

Hello. My name is Margarito Ochoa. Most of you know me as Lion Och, Past District Governor. I have been a Lion for 30+ years. As most of you know, I am very passionate about being a Lion. This organization means a lot to myself and my family. So, when I was asked to endorse a candidate, I took it very seriously.

So, I decided to ask the question what it really means to be a "Lion". Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in their own community and around the world. So, when I think of the characteristics of a lion; I think of selfness, volunteerism, leadership, dedication, hardworking and kindness. These are just a few characteristics of a Lion. The reason I decided to give you this definition is because this describes the man that I have the honor to introduce to you.

He has a positive influence in his Lions club, demonstrating commitment to volunteerism, leadership, retention & recruitment, advocacy, love of Lionism and enhancing the lives of those around him.

Lion Jeremy has been an active member of the Lions since 2005, serving 3 terms as club president, 3 terms as club secretary of the Greater Carroll Lions Club and Newsletter Editor. He has been a Chair on numerous committees locally and regional which shows his dedication to the Lions.

He was awarded the Governor's Commendation Medal in 2020, is a Melvin Jones Fellow and was recently awarded with the title of Lion of Kindness.

He is a 20-year educator in 2 Regions with a master's degree and an Administrative Certificate. He serves as a role model to youth volunteerism.

Lion Jeremy has been out and present with the Lion Clubs in his regions and other regions. He has visited over 40 clubs so far. He is in the top 1% of membership recruitment in 22W and has sponsored 8 active members with an average age of 35.

Lion Jeremy has a deep history of Lionism. He is a third generation Lion with his family having over 40+ years in the Lions. Lion Jeremy's first Lion service was at the age of eight volunteering with the Westminster Lions Club helping with the Thanksgiving baskets. He is reflective of the legacy that he represents. As seen in his many monthly videos, his philosophy is to honor the longtime Lions, lead the establish Lions and inspire the new and perspective Lions. Engaging generational Lions will be one of Lion Jeremy's main initiatives.

Those who know Lion Jeremy know that he has a passion for being a Lion along with his hard work and volunteerism. Lion Jeremy's dedication and ingenuity to keep District 22W visible with an active presence is what we need to move forward. His commitment to the Lions and District 22W is clearly evident. He has a vision that I strongly believe will bring us into the future. These have been challenging and difficult times over the last 14 months; with so many clubs dismantling and members dropping out or afraid to come back due to the pandemic. As Lions we need to come together and unite. Lion Jeremy has fresh new ideas along with strategic goals to keep clubs going, increasing membership along the way and getting new ones started.

It seems only fitting that his theme for this year is "Promise of Tomorrow". Not only do clubs throughout the district provide a promise of tomorrow to those in need during uncertain times and lionly causes worldwide, but his selection of generational and youthful lions for his cabinet will capitalize on the promise of tomorrow for Lions 22W in the next 40 years. It is my high honor to nominate Lion Jeremy Bair as our next Second Vice-District Governor!