

**SUGGESTED GUIDE
IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF A LIONS CLUB**

1. When a Lion passes away, the club president, secretary, or any other club officer should immediately contact the Zone/Region Chair and provide the following information:
 - a. Full name of the Lion or Lioness member.
(If the member was better known by a nickname or another commonly used name, and if the family so desires, please also provide that information.)
 - b. If the Lion or Lioness is a charter member.
 - c. If the member previously served on the District Cabinet, as a District Committee Chair, etc.
 - d. Name of the Partner-in-Service.
 - e. Name of Lions/Lioness Club.
 - f. Date of birth.
 - g. Date of death.
 - h. Length (years) of service in Lions, if significant.
 - i. Date of funeral service.
 - j. Type of funeral service (Christian, Buddhist, etc.).

2. The Zone/Region Chair shall immediately call the District Office, District Governor, or Cabinet Secretary to arrange for the procuring of a Lions Memorial Plaque, preparation of a resolution in the memory of the deceased, and for the delivery of the plaque and resolution.

3. The club president or secretary or a designated club officer shall arrange for a Lions Memorial Service with the family of the deceased, if they so desire. The Lions Memorial Service is traditionally conducted as part of the wake service, normally concluding the regular wake service.

4. Lions Club Responsibility
As part of the Lions memorial service, the club should have the following items:
 - a. A 4'x 6' American Flag (cotton), properly folded.
 - b. A Lions lapel button.The lapel button shall be presented to the deceased by the club secretary.
(See Necrology Service)

5. Necrology Participants
 - a. All members of the Lions Club of the deceased.
 - b. Zone Chair.
 - c. Region Chair.
 - d. Any other Lion of other clubs.

6. Order of the Memorial Service and Assignment

a. Master of Ceremonies

The master of ceremonies should be a member of the Lions den, normally a close friend of the deceased selected by the Club president.

(1) Master of ceremonies opens the service with opening remarks.

(See Necrology Service)

(2) Master of ceremonies introduces various speakers and participants.

b. Region Chair

(1) Reads the District Governor's Resolution.

(2) Reads the inscription on the plaque.

(3) Presents the plaque and resolution to the Zone Chair to present to the Partner-in-Service or head of the family.

c. Zone Chair

Assists the Region Chair in the presentation of the resolution and plaque to the family of the deceased.

d. Club President

Presents the folded American Flag to the family of the deceased.

e. Club Secretary

Presents the Lions lapel button to the deceased. Pins button on lapel.

If service is held over the urn, he presents lapel button to the Partner-in-Service.

f. Club Chaplain or a member

Offers a prayer.

7. The American Flag

The American Flag is presented to the Partner-in-Service by the Club president.

8. Honor Guard

Prior to the start of the wake service, members of the club should form an honor guard. The normal complement is four (4) Lions, two on each side of the casket. The honor guards are normally changed every five or ten minutes, automatically, until the wake service begins.

9. Eulogy

A eulogy may be presented during the Lions Memorial Service by the club or a designate. The eulogy should be brief. The eulogy normally culminates the Memorial Service and precedes the singing of "Aloha Oe" by the Lion members.

**Lions Memorial Service
(not Necrology Service)**

(Lions in uniform will follow the Club President, the Club Banner, and the Master of Ceremonies and stand on both sides of the casket or memorial picture - facing it. Invite all Lions, Lionesses, and Leos present to join.)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“Members of the _____ family, relatives and friends. A Lions Memorial Service is conducted by a Lions Club to honor the memory of and to pay our final respects to a fellow Lion, in this our final meeting with him/her.

We shall begin our service by reciting our Lions International Pledge, led by our Past President, Lion _____.”

PAST PRESIDENT:

“Fellow Lions, and Lionesses, please place your right hand over your hearts and recite the Lions Pledge with me. “I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I’m proud to be a Lion dedicated to the service of others.”

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“I now call on President _____ of the _____ Lions Club to extend words of sympathy and condolences.”

PRESIDENT:

“On behalf of the members of the _____ Lions Club, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to (next of kin) and other members and relatives of the Late Lion _____.”

(*MESSAGE* Do not use the same wording as the resolution.)

(If member served in the U. S. Military.) The American Flag draped over the casket symbolizes Lion _____’s love for his/her country and for his/her loyal service in the United States (Branch of Service). If not a veteran, use of flag is optional.

(Or) We would like to present this American Flag to (next of kin) in memory of Lion _____’s love for his/her country (if member served in the U. S. Military Service) and for his/her service in the United States (Branch of Service).

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“I would now like to call District Governor/Region Chairman _____ to present a special resolution from District 50 Lions clubs International, honoring the Late Lion _____.”

DISTRICT GOVERNOR/REGION CHAIRMAN:

(DG/RC reads resolution, and then presents it to the next of kin.)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“A Lions Plaque attesting to Lion _____ membership in the _____ Lions Club and Lions Clubs International will now be presented by RC/ZC _____ to (next of kin).”
(RC/ZC presents plaque to next of kin.)

“Our Club Secretary, Lion _____, on behalf of the _____ Lions Club and Lions Clubs International, will now present the Lions Pin and our Club Friendship Banner to \ (next of kin) in honor and in memory of Lion _____ for his/her _____ years of dedicated service to Lionism and his/her belief of and practice of our Lions Motto, “We Serve.”
(Secretary presents pin and banner to next of kin.)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“May I call on Past President _____ to offer a prayer.”

PAST PRESIDENT:

“Let us join our hearts in prayer.” (*Prayer*)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“May I call on President _____ for some closing remarks.”

PRESIDENT:

(*Closing Remarks*)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“Will you all please rise and join us in singing the chorus of ‘Aloha Oe’, which will be led by Lion _____.” (Have a strong voiced leader or use tape.)

(sing) “A lo ha oe, a lo ha oe
E ke o na o na no ho
I ka li po,
One fond embrace,
A ho’i a e a u,
Until we meet again.”

(“Taps” may be played - taped - immediately following the singing of “Aloha Oe.”)

(All Lions, Lionesses, and Leos to quietly march out through the nearest exit, after the singing of “Aloha Oe.”)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

“Thank you. This concludes our Lions Memorial Service for the Late Lion _____.”

LIONS NECROLOGY SERVICE
(Suggested)

We are gathered here today to pay our respects to the memory of a dear friend and fellow Lion, Lion _____.

With the very kind understanding of the congregation, we wish to conduct a Lions Necrology Service at this time. May I invite all Lions present to participate in this special service. Please step forward and stand at the front or side of the bier/casket/stand.

I now call upon the Secretary, Lion _____ of the _____ Lions Club, to kindly step forward and place upon the casket, a LIONS PIN, in recognition of his/her service to Lionism.

To you, Lion _____, we honor and respect your memory for having fulfilled your obligations to mankind, as demonstrated by your belief in and practice of our slogan, "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety."

Representing the Lions Club International, District 50 Hawaii is our District Governor/Region Chairman, Lion _____ who will read a RESOLUTION in memory of our departed Lion.

Representing the Zone, in which the _____ Lions Club resides, is Zone Chairman _____ who will now read the inscription on the plaque.

I, now, call upon both of these officers to present the resolution and plaque to our deceased Lion's Partner-in-Service, _____ as a small token of appreciation.

To close this Necrology Service, the Lions members present will join in singing "ALOHA OE", led by Lion _____. At the conclusion of ALOHA OE, the Lions will march past the bier/casket in final respect.

ALOHA OE

HAAHEO E KA UA I NA PALI
KE NIHI A'E LA I KANAHELE
A UHAI ANA PAHA I KA LIKO
PUA AHIHI LEHUA O UKA

CHORUS

ALOHA OE, ALOHA OE,
E KE ONAONA NOHO I KA LIPO
ONE FOND EMBRACE, A HO'I A'E AU
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

**NECROLOGY SERVICE
(CHRISTIAN)**

Our Dear Heavenly Father, we are gathered here to pay our final respects to the memory of a friend and fellow Lion.

_____, as a mortal, dedicated his life to his fellow men; patriotism to his country; and service to his community. His was a life devoted to an industrious application of his vocation to the end, that he merited a reputation of service. Loyalty to his friends was known to all. Here was a man that held friendship as an end--not as a means. His was a philosophy which held that true friendship existed--not on account of service performed by one to another--but that true friendship demanded nothing--accepting service in the spirit in which it was given. His every action and demeanor demonstrated his obligation as a citizen--giving unswerving loyalty by word, act and deed--he gave freely of his time, labor and means to the end. His every action was to render assistance to his fellow men by giving sympathy to those in distress, aid to the weak and substance to the needy.

Here was a man, whose every effort was directed towards the creation and fostering of a spirit of generous consideration of others. He promoted and practiced the principles of good government--taking an active interest in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare not only of his community, but also island-wide.

In this our final meeting with a departing brother, we honor him in death as we would have honored him in life.

I now call upon (District Representative) to present to the family of (name of deceased) a plaque from District 50, Lions Clubs International symbolizing and perpetuating his memory in the _____ Lions Club.

I, therefor, call upon the Secretary of our honored club to kindly step forward and place upon the lapel of our departed brother a Lions pin to be worn in death as a reward for service to Lionism.

And I ask our President to step forward and place over the heart of our departed brother, the American Flag--a symbol of his love for his country.

Will our Lion Tamer please step forward and place upon the American Flag our Lions Emblem--a symbol of his devotion to International brotherhood.

To you, Lion (name of deceased) , we honor and respect your memory for having fulfilled your obligation to mankind as demonstrated by your belief in the practice of our motto--"Liberty-Intelligence-Our Nation's Safety."

Let us pray:

O God The Eternal Father -- as we, Thy servants in service come before Thee, in our hour of sorrow at the loss of a fellow brother and member of the _____ Lions Club, we earnestly pray that Thou will accept into Thee the soul of Lion (name of deceased) who gave so freely of his time and service while on this earth, and who carried the respect of all those who knew him in his work in the community in which he lived.

As we, the members of the _____ Lions Club gather to pay our respects to the earthly remains of our fellow Lion, and prepare to return his body to the earth from which it came, we earnestly pray that Thou will look down with love and mercy upon those left behind and give comfort and strength to his beloved family and relatives.

These blessings we ask in Jesus's name. Amen.

(After prayer, the group will sing "Aloha Oe" softly, then march past the coffin in final respect.)

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CHORUS

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**NECROLOGY SERVICE
(BUDDHIST)**

Our most compassionate Buddha of Infinite Light and Life: We are gathered here to pay our final respects to the memory of a friend and fellow Lion. (name of deceased Lion), as a mortal, dedicated his life to his fellow men; patriotism to his country; and service to his community. His was a life devoted to an industrious application of his vocation to the end, that he merited a reputation of service. Loyalty to his friends was known to all. Here was a man that held friendship as an end--not as a means. His was a philosophy which held that true friendship existed--not on account of service performed by one to another--but that true friendship demanded nothing--accepting service in the spirit in which it was given. His every action and demeanor demonstrated his obligation as a citizen--giving unswerving loyalty by word, act and deed--he gave freely of his time, labor and means to the end. His every action was to render assistance to his fellow men by giving sympathy to those in distress, aid to the weak and substance to the needy.

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I now call upon (name of District Representative) to present to the family of (name of deceased) a plaque from District 50, Lions Clubs International, symbolizing and perpetuating his memory in the _____ Lions Club.

I, therefor, call upon the Secretary of our honored club to kindly step forward and place upon the lapel of our departed brother, a Lions pin to be worn in death as a reward for service to Lionism.

And, I ask our President to step forward and place over the heart of our departed brother the American Flag--a symbol of his love for his country.

Will our Lion Tamer please step forward and place upon the American Flag our Lions Emblem--a symbol of his devotion to International Brotherhood.

To you, Lion (name of deceased), we honor and respect your memory for having fulfilled your obligations to mankind as demonstrated by your belief in the practice of our motto--"Liberty - Intelligence - Our Nation's Safety."

Thou Most Wise and Most Compassionate Buddha of Eternal Life and Boundless Light:
We consign the mortal remains of (name of deceased) to the earth; Lion (name of deceased), who
gave so freely of his time and service while in human form, and who carried the respect of all
those who knew him in his work in the community in which he lived.

As we, the members of the _____ Lions Club, gather to pay our respect
to the earthly remains of our fellow Lion, and prepare to return his body to the earth from which
it came, may Thy Compassion embrace those who are left behind and give comfort and strength
to his beloved family and relatives?

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU

(The group will sing “Aloha Oe”, softly, and then all members march past coffin in final
respect)

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