

Lions Necrology/Memorial Service

The Lions shall assemble in two lines along both sides of the chapel, stopping and facing the deceased.

Call to order

We gather this day to celebrate the life of our departed Lion
[Insert name].

We stand in awe, wonder, and mystery at the presence of God, relying upon His grace and mercy in this time of remembrance.

We stand together united in our commitment to serve our fellow man, even as our departed brother/sister did. In our service to our fellowman, we learn the values of authentic human life. May we again rededicate our lives in our Lion brother's/sister's memory.

Scripture: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the 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 mine 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

Eulogy

It is at the time that you should list the Lion's history and accomplishments.

Lion [insert name] joined the [insert club name] Lions Club in [insert year]. He/she held the following offices [list offices held, if applicable] and served on the following committees [list any committees the Lion served on and add any other outstanding accomplishments in Lionism].

We shall miss his/her presence at our meetings and his/her assistance in our programs of service. We acknowledge the obligation the he/she leaves with us, that we carry on, each of us with greater zeal, in order that those things which he/she would have helped us to accomplish will not be left undone.

We seek to express once more the affection that we felt for Lion [insert name]. We mourn, but do not grieve his/her leaving us, for we know that he/she has been called to the home of our Heavenly Father and there he/she has found peace and rest from his/her Earthly labors. He/she adopted and lived according to the Lions Code of Ethics. He/she was a credit to Lionism and was admired by all who knew him/her.

We as Lions were proud to have served Lionism with **him/her**. To **his/her** loved ones we sincerely give our heartfelt sympathy. We pray they may realize every comfort and hope of their faith in this time of sorrow.

After the Lion's accomplishments have been read, close with:

To recognize the valued contribution of our departed Lion, Lion **[Insert name]**'s name will be read before the Lions assembled at the District, State, and International Conventions to be held this year.

It is at this time that you may also invite fellow Lions to share a memory.

Prayer

Oh God, our ever present strengths and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we worship you in this time of sorrow and grief with humble hearts.

With faith in your perfect mercy and wisdom, we commit the spirit of this thy servant to your keeping.

His/Her death fills us with loss and the pain of separation for which we seek your aid and your comfort. Be with us now and be our guide in the days ahead.

We give thanks for **his/her** whole life of many years filled with experiences in your world. A life of many joys and sorrows, a life of patience and eagerness, a life of laughter and tears.

We give thanks for a life spent with others, for services rendered both great and small, both remembered and forgotten.

We ask for Your comfort and strength as you are with **his/her** family, that love is sustained, that life is continued, and that memories remain.

All this we pray in the name of your Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Benediction

May the Lord bless each of you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you.

May the Lord lift the light of His countenance upon you and give each of you peace, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

We shall now close this, our last meeting here on Earth with you Lion **[insert name]**, and until we meet again in a future place and at a future time, may God bless you and may He hold you near.

The memorial meeting of the **[insert club name]** Lions Club is now adjourned.

Invite the Lions present to step to the casket to pay their final respects and depart the chapel.