

INFORMATION ABOUT GOVERNORS VISIT

PURPOSE: Lions International requires that every District Governor visit every club in his or her district. The reason for this is to allow every club an opportunity to spend time with the Governor, to hear the Governor's words, and to interact with the Governor. Note; some clubs may wish to join together to have a Joint Governor's Visit.

WHO VISITS: It is the Club's choice as to who will accompany the Governor. Many clubs invite one or more of the following District officers: Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and Vice District Governor. It is certainly acceptable to invite only the Governor, if you choose to do so. Regardless of whether you invite only the Governor, or also invite some Cabinet members, please let us know whether the spouses are also invited.

FORM OF MEETING: Although most Governor's visits include a meal, it is not required.

PAYMENT FOR MEALS: If a meal is involved. **THE CLUB IS NOT EXPECTED TO PAY FOR ANY MEALS.** Many clubs do pay for the meal of the Governor and those traveling with the Governor. However, this could mean that the club would be paying for as many as 10 meals (12, if the Vice District Governor attends). The host club should make the determination as to what meals, if any, they will pay for. We ask only that the hosting club inform the Governor as to which meals will be paid for by the club, in order to avoid any embarrassment.

ESTABLISHING DATES FOR VISIT & TENTATIVE DETAILS: Dates for the Governor's visits should be submitted as soon as possible. Hopefully, all dates can be arranged and confirmed by the first of September. The Governor's visits should be completed by the end of February, before the District Convention. Region and/or Zone Chairs should contact each club in their respective regions or zones to obtain three alternative dates for the visit. Once the Governor has locked in a date, the Region and/or Zone Chair should notify the club of the confirmed date, and obtain the following information:

1. Time and location.
2. Dress for the visit. (Formal, semi-formal, or casual ?)
3. Who pays for their meals, if there is a meal?

COORDINATION OF FINAL DETAILS: About 1 week before the visit, the Region Chair should contact the club to determine whether there are any changes, whether there are any special awards the club wants the Governor to present, or whether there are any other special proceedings with which the club wants the Governor to assist. The Region Chair should then call to pass the information along to the Governor.

DRESS FOR THE CABINET MEMBERS AND SPOUSES: Under normal circumstances, the dress for the cabinet members and their spouses attending a Governor's visit would be coat and tie for the gentlemen, and skirt or dress slacks for the ladies. We must remember that we are representing the Lions of our District and Lions International. Therefore, our dress should be appropriate. If a club advises that their visit is casual due to the type of meal, location of the event, or other reason, then the dress for the cabinet members should be adjusted appropriately.

The District Governor is required by the Missouri Lions Policy Manual to wear his/her State Uniform to all Governor visits. If your club wishes to conduct a visit that would require the Governor to dress differently, please advise the Governor in advance.