



Lions 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 my fellow men, 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 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 to them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To aid my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

1923

1993

70th Anniversary



Fairmont Lions Club

Fairmont, West Virginia

Saturday, April 17, 1993

Muriale's Restaurant
Fairmont, West Virginia



FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 1164
Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

April 17, 1993

Greetings and Welcome.....

to the Fairmont Lions Club members, former members, visiting Lions, Lionesses, ladies and other distinguished guests who have joined us tonight to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of our club.

We especially want to honor all of our Past Presidents with us tonight and to pay our respects to those who have served during the past 70 years.

The Fairmont Lions Club, organized April 20, 1923, is proud to have served the community in various ways, with emphasis placed on supplying eyeglasses and on sight conservation.

Lionism has grown to be the largest service organization in the world. The Fairmont Lions Club has met many challenges during the past 70 years. Many of our goals have become a reality in recent years with the assistance of the Fairmont Lioness Club.

We deeply appreciate your sharing in celebrating our 70th anniversary and furthering the cause of Lionism.

Lion James E. (Gene) Martin
President

70th Anniversary Committee

Lion Gerald Warren, PDG

Lion Clifford D. Stalnaker

Lion James E. Coleman

Looking Back To 1923

It was 1923, and the United States of America had only recently come out of a "war to end all wars." Warren G. Harding was President and Calvin Coolidge was his vice president.

The World War that had raged in Europe only a few years earlier had forced the country from a period of relative isolationism into a growing leadership role the nation was perhaps not quite ready to assume.

In Egypt, the inner tomb of Tutankhomen had been opened just two months before, and reports still were enthralling the world with stories of undreamed splendor still untouched after 3400 years.

The winds of change were everywhere. Vladimir Ulianov, or Nikolai Lenin as he was known to his Bolshevik compatriots who assisted him in seizing control of Russia, was solidifying his powers and building a new political and geographic nation—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In India, still firmly under British colonial rule, Mohandas K. Gandhi sat in prison, arrested on charges of sedition.

Amid labor unrest, West Virginia—still less than 60 years old— was becoming increasingly important to an industrially-developing nation, with its vast oil, gas, and coal reserves. A West Virginian, John W. Davis, was being considered as a viable candidate for President on the Democratic ticket for the following year.

Fairmont, in the heart of West Virginia's growing bituminous coal industry, was a thriving community with over 18,000 people and a county population of 55,000. Downtown Fairmont, with a modern streetcar system that brought residents of nearby communities to the business district, was bustling, and several new commercial buildings had been recently constructed or were under construction. The Fairmont State Normal School had only a few years earlier moved to its new location on Locust Avenue and was seeking permission to grant a degree in education.

It was in this atmosphere, then, that the Fairmont Lions Club was born with the granting of a charter by the International Association of Lions Clubs on April 20, 1923, becoming West Virginia's sixth Lions Club and the first club in north central West Virginia. Lionism was on the move throughout the United States and Canada, with clubs in 42 states and four provinces.

Starting at the YMCA in Fairmont, the Fairmont Lions Club soon moved its meetings to the prestigious Fairmont Hotel, where it held Friday noon meetings until 1935, when it switched to Friday evening meetings to accommodate members from outlying businesses and industries. Then, in 1980, the Fairmont Lions Club said "farewell" for good to the Fairmont Hotel and Friday evening meetings.

Today, as we look back upon our first 70 years, we can only speculate or report from news clippings and hearsay what that first meeting at the Fairmont YMCA must have been like. For, we have not one single surviving member from among the charter members of 1923. The last surviving charter member, Dr. H. R. Yost, the first president, was ill during our fiftieth anniversary program in 1973 and died shortly after that date.

Since the Fairmont Lions Club came into existence those 70 years ago, our world has grown much smaller as the result of so many products never dreamed of in 1923. As Lionism has become global in its scope, the purpose to which Lionism was born --fellowship and service -- remains as important today as it was on April 20, 1923. Today, third and even fourth generation Lions still are dedicated to these same principles. And, we number among our membership several who still will be here thirty years hence, In July 2023, when Lions come together on a Saturday evening to celebrate 100 years of Lionism in Fairmont and Marion County.



Lions Clubs Sponsored by the Fairmont Lions

Farmington Lions Club.....	1929
Rivesville Lions Club.....	1942
Fairview Lions Club.....	1945
Worthington Lions Club.....	1945
Mannington Lions Club.....	1945
Barrackville Lions Club.....	1957
Idamay Lions Club.....	1963
Union District Lions Club.....	1966
Cross Roads Lions Club.....	1971
Fairmont East Lions Club.....	1972
Whitehall Lions Club.....	1974
Bellview Lions Club.....	1976
Indian Creek Lions Club.....	1981
East Grafton Road Lions Club.....	1983

In addition, clubs sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club have sponsored a total of 20 additional clubs, and these clubs in turn have sponsored at least eight other clubs.

Charter Members

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB — FAIRMONT, W.VA.

ORGANIZED BY: V.M. Davidson, FIELD DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

ORGANIZATIONAL DATE AND OFFICIAL CHARTER DATE:
April 20, 1923

CHARTER PRESENTATION DATE: April 23, 1923

President.....	Dr. Herschel R. Yost
Vice President.....	Floyd J. Patton
Secretary.....	Lawrence G. Boggs
Treasurer.....	Phil S. Bentel
Lion Tamer.....	G.G. Smith
Tail Twister.....	George E. Martch
Director (2 year term).....	Arch F. Brownfield
Director (2 year term).....	Harry L. Walsh
Director (1 year term).....	C.B. Glasscock
Director (1 year term).....	Albert M. Rowe

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Phil S. Bentel
J.V. Blair, Jr.
Lawrence G. Boggs
Arch F. Brownfield
Bert Cousins
E. Deitz
Reno Fleming
C.B. Glasscock
Gilbert Gwynn
M.L. Hamilton
Ray Harden
Willis Hawley, Jr.
Dr. W.H. Hess
S.L. Johnson

Bert G. Linn
George E. Martch
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George McCaig
M.E. Miller
Benton Mitchell
Dr. Fred L. Morris
Luke Ollis
Floyd J. Patton
Harry S. Price
Albert M. Rowe
Victor Shaw
G.G. Smith
Harry L. Walsh
Max D. Wilson
Dr. Herschel R. Yost

