

I want to nominate for you one who has done much for Lionism in the state of Oklahoma. A man who is capable and will give to your governorship the time and labor that is necessary to make a success of such an important position.

Wherever men meet and discuss the advancement and progress of community interest in the section of the state where I live there will be found the one whose name I shall place before you for consideration, and if absent his name will be discussed for an important position in the organization looking to such progress and advancement.

He is young, energetic and ambitious. No Fairy god-mother has placed in his hands the wand of success, but out of the stern labor of hands and mind, he has builded a fortune that will allow him time to devote to the duties of the high office of governor of Lions in this great commonwealth of ours.

He is possessed of that vision that makes for great men, and which is essential to the ultimate success of every worthwhile undertaking.

His has been the moving spirit in my community for the upbuilding of an active, attractive and prosperous city. He has been designated as our most useful citizen and that means much in a community that is recognized for its progressiveness and the activity and push of a useful citizenship.

He has been exceedingly active in the advancement of Lionism throughout this jurisdiction and the night has never been too dark or stormy to prevent his attendance upon some Lion's gathering in neighboring cities and towns to be helpful in the organization of the new clubs or strengthening of the old ones.

He lives in his every day life the very watchword of Lions; service. Wherever service has been needed in this organization there he will be found laboring that Lionism may prosper and do well.

His is not the service that comes like the old man with a groutch, that enters because in line of duty with a sneer and snarl, a growl and a grimace but his service is more like the radiant beauty of young womanhood that enters with flushed cheeks and flashing eyes, ruby lips and pearly teeth, with the glistening sunshine in her hair and the song of birds in her laughter and voice, giving and serving because of the sheer kindness and goodness of a glowing young heart.

He would rather be the poorest farmer living in Pottawatomie county, living in the humblest hut, with a vine growing over the door, and the roses in the yard, watching the cotton grow white in the kisses of the autumn sun, with his family near him, listening to the joyous laughter and clamor of little children and with the respect and friendship of his neighbors and friends, than to be the richest of the rich, living in the solitude of his mansion, alone with remorse of an unsympathetic heart and the memories of selfishness and self interest.

Because of his habitual service he lives in a climate of continual gratitude surrounded by the sunshine ~~friskiness~~ of goodfellowship, Out of his service he has accomplished the high art of true living, a rudiment of life that too many of us, alas, have overlooked.

The world goes forward on the hands of the workers, but it cannot subsist alone upon harsh efficiency. It must have the sympathy, the love and respect, the joyous ability to be helpful in time of need. And in this respect I know of no man who more fully measures up to the attributes of true living than he whose name I am about to submit for your consideration.

I place before you the name of one who has the interests of this organization thoroughly embedded in a nature staunch and true, manly and kind, courteous and forgiving. One who has the respect and love of his neighbors and friends, who has sympathy for the poor and the unfortunate, and help for the needy. A man who will render much, if selected, for his organization and who lives its tenets in giving service to his fellow man. I submit the name of George B. Sheritt of Wewoka.