

LFTL

Light for the Lost



**JUNIOR
COUNCILMEN
STUDY COURSE**

How to Become A Light For the Lost Junior Councilman

1. EARN YOUR LFTL MERIT

- View the Junior Councilmen video.
- Complete the *LFTL Study Course*.
- Obtain a gospel tract signed by a home or foreign missionary.
- Attend a LFTL banquet or rally.

2. BECOME A JUNIOR COUNCILMAN

After you receive your LFTL Merit, complete and mail your Junior Councilmen Application with your \$15 annual dues to the national LFTL Office:
1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

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ROYAL RANGERS



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LIGHT FOR THE LOST JUNIOR COUNCILMEN!

- Step 1:** Earn Your LFTL Merit.
Step 2: Complete the LFTL Jr. Councilmen Application which comes with your Merit.
Step 3: Mail the application to the national LFTL Office with \$15 Annual Dues.
Step 4: Proudly wear your LFTL Junior Councilmen Patch when it comes in the mail.

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LFTL JUNIOR COUNCILMEN MATERIALS

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What is Light for the Lost?

Light for the Lost (LFTL) is the missions ministry of Assemblies of God men. It provides money to home and foreign missionaries for evangelism literature—such as Bibles, gospel portions, tracts, and evangelism correspondence courses.

Home missionaries use this literature to reach lost people in prisons, state universities, colleges, rodeos, truck stops, in the inner cities, in Teen Challenge, and new church evangelism.

Foreign missionaries use this literature in over 140 countries door-to-door evangelism, crusade outreaches, evangelism correspondence courses, and other outreach projects. LFTL sends every penny of every dollar given for evangelism literature to missionaries to reach the spiritually lost. This is possible because LFTL councilmen give at least \$15 per month to underwrite the administrative costs of the national LFTL office.



Royal Rangers Commanders and the Gold Key Club

A Royal Rangers commander who is an active LFTL councilman, and who enrolls five or more new LFTL Junior councilmen within one calendar year, will earn a special LFTL torch pin. The torch pin will be gold and mounted with a blue sapphire for every year he qualifies. A uniform patch signifying the commander's Gold Key membership may also be worn for those who qualify.

Dates of Importance

- The first Sunday in May is National LFTL Day!
- The LFTL convention is held once a year. The locations change every year. Call 1-800-988-0292 if you would like to know more about the coming convention.

doors were open to receiving LFTL literature after we presented a gospel message through drama.”

- Missionaries in Japan write, “In mid-February a Japanese pastor asked us if two college girls could help with our new work for a couple of days. We said yes, but later wondered what we could have them do.

“After a phone call and a few days, 2,000 pieces of literature supplied by LFTL arrived on our doorstep. When the girls arrived, they helped us pass out the literature in the surrounding area. They also helped us pray for the area.

“Four weeks later a teenage boy knocked on our door. For three hours he had been riding his bicycle, searching for our house. He had seen our name and address on the LFTL literature.

“Do you have church here?” he asked.

“We do now!” we said.

“This young man had a sincere desire to know God. He even asked if he could bring a friend to the next service.

“This is only the beginning of the great things God has in store for this area.”

The Junior Councilmen Benefits

When you choose to become a Junior Councilman after receiving your LFTL Merit (see inside cover for details), you will receive a patch for your Royal Rangers uniform. Each year you remain active by paying your \$15 annual dues, you will receive a new patch to replace your old one. The Junior Councilmen patch should be worn centered on the top of your left sleeve, 1” from your cuff.

In addition to your patch, you will also receive a complimentary copy of the LFTL newsletter, *Spotlight*, each month. The *Spotlight* contains exciting stories of how LFTL gospel literature is being used around the world.

As a Junior Councilman, you can also get involved in Light for the Lost banquets and perhaps even start a special literature fundraising project of your own through your Ranger outpost. The possibilities are limitless for helping to raise funds for the gospel!

The History of LFTL

1953 This evangelism literature ministry began with a vision from God to businessman Sam Cochran. Hands were reaching up for a Bible descending from above, but before they could reach it the floor fell from beneath them, plunging them into a sinners’ hell. Men pledged to give \$15 monthly support so 100 percent of the literature offerings could be used for evangelism literature. These men were called councilmen. This ministry was incorporated as the Missionary Gospel Society (MGS) of the Assemblies of God.

1959 MGS became the evangelism literature ministry of Assemblies of God men. It was renamed Light for the Lost, and the national office was established in Springfield, Missouri.

1963 All active councilmen became voting members of the national body that meets annually at the LFTL convention.

1970 The Gold Key Club was formed to recognize the efforts of councilmen who sign up other men as councilmen. Qualifying laymen receive diamond torch pins at the annual LFTL convention.

1989 Ministers became eligible, along with laymen, to join LFTL as councilmen. Qualifying ministers receive ruby torch pins at the annual convention.

1993 The LFTL Junior Councilmen program was initiated, giving Royal Rangers an opportunity to learn about missions and to participate in evangelism literature projects.

1995 A special torch pin and patch were authorized for Royal Rangers commanders who are active LFTL councilmen and who enroll five new Junior Councilmen in a calendar year. Qualifying commanders receive a blue sapphire torch pin at the annual LFTL convention.

How LFTL Money Is Raised

Annual LFTL Banquet Tours

Many individuals from local churches attend the annual LFTL banquet. There is usually one banquet per year held in each section within a district. Those attending the banquets enjoy good food, great fellowship, and a challenge about LFTL. The banquet attendees make faith pledges at the conclusion of the banquet. They do this by pulling literature posters from the walls at the banquet.

Field Ministry by LFTL Speakers

National LFTL office personnel minister in local churches, men's meetings, district councils, missions conventions, and in LFTL banquets upon request. They share up-to-date testimonies about how LFTL is helping Assemblies of God missionaries. They also raise funds for evangelism literature and encourage men to enroll as LFTL councilmen.

By Councilmen in Local Churches

LFTL councilmen have opportunities to share LFTL in their local church and in area churches. They can do the following:

- Share man-to-man about becoming a councilman and getting involved with the Gold Key Club.
- Share the LFTL ministry with a pastor.
- Share a Prime Time presentation with a congregation, Sunday school class, or men's group.

LFTL Funding Posters

Foreign Literature Posters

Foreign literature posters are used to raise funds for literature projects overseas. Missionaries in Africa, Asia Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean use LFTL funds for evangelism. The posters are preprinted for each of the five DFM fields and for International Ministries.

Missionaries purchase materials already developed for outreach and write and print literature in the countries in which they serve. LFTL funds provide the following for missionaries:

- Bibles
- Bible portions
- ICI evangelism materials
- Gospel tracts

- Almost \$4 million is being given each year for LFTL literature.
- Nearly \$57 million have been given to missions through LFTL since 1953.
- 50 percent of the people in the world have never heard about Jesus.

LFTL Stories

• A medical doctor studying at an American university writes, "I have been in America one year. This past year, I have changed my mind about many things in America. I have learned that many Americans are very nice, friendly, and helpful, especially the Christians. They have offered a lot of help to me in everyday life and in studying English. The most important thing is, they helped me to know Christ Jesus.

"Through reading my Bible, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and believe in Jesus as my Lord. Jesus changed my life. I have turned away from my old life. He forgives our sins and died for us, but He returned to life. Jesus is the way to God. God loves everybody, and I have learned how to love other people. Now I pray every day."

• A missionary in Colombia, South America, shares Jesus with people in prison. These are testimonies from a couple of the new Christians:

Ahin writes, "Thanks to you and to the Lord! I have seen changes in my life since I began to study *The Great Questions of Life* (an evangelism correspondence course through ICI University). Now I have stopped using bad language, smoking, and having bad thoughts. I always have the Word of God in my mouth and heart."

Julio writes, "I had to go to jail to find my freedom. Satan wanted to kill me, but the Lord permitted me to be in jail in order to save my life and my soul. Three months after going to prison I became a Christian. Before that I drank a lot, was an abusive father and husband, and a hopeless sinner.

"Jesus changed my life and now that I am out of prison I work in my church. I am also a better father and husband because of Jesus."

• From Thailand we learn that, "One Buddhist temple school, with 800 students, forbade us to speak about God...but, the Buddhist temple

Councilmen and LFTL Videos

What Videos are Available?

Junior Councilmen Video

This video contains segments emphasizing the Royal Rangers' *Edward Elephant Says* Project. Included on this video is a segment called "Carry the Torch," which is a 13-minute missions portion required to attain the LFTL Merit.

Light for the Lost Promotional Video

This 7-minute video brings messages from General Superintendent Thomas Trask; Convoy of Hope Founder Hal Donaldson; Division of Foreign Missions Executive Director John Bueno; and Division of Home Missions Executive Director Charles Hackett. The video is available for missions conventions, men's groups, and church services.

Show These Videos to:

- Men's Retreats or Groups
- District & Sectional Leadership
- Councilmen and Overseas Missions Trips
- Royal Rangers
- Church Services
- S.W.A.P.

Prayer Task Force

Prayer Task Force trips are overseas trips involving ministers, councilmen, and other Christian laymen. The purpose of these trips is to help missionaries break through in difficult areas of their ministry by praying and fasting alongside them. These trips are seven to ten days long and occur in two or three countries each year.

LFTL Statistics

- There are over 700 active LFTL junior councilmen in America.
- There are over 7,500 active LFTL councilmen in America.
- Through LFTL, Royal Rangers were able to raise enough money to print 300,000 copies of the *Book of Hope*.

Foreign Postage Posters

Postage funds are used to help missionaries send bulk amounts of gospel literature within the area they serve.

Home Literature Posters

Home literature posters are used to raise funds for district home missions projects and for the Division of Home Missions departments.

- DHM Emergency Literature
- MAPS
- Intercultural Ministries
- Decade of Harvest
- Royal Rangers Literature Projects
- New Church Evangelism
- Chi Alpha College Ministries
- Chaplaincy
- Teen Challenge

Who Are LFTL Councilmen?

- **Councilmen are Christian laymen and ministers who have a burden for missions.** They contribute \$15 per month (\$180 per year) or more to underwrite the operational expenses of the LFTL ministry.
- **Councilmen come from all walks of life.** They are professionals, business owners, office and factory workers, tradesmen, pastors, missionaries, and evangelists.
- **Councilmen dues pay for all office, salary, and promotional expenses.** They also cover all of the LFTL banquet tour expenses. Councilmen support makes it possible for 100% of all funds raised for literature to be used for the printing and purchasing of literature.
- **Councilmen know their dues help win souls.** For each \$1 invested in dues, approximately \$5-7 is generated for literature. Many people will hear about Jesus for the first time because a councilman paid his dues.
- **Councilmen receive a membership card, and a LFTL torch pin.** They proudly wear the pin on their lapel or use it as a tie tack.
- **Councilmen read the Spotlight newsletter.** They post it on their church bulletin board, and share its stories and testimonies with others.
- **Councilmen promote LFTL in neighboring churches and men's groups.** They show LFTL videos or deliver LFTL missions messages. Often this is done during a church service, a men's meeting, or a special LFTL service.

- **Councilmen enroll other men as councilmen.** They are recognized for their councilmen enrollments through the Gold Key Award program. The awards are given out at the annual LFTL convention. If they are not present at convention, they still receive their awards.
- **Councilmen help with LFTL banquet preparations.** They fill out posters, cook steaks, invite fellow church members to banquets, and promote banquets in area churches.

Who are LFTL Junior Councilmen?

- **Junior Councilmen are Royal Rangers.** Royal Rangers must have at least the Pioneer's Bowie Knife Rating in order to become a junior councilman.
- **Junior Councilmen have earned their Royal Rangers LFTL Merit.** The four requirements that must be met to earn the merit are mentioned on the inside cover of this book.
- **Junior Councilmen pay \$15 per year to be a part of the councilmen team.** Councilmen dues help to cover the administrative costs for Light for the Lost, which allows 100 percent of literature dollars to be used for providing gospel literature.
- **Junior Councilmen have a heart for missions.** They want to see the world reached for Jesus and they know that their involvement in sending gospel literature around the world will help make this happen!

Councilmen and LFTL Banquets

Councilmen Serve on Various LFTL Committees

- Promotion: Send announcements, sell tickets, collect funds.
- Decoration: Set tables and chairs, put up banners and posters.
- Food: Help prepare and serve meals.
- Program: Announcements, skits, worship, and special music.

Councilmen Help with Poster Parties

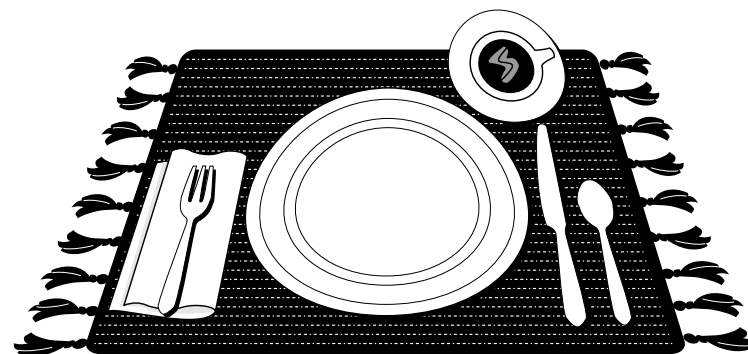
- Assist in preparing posters for the LFTL banquet.
- Invite non-councilmen friends to help with the posters and to attend the banquet.

Councilmen Encourage Others to Attend the LFTL Banquet

- The LFTL banquet is a time of inspiration.
- Those attending the banquet will be challenged with missions and the need for evangelism literature.
- Councilmen invite their wives, pastors, fellow councilmen, and friends to attend.

Councilmen Enjoy the Banquet Blessings

- Good Food
- Information
- Friendly Fellowship
- Inspiration and Challenge
- Anointed Missions Messages



Councilmen and the Gold Key Club

Every councilman is encouraged to enroll new councilmen. There are a series of awards to encourage councilmen to enroll new men. The LFTL torch pin is decorated with diamonds for laymen, and rubies for credentialed ministers, to reflect a councilman's recruiting efforts.

The gold key awards are given out at the annual LFTL convention. Councilmen awards are reserved for active councilmen who have contributed a minimum of \$100 or more during the previous calendar year.