

WELCOME TO THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY LIONS CLUB

The Frederick (Maryland) Francis Scott Key Lions Club is part of a worldwide organization of service clubs collectively known as Lions Clubs International (LCI), men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or halfway around the world. The primary aim of Lionism is service, first to the club's own community, then to those in need wherever they may be.

Lions Clubs perform services and provide goods every year to thousands of persons throughout the world, particularly to those with vision problems. Lions Clubs perform far more activities and help more people than any other service organization in the world today.

In addition to humanitarian service, Lions Clubs enjoy fellowship and develop leadership abilities. Lions have long been the world's largest service club organization, with almost 1.45 million members in approximately 47,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world, as of 2017. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have assisted the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. Of the major service clubs, Lions were the first to invite women to membership world, in 1987.

HISTORY OF THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY LIONS CLUB

The Francis Scott Key (FSK) Lions Club was chartered on November 21, 1959, sponsored by the Lions Club of Frederick, to meet the needs of a growing community and to offer an opportunity for Lions Club membership to service-minded business and professional men who preferred to attend evening meetings.

The 26 charter members met at the Chattabox Restaurant, 1040 West Patrick Street, Frederick. Later meeting sites (all in Frederick) include:

Betty's Restaurant, Monocacy Village Shopping Center on North East Street, 1965 to 1978;

Watson's Family Restaurant, 467 West Patrick Street, 1978 to 1999;

Silo Factory, 257 East Sixth Street (currently Great Stuff by Paul), 1999 to 2000;

Dan Dee Family Restaurant, 7817 Baltimore National Pike, 2000 to 2002;

and

Barbara Fritchie Candystick Restaurant, 1513 West Patrick Street, 2002 through 2017.

Over the years, fundraising activities have included:

sponsorship of demolition derbies, circuses, concerts, majorette and drum corps competition, children's theater performances, and minor league baseball games;

selling brooms, light bulbs, calendars, candy, kitchen knives, and holiday greens;

and

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operating yard sales and hot dog stands.

Service projects are a mainstay of Lions Clubs; ours have included:

eye examinations and eyeglasses for the needy;

aiding the blind and/or deaf;

scholarships (to high school students and later to adult students);

health and vision screenings, particularly for preschool children;

donations to local and Lions charities;

BINGO games for nursing home residents;

birthday and Christmas cards to Montevue Home for the Aged residents;

and

sponsoring an East Frederick Little League team, the longest-tenured continuing sponsor as of 2016.

Since the fall of 2014, the FSK Lions Club has joined with members of the Emmitsburg and Middletown Lions Clubs to perform vision screenings of all the students enrolled in Frederick County's Head Start program and at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg.

Darlene Aulls was the first woman accepted as a member of the FSK Lions Club in 1991, followed in 1994 by Judith Duears and J. Lynn Stimmel. Women today comprise 40% of the club's membership.

MEMBERSHIP MEANS ...

... opportunities to meet and work with other Lions in a spirit of fellowship, striving towards a common goal or idea. Through their concern for others and the community, Lions have the opportunity to participate in the club's activities, make suggestions, give opinions, and to often take the initiative and show their capacity for leadership.

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ...

give freely of their time and energy whenever possible

attend all club meetings (unless ill or out of town)

actively serve on committees

be knowledgeable about the aims and objects of Lionism

and

work with club officers and members to achieve the club's goals.

All active members are expected to attend regularly the twice-monthly meetings, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. Attendance may be "made up" by attending other Lions Clubs' meetings or designated Lions functions or activities. While most meetings in the past had a program and a business meeting, in recent years the first meeting each month has been for the business and board of directors' ("board") meetings, with the second meeting having a program and generally no business conducted.

FINANCES

Each club has an entrance fee and annual dues. Entrance fees and dues are used for administrative purposes and to defray international and district dues. Dues are collected, in advance, from members on a quarterly basis; dues statements are distributed on or about January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Included in the dues billing is the cost of one meal a month in the quarter. At the first meeting of each month, members order individually off the menu and are responsible for their meal bill; at the second (program) meeting of the month, members are served a plated meal, which is billed in advance with that quarter's dues billing.

Each Lions Club pays, to LCI, a per capita convention fund tax, which is billed to clubs semi-annually, also in advance, on January 1 and July 1.

The charity, or activities, funds of Lions Clubs, representing funds raised from the public through club fundraising activities, may be expended only to satisfy some community or public need. Charity funds must have a separate accounting from administrative funds, although the monies may be in the same bank account. Under no circumstances may charity funds be used for administrative purposes.

GUESTS AT MEETINGS

The costs of meals for guests at meetings are usually paid for by the Lion who extended the invitation, except in the cases of a guest speaker, Operation Blue Thank You, or a prospective member, where the club absorbs the meal cost. Lions bringing guests should provide advance notice (by making a reservation) and introduce the guest to other members at the time of general introductions.

ELECTIONS

Club officers are elected annually, taking office for a one-year term on July 1 (except for directors, who serve two-year terms), or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The club's immediate past president serves as Nominations Chairman; the nominating committee proposes a slate of officers for the coming year by no later than March. Nominations are accepted from the floor when the slate is presented; the election is held in April.

LCI urges clubs to elect a three-member Membership Committee, comprised of a chairman, vice-chairman, and a member; the chairman is a member of the board of directors. At the end of the first year, the vice-chairman moves up to chairman, the member to vice-chairman, and a new member is elected to the committee. Members would serve three years, maintaining continuity in membership efforts.

CLUB OFFICERS

The elected officers are:

President – chief executive officer of the club; presides at all meetings of the membership and the board; issues call for regular and special meetings; appoints the club's committees and coordinates with the chairmen; sees that regular elections are duly called and held; and cooperates with and is an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the zone in which the club is located.

Immediate Past President – chairs the nominating committee; may officially greet members and guests at meetings

Vice-presidents (up to three) – If the president is unable to perform the duties of office for any reason, the vice-president next in rank shall occupy the position and perform the duties of president. The vice-

presidents, under the guidance of the president, oversee the functioning of committees as designated by the president.

Secretary – acts as the liaison between the club and both the district and LCI; responsibilities include: recording the minutes and attendance at general membership and board meetings; submitting regular reports as required to the District Governor’s Cabinet and to LCI; being an active member of the District Governor’s Advisory Committee of the zone in which the club is located.

Treasurer – receives all monies and deposits them in accounts approved by the board; pays out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority given by the board of directors (all checks and vouchers are signed by the treasurer); issues statements for dues and other financial obligations owed the club, collecting monies owed and providing a receipt for same; having custody of, keeping, and maintaining general records of club receipts and disbursements.

Lion Tamer – has charge of and is responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel, and other items, placing each item in its proper place for the meeting and removing same after the meeting; acts as sergeant-at-arms at meetings; sees that those present are properly seated.

Tail Twister – promotes harmony, good fellowship, and enthusiasm in meetings through appropriate stunts, games, and judicious imposition of fines on club members. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the Tail Twister are immediately turned over to the treasurer for deposit in the club’s administrative fund.

Membership Chairman – head of the Membership Committee, whose responsibilities include: development of a growth program specifically for the club and presented to the board for approval; regular encouragement at club meetings to bring in new quality members; preparation and implementation of orientation sessions; reporting to the board on ways to gain new members (recruitment) and reduce the loss of members (retention); coordination with other club committees

to fulfill these responsibilities; serving as a member of the zone-level membership committee.

Besides the positions listed above, the board also includes:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Chairman – appointed by the president, educates members on and encourages donations to LCIF

Directors: Four Directors are elected to staggered two-year terms; two new directors are elected annually. The board: approves candidates for membership; approves all status changes for members, including transfer or removal; reviews and approves the club's annual budget; approves changes in dues or fees charged to members; approves all major club expenditures, both administrative and charitable; reviews and approves the undertaking of all major club activities.

COMMITTEES

Projects and activities are originated through and conducted by club committees under the direction of a committee chairman. Except for the Nominating Chairman and the elected Membership Committee, chairmen and committees are appointed by the president, preferably immediately after the election.

NEWSLETTER

Keynotes, the newsletter of the Francis Scott Key Lions Club, is published monthly and distributed to all club members as well as those members of the District as designated by the District 22W Newsletter contest rules and to those persons designated by the club president. The September 2017 issue was the first issue to be distributed electronically.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS & AWARDS

LCI's official membership program is the Membership Key Awards. A new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key, issued in the 13th month. First-time sponsors of new members who meet this criterion will receive a personalized "First Lion Award" card and a congratulatory letter from the LCI president. As additional new members are reported to LCI, sponsors automatically receive key awards corresponding to the number of qualified new members. Membership keys are issued for sponsoring 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, and 500 new members. Only one sponsor for each new member can claim credit for a key; no sponsor shall receive more than one key of the same type.

Lions who have maintained continuous membership for 10 or more years will receive a Monarch Chevron, which are issued at 5-year intervals until attaining 75 years of service. Chevron awards for the current fiscal year are automatically sent to the District Governor in the first quarter, for presentation to recipients at an appropriate event. Members with a membership lapse of over six months have not maintained continuous members and are ineligible to receive a Monarch Chevron.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT & SUB-DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Most Lions Clubs are part of a district, which is generally comprised of at least 35 clubs and over 1,250 members. When a district is too large, it is divided along geographical lines into two or more districts, each with its own letter or number. Where there is more than one district in a defined area, the districts form a Multiple District. Each Multiple District has its own constitution and supervises its own affairs. The District Governors of each district in the Multiple District form a Council of Governors for that Multiple District.

The FSK Lions Club is part of both Multiple District 22 (MD22), covering Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, and of District 22-W, a subdistrict comprised (as of September 2017) of 60 Lions, 1 Lioness, and 14 LEO clubs in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, and Carroll Counties in western Maryland.

The *District Governor* (DG) is the chief administrative officer of the district, whose responsibilities include: administering and promoting membership growth, new club development, and leadership development at the club and district level; presiding over cabinet, convention, and other district meetings; promoting harmony among the chartered Lions clubs; ensuring that each Lions club in the district is visited by the District Governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club; and performing such other functions and acts as shall be required by the International Board of Directors.

The District Governor is elected to a one-year term at the annual district convention, takes office at the close of the LCI convention, and represents LCI in the district. The District Governor has direct supervision over two vice district governors, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, four region chairmen, 12 zone chairmen, and other district committee chairmen.

The *Vice District Governors* (VDG) assist the District Governor and are responsible to: become familiar with the District Governor's duties to be able to fulfill those duties, if necessary; work closely with the District Governor on special projects; and assist in and perform administrative duties and other assignments as given by the District Governor.

The *Cabinet Secretary* (CS) and *Cabinet Treasurer* (CT) work to further the purposes and objectives of LCI and perform such acts and functions as required by the LCI.

Normally a district or sub-district is divided into regions (between 10 and 16 clubs), each headed by a chairman; each region is broken down into zones (4 to 8 clubs), each headed by a chairman. Region

and Zone Chairmen work under the leadership of the DG. The FSK Lions Club is in Region III, Zone 3.

The *Region Chairman* (RC), appointed by and reporting to the District Governor, is the chief administrative official of the region, with responsibilities similar to those of the District Governor but on a region level. Region Chairmen are members of the District Cabinet.

The *Zone Chairman* (ZC), appointed by the DG and subject to the supervision of the DG and RC, is the chief administrative official in the zone, with responsibilities similar to those of the DG and RC but on a zone level. Zone Chairmen are members of the District Cabinet.

District Chairmen are appointed by the District Governor and assist the District Governor, Region and Zone Chairmen, and club committee chairmen. In 2017, there were over 40 district committees.

A District Conference may be held to conduct training seminars for club officers; these conferences are attended by designated club officers and committee chairmen, as well as district cabinet members.

The annual district convention, sometimes held as part of a Multiple District Convention, is the chief deliberative body of the district, and is held to: conduct general district business, take action on issues in accordance with the constitution and bylaws, elect district officers, vote on convention sites, and other district matters. The MD22 convention is generally held in May of each year.

District contests are generally announced at the annual club officer training sessions and are enumerated in the district roster book. Appropriate prizes are regularly awarded.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need. They are members of clubs organized into an international organization. In addition to humanitarian service, they enjoy fellowship and develop leadership skills.

The official name of LCI is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or simply "Lions Clubs International."

The primary aim of Lionism is service, first to the club's own community, then to those in need wherever they may be.

Each year Lions Clubs perform services and provide goods to thousands of persons throughout the world. We can proudly say that Lions Clubs perform far more activities and help more people than any other service organization in the world today. LION Magazine regularly carries articles on Lions activities in other parts of the world.

History

Lionism began in June 1917 when a young Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones, presented to a group of separate business clubs the idea of consolidating the individual clubs into one strong influential club with the goal of helping the community and serving humanity. The only point of contention was the selection of a name for the new organization. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organization Lions. He was convinced that the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name Lions was chosen over several others.

The first annual convention was held in Dallas, Texas, at the Adolphus Hotel between October 8 and 10, 1917; twenty-three clubs participated.

At the 1925 convention, Helen Keller addressed the membership and challenged the Lions to take up the cause of the visually handicapped by becoming "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Since then, service to the blind and visually impaired has been one of Lionism's most significant activities.

Emblem, Slogan, Colors, Motto



At the 1919 convention, there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His name was Halsted Ritter. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY."

The January 1931 issue of THE LION Magazine featured this interpretation of the association's name:

Our name was not selected at random, neither was it a coined name. From time immemorial, the lion has been the symbol of all that was good, and because of the symbolism that name was chosen. Four outstanding qualities – Courage, Strength, Activity and Fidelity – had largely to do with the adoption of the name. The last mentioned of these qualities, Fidelity, has a deep and peculiar significance for all Lions. The lion symbol has been a symbol of Fidelity through the ages and among all nations, ancient and modern. It stands for loyalty to a friend, loyalty to a principle, loyalty to a duty, loyalty to a trust.

The emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular area. Bordering this is a circular 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 both past and future – showing both pride of heritage and confidence in the future.

It is the unwritten obligation of every Lion to wear and display the emblem with pride.

The Lions slogan is "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety."

The Lions official colors of purple and gold were selected in 1917. To Lions, purple represents loyalty to country, friends, one's self, and to the integrity of mind and heart; it is the color of strength, courage, and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality of judgment, purity in life, and generosity in mind, heart, and purse towards mankind.

The Lions motto is "We Serve."

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 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 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 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 others, 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 of 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.
- **To be careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

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