

Lions are all volunteers and receive no pay or reimbursement for all services we provide, so we appreciate Lions who are polite and courteous to follow a few customs which we call “Lions Protocol.” This outline explains a few of these protocol courtesies.

When an honored guest is visiting your club, meet them outside your meeting place: escort him/her as well as their party to a seat in the front of the room.

Keep your meeting short, giving the honored guest plenty of time to share with you what’s going on in the world of Lionism and our District. Both the Governor and Zone Chairpersons are required to write a report on each of their visits regarding your club’s activities and leadership.

When an honored guest is introduced (by the Club President or Zone Chairperson) everyone should STAND and applaud. You are showing your respect for the office as well as the person.

Have a written agenda and stick to it. Start the meeting on time and adjourn to give the honored guest sufficient time to return home. Keep your meetings interesting, informative, and short.

Treat ALL guests as if they are a family member and the way you would want to be treated.

When introducing a Lion, always say “Lion” before their name. If they have a Lion title such as Governor or Secretary, you don’t have to use “Lion” in front of their name with their title. This goes for club officers too.

Always carry a “New Member” application (or new member info packet) with you. Your club can achieve more with more members. Why keep all the FUN to yourself



Club Protocol

At all meetings, fellow members should be referred to as “Lions” If they hold a title in your club, district, multiple district or LCI, their title should be used. i.e. “Governor Carol” or “Lion Ron”

If a Lion holds or has held two high offices, he or she should be referred to in their highest office held. In order to be elected Council Chairman, he or she would have to have had been a Past District Governor. They should be referred to as PCC, Not PDG

Lionistic Abbreviations

Ever wonder what a PCC or IPCC means? Here’s an alphabetical sampling:

CC	Council Chairperson
DG	District Governor
DS	District Secretary
DT	District Treasurer
GLT	Global Leadership Team Leader
GMT	Global Membership Team Leader
ID	International Director
IP	International President
IPIP	Immediate Past International President
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairperson
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
IPID	Immediate Past International Director
LCI	Lions Club International
LCIF	Lions Club International Foundation
PCC	Past Council Chairperson
PDG	Past District Governor
PID	Past International Director
PIP	Past International President
PP	Past President
PRC	Past Region Chairperson
VDG	Vice District Governor
ZC	Zone Chairperson

A Short Course in Human Relations

The 6 most important words: “I Admit I Made A Mistake”

The 5 most important words: “You Do A Good Job”

The 4 most important words: “What Is Your Opinion”

The 3 most important words: “If You Please”

The 2 most important words: “Thank You”

The 1 most important word: “We”

The least important word: “I”

The following is the official protocol policy of the

International Association of Lions Clubs.

Order of introduction:

- International President
- Immediate Past International President
- International Vice Presidents (According to rank)
- Past International Presidents
- International Vice Presidents (according to rank)
- International Directors
- International Directors (board appointed)
- Past International Directors
- Regional LCIF Area Coordinators (GMT & GLT)
- Council Chairpersons
- District Governors
- Past Council Chairpersons
- Immediate Past District Governors
- Multiple District LCIF, GMT & GLT
- 1st Vice District Governors
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Past District Governors
- MD Council Secretary
- MD Council Treasurer
- District Secretaries
- District Treasurers
- Region Chairpersons
- Zone Chairpersons
- District Chairpersons, GMT & GLT Team Leaders
- Club Presidents
- Immediate Past Club Presidents
- Club Secretaries
- Club Treasurers
- Past Club Presidents

Courtesy, Protocol & Practices



Lions Clubs Guidelines for Our Members on “Courtesy, Protocol & Practices”