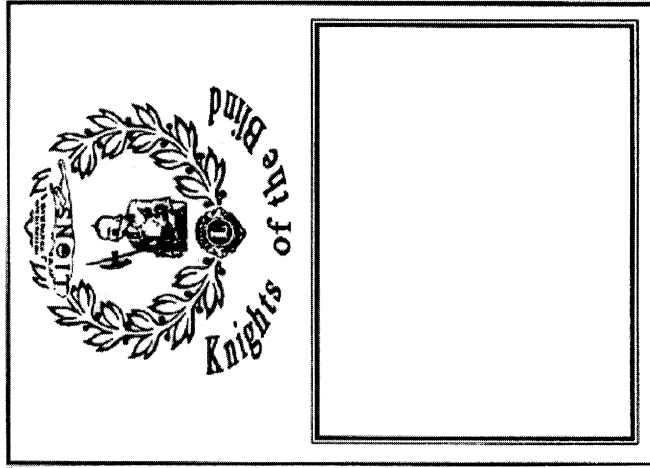


*The Lions Eye Bank for Long Island
serving
Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn and Queens*

*It is an honor to present
the highest Award
available from*

*The Lions Eye Bank
The Distinguished
Knights of the Blind
~ Recognition Award ~*



*Awarded to Lions, Non-Lions,
Organizations & Businesses
who embody the Ideals, Ethics
and Objectives of Lionism.*

◆ *Presenting this Award* ◆

The Officers and members of your Lions Club should be proud of this opportunity to honor an individual, organization or business for their achievements. This award is a unique honor and should be presented in such a way as to indicate its importance.

◆ *What should the inscription read?* ◆

The wording of the plaque should be concise, congratulatory and simple. It must be kept under 35 words and should be typed or printed on the request form. Here is an example: This award is given for: *"Outstanding and dedicated service to the Lions Club of Anywhere for 15 years as the Club's Program Chairman."*

If the spacing is too small on the request form, please attach a separate sheet.

◆ *What is the Eye Bank?* ◆

The Lions Eye Bank, in conjunction with the North Shore University Hospital of Manhasset, originated as a vision in 1986 between noted Ophthalmologists, Lions and their clubs in Nassau and Suffolk County.

Their vision was to establish a local Eye Bank for the residents of both Counties and to avoid the long waiting time for a corneal transplant.

In 1992, the addition of District 20-K1 (Brooklyn and Queens), to the Eye Bank was unanimously approved by the Eye Bank's Board of Directors to make the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island an entity truly serving all of Long Island.

Today, we are proud to say we have 29 Member Hospitals donating corneal tissue to our Eye Bank. Since 1986, the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island has provided over 10,000 corneas for sight restoring transplants. The Lions Eye Bank works in collaboration with a extensive network of almost 400 volunteer couriers, mostly Lions members, who to date have made over 10,000 trips transporting corneas to and from airports and surgery centers.



◆ *What your donations benefit.* ◆

To date, the Knights of the Blind program has helped raise over \$100,000 to help support the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island's sight restoration programs. Funds raised are used to purchase much needed equipment for the Eye Bank. Donated funds are also used to directly support the Eye Bank's ever widening campaign to promote organ, tissue and eye donation in our area. The need for eye tissue in our local communities is great. Your support is essential in enabling the Lions Eye Bank to fulfill its mission of providing the freshest highest quality ocular tissue for transplant in our surrounding communities.

*What is the Knights of the Blind
Distinguished Recognition Award?*

Established in 1999, the Award honors outstanding Lions, non-Lions, organizations or businesses who perform exemplary service to a Club, District or Community. These honorees possess the highest examples of good character, ideals, purpose and service.

How is the Award acquired?

A club, district, organization, business or individual donates \$250 to the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island in the name of an individual, organization or business to be honored. A request form is found in this brochure.

What Recognition is given?

The Recipient will receive a personalized engraved 13" x 10 1/2" plaque, (shown on the front panel), a congratulatory letter from the Eye Bank and a handsome lapel pin/tie tack for personal display.

◆ *Act Now* ◆

If your club has not paid tribute to an outstanding individual(s), organization or business this year, now is the time to do so. At your next Board of Directors meeting, consider honoring a worthy recipient or group.

