

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR LION HARRY KATZ, PDG  
1931-2016



"Hal"

HARRY KATZ  
Since April 1972

Lion Harry joined the Lions Club of the Bronx in April 1972. Prior to his induction, he had assisted the club for a number of years at their Annual Beefsteak.

When he officially became a Lion, he was a licensed electrical contractor who had recently established his own business in the Bronx. His partner Lee and he were at the time raising three young sons.

Harry was a proud Army Veteran of the Korean War and remained a steadfast member of the VFW for his entire life. In the same manner, he was a life-long member of the Knights of Pythias and generously supported his Temple.

Lion Harry was elected President of the Lions Club of the Bronx for the Lion Year 1977-78, the same year that the club celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

During his tenure, The Bronx Lions purchased a mini-bus for the Bronx YMCA, donated an Endo-laser to the Ophthalmology Department of Montefiore Hospital and provided many thousands of dollars for teacher training and student materials for the Lions Quest program. Warehouse space was also provided to the Salvation Army in order for them to expand their food distribution efforts and so much more.

In 1992 Lion Harry was elected District Governor of 20R-2. Many projects were completed and he established the first Melvin Jones Convocation within our District. Lion Harry became involved with Lions Day at the United Nations and year after year he assisted the presidents of Lions International in coordinating this event. It was not long before he was awarded the Lions highest honor, being named an Ambassador of Good Will.

When the Twin Towers fell in 2001, he immediately provided electrical hookups to the trailers in the area that sheltered workers as well as the dogs who were vital to locating victims.

He and Lion Lee shared more than 60 years of marriage. Lion Lee went on to become a most vibrant District Governor for the Lion year 2000-2001

The Lions and so many others were blessed by a life that was so well spent.

