

5M7 GMT Tool Kit

Pride of the Pride

5M7 GMT Team

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GOALS OF THE PRIDE OF THE PRIDE PROGRAM

An Introduction to Lions Clubs International

An exercise for the Sponsor or Club-appointed mentor and the new member.

New member attends club meetings:

The goal is for the new member to set a new priority in their life to put Lions in a prominent position and begin to establish a habit of attending meetings. If the sponsor can pick up and bring the new member to the meetings, so much the better.

Sponsor sits by new member:

The goal is for the sponsor to provide a friendly and familiar person for the new member to sit by so they can feel comfortable at the meetings until they get acquainted with the other club members.

Sponsor and new member serve as greeters:

The goal is for the sponsor and new member to arrive early at the meetings and wait by the door and have the sponsor introduce the new member to the current club members so acquaintance and familiarity is established sooner. Be greeters.

New member is assigned to an active committee:

The goal is that the new member be assigned to an active Club committee shortly after they join the Club. By incorporating the new members into the workings of a Club committee will help the new member become familiar with the operations of the Club and its projects. Also, by partnering the new member with other members of the Club, it will help the new member in gaining some familiarity with his fellow Club members.

Hold a club Orientation Program for the new member:

The goal is that the new member be subjected to an Orientation Program which will familiarize the new member with the structure and goals of Lions Clubs International, in addition to the Lions Club they are joining.

Member fills out a Skills and Interests Survey:

The goal is to find out what skills the new member can bring to the Lions Club and where the new member may be of the most help to the club.

Take new member to a zone meeting:

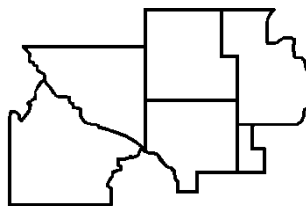
The goal is to show the new member that Lions is just not within the city limits of their new Lions Club., but is throughout the area, State, and the World. Also, things can be done differently in other areas. It is also a good idea to take the new member to a different club's business meeting.

Get the new member Inducted into LCI:

The goal is to have the new member Inducted into LCI by the DG, VDG, or a PDG from outside their new Lions Club to emphasize the importance of the ceremony.

When the program is completed, the new member will be a Lion and not just a new member.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Dear new Lion or potential member:

You have chosen to either inquire about or join the world's largest and most effective community service organization, the International Association of Lions Clubs. As of November 30, 2011, this association consists of more than 1,358,385 members worldwide. The club in which you are interested is one of 46,434 Lions clubs in 747 Districts, in 208 countries and geographical areas. Regardless of which language the members speak, religion they practice, or politics they espouse, all Lions are dedicated to seeking out and helping those in need.

This association has a proud heritage of service dating to 1917. With your help, the future of the Lions clubs will be even greater. The first step in your **active participation** in your club's service, fundraising and social activities is your understanding of the history, structure and activities of this association. It is only from your fellow club members that you will learn what this can mean for your community ...and the world.

As you become active and more knowledgeable, please share your experiences and pride of accomplishment with your friends and family. Few things can be as gratifying as bringing another person into our community of service.

- A short history of Lions Clubs International -

In 1917 a Chicago insurance agent named Melvin Jones convinced his luncheon club, the Business Circle of Chicago, that it should ally itself with other independent clubs to form a national organization that would be dedicated not only to networking for business and social purposes, but to the improvement of the community as a whole.

Among the groups invited was the Association of Lions Clubs, headquartered in Evansville, Indiana and led by Dr. W. P. Woods. At the time of the meeting, June 7, 1917, there were several Lions clubs already in existence, some having been organized in 1916. They were an outgrowth of the now-defunct fraternal organization called the Royal Order of Lions.

The Business Circle and other clubs agreed to rally under the Lion's name and a convention was called for October, in Dallas, Texas. Thirty-six delegates representing twenty-two clubs from nine states heeded the call. They approved the "*Lions Clubs*" designation and elected Dr. Woods as the first president. Guiding force and founder Melvin Jones was named acting secretary, thus beginning an association with Lions that ended only with his death in 1961.

This first convention in 1917 also began to define what the association was to become. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, the colors of purple and gold approved and a start made on the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics.

Remarkably, considering the materialism of the era, both the Objects and Ethics encouraged Lions to put service ahead of profit and to uphold the highest standards of conduct in business and the professions.

Community leaders began to organize clubs throughout the United States. The association became truly “*International*” with the formation of a club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in 1920. Clubs were later organized in Mexico, China and Cuba. By 1927, just ten short years later, membership stood at 60,000 in 1,183 clubs.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association’s service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. It was there that she challenged Lions to become “*Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.*”

In 1935, Panama became home to the first Central American club. The first club in South America was organized in Columbia the following year. Sweden, followed by France brought Europe into the association in 1948. Japan had clubs by 1952 and the so-called “Eastern Bloc” was unblocked in 1989 with the formation of clubs in Hungary, Poland and Estonia. In 1990, a club was chartered in Moscow and today over one hundred clubs are demonstrating the value of service in countries once closed to voluntary action.

Our Name

The legal name of this association is “**The International Association of Lions Clubs.**” It is entirely proper, however, to use the shorter form of “Lions Clubs International.”

Our Emblem

The current Lion emblem was adopted at the convention in 1919. Today, the same emblem recognizes Lions throughout the world. It consists of a gold letter “L” on circular purple (*or blue*) field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two lion profiles facing away from the center. The word “Lions” appears at the top and “International” at the bottom. The lions face away from each other symbolizing facing our past and our future – showing pride in our heritage and confidence in our future.

• Always wear our Lion’s emblem pin proudly •

And, since it is a registered trademark in most countries, remember it may never be reproduced or used for commercial purposes without prior written permission from the Legal Division at International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Our Motto

The official motto of this association is simply “***WE SERVE.***” What better way to explain our mission?

Our Slogan

The slogan of this association is “**Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety”...which just happens to spell **LIONS**.**

Find out more about Lions Clubs International at: www.lionsclubs.org

Official Colors

The royal colors of purple and gold were selected as the official colors when this association was organized in 1917. Purple stands for loyalty to friends and for integrity of mind and heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse to those individuals or groups in need.

How This Association is Organized

The individual Lions club is the most important unit of this association. After all, it is the International Association of Lions Clubs that now wishes to count you as a member. As an individual, you belong to your club. It is the club that is a member of the association. This means that when it comes time to elect international officers and directors or to amend or change the International Constitution and by-laws, it is the club that casts the necessary votes through its authorized delegates. Every Lions club in good standing is entitled to send at least one delegate and alternate to vote at the International convention, regardless of the number of members it has. Most clubs are entitled to more than one vote, since the rule provides for one delegate or alternate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof. Delegates may be appointed by the club's Board of Directors, or elected by the membership.

District Organization

With Lions clubs active in over 200 countries and geographical areas worldwide, it would be very difficult for the International Board of Directors to exercise control without the help of knowledgeable and dedicated Lions. The association has, therefore, been organized into over 740 districts. The Chief Executive Officer in each district is the District Governor. He or she is an officer of the International Association. In 1994, the office of Vice District Governor became mandatory. In most cases, he or she will likely be elected Governor the next year. In 2008, the International Board decided there would be a Second Vice District Governor.

Our District: 5M7

This club is a member of sub-district 5M7, which is one of twelve sub-districts of Multiple District 5M (MD5M), which includes all of Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. District 5M7 consists of all the clubs in Wright, Sherburne, Anoka, Isanti, Chisago and a portion of Washington counties. It contains approximately 2000 Lions in 52 Lions clubs – along with the members in Lioness and Leo clubs. The District Governor is elected by delegates from the Lions clubs in 5M7 at the district's Mid-Winter Convention, held annually in January. Because of the importance of this office, District Governors-elect from around the world gather just prior to the International Convention for a series of seminars designed to broaden their knowledge of the association and its programs. They then assume the office at the close of the International Convention.

For administrative purposes, sub-districts are subdivided by location and proximity to each other into regions and zones, with Zone Chairs responsible for their areas. District 5M7 has two regions, and each has five zones. Each zone has its own Zone Chair. These Zone Chairs, as well as the District Governor, Vice District Governors, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and various other activity Chairs make up the District Cabinet. Working closely with the Governor is the Governor's Advisory Committee, comprised of the president and secretary of each club in the district.

Lions Clubs



The Lions Club is the most important single element of Lions. It is the Club, after all, which carries out the programs and activities that have made this association what it is today ...the **largest** and most active humanitarian organization **in the world**. Membership is by invitation only and is open to persons of legal majority who have demonstrated high moral character and commitment to community betterment.

This club has been chartered by the International Association and has agreed to abide by the International Constitution and By-Laws. It has the same rights as any Lions Club – proportionate to membership.

A typical Lions Club is governed by a board of directors consisting of a president as Chief Executive Officer, three vice presidents, the immediate past president, a secretary, treasurer, lion tamer (*custodian of club property*), tail twister (*who adds fun to the meetings*), membership committee chair and four or more directors. Most boards meet on a monthly basis.

Assisting the board are the various administrative and activity committees appointed by the president. Administrative committees may include: attendance, constitution and by-laws, convention, finance, lion's information, membership program, public relations, newsletter, greeter and leadership development. Activity committees generally conform to the major activities of Lionism.

The club president will appoint as many club members as possible to a committee. In many clubs, every member is assigned to a committee. Committee chair positions in particular are an excellent method of encouraging and developing future club leaders.

Each club sets its own fees and annual dues. In addition, the club collects for both the District, Multiple District and Lions International dues. These dues are by far the lowest of any of the major service club organizations. Individual club dues are used to pay the club's administrative costs. Monies raised from the public, such as proceeds from breakfasts, etc. can never be used to offset the expenses of the club. Any money raised **from** the public must be returned **to** the public.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Money raised from the public for activities must never be used to defray the administrative expenses of the club, or to directly benefit members of the club.

Lioness Clubs



In many communities, Lions clubs also sponsor a Lioness club - which usually works with the Lions club on community projects and also conducts its own service activities and community projects. Lioness clubs add an important dimension and make many valuable contributions to Lions and your community. District 5M7 has a large and very active Lioness program in our district.

Leo Clubs



Lions clubs in 118 countries sponsor more than 4,500 Leo clubs worldwide. The more than 113,000 members, ages twelve through twenty-eight, perform various community service activities and support a special worldwide literacy and culture program. District 5M7 is proud to have active Leo clubs and we would like to form more clubs!

Club Meetings

Lions clubs are required to meet at least twice each month. Originally, most clubs met weekly at noon, but as social and business patterns changed over the years, many clubs found that the needs of their members were better served by an evening or even breakfast meeting.

The important thing for you as a member though, is to attend every meeting of your club if at all possible. It is at the club meeting where the bonds of friendship are formed that contribute so much to the ultimate success of the club. Important business takes place as well, including votes on projects and expenditures, approval of new members, planning for future events and reports of committees.

Also, if on vacation, try to attend a meeting in another state or country. It is very interesting and informative to find out what other Lion's clubs do – you will find that they all do what this Lion's club does – **SERVE!** Simply, what this all boils down to is serving others. Sometimes it is work, sometimes it costs us some money, sometimes it is not convenient, but it is always rewarding to know that you have given of yourself for the betterment of others.

This is but a very short outline of what we're about. Are you ready to join us? ...Only you know the answer. If you have any questions about this organization we not only believe in but also love, please ask one of our members! We would like to have you as a member, but we want you to be an **INFORMED, ACTIVE MEMBER!**

Take your time, think it over ...then join us in SERVING!



Vision Statement of Lions Clubs International:

“To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.”

Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International:

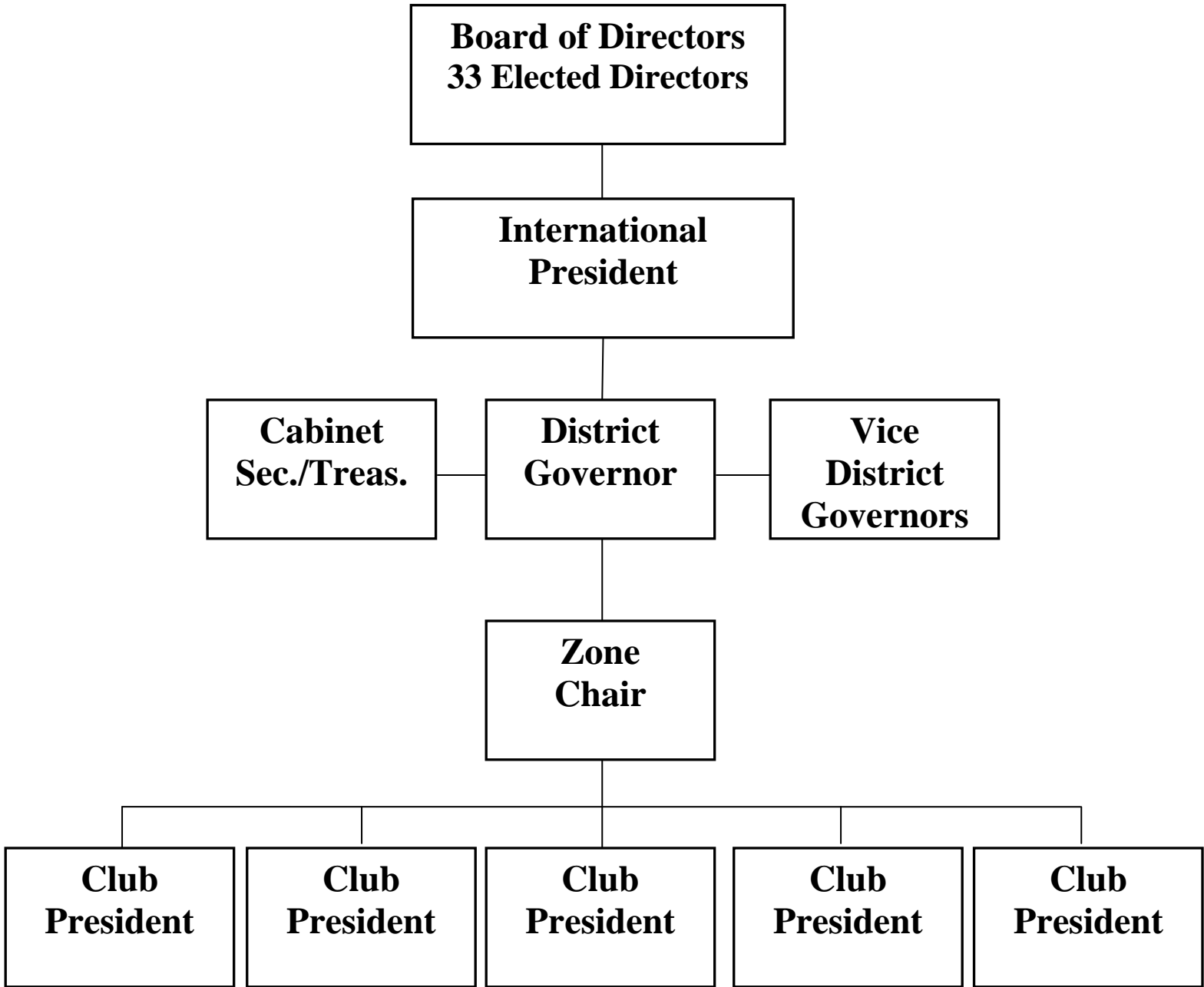
“To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.”

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
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 my fellow men, 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 to them my unswerving loyalty in work and deed, to give them freely of my time, labor and means.*
- ❖ *To aid my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.*
- ❖ *To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES

- ❖ ***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 amongst 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 the community*
- ❖ ***TO UNITE** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding*
- ❖ ***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 communities without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors*



New Lions Club Member Exercise



We Serve

LIONS CLUB OF _____

1. LIONS MOTTO: _____
2. LIONS SLOGAN: _____
3. DATE THIS LIONS CLUB WAS CHARTERED: ____/____/____
4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHEN CHARTERED: _____
5. NUMBER OF CHARTER MEMBERS STILL ACTIVE: _____
6. NAMES OF CHARTER MEMBERS STILL ACTIVE: _____
5. CLUB OFFICERS:
 - OUR PRESIDENT IS: _____
 - OUR SECRETARY IS: _____
 - OUR TREASURER IS: _____
 - OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR IS: _____
6. LIST THE MAIN GOALS OF YOUR LIONS CLUB:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____
7. NAME 5 MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED BY THIS CLUB:
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. _____
 - E. _____
8. DISTRICT INFORMATION:
 - A. OUR CLUB IS IN DISTRICT: _____
 - B. DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion _____
 - C. 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion _____
 - D. 2nd Vice DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion _____
 - E. DISTRICT SECRETARY/TREASURER: Lion _____
 - F. OUR REGION IS: _____
 - G. OUR ZONE IS: _____
 - H. OUR ZONE CHAIR IS: Lion _____
9. OUR CLUB IS IN WHICH MULTIPLE DISTRICT? _____
10. THE HEADQUARTERS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL IS LOCATED IN:



Lions of District 5M7 Pride of the Pride Award Application

All new Lions members should complete this award. To become the Pride of the Pride, there are eight (8) tasks that they must accomplish, within the first six (6) months after they become a Lions Club Member.

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring Lion, or a volunteer mentor, to help the new Lion to accomplish these eight (8) tasks. In this way the sponsoring Lion is helping with the introduction of the new member into the family of International Lions Clubs.

Name of New Lion _____ *Date Joined* _____

Name of Sponsoring Lion _____

TASKS

DATE ACCOMPLISHED

- 1) *New member attends at least four club meetings* _____
- 2) *Sponsor sits by new member* _____
- 3) *Sponsor & new member serve as greeters* _____
- 4) *New member assigned to active committee* _____
- 5) *Club orientation program for new member* _____
- 6) *Member fills out skills and interests survey* _____
- 7) *Take new member to a zone meeting* _____
- 8) *Get new member inducted into LCI* _____

Please send completed application to the GMT District Coordinator.

Name of Lions Club: Lions Club of _____

Signature of Sponsor _____

Signature of Lions Club President _____