

Lions Service of Remembrance for Lion _____

The _____ Lions Club has suffered the loss of a beloved member, a respected citizen of his community, one dedicated to helping his fellow man and serving his community through his club's endeavors. His passing is our great loss and not to be forgotten, not by his Club members, the Lions, Lionesses and Leos of District 14-P, Multiple District 14 and Lions International nor by those who benefited by his generosity, hard work and loving service.

The motto of Lionism is "WE SERVE." We are gathered to pay final tribute to Lion, _____, our brother, who in the tradition of Lionism has lived his life by that motto and has left his footprints in the sands of time.

A Lion since _(year)____, Lion _____ is a member of the _____ Lions Club. He has held several positions in the association, including _____.

The Bible teaches that the measure of true greatness is to be found in service. When we come to the end of life and look back upon how we have spent our days, the most important thing is not the power we have gained, the reputation we have achieved, or the property we have accumulated. What matters most, is the service we have rendered. Those that are greatest among us are those who have served the most.

God gives each of us the means by which we are to serve. A parable in the Bible testifies that each of us is entrusted with a talent according to our ability. Each of us can only use that which we have received. Everyone receives something and God holds each one responsible for the use of that which we have received. The great one is the person who uses what has been given to glorify God in the service of our fellowman.

God does not seem to be concerned about the size of the talent given us in life, or about the grandeur of the service we offer. God cares about the faithfulness of our service. He values the little things done lovingly and consistently in His name. Any service offered from a sympathetic and compassionate heart matters.

When the heart is right and one's dedication is complete, God's response is always the same, "Well done good and faithful servant." It is not the size of the gift or task that matters, but the size of the heart of the giver.

We are gathered in memory of one who has served with us and has been taken from us. At such times, wealth and reputation, power and intellect are no longer of great importance. It is the life time of service that we honor, time spent in giving rather than receiving. In these moments we echo the words of our Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant."

At the opening of most Lion's Club Meetings we raise our glasses in a toast to each other. The toast, "Not above you, Not beneath you, But with you," conveys the message to each Lion that we stand together as equals.

To you the family and friends of our departed fellow Lion we say "Not above you, Not beneath you, But with you in your sorrow." We stand together equal in desiring comfort for you and with the knowledge that your faith will turn your sorrow into joy. We stand together equal in the assurance that this life does not end in death, but goes on eternally.

(All join in reading the 23rd Psalm)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Presentation of Roses (Fresh Flowers)

The _____ Lions Club presents four roses. The first symbolizes the love _____ shared with his wife; the second symbolizes loyalty to his family; the third symbolizes his love for his fellow man and the fourth symbolizes life dearly enjoyed. Each of these is an area of Lionism that _____ embraced.

Let us Pray

Our gracious God, the only true source of joy, we thank thee for the privilege of service. May the life of our departed brother _____, whom we honor, inspire us to be more devoted to Thy Commandments. Help us put our trust in Thee so that we may obtain comfort and find strength to help in this and every time of need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.