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## THEY MADE A LION OUT OF ME

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It is one thing to bring a friend into your house. It is another to make him feel at home, to make him "one of the family."

Every president and secretary of a Lions Club is faced with the responsibility of making every new member "one of the family." The new member must be assimilated into his Lions Club—and it is not his fault if he is not.

Briefly here are the six main points involved in making an honest-to-goodness Lion out of the new member.

1. Impress on him that he is a full-fledged member of the club—not an "outsider" who has to wait until the clique decide to take him in.
2. Introduce him personally to every member of the club—this done preferably by his sponsor, or by someone specially delegated for the job.
3. Induct him properly with appropriate ceremony.
4. Inform him of the structure and purpose of his club and his Association, the Standard Organization Plan, the administrative and activities committees, and similar matters.
5. Appoint him without delay to the committee for which, after giving some study to the structure of the club, he expresses a preference.
6. See that he has every opportunity to serve his fellow Lion, his club, his Association, and his community through his club.

Said a "young" Lion to me the other day: "Melvin, what they did to me was plenty. When I became a Lion they lost no time in impressing on me that I was an important unit in our outfit. I have been introduced to every member of our club—and there are a lot of them. I was inducted right after I became a member. Then I was more or less hog-tied and fed with facts and data on our club and the Association, and they pulled out the standard organization chart to show me clearly that we had an organized plan and a good one.

"I have thoroughly absorbed the aims and work of our committees, and they put me on the community betterment committee—at my request—where we have a program going that is a knockout.

"Yes sir, since I first came in I have been absorbed into all the goodfellowship and good-natured banter, I have been 'educated' up to the hilt on what we stand for and what are our aims and the system we have to achieve them. I have been run ragged on that committee of ours, and I have been run over by that person, the Tail Twister, so many times we "square off" now at sight.

"I have been the guest of so many members at this and that function that I feel as though I have made a thousand new friends.

"I should be all worn out—but I'm all pepped up instead. After six months, Melvin, they have made a Lion out of me—and how I like 'it'."

### Chandler Cautions Other Arizona Lions Clubs

Against Endorsing Actions of D. A. Russell

The Lions Club of Chandler, Arizona, has asked that other Lions Clubs be warned against D. A. Russell who recently presented himself in Holbrook, Arizona, claiming membership in the Chandler club.

A check was cashed for Russell by the local bank in Holbrook.

Russell was at one time a member of the Chandler club, but is not a member now, and therefore cannot present an up to date membership card. His description is: 5' 4"; weight, about 140 lbs.; sandy hair, partially bald; brown eyes; teeth in bad condition.

## Waynesville, N. C. to Honor Membership Builders with Trophy Presented by Secretary

"The more good members we have, the more success the club will attain," wrote Secretary W. L. Hardin, Jr., Waynesville, N. C., to his president, Julian Hopkins, and to back his convictions he has presented a trophy to his club.

"I am so elated over the wonderful strides the club is making in membership and attendance," he said in his letter to President Hopkins, "that it gives me very great pleasure to state that I am going to offer a trophy cup to be designated as the Secretary's Trophy.

"This trophy is to be awarded to the club, but will each year be engraved with the name of the member sponsoring successfully the greatest number of new members during the Club Year."

Secretary Hardin puts no copyright on the idea; so there it is, just waiting for the officers of another go-ahead club to pick it up.

Exceptional service in building his Lions Club entitles a Lion to unusual recognition. In Waynesville, that Lion's work is not to go unnoticed.

## Secretary Can Perform Real Service When a Member Removes to Another City

Another indication of the gratefulness of a Lion for the service which his club secretary can give him on the occasion of his transfer to another city comes from Lion Gordon Garrison of Pratt, Kansas, formerly of Guymon, Oklahoma.

Before he left Guymon, Lion Garrison notified Secretary Yorke of the Guymon Lions Club of his removal. Secretary Yorke wrote to Secretary Trout, of the Pratt Lions Club, and supplied him with information enabling Lion Trout to contact the newcomer and extend to him the hand of Lion Fellowship.

Surprised but grateful, Lion Garrison wrote his former club secretary: "Thursday I went out to the Lions Club dinner at the Country club. They had received your letter, and also one from Lions International, in regard to my transfer.

"Thanks a lot for your kindness in this matter, and you may be sure that I am really very grateful to you, as the Lions welcomed me to Pratt most cordially. You can appreciate what this meant to a newcomer like myself."

No secretary would consciously prevent such a reception for a fellow Lion in a strange city. Some secretaries, however, do occasionally overlook until too late the importance of sending information about each transfer to the Lions Club in the city to which the Lion is removing, and to the International office.

This information is used—and how much it is appreciated is attested by Lion Garrison's letter to Secretary Yorke.

## North Side (Pittsburgh) Bulletin Publishes Meeting Schedule

North Side (Pittsburgh) believes in running its weekly meetings on schedule, and believes also in informing each Lion about the schedule—and also each speaker. Each Lion, and the speaker, receives a copy of the weekly publication *Lions Tales*, and therein is included the following very sensible order of business:

- Meeting called to order by President
- National Anthem
- Flag Salute
- Invocation
- Song—"Don't You Hear Those Lions Roar"
- Oral roll call and Introductions
- Talk on Lionism (Lions Education Committee)
- Announcements
- Singing
- Speaker or Entertainment
- Final business and committee reports
- Closing song
- Adjournment