

Lions International Officers and Directors 1952 - 1953

S. A. Dodge, President of Lions International. Residing in Detroit, Mich., he and his wife Verna have two children, both married.

A graduate of the University of Michi-



gan School of Business Administration in 1917, he earned his Certified Public Accountant degree five years later, having served two years with the U. S. Air Force during World War I.

Rising fast in the business world, S. A. is now vice president and treasurer of Solventol Chemical Products, Inc., and a director of several other business concerns.

An incorporator of Leader Dogs for the Blind, he also has been a member of the Board of Management of the Detroit Y.M.C.A. President Dodge is a Mason, a member of Lotus Lodge No. 549, F. & A. M., and all Scottish Rite Bodies in Detroit.

A Key member and Past President of the Northwest Lions club of Detroit, Lion Dodge also has held various offices in his district. He was District Governor of District 11, Lower Michigan, during 1937-38.

After having served in all vice presidencies of the Association, S. A. was elected President by unanimous ballot at the 36th International Convention in Chicago, Ill. Previously he had served a term as International Director.

Edgar M. Elbert, Immediate Past President of Lions International. Ed and Anona Elbert, of Maywood, Ill., have one son, Philip.

Graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Lion Elbert did graduate work at James Millikin, Chicago, Illinois, and Valparaiso universities. He is now a director at Valparaiso.

Lion Elbert is owner and active head of a real estate and insurance company which bears his name, and of Citizens Currency Exchange.

He has served as a director of the Westlake Hospital Association since 1933, and is a member of Delta Sigma Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities. He is an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he has served in many capacities, including the presidency of the Q Zone Walther League.

Lion Elbert served as International President for 1952-53, after having held the three subordinate vice presidential offices. He was a leader in his home club at Maywood, and twice served his district as Governor. He was elected to the International Board of Directors in 1943.

Monroe L. Nute, First Vice President of Lions International. The father of three children, Lion Monty lives with his wife in Kennett Square, Pa.

After he was graduated from Williamson Trade School, Lion Nute studied at Pennsylvania State College. He is an automobile dealer, farmer, and breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle. A Presbyterian, Lion Nute has been active in his community as a Mason, school



board member, and president of the chamber of commerce.

A Master Key member and Past President of the Kennett Square Lions Club, Lion Nute served his district as deputy governor and governor before being elected to the International Board of Directors in 1947.

Lion Nute was elected First Vice-President at the International Convention in July of this year, after having served as Third and Second Vice-President.

Humberto Valenzuela of Santiago, Chile, South America, is the Second Vice-President of The International Association of Lions Clubs, having been elected to that office at the International Convention in Chicago in July of 1953. Prior to his election as Second Vice-President, Lion Valenzuela had served as Third Vice-President, a member of the Board of International Relations, International Director and District Governor of District H which included at that time the countries of Bolivia, Chile and Peru. He was the charter President of the Santiago, Chile, Lions Club and is the holder of a Master Key, the Extension Award Medal and the Merit Award.

An official of the Chilean Government, Vice-President Valenzuela is married and he and his wife have four children and eight grandchildren.

John L. Stickley of Charlotte, N. C., was elected Third Vice-President of Lions International at the International Convention in July, 1953. A Key member of the Charlotte club, in which he was President, Lion Stickley served in the district as Zone



Chairman, Deputy District Governor and Governor. He was elected International Director in 1951.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., he studied at Lowell Textile Institute, before going with a textile firm with which he was southern manager for 25 years, before organizing his own textile company four years ago. He is an officer of three other firms.

A member of the Baptist church, which he served as vice-chairman of the Board of Deacons, he is a Mason, a Shriner, and chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Charlotte.

Vice-President Stickley and his wife, Jennie, have three children, a son and two daughters.

R. Roy Keaton, Director-General of Lions International. With his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Larry and Sherry, Lion Keaton lives in Flossmoor, Ill.

Since he received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Southern Methodist University, Lion Keaton has been in constant demand as a speaker and writer. He is a Mason, Knight Templar, and a Shriner.

Lion Keaton joined the Weatherford, Texas, Lions Club in 1929, and has been in the employ of Lions International since 1934, having served with distinction as a Special Representative and as State Secretary in Texas.

In 1950, the International Board of Directors appointed him administrative head of Lions International. Under his direction, the Association has shattered one growth record after another, THE LION and EL LEON have shown marked improvement, Lionism's objectives and program have received increased public recognition and the Association has enjoyed heightened world-wide prestige.



Melvin Jones was born in Fort Thomas, Ariz., on January 13, 1880. At the age of 20 he went to Chicago to study law, later went into the insurance business and then operated his own agency. In October, 1917, Lion Jones was one of two Chicago dele-



gates to an organizing convention of representatives of various independent clubs throughout the country. At that meeting, attended by 46 delegates and alternates, Lion Jones was elected Secretary-Treasurer. In July, 1950, the International Board of Directors bestowed upon him the title of Secretary-General for life. In that capacity he serves as an advisor and consultant to the International Board.

Lion Jones lives in Flossmoor, Ill., with his wife, Rose. He is a Grand Master Key member and a Mason.

Wilburn L. Wilson is Treasurer of The International Association of Lions Clubs, having been appointed to that office by the International Board of Directors in September, 1945.



Lion Wilson is a Key member of the Central Lions Club of Chicago and has

been in the employ of Lions International since 1932. During that time he has demonstrated outstanding executive ability in the performance of his duties as Auditor, Assistant Treasurer, and as Treasurer.

Born in Plain Dealing, La., Lion Wilson is a graduate of Chillicothe (Missouri) Business College, where his major course of study was accounting. He now lives in Glen Ellyn with his wife and two children.

William R. Bird was appointed Secretary of Lions International in January, 1947, and has been employed by Lions International since March, 1937.



Lion Bird was born in Elwood, Ind.; attended high school at Decatur, Ill., Washington

University Evening School in St. Louis, and received his LL.B. degree from John Marshall Law School, Chicago, in February, 1947. He was admitted to the Bar in May, 1947, and is a member of the American Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi.

Lion Bird is a member of the Englewood Lions Club of Chicago and is a Presbyterian and a Mason. He is married and lives with his wife, Ann, in Maywood, Illinois.

Miguel E. Abed, of Mexico, D. F., Mexico, was appointed an International Director in 1952. He is a past president of the Mexico City Lions Club, having been a member of that club since January, 1945. He is also a past district governor of District B-4 and is the im-



mediate past president of the National Association of Lions Clubs of Mexico. He is one of the few Lions in the entire International Association who holds the International Membership Key. He served as General Chairman of the 35th Annual Lions International Convention in Mexico City in June, 1952. His business interests are many, but principally textiles and real estate. A noted sportsman, he holds many trophies for yachting, fishing, racing, etc. He is married and is the father of eleven children.

Dr. Jesus Arias Correa, Pereira, Caldas, Colombia, was elected International Director at the International Convention in July, 1953. He established the Children's Christmas Gift and initiated the Fire Prevention Week in his country. He was Secretary of Educa-



tion for the Department of Caldas for five years, Deputy to the Assemblies of Antioquia and Caldas, and Secretary of Hygiene for the Department of Caldas.

Director Arias is a charter and Key member of the Pereira Lions Club, and has served his club as First Vice-President, President, and was District Governor for District F-1. He is a Catholic and specializes in obstetrics. He and his wife, Isabel, have two children.

Postele Cooper, Deming, N. M., a Senior Master Key member, was elected International Director in June, 1952. He is a past president of the Deming club, past zone chairman and district governor and has a record of 13 years' perfect attendance. Director



Cooper is President of the Cooper Agency, Inc., and vice-president of the Mimbres Valley Bank. He is a Mason, Shriner and served as Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico. He has served as president of the New Mexico Association of Finance Companies, the Deming Chamber of Commerce and the New Mexico Association of Insurance Agencies. He is a member of the American Legion and a Major in the Civil Air Patrol. Lion Cooper and his wife, Ursula, have one daughter and two grandchildren.

Joe J. Fisher, Jasper Texas, a Key member in the Jasper Lions club, was elected International Director at Mexico City during the 1952 Annual Convention. Lion Fisher is a charter member of the San Augustine Lions club and has held all offices except Secretary and



Treasurer of the Jasper club. He also served as zone chairman, deputy district governor and district governor. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and is now an attorney. A member of the Methodist Church, Director Fisher is also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, past president of the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Trinity-Neches Boy Scout Council and District Attorney. He is married and he and his wife, Kathleen, are the parents of four children.

Ray A. Galipeau, of Merrill, Wis., was elected International Director in June, 1952, at the International Convention in Mexico City. Lion Ray is a Key of Nations member and has held all offices in his own Lions club with the exception of Secretary. He has



also served his district as zone chairman and district governor. Lion Galipeau was educated in the schools of Wisconsin and also attended business college in that state. He is now in the real estate and recreation business. Director Ray is a Roman Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus, an Eagle and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and several church and business organizations. Lion Galipeau is married and he and his wife, Helene, have three daughters and one son.

Robert L. Gammon, Sr., Coolidge, Ariz., a Key member in the Coolidge Lions club, was elected International Director in 1952 at the International Convention. He is a past president of the Coolidge club and was district governor in 1949-50 and vice-chairman of the



Board of Governors in 1950-51. He is the holder of the International Extension award and the 100% District Governors award. Lion Gammon, who was born in Webb City, Missouri, is active in civic affairs and was the recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation award of the town of Coolidge and the Civic Work award of the Chamber of Commerce. Director Gammon is a Methodist and a Mason. He is a pharmacist by profession. Lion Gammon and his wife, Fern Agnes, are the parents of two sons.

E. L. Harris, Birmingham, Ala., was elected International Director in June, 1952. He is a past president of the Birmingham (West End) Lions club, and has served as district governor of 34-B, and as vice-chairman of the Board of Governors. He is a Key member



and is the holder of the Extension award. Lion "Slim," as he is generally known, is the president of the Alabama Sight Conservation Association, Trustee of the Eye Foundation, Inc., and a member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Born in Hancock County, Georgia, Lion Slim was educated in the public schools of Decatur, Georgia, and at Georgia Tech. He is now a public accountant and auditor. Director Harris is a Methodist and is active in civic affairs. He is married and he and his wife, Frances, have one son.

E. Daniel Johnson, of Melrose, Mass., was elected International Director in June, 1952. He is a past president and past secretary of the Melrose Lions club, past district governor of district 33-N and has served as chairman of the Massachusetts Governors Council, secretary-treasurer of the NE Governors Council and chairman of the Massachusetts Eye Research Council. Lion Johnson holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is now a Sales Engineer for the Buffalo Forge Company. A Mason and a Shriner, he is also a past president of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a member of Tau Beta Pi. He and his wife, Hazel, have one son, two daughters and a granddaughter.



C. W. McKee, Hays, Kan., was elected a Director at the International Convention in June, 1952. He had previously served as chairman of the Board of Governors. He served as District 17-N governor in 1950-51, organizing 19 new Lions clubs. Born near Sterling, Kan., where he was educated, he attended Fort Hays, Kan. State College, St. Josephs Military College and Sterling College. He has wheat land in Kansas, ranch land in Colorado, producing oil investments, and manages personal real estate properties. He is a member of the Elks club, Knife and Fork club, Pi Kappa Delta, Phi Sigma Epsilon, Knights of Columbus and the Catholic church. He is a national charter member and life member of the American War Dads. Lion McKee and his wife have four children and four grandchildren.



Massey H. Roe, Hagerstown, Md., was elected International Director at the International Convention in Mexico City in June, 1952. Lion Roe is a Key member in the Hagerstown Lions club and has served that club as second and third vice-president and president. He was District Governor of 22-W. He has had perfect attendance since becoming a Lion. Director Roe was born in Denton, Maryland, and was educated in the schools of Baltimore, Maryland. He is an official of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Lion Roe is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is married and has no children.



Amilcar Tribaldos, Panama, Panama, was elected Director of Lions International at the International Convention in July, 1953. A Key member of the Panama Lions Club, with perfect attendance since 1943, he held the offices of Director, Vice-President, and President, and in the district he served as Deputy District Governor and District Governor. Born in David, Panama, Lion Tribaldos was graduated with honors from the National University, where he excelled in public speaking. He is married and has three children.



Byrl F. Babcock, Sacramento, Cal., was elected International Director at the International Convention in July, 1953. A Key member and 30-year Old Monarch of the Sacramento Club, Lion Babcock is now its full-time Executive Secretary-Treasurer. He has served as Deputy District Governor, District Governor and Cabinet Secretary of the 4th District. Born in Belleville, Kan., Director Babcock is a graduate of Drake University and the music-drama course at Highland Park College. He was Assistant Director of Finance, Deputy State Controller of California, and Executive Manager of the California State Employees Association. He is an Elder of the First Christian Church, and a Mason. He and his wife, Margaret, have two children.



Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss., was elected International Director in July, 1953, at the International Convention in Chicago. A charter member with perfect attendance, Lion Black has held virtually

every office in his club, has twice served as Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor, and was District Governor. A Methodist and a Mason, Lion Black has shown his leadership abilities with numerous civic bodies. He was born in Nettleton, and is now a retail merchant with establishments in three communities of Nettleton. He is married and has a daughter.



Stanley G. Fowler of Timmins, Ont., Canada, a Key member of the Timmins Lions Club, was elected International Director in July, 1953. He is a charter member of the Timmins Lions Club and has a perfect attendance record of 18 years. He has served his club as President, Vice-President and Treasurer, and in the district organization he served as Deputy District Governor of Zone 15 and was District Governor of District A-5 (1944-45). Director Fowler was born in Kent, England, and received his education there. He served six years in the British Army during World War I. He is an auditor by profession and is now operating his own auditing business in Timmins. He is a member of the Church of England. Lion Fowler is an enthusiastic philatelist, and has travelled extensively throughout Europe, Africa, and North America. He and his wife, Hazel, have one child.



Antonio L. Garcia, Matanzas, Cuba, was elected Director of Lions International at the International Convention in July, 1953. A Key member of the Matanzas Lions club, he has served as director, vice-president and president. Born in Salas, Asturias, Spain, Lion Garcia is a sugar producer, having previously worked in the fields of jewelry and lumber. He is a Roman Catholic. Community betterment programs in Matanzas have always found Lion Garcia in a leading role. He is married and has a daughter.



Ralph S. Garrett, Pocatello, Idaho, was elected Director of Lions International in July, 1953, at the International Convention in Chicago. A Key member of the Pocatello Lions Club, with five years perfect attendance, Lion Gar-



rett served his club as Secretary and President, and the District as Deputy District Governor and District Governor.

Born in Loganton, Pa., Lion Barrett received his education at Albright College and Patrick's Business College. He is now Vice-President of a general insurance company, with 30 years experience in the field. A member of the Congregational Church, a Mason, an Elk, and a Moose, Lion Garrett is married and has two children.

Dr. Daniel J. V. Martin, Green-



ville, Ohio, was elected International Director in July, 1953, at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Lion Martin served two terms as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, District Governor and Inter-

national Counsellor. He is a Key member of the Greenville Lions Club and has a perfect attendance record of 12 years. He is a member of the Brethren Church, Alpha Fraternity and A. O. A., and is active in many civic affairs. His hobby is the Boy Scouts.

Director Martin is an optometrist. He and his wife, Helen, have no children.

Paul Patchin, Kinderhook, N. Y.,



was elected International Director at the International Convention in July, 1953. A Master Key member and charter President of the Kinderhook Club, Lion Patchin also served as Zone Chairman, Cabinet Secretary, District

Governor and Chairman of the State Council.

Born in Pine Plains, N.Y., he attended Colgate University and the State Teachers College, later serving as Supervising Principal of the Kinderhook and Lake Placid High Schools. He was Mayor of Kinderhook for three terms, and is eastern New York manager for a publishing company. A member of the Dutch Reformed Church and a Commandery Mason, he and his wife, Marguerite have two daughters.

Al J. Ruch, Clayton, Mo., elected International Director



at the International Convention in July, 1953, served as president and secretary of the Clayton club and Governor of Dist. 26-A. He holds the 10-year Perfect attendance award and Old Monarch chevron.

A graduate of the American Institute of Banking, Director Ruch is now a

banker in Clayton, having started in the business as an office boy with a bank in St. Louis where he was born.

He has served as chairman of Red Cross and War Chest campaigns in St. Louis county, chairman of the country Bankers' association, and head of several committees of the Missouri Bankers Association. A Catholic, Director Ruch and his wife Alice are the parents of four children.

Per Stahl, Eskilstuna, Sweden, was



elected Director of Lions International at the International Convention in July, 1953. The Charter President of the Eskilstuna Lions club, Lion Stahl has served as Deputy District Governor, District Governor, and member of the

Executive Council of the Board of International Relations. He holds a Merit Award, an International President's Award, and is an Ambassador of Goodwill.

Lion Stahl is managing director of an iron and metal goods company. Born and educated in Eskilstuna, Lion Stahl is married and has one son and two daughters.

Chester P. Webb, Lawrenceburg,



Tenn., was elected International Director at the International Convention in July, 1953. A charter and Key member of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club, with 15 years perfect attendance, he has served his club in virtually every office in the

district, including Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, and District Governor.

Born in Lawrenceburg, Lion Webb is a postmaster, and has served with excellence on numerous civic bodies. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, is married and has four children.

C. T. Young, Pender, Neb., was



elected Director during the International Convention in July, 1953. Lion "Cemy," who was born in McPherson, Kansas, has served his own Club in many capacities and has served his district as cabinet secretary-treasurer,

deputy district governor and district governor. He has a record of five years perfect attendance. Formerly an educator and athletic coach, Lion Young is now in the insurance business. He is a Presbyterian, a Mason, a member of the Quarterback Club and has been active

in many civic affairs for which he has received many honors and awards. Lion Young is married.

Finis E. Davis of Louisville, Ky.,



was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors during the International Convention in July, 1953. Lion Davis, born in Lead Hill, Ark., has served his own club in many capacities and has served his district as Deputy District

Governor, and District Governor. Formerly the Superintendent for the American Printing House for the Blind and a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Workers for the Blind. He is a Presbyterian, a Mason, Consistory of Kentucky and a Kosair Temple Shrine Elder, and has been active in many civic affairs. He was a United States Delegate to the World Conference on Education of Blind Youth held at Bussum, Netherlands, in 1952. Lion Davis and his wife, Ethlyn, have three children.

Wm. K. Wylie, Chairman of the



Board of International Relations, is a Key member of the Schumacher, Ont., Canada, Lions club. A Lion member for 18 years, Lion Wylie held the offices of Secretary and President in his club and served the district as Deputy

District Governor and District Governor.

Born in Rockwood, Ont., he received his education at Teachers' College in Hamilton, Ont., and at the University of Western Ontario. Currently Supervising Principal of the Dundas Public Schools, he is active in community affairs and has been president of various professional organizations, including the Wentworth Teachers League. He is a member of the United Church of Canada. Lion Wylie is married and has three children.

NEXT MONTH

In the October issue of THE LION you will be introduced to the 256 new District Governors of the Association.

October being the month of the Association's 36th Anniversary, THE LION will also carry a feature honoring the five remaining Founders of Lions International.