

# Long Island Lions Eye Foundation, Inc.

## Knights of the Blind Distinguished Service Award

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Award recipient is:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: Club or other \_\_\_\_\_

Please send award to:

Contact / Person ordering : \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club placing order: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The wording of the plaque should be concise, congratulatory and simple. It must be kept under 35 words. Example:

This Award is presented to Lion *Jane Smith* for outstanding and dedicated services to the Lions Club of *Your Town* as the *Club's Program Chairman*.

Inscription (maximum of 35 words) as follows: Please print clearly

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Make your tax deductible payment of \$250.00 to: Long Island Lions Eye Foundation, Inc.

Mail to:

Knights of the Blind  
c/o Lions Eye Bank for Long Island  
North Shore - LIJ Health System  
900 Franklin Ave  
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Please allow four weeks for delivery.



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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 to indicate its importance.

### *The Knights of the Blind 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.

To acquire the award, a club, district, organization, business or individual donates \$250 to the Long Island Lions Eye Foundation, Inc. in the name of an individual, organization or business to be honored. The recipient will receive a personalized engraved 13" x 10 plaque and a congratulatory letter from the Lions Eye Bank and a lapel pin for personal display. For those who have previously received the Knights of the Blind award, a progressive lapel pin (with a diamond), is available for a donation of \$250.

### *The Lions Eye Bank for Long Island*

In conjunction with the North Shore University Hospital of Manhasset, originated as a vision in 1986 between noted Ophthalmologists, Lions and clubs in Nassau and Suffolk County. Their vision was to establish a local Eye Bank for the residents of Long Island and to provide the best ocular tissue for transplant.

In 1992, the addition of district 20-K1 (Brooklyn & Queens) to the Eye Bank was unanimously approved by the Eye Bank's Board of Directors to ensure the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island truly represented all the Lions districts in Long Island.

Today, we are proud to mention that we have 26 member hospitals from which eye donors can be obtained for the Eye Bank. Since 1986 the Lions Eye Bank for Long Island has provided over 13,700 corneas for sight restoring transplants. The Lions Eye Bank works in collaboration with an extensive network of almost 425 volunteer couriers, mostly Lions members, who to date have made over 12,700 trips transporting corneas for surgery.

*In 1925, Helen Keller offered the keynote address at the Lions International Convention.*

*She challenged the Lions*

*"to become Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness."*



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