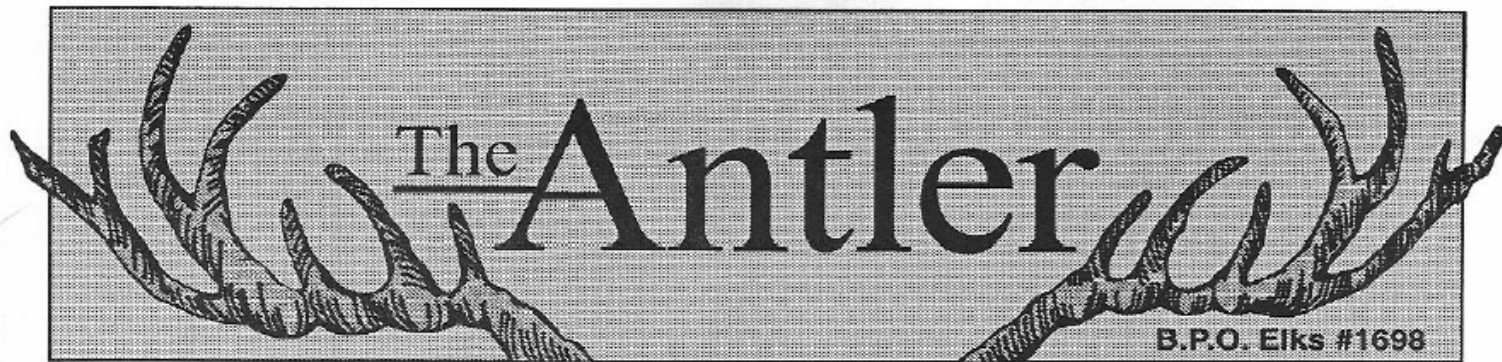




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Hello to all Members, Families and Friends,

July started off with myself, Leading Knight-Barbara Lloyd, Loyal Knight-Melissa Macwhorter, and PER-Tom Watters spending some time in San Antonio, Texas for the 150th Anniversary of ELKS Grand Lodge Convention. Man was it hot out there but we did get some valuable information at the general sessions and in some specific seminars we went to. There were over 8,000 Elks in attendance as we said farewell to PGER Malcolm J McPhearson Jr. and welcomed our new GER Michael T. Luhr out of Alaska. I will post the list of new resolutions that were passed and rejected in the Grill Room later in the month.

Now for a little depressing news. We all know and have heard by now that we needed to cancel the Fluke Tournament due to severe weather. John Veprek spoke to the Coast Guard and everyone was agreeable that for the safety of everyone involved that this was the best decision. We are happy to advise that no one was hurt or injured due to a smart decision made by John Veprek and the Coast Guard. We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all that helped in the planning of this event, the committee, all that were there to help the night of the Captain's Meeting and most of all ... all the fishermen, captains and lets not forget the CALCUTTA. There were a lot of Elks and non-Elks alike to put this event together and to be there in the days afterward. Thank you everyone!!! See you next year at our next Fluke Tournament.

Another related weather incident! The Special Needs Picnic also needed to be canceled due to severe weather!! This was a good call by Thomas Watters and Camp Moore. THANK YOU to all that were ready to help on this very special day. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEARS SPECIAL NEEDS PICNIC!! Especially Camp Moore!!

Thank you to Carolyn Watters and Georgianna Walsh for setting up a fun Haskel Race Get-Together and also to everyone who helped run it that day. We heard it was a great success. It made a tough month look just a little bit brighter to our members. Thanks to everyone that came out! Hope you all had a lucky horsey! LOL

Fraternally yours,

"WildBill"

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August Elk of the month



Elk of the Month
Sharon Haugh

Everyone who has been involved in any activity or function at the lodge has seen Sharon always in the mix. The Fluke Tournament and Special Needs Picnic is especially true. Sharon took charge of the food outside AND when the events were cancelled due to bad storms, Sharon was who you called if you wanted to buy some of the unused food for yourself so that we could make some of our money back from the events. Sharon has also always been the one to turn to if we needed that certain person to be there when hall renters needed to come in early or even the day before to set up for their event. Thank you Sharon for always being there!!

Congratulations SHARON!!



Elkdom Dates

August 18 Noon-??? Lakewood Elks Pig Roast Competition
August 19 2—5 p.m. ENF Ice Cream Social @ Point Pleasant
August 21 7 p.m. House Meeting
August 21 8 p.m. Lodge Meeting
September 9 Noon-5p.m. Army of Hope Picnic @ Lacey Elks
September 15 11—6 p.m. Elk Fest in the Park @ 1698
September 26-30 Run for the Fallen
September 29 2-6 p.m. PGER Homecoming @ Lacey Lodge



Antler boosters



John Kaufman

William Leinweber

Leonard Luccioni

Harold Wyckoff

George Pearce

Paul & Noemi Brundage

Rosemary Tassie

Steve Tassie

John Lynch

Kenneth Kaminski

Dennis Torode

Irene Marquis

Brian Coyle

Terry Feldman

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Peter Glen

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Paschal Drew

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Gloria & Douglas Adamo

John Kaufman

Jim, Bill, Bob Kaufman

Sharon Haugh

Bob Haugh

Joe Abradi

Joan Abradi

Marjorie McGhee

Joe Auriemma

Sharon Haugh

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- Thirst Aid Squad
- Last Man Standing Raffle
- Ice Cream Truck

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Elks National Veterans Service Committee

<https://www.elks.org/vets/>

**So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks will never forget them.
As we celebrate our 150th anniversary, the Elks affirm our pledge for another 150 years.**

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need.

Thousands of Elks volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.

Today, our volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through our grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. And our Welcome Home initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans: those who are experiencing homelessness.

Our Programs

When it comes to serving veterans, the Elks have a long and storied tradition of being there when they were needed most. Since we began, the needs of military members and returning veterans have continued to change, and the Elks have adapted to those needs, remaining an ever-present ally to those who have served this country.

Adopt a Veteran—Many older veterans in hospitals, VA homes, nursing homes and care centers have limited or no family nearby. Without social engagement and positive interaction, veterans' health can suffer. The Elks family is all over the nation, and Elks volunteers can support local veterans by participating in the Adopt-a-Veterans Program and providing friendship and assistance.

Freedom Grants— Freedom Grants are competitive and will be awarded to Lodges whose projects are judged to best serve the needs of veterans and/or active-duty military members.

VA Voluntary Service — The Elks are a committed partner with VA hospitals and facilities across the nation. We have more than 140 Elks stationed in VA facilities as VAVS Representatives, and 279 Elks certified as Deputy VAVS Representatives in those facilities.

Veterans Leather — The Veterans Leather Program relies on the charity of hunters across the nation to donate hides so they can be turned into leather used for therapy programs for recovering veterans.

Welcome Home—Every night, as many as 40,000 veterans are living on the streets. Each with a different story, they all shared a common pledge: to support and defend this country. Their service is done. Now, it's the Elks' turn to serve.

In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness, and ensure that every veteran has the safe, stable home they deserve. To accomplish this goal, we need your help!

Elks Fest In The Park
Corner of Arnold & Trenton

Saturday, September 15, 2018
11AM-6PM

FAMILY FUN-FOOD-MUSIC
BEVERAGES

****Volunteers Needed****

Friday to set up
Saturday all day for event
Sunday to take down

Point Pleasant Elks Scholarship News

Terry La Du
Scholarship Committee Chair

Scholarship Super 50/50—Once again, thanks to your support, the Summer Scholarship super 50/50 was another sellout with all 100 tickets being sold. The drawing will take place on Friday, August 31 at 8:00 p.m. and the winner need not be present. Look for the Fall Scholarship Super 50/50 tickets at the beginning of October.

ENF Most Valuable Student Contest—Open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. Applications will be judged on: Scholarship, Leadership & Financial Need. Applications are now available on line only. For details and to access the applications, visit enf.elks.org/mvs.

Scholarships for Elks Families

Emergency Educational Grants—Emergency Educational Grants provide financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one year grants of up to \$4,000. The grant is for education assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. To obtain an applications contact the ENF Scholarship Office at 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org. For more info. visit enf.elks.org/eeg.

Legacy Awards—This program offers 300 college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to children & grandchildren of Elk members. Applications available on line beginning September 1, 2018 and must be submitted by February 1, 2019 at 11:59 a.m. For more Information about eligibility requirements and to obtains the online applications visit enf.elks.org/leg.

How the Elks Began

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

New York Elks Lodge #1

Dissension soon erupted. Legitimate actors headed by George F. McDonald wanted to restrict membership to the theatrical profession. This view was opposed by Vivian and his friends. Taking advantage of Vivian's absence due to an out-of-town engagement, the McDonald group summarily expelled Vivian and several of his closest friends. Years later the Order rectified this illegal act, but it gave rise to a controversy whether Vivian was actually the founder of the Order. In 1897, a formal inquiry firmly established his right to this honored title.

Vivian continued, after his expulsion from the Order, to enchant audiences across the country. He starred with some of the largest road companies of the time. Together with his actress wife, the former Imogene Holbrook, Vivian set up a repertoire theater in Leadville, Colorado. Shortly thereafter he died of pneumonia on March 20, 1880. In 1889, the Elks moved his body from Leadville, Colorado, to Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Vivian received a stipend from the Order her husband founded until her death in 1931.

The legacy of Charles Vivian continues to this day. In addition to aiding members in distress, the Elks raise money for children with disabilities, college scholarships, youth projects and recreational programs for patients in veteran's hospitals.

On June 14, 1907 the Order held a Flag Day observance. This tradition later was declared a national holiday by President Harry S. Truman.

During World War I, the Elks funded and equipped the first two field hospitals in France and built a 72-room community house in Camp Sherman, Ohio, and a 700-bed rehabilitation hospital in Boston, which they turned over to the War Department. They also raised money for the Salvation Army's frontline canteens.

Their loans to 40,000 returning veterans for college, rehabilitation and vocational education were the precursor of the GI Bill.

When World War II broke out, the Elks were the only civilian organization asked to help recruit construction workers for the military, a task that was completed three months ahead of schedule. The Elks also contributed more than half a million books to the Merchant Marines so that their men would have reading material on board ship.

The Korean War again brought out the best in the Elks. They donated more than half a million pints of blood to help wounded soldiers.

When the wounded from Vietnam needed help, the Elks responded. They provided the funds for a recreation pavilion at the Navy Hospital on Guam. The wounded at Tripler Medical Center in Hawaii were sweltering in the heat. When the Elks heard of their plight, they purchased 24 air-conditioning units so these patriots could recuperate in some degree of comfort.

When Operation Desert Storm took place, the Elks again led the support for our fighting men and women in the Persian Gulf. Subordinate Lodges undertook letter-writing campaigns to help keep up the spirits of the defenders of freedom. The Elks were also among the first to welcome them home and thank them for a job well done.

Our story is long; our work is humble; our history is proud. As long as there are those who need our help, the Elks will be there to give aid and comfort.

Source: <https://www.elks.org/history/NewsStory.cfm?StoryID=71651>

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.

Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To our absent members."

Origin of the Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson -- in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks -- was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top.

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. Given our theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks.

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