

**Key Awards with Timeline and links to documentation.**



Purple

Blue

Back

Senior Master

Senior Master Purple

Back

3" Long Membership Key Variations.  
Circa???? currently being researched.

**1930-1964.**

**Note: Senior Master Key, Key of State-International Key are filler images. (actual size unknown)**



\*Membership Key  
(2)

\*Master Key  
(12)

+Senior Master  
Key

\*Grand Master Key  
(50)

Key of State  
(75)

Key of Nations  
(100)

Monarch Key  
(150)

International Key  
(200)

**1964-1976.**

**Note: Senior Master Key, Key of State-International Key are filler images. (actual size unknown)**  
**Advancement Key (6) added.**



\*Membership  
(2)

\*Advancement  
(6)

\*Master  
(12)

+Sr. Master  
(25)

\*Grand Master  
(50)

Key of State  
(75)

Key of Nations  
(100)

Monarch Key  
(150)

International Key  
(200)

**1976-1983**

**Note: Senior Master Key, Key of State-250/300 Member Medallion are filler images. (actual size unknown)**  
**250/300 Member Medallion added.**



\*Membership  
(2)

\*Advancement  
(6)

\*Master  
(12)

+Sr. Master  
(25)

\*Grand Master  
(50)

Key of State  
(75)

Key of Nations  
(100)

Monarch Key  
(150)

International Key  
(200)



Member Medallion  
250/300

## Key Awards with Timeline.

### 1983-1991.

**Note: Senior Master Key, Key of State-300 Member Key are filler images. (actual size unknown)  
250/300 Member Medallion replaced by two new keys 250 member key and 300 member key**



### 1991-1995.

**Note: Senior Master Key - 500 Member Key are filler images. (actual size unknown)  
Additional Keys 350-500 and First Lion Card introduced.**



### 1995-2002.

#### "A New Look"

**Note: No images available for the remaining keys. Keys available 2-500.**



## Key Awards with Timeline.

2002-Current.

Master Key-Supreme Key are filler images. (actual size unknown)

						
*Membership Key (2)	*Advancement Key (5)	*Builder Key (10)	*Senior Builder Key (15)	*Master Key (20)	Senior Master Key (25)	Grand Master Key (50)
						
Key of State (75)	Key of Nations (100)	Ambassador Key (150)	International Key (200)	Global Key (250)	Universal Key (300)	Emissary Key (350)
			*= In my collection + courtesy of PCC Don Ager			
Monarch Key (400)	Imperial Key (450)	Supreme Key (500)				



Shown here are the two variations of the senior master key. The key on the left has a name of the recipient and a number engraved in the key. The letter L has a different font and the emblem is slightly different on the keys. I believe the key on the left is the older version. (Courtesy of PCC Don Ager)

In October of 1930 the board of directors of Lions International established the Key Member program. Its purpose was to recognize and reward Lions who contributed to the growth and expansion of the association through their sponsorship of new members. This program was **the birth of the sponsorship awards** and continues today. Here is what I know from my research. 1930 to 1964 (8) keys available as explained in this [1961](#) Lions magazine. In [1964](#) the addition of the Membership Advancement Key for six new members (9) keys available. In [1976](#) according to the Lions Magazine the 250/300 Medallion was added and a total of (10) keys were available. In\*[1983](#) according to the Lions Magazine the 250/300 medallion was replaced by the 250 and 300 member keys. In \*[1991](#) according to the secretary's manual additional Keys 350-500 was added , (15) keys are now offered. In [July of 1995](#) the Key awards took a substantial change, redesigning the keys with a new look and numbers. The biggest make over in the 65 years of the Key award program, a total of (30) keys are now in existence. With board action in 2002 the key awards was introduced back to the "original style". The original style was reinstated with (17) advancement keys as presented in the [2002 July/August](#) Lions magazine. With some minor changes the Membership Advancement Key was changed from sponsoring six new members to sponsoring five new members. You can compare the differences from the 1992 magazine and the [current](#) seventeen advancement key award program. Eligibility: A new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key.