

Protocol

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Sometimes I feel that talking about protocol in situations such as meetings is very much like speaking to the choir.

I will, however, ask that each and every one of you take this information back to your region chairs (I know we don't have any), zone chairs, club presidents and club secretaries.

Protocol is something that many clubs overlook when they have a guest such as First or Second Vice District Governor, District Governor and/ or International Guest. It is even suggested that we recognize any guest at our meetings.

Please make sure that your clubs in your zones and districts are aware of what protocol is for their guests and speakers.

Speaking from experience, I have walked in to clubs and not even been addressed or acknowledged as a guest. I am OK with not being addressed or acknowledged as Governor or Council Chair, but anyone who holds these offices deserves the respect for all of the time and effort they have devoted to Lions over their Lions years.

Please be sure your Presidents introduce the guest and asks the members to stand as a sign of respect.

One other thing that happens is this. Please make sure that your club pays for your guests' meal if there is one. They are your guest! I have on occasion been handed the bill for my meal after speaking or inducting new members. Again, show respect.

You don't have to put them on a pedestal, just show them that you appreciate all they have done.

There are copies of Lions Clubs International Official Protocol available online at LCI. . Please see that you here in this room are getting this information out to your respective clubs and club officers.

As you will note, there is a change in Order of Precedence. Look carefully at number 4. We have two board appointees in our MD so make sure they are recognized in order.

Respectfully submitted

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