Logo Description:  It is a gold shield about 1 inches tall, and ¾ inches wide.

In the center of the top third of the shield is the Lions logo.  The Lions logo itself is a greyish blue circle with a gold capital L in the center. That L is surrounded by a thick gold border, with the profile of a lion’s head on both the left and right sides of the circle facing outward also in gold. In the top arch of the border is the word “LIONS” in all Capital letters, and the word “INTERNATIONAL” in all capital letters curving up across the bottom.

Beneath the Lions logo, in two horizontal lines across the middle of the shield are two lines of words in all capital letters, in Times New Roman font, in black with a thin gold outline around each letter.  The words “KNIGHTS OF” are on the top line, with the words “THE BLIND” directly below it.  In a single line below that are those words in raised gold braille lettering.  At the bottom center of the shield in all capital letters are raised gold text, also in capital letters the same font type, “MD19”.

All lettering and imaging on the logo appear to be raised/tactile.



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**MD19 Knights of the Blind (KOTB)**

On December 1, 2020, we had our meeting to elect officers of the KOTB Council and ratify our Constitution. During the meeting we accepted the structure that was proposed and discussed at the November meeting. We had our elections and below are the results. At this time, we have three open positions and are reaching out and communicating with members in the open districts to hopefully find representatives to fill said positions.

Summary of Election Results:

Chair: Andy Arvidson

Vice-Chair: Danette Dixon

Secretary: Colette Arvidson

District A Representative: Bill Conway

District B Representative: Janet George

District C Representative: JR Kinnison

District D Representative: Open

District E Representative: Ken Cook

District F Representative: Sally Mayo

District G Representative: Open

District H Representative: Chris Jones

District I Representative: Open

The approval of the structure and elections took our full 90-minute time frame so we will have our ratification of the Constitution at our January 5th 2021 meeting.

As the first Chair of the newly formed MD19 KOTB Committee I will be working with our elected District Representatives to contact all District Governors, Zone Chairs and Lions Club Presidents to inform them of what we are, who we are and the main purpose that we are striving to achieve as a committee, as noted in our Mission Statement: To accept and act upon the Helen Keller challenge made to Lions to become the "Knights Of The Blind," which includes the improvement of the quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Also, I will keep in contact via our District Representatives with the District Governors so that they will know the steps we are taking. It is also our plan that the District Representatives will communicate with the District Governors the workings of KOTB so that we will be transparent.

Some of our primary focus will be to help bring the information, be it websites, club applications, scholarship applications, etc. into an accessible format. We also would like to help educate the Lions about sight loss so that more Lions know the truth about what sight loss is all about, including the ability of their blind members when they have full access to Lions resources.

If you have any questions, quandaries, suggestions, become a member or anything else please contact me at the email address or phone number below.

In Lionism,

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