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International Association of Lions Clubs,  
332 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Sirs:

Reference is made to evidence submitted for use in determining your status and the status of your districts and subordinate clubs for Federal income and employment tax purposes.

The records of the Bureau disclose that under date of December 20, 1926, you were held exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 251(9) of the Revenue Act of 1926 and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

It is the opinion of this office, based upon the evidence presented, that you and your districts and subordinate clubs appearing in four revised copies of the "Annual Directory Lions International", of August, 1940, are exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

Accordingly, you and your districts and subordinate clubs appearing in the "Annual Directory Lions International" will not be required to file returns of income unless there is a change in the character, purposes, or method of operation of your organization or of your districts and subordinate clubs. Any such changes should be immediately reported by you to this Bureau in order that the effect of the changes upon your present exempt status may be determined.

You should furnish the Bureau annually on the calendar-year basis lists in quadruplicate, showing only the names and addresses of any districts and subordinate clubs which were chartered during the calendar year and the names and addresses of any districts and clubs which for any reason ceased to exist. Such annual lists should be accompanied by a statement sworn to by one of your principal officers as to whether or not the information heretofore submitted by you, and on which this ruling is based, is applicable in all respects to the new districts and clubs appearing on the lists, and should be forwarded so as to reach this office not later than February 15 of the following year.

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International Association of Lions Clubs.

Since any organization which is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code, also is exempt from the capital stock tax pursuant to the express provisions of section 1201(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, you and your district and subordinate clubs will not be required to file capital stock tax returns for future years so long as the exemption from income tax is effective.

The determination of your status and that of your districts and subordinate clubs for Federal employment tax purposes will be made the subject of a separate communication.

A copy of this ruling is being transmitted to the collectors of internal revenue for the various districts in which your districts and subordinate clubs are located.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

  
Deputy Commissioner.