

MD - 2

State Lions Museum & Office

3301 Legion Drive, Kerrville,
Texas 78029



A 50+ Year Old Dream

Texas Lions have wanted and needed a place to show their “history.”

The first drive was actually started in 1957.

Past Office

Originally, an office space was rented.

The building was sold.

Therefore, the office had to be moved.

What Happened?

No other available office space was found.

All supplies/archives were boxed up
and stored in the State Secretary's
garage in 1989.

Lion Pat Nations, the State Secretary,
began working from her house.

Not Ideal

All archives/memorabilia was left in boxes with no place for display.

A New State Secretary

In 2008, Lion Pat Nations retired.

MD-2 Lions hired Lion Sandy Merritt.

All boxes were then moved to her
office for storage.

Again, there was no display area.

The Dream Would Not Die

PID Marshall Cooper and the Texas Lions Foundation began working on a new plan.



Negotiation Started

TLC and TLF, on behalf of the Lions of Texas, began discussing and negotiating a plan to build an office/museum.



A “Deal” Was Made

- TLC would provide land.
- The land would remain in TLC’s name.
- If at any time the building could not be maintained by TLF/MD-2 Lions, it would revert to TLC.
- TLF would design the building.
- TLF would solicit funds/donations for the building from Lions Clubs and grants.
- TLF would be the owner of the building.

Funds Were Solicited

TLF began sending letters to clubs across the state requesting donations. They began accepting donations.

The sitting Council of Governors earmarked \$250,000 to be held for the building when the rest of the needed funds were collected.

Years Went By

bump

A Council of Governor's requested that all solicitation of funds be stopped.

Since no other money became available, TLF decided that the building simply would not be built.

The Dream Would NOT Die

The dream to provide a building was
still strong.

The 2013-14 Council of Governors
found a solution.



An Existing Building Became Available

\$375,000 were still available.

All Council of Governors had held on to the dream and kept the \$250,000 earmarked. TLF had collected \$125,000.

A committee negotiated with the seller, reaching a purchase price of \$355,000.

Warehouse



Changes Have Been Made



Work Done By Volunteers

Air Conditioner donated and installed by PDG Ryan Hodge, T1



Window donated and installed by PDG Michael Olszewski, A3

Lions Moved In



Furniture donated by PID Marshall Cooper and TLF



Much Has Been Done

- First, approval to use the name “Lions” in the name of the building had to be received.
- Next, the state of TX had to approve the Constitution/By-Laws
- A 501(c)3 tax structure must be received from the IRS
- The TX Lions Museum Foundation founded June 10, 2015
- TLF has turn over ownership to the TX Museum Foundation

- Made the Texas Lions Museum and Office a State Service Project

New Flag Poles seen toward Loop 534



New Fence Facing Loop 534



Future Plans

- ❑ A small office will be added in the back for the State Office Administrator.
- ❑ The front will become part of the museum.
- ❑ Have the Grand Opening by July 2019

Signage for The Museum

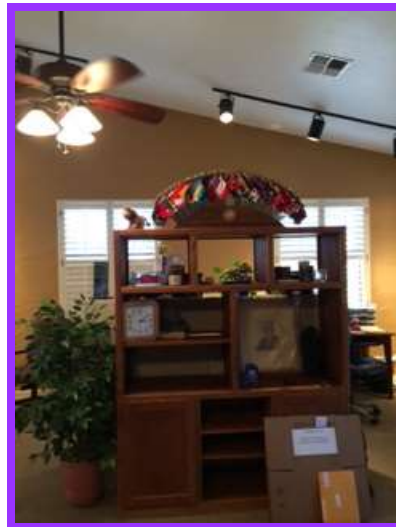


More Plans

- Designs are being made for the museum organization.
- Storage shelves need to be purchased
- Museum Curator needs computer and software to register Historical Artifacts.
- Kiosks are being considered for displaying items.
- The museum will be opened weekly.

More Plans

- Further re-modeling will be solicited.
- Lions Clubs can donate their time to make changes.
- Money needed will be generated by donations.
- Awards will be available for special recognition.



Who Maintains the Building?

At present, the Council of Governors, along with TLM&O, are working together to maintain the building.

The TLM&O Foundation handled all requirements needed.

With the formation of the TX Museum & Office Foundation, each governor will appoint a *trustee* following the TX Hall of Fame schedule.

The trustee can serve 2 terms, just like the TLF trustee.

Special Recognition

“Ebb” Grindstaff Award



- ❖ One of the greatest and most beloved Texas Lions ever
 - ❖ LCI President, 1982-83
 - ❖ Texas Lions Camp President
- ❖ Today, one of Texas Lions favorite speakers
- ❖ Authoring book about Texas Lions, the Second 50 Years

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Life Member Certificate

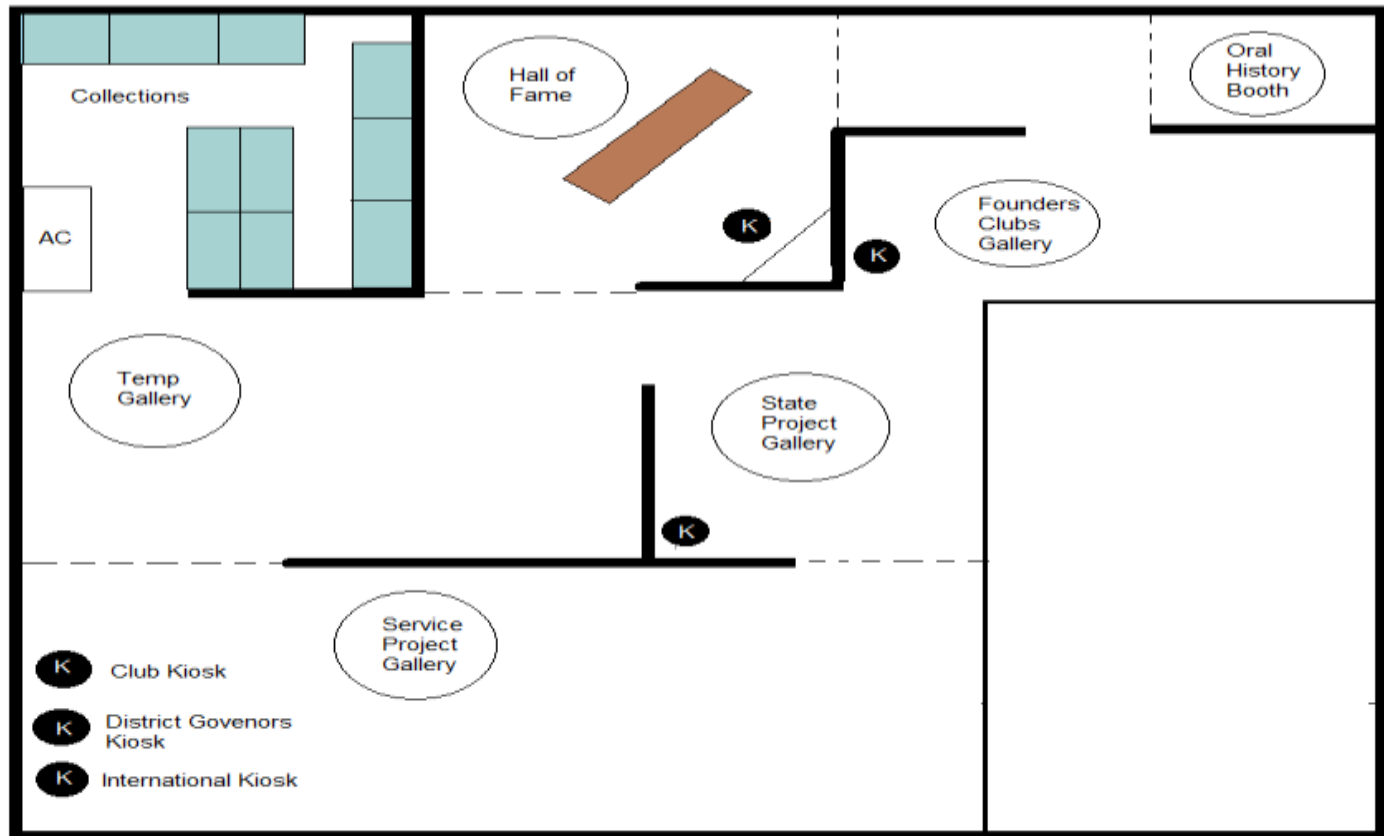


Grand Opening

- July 2019
- Board Decision to build a credited Museum
 - Kiosks for future Stations



Floor Plan for future Build-In



A Dream Realized



*This a good thing.
And it's only taken
the Lions of Texas
50 years to
accomplish it!*