

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I am familiar with the facts leading up to the founding of the Lions International.

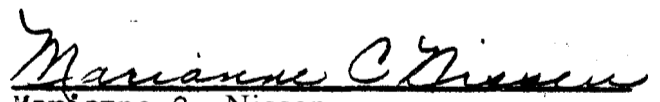
I have known and been associated with Dr. William P. Woods of Evansville, Indiana, the first elected president of Lions International, since our college days. I was an honorary official of the Royal Order of Lions founded by Dr. Woods on or about 1911. Later I was aware of his founding of the Lions International Club.

I was a charter member of the first Lions Club established in Oklahoma at Muskegee. Prior to this time there had been about 30 other clubs in Texas organized under Dr. Woods authority.

The first convention of the Lions International was called by Dr. Woods to meet at Dallas, Texas and was presided over by him. As I recall he voluntarily turned the organization over to the assembled delegates who unanimously elected him president of the Lions International. Melvin Jones was elected secretary although not a prior member of the Lions Club. I was present as a delegate from the Muskogee Club and took part in the meeting. All claims of the founding of the Lions International by other than Dr. W.P. Woods I know to be a false assumption,


F.E. COSS

Subscribed and sworn to by me this Ninth day of January 1963.


Marianne C. Nissen
Notary Public