LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL – CENTENNIAL DISTRICT 308-A1 SINGAPORE Lions Official Protocol – Order of Precedence 2016-2017

- 1. Presiding Officer of any Lions function
- 2. Guest of Honour (if any)
- 3. Special Guest (if any)
- 4. PID Charlie Chan & his wife CP Dora Chan
- 5. Centennial DG Gilbert PC Tan & his wife Siew Yau
 (or as Presiding Officer in all District functions where the following will be the same, eg
 Region Chairperson / Zone Chairperson / Club President is the Presiding Officer)
- 6. Centennial IPCC William Tan (Er)
- 7. PCC Anthony Cheong & his wife Centennial Honorary Committee Chairperson PDG Isabel Cheong*
- 8. Multiple District Chairperson, PCC SG Chin & his wife Centennial DC Lely Chin
- 9. PCC Tommy Choo
- 10. PCC Dr Winston Koh & his wife Lion Molly Koh
- 11. PCC Lim Hon Chee PBM & his wife Annie
- 12. PCC P T Wong
- 13. PCC David Woo PBM & his wife Lioness Chu Sin
- 14. Centennial IPDG Nancy Lim & her spouse Lion Richard Koh
- 15. Centennial 1st VDG Jerrick Tay
- 16. Centennial 2nd VDG Jeffrey Yang Zheng Dong & his wife Lion Annie Chai
- 17. Centennial Multiple District Chairperson, PDG Bobby Eng & his wife PP Rosie Eng
- 18. Centennial Multiple District Chairperson, PDG William Kwok & his wife Agnes
- 19. Centennial Multiple District Chairperson, PDG Eric Ng & his wife Lee Ching
- 20. Centennial Multiple District Chairperson, PDG Anthony Tay PPA PBM & his wife Centennial RC Yeo Siew Yam
- 21. Centennial Honorary Committee Chairperson PDG Isabel Cheong*
- 22. PDG Philip Chua & his wife Jane
- 23. PDG Han Thien Fong PBM
- 24. PDG Sylvester Heng & His wife Lioness Dorothy Heng
- 25. PDG David Lee & his wife Ann
- 26. PDG Singa Retnam & his wife Lion Judy Yap
- 27. Centennial District GMT Co-Ordinator PDG Steven Seah, BBM & his wife PP Lesa Gan
- 28. PDG Henry Tan PBM and his wife PDG Irene Tan
- 29. PDG Irene Tan*
- 30. PDG Tan Kiang Hoo & his wife Lee Yean
- 31. PDG Leslie Yong, BBM (L) & his wife Juliet
- 32. Centennial Cabinet Secretary Michael Huang
- 33. Centennial Cabinet Secretary (Mandarin) Tong Wu
- 34. Centennial Cabinet Treasurer Eng Chen Lian
- 35. Centennial District GLT Co-Ordinator Richard Koong
- 36. Centennial Family & Women District Co-Ordinator Mary Ong
- 37. Centennial LCIF District Co-Ordinator Marthyn Ting
- 38. Centennial Region Chairpersons
- 39. Centennial Zone Chairpersons
- 40. Centennial District Chairpersons
- 41. Centennial Club Presidents
- 42. Past Club Presidents
- Acknowledgement of the presences of Past Officers of the Association (POAs) To recognise alphabetically according to the first letter of surname
- * When attending Lions Function on their own
- Acknowledgement of the presences of Cabinet Officers as a group To be addressed as "Centennial Cabinet Officers" while acknowledging the cabinet office bearers individually as either Cabinet Secretary (English) / Cabinet Secretary (Mandarin) / Cabinet Treasurer / Region Chairperson / Zone Chairperson according to their office/s.

A. General

- * The other portfolio <u>may</u> also be mentioned during roll call and recognition but it is not necessary when addressing the dignitary's title. Only address his/her highest position.
- ** Vice Council Chairperson shall be recognised accordingly when attending Council functions, e.g. Council Meetings, MD Convention. When attending all other functions e.g. Cabinet Meetings, club functions will be recognised as IPDG.

At the Lions official functions, the principal speaker is required to acknowledge all dignitaries present according to the Order of Precedence. Spouses of the Lions dignitaries present should be recognised together with the respective Lions during introductions, and be seated according to LCI protocol policy during official Lions functions. There is no requirement to introduce the non-spouse companion of a dignitary, but it may be nice to do so out of courtesy.

Appointees by the International President to committees of the International Board of Directors and the LCIF Executive Committee and Area GMT/GLT leaders shall be introduced and otherwise recognised before Lions who have held the same office, during introductions. Their respective appointments shall be mentioned. There is no requirement to recognise a past board appointee, bit it can be mentioned after his current title as being a Past Board Appointee (PBA).

In introduction, the titles and the positions of the respective officers shall be mentioned in full rather than just abbreviations (e.g. "Council Chairman" rather than just "CC" & "Multiple District Chairperson" rather than just "MDC").

B. Non-Lions Dignitaries

Non-Lion dignitaries should be given precedence in accordance with the official local protocol and/or custom, keeping in mind that if the non-Lion is the principal speaker, then he or she should be seated directly to the right of the presiding officer/meeting chairperson. It is important to exercise care of a non-Lion dignitary being invited as Guest of Honour. His/Her importance at the function or official government (or non-government) position should be carefully considered, especially when high-ranking Lions officers e.g. International officers, CC or your own respective District Governor, who is the head of your District, is/are invited

C. Head Table Seating

The presiding officer or meeting chairperson must always be seated at the most central seat at the table. The principal speaker, or guest of honour, would occupy the seat on the right of the chairperson. The next in the order of precedence will occupy the seat on the left of the chairperson.to be followed by other Lion dignitaries in accordance with the general order of precedence to be seated on the alternate sides of the table, away from the chairperson.

If possible, there should be the same of seats to the right and left of the chairperson or presiding officer (who would normally be the council chairperson).

D. <u>Multiple Head Tables</u>

If there is more than one table, the table at the highest level shall be considered the head table. Care should be taken not to seat Lions of the same rank at different tables.

E. Head Table Introduction

Introduction of the head table should begin with the meeting chairperson or presiding officer, then continue from the person with the lowest rank in the order of precedence to the person with the highest (ascending order). When spouses are present at the head table, they should be introduced with the members.

F. National Anthems

When official International Representative (Principal Speaker/Principal Guest/Guest of Honour) from another country is present at an event where national anthems are normally played, they should be extended the privilege of having his/her anthem played. **Order?** There is no fixed rules on this. However, through the many references in different websites, National anthem of guest is played first as a courtesy to visitor and hosting country's played last. When multiple anthems are required to be played, it will be according to alphabetical order of Country's name.

G. Display of National Flags

At an event where flags are displayed, the national flag of the hosting country shall be displayed on the left side of the stage, from the view of audience, to be followed by that of the nations, in alphabetical order, where the other sub-districts are situated. When official international representatives/speaker from another country is present, his country's flag shall also be displayed. The flags shall be of the same size and displayed at the same height.

(Prepared By PDG Anthony Tay, Multiple District Committee Chairperson, Protocol)