan Onagi  | DG Albert Herr      | DG Ross Yolland     |
| 1982-1983       | 1983-1984           | 1984-1985           |

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|                     |                     |                          |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| High River, Alberta | Okotoks, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta         |
| DG John Panton      | DG Joe Bernakevitch | DG G. A. "Jonesie" Jones |
| 1985-1986           | 1986-1987           | 1987-1988                |
| Calgary, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta         |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Bill Mills       | DG Eric Buttle      | DG Hance Milner          |
| 1988-1989           | 1989-1990           | 1990-1991                |
| Bowden, Alberta     | Calgary, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta         |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Ed Vermunt       | DG Wes Anderson     | DG Brian Pound           |
| 1991-1992           | 1992-1993           | 1993-1994                |
| Didsbury, Alberta   | Cereal, Alberta     | Carstairs, Alberta       |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Chandra Gajjar   | DG Jack Rooksby     | DG Ben Pond              |
| 1994-1995           | 1995-1996           | 1996-1997                |
| Calgary, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta    | Calgary, Alberta         |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Pat Webber       | DG Art Eeles        | DG Bernie Gribben        |
| 1997-1998           | 1998-1999           | 1999-2000                |
| Calgary, Alberta    | Strathmore, Alberta | Calgary, Alberta         |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Gordon Prusky    | DG Russ Croft       | DG Dennis Stevenson      |
| 2000-2001           | 2001-2002           | 2002-2003                |
| Calgary, Alberta    | Olds, Alberta       | Calgary, Alberta         |
| <br>                |                     |                          |
| DG Roger Geonzon    |                     |                          |
| 2003-2004           |                     |                          |
| Calgary, Alberta    |                     |                          |

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## District 37-F District Governors

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| DG William Kroft<br>1976-1977<br>Irma, Alberta         | DG Gus Jauts<br>1977-1978<br>Lacombe, Alberta        | DG Sam Nelson<br>1978-1979<br>Caroline, Alberta        |
| DG Bob Brandt<br>1979-1980<br>Rocky Mtn House, Alberta | DG Lloyd Gillespie<br>1980-1981<br>Daysland, Alberta | DG Bob Gibb<br>1981-1982<br>Camrose, Alberta           |
| DG Joe Taylor<br>1982-1983<br>Coronation, Alberta      | DG Vic Rowley<br>1983-1984<br>Clive, Alberta         | DG Trevor Chapman<br>1984-1985<br>Innisfail, Alberta   |
| DG Dick Jagt<br>1985-1986<br>Rocky Mtn House, Alberta  | DG Ron Sawatsky<br>1986-1887<br>Wetaskiwin, Alberta  | DG Martin Kaufman<br>1987-1988<br>Lacombe, Alberta     |
| DG Gordon Topps<br>1988-1989<br>Millet, Alberta        | DG Paul Parks<br>1989-1990<br>Lacombe, Alberta       | DG Orval Collyer<br>1990-1991<br>Lloydminster, Alberta |
| DG Donald C Good<br>1991-1992<br>Vermillion, Alberta   | DG Malcolm Flexhaug<br>1992-1993<br>Alix, Alberta    | DG Henry Peters<br>1993-1994<br>Wetaskiwin, Alberta    |
| DG Henry Peters<br>1994-1995                           | DG Gordon Topps<br>1995-1996                         | DG James R. (Jim) Taylor<br>1996-1997                  |

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|                            |                     |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wetaskiwin, Alberta        | Camrose, Alberta    | Camrose, Alberta    |
| DG Margaret Young          | DG Don Parkin       | DG Don Young        |
| 1997-1998                  | 1998-1999           | 1999-2000           |
| Cold Lake, Alberta         | St. Paul, Alberta   | Cold Lake, Alberta  |
| DG Bill Garrett            | DG Ken Straughan    | DG Al Reed          |
| 2000-2001                  | 2001-2002           | 2002-2003           |
| Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta | Bruderheim, Alberta | Bonnyville, Alberta |

DG Denis Giasson  
2003-2004  
Tolfield, Alberta

### District 37-G District Governors

|                           |                      |                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| DG Dan Claypool           | DG Ian Sinclair      | DG Fred Charlesworth   |
| 1976-1977                 | 1977-1978            | 1978-1979              |
| Devon, Alberta            | Devon, Alberta       | Wabamun, Alberta       |
| DG Barry C. Goldberg      | DG Lyle Scott        | DG William (Bill)      |
| 1979-1980                 | 1980-1981            | 1981-1982              |
| Bonnyville, Alberta       | Warburg, Alberta     | Thorsby, Alberta       |
| DG Gerald (Jerry) Repecka | DG Barry Lazoruk     | DG R. E. Bob Scales    |
| 1982-1983                 | 1983-1984            | 1984-1985              |
| Hinton, Alberta           | Rycroft, Alberta     | Dawson Creek, BC       |
| DG Ron Bardak             | DG O. W. Otto Benvik | DG A. W. Walt Shrepnyk |
| 1985-1986                 | 1986-1887            | 1987-1988              |

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|                           |                         |                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stoney Plain, Alberta     | Wetaskiwin, Alberta     | Grande Cache, Alberta |
| DG Lynn Coulter           | DG Bob Kearse Sr.       | DG Forrest Hutchinson |
| 1988-1989                 | 1989-1990               | 1990-1991             |
| Grand Prairie, Alberta    | Grande Cache, Alberta   | Fort St John, BC      |
| DG Noel Edey              | DG George Mair          | DG Florian Petruch    |
| 1991-1992                 | 1992-1993               | 1993-1994             |
| Grande Cache, Alberta     | Wabasca, Alberta        | Thorsby, Alberta      |
| DG Robert (Bob) Lamoureux | DG Donna Coulter        | DG Ted Webster        |
| 1994-1995                 | 1995-1996               | 1996-1997             |
| Stoney Plain, Alberta     | Grande Prairie, Alberta | Innisfail, Alberta    |
| DG R. W. Bob Cadue        | DG Denise Lamoureux     | DG Jim Reid           |
| 1997-1998                 | 1998-1999               | 1999-2000             |
| Rocky Mtn House, Alberta  | Stoney Plain, Alberta   | Entwistle, Alberta    |
| DG Glen Gow               | DG Merlin Leibel        | DG Betty Ann Robson   |
| 200-2001                  | 2001-2002               | 2002-2003             |
| Dawson Creek, BC          | Leduc, Alberta          | Beaver Lodge, Alberta |
| DG R. L. (Lynn) Coulter   |                         |                       |
| 2003-2004                 |                         |                       |
| Grand Prairie, Alberta    |                         |                       |

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## District 37-H District Governors

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| DG Walter Frey<br>1976-1977<br>Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta  | DG Lawton Westrom<br>1977-1978<br>Vegreville, Alberta      | DG Murray Corbin<br>1978-1979<br>Lamont, Alberta  |
| DG Paul M. H. Lefebvre<br>1979-1980<br>Wainwright, Alberta | DG John Neville<br>1980-1981<br>Medley, Alberta            | DG Greg Clark<br>1981-1982<br>Thorhild, Alberta   |
| DG Fritz Vanderkley<br>1982-1983<br>Tofield, Alberta       | DG Steve W. Romanchuk<br>1983-1984<br>Smokey Lake, Alberta | DG John Antoniuk<br>1984-1985<br>Chipman, Alberta |
| DG Jeremy Bentley<br>1985-1986<br>Sherwood Park, Alberta   | DG Ken Picket<br>1986-1987<br>Athabasca, Alberta           |   |

## District 37-L District Governors

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| DG Claude Carignan<br>2004-2005<br>Edmonton, Alberta | DG Robert Sandy<br>2005-2006<br>Leduc, Alberta | DG Darlene Grace<br>2006-2007<br>Edmonton, Alberta |
| DG Bill Engram<br>2007-2008                          | DG Roger Kozma<br>2008-2009                    | DG Tim Hodgson<br>2009-2010                        |

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|                       |                            |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Edmonton, Alberta     | Edmonton, Alberta          | Edmonton, Alberta |
| DG Betty Ann Robson   | DG Donna Wozney            | DG Wanda Gates    |
| 2010-2011             | 2011-2012                  | 2012-2013         |
| Beaver Lodge, Alberta | Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta | Edmonton, Alberta |
| DG Joan Lubbers       | DG Robert Hunter           |                   |
| 2013-2014             | 2014-2015                  |                   |
| Stoney Plain, Alberta | Morinville, Alberta        |                   |

### District 37-I District Governors

|                     |                       |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| DG Gayle Collins    | DG Andre Nimchuk      | DG Winston Collins  |
| 2004-2005           | 2005-2006             | 2006-2007           |
| Innisfree, Alberta  | Ryley, Alberta        | Innisfree, Alberta  |
| DG Gayle Collins    | DG Terry Dunn         | DG Dave Dalby       |
| 2007-2008           | 2008-2009             | 2009-2010           |
| Innisfree, Alberta  | Bruderheim, Alberta   | Smoky Lake, Alberta |
| DG Leslie Storch    | DG Margaret Bouchard  | DG Rob Gingera      |
| 2010-2011           | 2011-2012             | 2012-2013           |
| Hanna, Alberta      | Cherry Grove, Alberta | Ponoka, Alberta     |
| DG Darby Dunn       | DG Dave Darby         |                     |
| 2013-2014           | 2014-2015             |                     |
| Bruderheim, Alberta | Smoky Lake, Albert    |                     |



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## District 37-O District Governors

DG Malcolm Macleod

2004-2005

Calgary, Alberta

DG Brian Grier

2005-2006

Calgary, Alberta

DG Tim Haight

2006-2007

Calgary, Alberta

DG John Watson

2007-2008

Calgary, Alberta

DG Christina Pond

2008-2009

Calgary, Alberta

DG Fred Walters

2009-2010

Beiseker, Alberta

DG John Goodrich

2010-2011

Calgary, Alberta

DG Rose Geonzon

2011-2012

Calgary, Alberta

DG Bruce Bishop

2012-2013

Strathmore, Alberta

DG Bill Baux

2013-2014

Calgary, Alberta

DG Don Edy

2014-2015

Calgary, Alberta

## District 37-N District Governors

DG Pauline Cooper

2004-2005

Cardston, Alberta

DG John Witherspoon

2005-2006

Lethbridge, Alberta

DG Wayne Baker

2006-2007

Taber, Alberta

DG Terri Hill

2007-2008

Pincher Creek, Alberta

DG Wayne Hintz

2008-2009

Helena, Montana

DG Pam Beyer

2009-2010

Bigfork, Montana

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|                        |                     |                    |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| DG Christine Lank      | DG Sharon West      | DG Laura Dickerson |
| 2010-2011              | 2011-2012           | 2012-2013          |
| Pincher Creek, Alberta | Lethbridge, Alberta | Kalispell, Montana |

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| DG Monty Weisser   | DG Pauline Cooper   |
| 2013-2014          | 2014-2015           |
| Kalispell, Montana | Lethbridge, Alberta |

## District 37-S District Governors

|                   |                |                  |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| DG Ken Warrenburg | DG Bill Mercer | DG Ben Apeland   |
| 2004-2005         | 2005-2006      | 2006-2007        |
| Glendive, Montana | Ennis, Montana | Bozeman, Montana |

|                  |                  |                |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| DG John Johnke   | DG Kay Flanagan  | DG Jerry Smith |
| 2007-2008        | 2008-2009        | 2009-2010      |
| Winnett, Montana | Bozeman, Montana | Havre, Montana |

|                  |                     |                   |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| DG Bill Pfeifer  | DG George Chenoweth | DG Garrison       |
| 2010-2011        | 2011-2012           | 2012-2013         |
| Bozeman, Montana | Belgrade, Montana   | Billings, Montana |

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| DG Jack Beckman      | DG John Johnke   |
| 2013-2014            | 2014-2015        |
| Great Falls, Montana | Winnett, Montana |

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## District C-1 District Governors

|                     |                       |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| DG Hank Hoekstra    | DH Ron Wakenhut       | DG Kris Kozoritz  |
| 2015-2016           | 2016-2017             | 2017-2018         |
| Edmonton, Alberta   | Stoney Plain, Alberta | Edmonton, Alberta |
|                     |                       |                   |
| DG Francis Sawiak   |                       |                   |
| 2018-2019           |                       |                   |
| Vegreville, Alberta |                       |                   |

## District C-2 District Governors

|                        |                  |                     |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| DG Hazel Hiebert       | DG Gail Haight   | DG Cathy Anderson   |
| 2015-2016              | 2016-2017        | 2017-2018           |
| Calgary, Alberta       | Calgary, Alberta | Lethbridge, Alberta |
|                        |                  |                     |
| DG Tyler Bray          |                  |                     |
| 2018-2019              |                  |                     |
| Black Diamond, Alberta |                  |                     |

## Multiple District

| Past International Officers |                        |                           |                      |
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| 1930-Present                |                        |                           |                      |
| (X) Deceased                |                        |                           |                      |
| 1930-1932                   | International Director | Julius Wuerthner (X)      | Great Falls, Montana |
| 1939-1941                   | International Director | Dr. Arthur T. Spankie (X) | Calgary, Alberta     |

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| 1950-1952 | International Director | H. Ray Welter (X)           | Great Falls, Montana |
| 1957-1959 | International Director | A. Graeme Kirstine (X)      | Edmonton, Alberta    |
| 1960-1962 | International Director | Leo C, Graybill (X)         | Great Falls, Montana |
| 1966-1968 | International Director | Justice Virgil P. Moshansky | Vegreville, Alberta  |

Virgil P. Moshansky of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, served a two-year term as director of The International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the association 49<sup>th</sup> annual convention held in New York City, New York, USA in July 1966.

Past Director Moshansky was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1976. A Lion since 1955 and a life member, Past Director Moshansky served as club president, zone chairman, district governor and Council Chair.

In recognition of his service to the association, he received the Master Key Award, the 100 % District Governor Award, four Extension Awards, the International President Leadership Award, five International President's Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Past Director Moshansky were active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was appointed as a Queen's Counsel and served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta and on the National Council of the Canadian Bar Association. He is a member of the Canadian Judges Conference and the International Commission of Jurists and was awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967. He has also served as mayor of Vegreville, Alberta, and as a director of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

A licensed pilot and aircraft owner, Past Director Moshansky was appointed by the Government of Canada to head the Commission Inquiry (1989-1992) into the March 10, 1989, Air Ontario F-28 jet crash at Dryden, Ontario. His 2000-page report and recommendations received international attention and acceptance in the aviation community. He was the recipient of the Aerospace Laurel Award for 1993 from Aviation Week and Aerospace Technology Magazine (New York, N.Y.), such award being presented annually to honor individuals who have made significant contributions in the filed of aerospace. In 1995, he was the recipient of both the prestigious Trans Canada (McKee) Trophy, presented by the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute in recognition of outstanding achievement in promoting aviation in Canada and the Transport Canada Aviation Safety Award for exceptional contribution to aviation safety.

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| 1977-1979 | International Director  | Judge Brian Stevenson | Calgary, Alberta |
| 1987-1988 | International President | Judge Brian Stevenson | Calgary, Alberta |

Judge Brian Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Club following his election at the association 70<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, July 1-4, 1987. As immediate past president, he served as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation the grant-making arm of Lions International.

Past President Stevenson has served in private law practice and as a special prosecutor in the Canadian Department of Justice. In 1974, he was appointed for life as a Judge to the Provincial Court of Alberta. He currently serves as a part-time judge of the Criminal Division of the court of Calgary.

A Lion since 1966 and currently a member of the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club, Past President Stevenson has held numerous offices in the association. These include terms as district governor, a member of the association's board of directors from 1977-1979 and as a presidential appointee to the international board from 1979-1981 and again from 1998-1999 and 2002-2003. He served a three -year term as the chairman of Campaign Sight First, one of the largest and most successful fundraising campaigns in the history of the association.

In recognition of his many contribution to the association, Past President Stevenson has received numerous awards including 100 % District Governor Award, the Senior Master Key, Melvin Jones

Fellowship, 21 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Judge Stevenson presently serves as the Canadian Constitution Area Leader on the association's Global Membership Team, as the Canadian Advisor on the LCIF Development Advisory Committee and represents Canada on the association's Centennial Committee, planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

In addition to his work as a Lion, Past President Stevenson has served as president on the Calgary Social Planning Council, as a board member of the Calgary United Way and as a member of the City of Calgary Social Services Committee. He has also served as president of the Alberta Provincial Judges Association and as Chairman of the International Year of Disabled Person Committee for the Province of Alberta. In 1996, the City of Calgary recognized his numerous voluntary contributions by awarding him the Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Awards of Merit. In 2002, Judge Stevenson was honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2005 received the Alberta Centennial Medal for his community service.

Past President Stevenson is a member of numerous professional organizations and has authored several articles on legal matters. He and his wife, Patricia, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have four daughters, eight granddaughters, four grandsons and one great grandson.

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1980-1982      International Director    Dr. Jack DoBush (X)                      Lamont, Alberta

Dr. Jack Dobush of Lamont, Alberta, Canada, served as a two-year director of The International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the association 63<sup>rd</sup> International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA 1980.

A Lion and a member of the Andrew Lions Club in 1952 with transfers to the Smokey Lake Lions Clubs, the Vegreville Lions Clubs and the Lamont Lions Club where he had been a member for over 30 years. Past Director Dobush served as club president, zone chairman, district governor and chairman of the Council of Governors, he was Western Canada representative for Lions Quest in 1986, 1987 and as a presidential appointee to the international board in 1987-1988 and again in 1993-1994.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received the 100 % District Governor Award, 4 International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the Highest honor bestowed upon association members.

On March 18, 2002 Past International Director Dr. Jack Dobush passed away.

1989-1991      International Director    Bill Webber                                      St. Albert, Alberta

Bill W. Webber of St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association 72<sup>nd</sup> annual convention, held in Miami, Florida, USA June 21-24, 1989.

Past Director Webber is a retired district manager of a utility company.

A Lion and a member of the St. Albert Lions Club since 1964, Past Director Webber held the positions of club president, district governor, and council chair. He served as a director and vice chair of Lions Quest Canada, as coordinator of Lions Project Pride, and director and past chair of his multiple district eye bank. He also served a national coordinator for Campaign Sight First.

For his contribution, Past Director Webber has received the 100 % District Governor Award, six International Certificates of Appreciation, eight International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association. He is also a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Active in the community, Past Director Webber has served on the Edmonton Emergency Planning Committee, the Canadian Gas Association Customer Service Committee and the St. Albert Board of Education.

Past Director Webber and his wife, Joan also a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. have two daughters, two sons and six grandchildren.



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Past Director Isaman wife, Denise is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

2003-2005      International Director      Gary Tschache (X)      Boseman, Montana

Gary Tschache of Boseman, Montana, USA, was elected to serve a two-year as director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association at the 86<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 30-July 4, 2003.

A member of the Bozeman Lions Club, Past Director Tschache has held many positions within the association. He served as club president, zone chairperson and district governor.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Tschache has received the 100 % District Governor's Award, 3 International President's Award, and an Ambassador Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past Director Tschache passed away in 2013-2014.

2007-2009      International Director      Dr. Patti Hill      Edmonton, Alberta

2022-2023      International President      Dr. Patti Hill      Edmonton, Alberta

Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve as a two-year director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association 90<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Past Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host lions Club since 1990, Past Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chair. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention, and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign Sight First II, secretary for the Lions eye Bank (Alberta) Society, Past Director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at multiple district forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Past director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards, District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award,



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several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, induction into the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award and an Ambassador of Good Will Award the highest honor granted by the association to its members. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman CNIB Fellow, and a Melvin Jones.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organization. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired.

Past Director Hill and her Husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

2011-2013      International Director      Dave Hajny      Ennis, Montana

Dave Hajny from Ennis, Montana, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Club at the association's 94 International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

Past Director Hajny is retired.

A member of the Bozeman Lions Club, and a Lion since 1994, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, council chair and district governor. He also served as vice president Montana Lions & Sight Foundation, president of the PDG Association and faculty member at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including two Club Lion of the Year Awards, Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship, Gary Tschache Fellowship, a Montana Lions Sight & hearing Fellowship, a President's Leadership Award, five International President's Certificate of Appreciation, an International President's Award and an Ambassador of Good Will Award the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past director Hajny is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Madison Valley Hospital Foundation, the American Legion and the United States Selective Service Board for Montana. He also served as chairperson of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Board.

Past Director Hajny and his wife, Marie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

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Lions Harry A. Newman

International President

1924-1925

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lion Walter C Fischer

International President

1949-1950

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

Lions Tris Coffin

International President

1973-1974

Rosemere, Quebec, Canada

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Lion Dr. Patti Hill

3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President

2019-2020

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention, held in Milan, Italy July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Vice President Hill is president of H.I. Consulting. With 30 Years of experience as a psychologist she has mentored graduate students and psychologist in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and blind.

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In recognition of her service to the association, Vice President Hill has received numerous awards, including several International President's Award. She has been honoured with the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest honor the association bestowed upon its members. She is also a Bill Webber Fellow, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Jack & Denise Isaman Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

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