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Northglenn Elks Banner

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### Cowboy Ball

Who are those masked men and women??  
What a great time on such a cold night!  
Thanks to all who were able to come out and attend!

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**Arlan Sauer**  
**Exalted Ruler**



# EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Happy February everyone. The leap year babies finally get to have a birthday this month. Is this like dog years? Is a 10 year old leap year baby actually physically 40 years old? So confusing. Well, I'd like to thank those of you who attended the New Year's Eve bash and a very special THANK YOU to all of those who worked their tails off to put on such a great event!!!!. What a great time!!! Good food, good music, great camaraderie. It was such a good time that the First Lady and I didn't get to bed until 3am! We're off to a new year with a lot of new activities and events and projects to take part in. I started a new intermittent eating program - I fast from 8pm until 12pm, so please do not contact me from noon to 8pm for I will be stuffing myself at that time - lol. We'll see how long I can stick with it. Wish me luck. At least February seems to give us a little breathing room, but things are always subject to change and make us busier than ever. I encourage all of you to attend the Make Our Lodge Great Again meeting on Saturday, February 3 at 2pm. Hopefully we will have a bar remodel update at that time. Then get ready for the Sweetheart Ball on February 10. For all of you that want to nominate your sweetheart for the Sweetheart Queen, please contact Archie Stark or any of the other officers. The Super Bowl watch party (potluck) will be on February 11th - come early and stay late. We will be having a PER Memorial breakfast on Sunday, February 18th from 9 til noon. This year's breakfast will be dedicated to PER Joe Heger. We will be having a chili cookoff on February 24th from 12 to 5pm. I just may have to take part in that one. More details to follow. Some upcoming March events to keep in mind are: Membership Dinner - 3/1, Calendar meeting - 3/2, ER Farewell Address (possible dinner) - 3/9, St. Patrick's Day Dance - 3/16, Elks Travel Bowling League Banquet - 3/17, Kiddo's Easter Party - 3/23, and Installation of new officers and Inaugural Ball - 3/30. My how time flies!! See you all at the Lodge!! Sincerely, Arlan Sauer | Exalted Ruler

## Secretary's Letter

February is the Sweetheart month and a very busy time for our Lodge. Saturday, February 3rd, is the Make Our Lodge Great Again meeting at 2pm, followed by Blessing Bags Assembly and Potluck starting at 4pm. Sunday, February 4th, is a Benefit done by the Kluczniks starting at noon. Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> is our annual Sweetheart Ball. Super Bowl Potluck Party is Sunday, February 11th, so come on down and enjoy the Party. Fish Fry is the first Friday of Lent February 16th. PER Memorial Breakfast is Sunday, February 18th, Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> is our annual Chili Cookoff. Plan ahead for March 2<sup>nd</sup> Calendar meeting and Membership Appreciation Dinner. Volunteers are always welcome; see any Officer and ask how you can help! We would appreciate any time you can spare, we need our Volunteers to keep our Lodge running. Come on down and enjoy all the activities with the **Best People on Earth!!** Stay safe and warm!! SEE YOU AT THE LODGE,

With Warm Regards, I am,  
Tommy Lee Chambers, PDDGER  
Secretary, Northglenn Lodge #2438  
Lodge # 303-452-1644 | Cell # 303-918-3660



## Lodge Officers

- Exalted Ruler:  
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- Loyal Knight:  
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Paul Schmeisser, PER 303-717-4392  
Stephen Boyd, PER 720-422-1837  
Sabina Mondragon 720-240-6016



## Sickness & Distress:

The welfare of our membership and their families rests deeply in the hearts of each of us.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to those in need.

If you have sickness or distress to report, please call Secretary Tom Chambers 303-452-1644



## In Memoriam:

Marlene Case-Lawson passed into the light on January 19, 2024

## Sickness & Distress:

Lori Heller fell down steps and broke her foot. She is recovering at home.

Phil Jaramillo's brother James is experiencing micro strokes.

LuAnn Valdez is still working through Dr's. To get her knee repaired.

PSP Bob Schmitz had a couple of falls and needs our prayers.

Starbuck suffered a stroke and is in Swedish Hospital. Please send prayers.

Correction from last month: Dave and Louise Baca's Niece and family was in the car accident.

## Blessings:

None Reported

*If you have sickness & Distress or updates to report for the Banner, you can email*

*Jerry Heger at [beast430@comcast.net](mailto:beast430@comcast.net)*

*Please use the subject line "Sickness & Distress"*

## Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for February is no stranger to being a volunteer. She is involved in the Funeral Committee, Veterans Diddy Bags, Halloween Cooking in the hot dog room and will pitch in just about anywhere she is needed. In her spare time she can be found knitting caps for the hat & mitten tree every year. Congratulations **PER Kathy Stark** on being Elk of the Month and thank you for all that you continue to do.

Sincerely,  
Kim Gremling | Leading Knight



## Volunteer Of the Month

This month I would like to recognize a person that we all know. She has helped out in the background at the bowling tournament and with several events and the throughout the year. Most recently she could be found heading up the Bronco Committee and cheering on our team over the last 20 weeks win or lose. Congratulations **Cindy Heger** on being this months Volunteer of the Month. Thank you for all that you do for our Lodge.

Sincerely,  
Archie Stark | Loyal Knight



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# HAPPENING AT NORTHGLENN LODGE

## *The Sweetheart Ball*

*February 10, 2023*



**Dinner Served from 5:00 until 7:00**  
**Chicken Parmesan for \$15.00 per person**

**Music by**  
**Mike Dixon & Trip Wire**  
**7:00 until 11:00 pm**

**Parade of Queens starts at 8:00 pm**  
**Nominations for the 2024-2025**

**Sweetheart Queen:**  
**Call Archie stark at 720-662-9476**

The PER's are proud to present

## **The PER Memorial** **Breakfast**

Honoring PER Joe Heger

**Sunday, February 18, 2023**

Breakfast will be served from

**9:00 until Noon**

Menu will include:

Big Breakfast	\$ 10.00
Biscuits & Gravy, 2 eggs, hash browns, meat, pancakes	
Breakfast Burrito - smothered	\$ 10.00
Huevos Rancheros	\$ 8.00
2 eggs, beans, home fries, torilla - somothered	
2 Egg Breakfast	\$ 7.50
2 eggs, hash browns, meat, pancakes	
Biscuit & Gravy	\$ 5.00
Small Stack Pancakes	\$ 5.00

## **Chili Cookoff** **February 24th**

**Everyone always talks**  
**about their Chili!**  
**It is time to**  
**put it to the test!**

**3 Categories**  
**Red Chili**  
**Green Chili**  
**Other Chili**  
**(Wild Game,**  
**Chicken etc...)**



Pre-register with Phil Jaramillo (720-435-2372)  
or Geoff Cooper (720-635-0571)

Or register the day of the event from noon - 1:45 pm

**Vote for your favorite Chili! 2:00-5:00 pm**  
**\$10.00 per person, per vote**

**That's right! Eat Chili and vote for your favorite**  
**In each category!**

We will be accepting donations for cornbread, totillas  
and crackers the day of the event.

## **Friday Night** **Fish Fry**

**February 16th**  
**5:00 until 7:00**



Join us for Our  
Lent Dinner Special

**Fresh Caught**

**Flathead Catfish**

**Homemade Hushpuppies**

**Cucumber Salad, Vegetable Medley & Dessert**

**All for just \$15.00 per person**

**While supplies last!**

**Brought to you by Paul & Tom**

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Members

Name	Date
Susan Bieganek	2/ 1
Sandy Bowen PER	2/ 2
Billie McNabb	2/ 2
Joseph Montoya	2/ 4
Patrick Baswell	2/ 6
Lynn Brown Jones	2/ 7
Chris Webster	2/ 9
Eugene Abeyta	2/10
Kevin Johnson	2/12
Kim Gremling	2/15
Rick Hlavaty	2/15
Craig Seymour	2/15
Damon Glasmann	2/17
Daniel Glowatsky	2/17
Leonard Banks	2/19
Randy Heger	2/19
Ronald Starbuck	2/20
Wilson Harrison	2/21
Michelle Jones	2/21
Dee Dee Parker	2/21
Ray Hall	2/22
Philip Jaramillo	2/22
Santiago Gonzales	2/24
Jerry Jones	2/25
Loretta Chavez	2/26
Michelle Kinstad	2/26
Natalie Gonzales	2/27
Vince Ortega	2/28
Rich Wilcoxon	2/28

## Spouses

Name	Member	Date
Vicki	Kevin Clark	2/ 4
Barbara	Tim Yost	2/ 4
Janet	Thomas Leigh	2/10
Endy	Arlan Sauer	2/10
Mary	Robert Sedlmayer	2/12
Maria	Louie Schimpf	2/20
Jackie	Kenneth Marrone	2/23
Kaloni	Chris Webster	2/28

## Anniversaries

Name	Date
Stephen & Sharon Brown	2/14
Thomas & Janet Leigh	2/14
George & Joanne Rivera	2/16



### Roll A Day

1 Chance per Day  
Cost: \$1.00 for 3 Rolls



How it works:

Roll 5 Dice at a time.

4 of a kind or full house wins a free drink

5 of a kind wins half of the Pot!

Player can win on multiple rolls



Prizes to be paid from the Pot

See a full list of rules at the bar

Must have a Northglenn Elks Card to participate
































**If you are a card carrying member  
of our Lodge (Northglenn, #2438),  
we would like to buy you a drink.**

**Visit us on your birthday and present your ID and  
membership card for one free drink!**

Must be presented on the date of your birthday.

Take me out and pin me up on the Fridge !!

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lodge Mtg 7:00 Installation  	2 Ladies Pool 	3 MOLGA Mtg 3 pm Blessing Bag 4 pm 
4	5 Pool Tourn 	6 Cornhole Tourn. 	7 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	8 House Mgt 6:30 Trustee Mtg 	9 Ladies Pool 	10 Sweetheart Ball 
11 Super Bowl Sunday 	12 Pool Tourn 	13 Cornhole Tourn. 	14 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	15 PER Mtg 6:30 Lodge Mtg 7:00  	16 Ladies Pool Fish Fry Dinner! 	17 
18 PER Joe Heger Memorial Breakfast 	19 Pool Tourn 	20 Cornhole Tourn. 	21 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	22 House Mgt 6:30 Trustee Mtg 	23 Ladies Pool 	24 Chili Cookoff 
25	26 Pool Tourn 	27 Cornhole Tourn. 	28 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	29 Leap Year!! 		

**Happy Hour All Day Every Thursday**  
**Thats Right! Every Thursday**  
**And Mon, Wed & Fri 4:00 until 7:00 pm**



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### NEED MORE INFORMATION:

CHECK OUT [WWW.NORTHGLENNELKS.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHGLENNELKS.ORG)  
 LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK

### Wednesday Night

## BAR BINGO

7:00 pm

Queen of Hearts

8:00 pm

Come on down  
 enjoy dinner  
 Stay for Bingo



## Cornhole Tournament EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT





















Tournament Starts at 6:30 pm  
 and wraps up Around 11:00 pm  
**\$15.00 per player**

Register in advance using the Scoreholio app  
 Click on NG Elks for your spot to play



Take me out and pin me up on the Fridge !!

## March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>Happy Hour</b>	1 Ladies Pool 	2 Calendar Mtg Member Appriciation Dinner
3	4 Pool Tourn 	5 Cornhole Tourn. 	6 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	7 Lodge Mtg 7:00 Installation <b>Happy Hour</b> 	8 Ladies Pool 	9
10	11 Pool Tourn 	12 Cornhole Tourn. 	13 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	14 House Mgt 6:30 Trustee Mtg <b>Happy Hour</b>	15 Ladies Pool 	16 ST. Patricks Dance
17	18 Pool Tourn 	19 Cornhole Tourn. 	20 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	21 PER Mtg 6:30 Lodge Mtg 7:00 <b>Happy Hour</b> 	22 Ladies Pool 	23 Kids Easter Party
24	25 Pool Tourn 	26 Cornhole Tourn. 	27 Dinner 5-7 Bar Bingo 7:00 	28 House Mgt 6:30 Trustee Mtg <b>Happy Hour</b>	29 Ladies Pool 	30 Installation Inaugural Ball
31 Easter 	<b>Happy Hour All Day Every Thursday</b> <b>Thats Right! Every Thursday</b> <b>And Mon, Wed &amp; Fri 4:00 until 7:00 pm</b>			<b>Elks Care - Elks Share</b>		



The Bronco Committee will be hosting

The Superbowl Potluck Party

**Sunday, February 11, 2023**

Pick your team and enjoy the fun!

Touchdown & Field Goal Shots  
Raffles

We will have Chili and a Taco Bar

Bring a Potluck Dish or just Donate!

Game does not start until after 4:00 but

We will be pregaming after 2:00

## Northglenn Elks Monday Night Pool Tournament 8-Ball Double Elimination

Every Monday night at 6:00

Entry Fee: \$8.00 per player

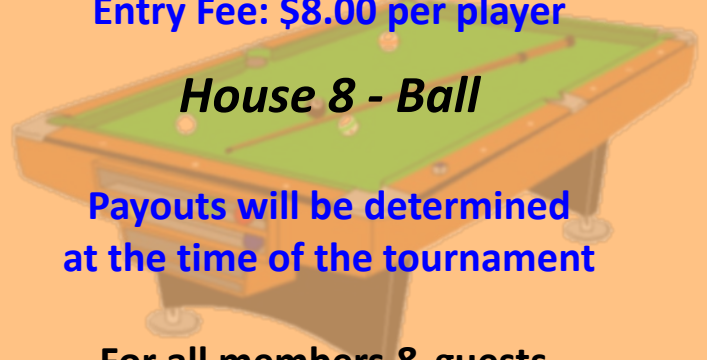
**House 8 - Ball**

Payouts will be determined  
at the time of the tournament

For all members & guests.


(Members get first preference)

21 and older please





# Bowler's Alley




**League:** Larry Yost 303-421-1946  
**Tournament:** Jerry Heger 303-898-9860

**Yarn Donations Needed:**

The ladies that crochet/knit winter hats for the Christmas Baskets work hard to be ready each year. They get started early on their craft so donations throughout the year are GREATLY appreciated.

How can you help:  
 They are asking for donations of yarn weight 4-6 (located on the back of each yarn bundle)



Please bring 2 or more of the same color. The ladies can make 3 hats from 2 bundles. Solid colors are preferred but multicolor will be Accepted. Drop them off at the Lodge. We will have a container for the donations. Our Lodge is the BEST! Thank you in advance for any and all help!! Contact Michelle Jaramillo with questions at 303-254-3335

Please Support Those Who Always Support Us

**G&B's Pro Shop**

<b>AMF Sonesta Lanes</b> 8800 Grant Street Thornton, Co 80229 <a href="http://www.gnbproshop.com">www.gnbproshop.com</a>	Glenn Blunt Jr. Bill Sheppard 303-254-4711 <b>IBPSIA</b>
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Mention that you are from the Elks and saw this add!

**Attention Veterans**

The Veterans Service Team is working to present Korean War Veterans with the Ambassador of Peace Metal. Korean War Veterans who served in the Korean War may be eligible for the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to United States servicemen and women who served in the Korean War. This had only been presented to those who participated in the Revisit program. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel the long journey to Korea. To be eligible, the veterans must have served during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 or those who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955. If you are interested in more information, please contact Exalted Ruler Arlan Sauer

**Blessing Bags**

It is that time again and it is cold outside we will be making Blessing bags for the homeless Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 4pm. Please bring a dish to share as we will eat together and then put together the Blessing bags. **We are now accepting donations;** for socks, hats, gloves, hand and feet hot packs, wash cloths, razors, travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, both men and womans shaving cream, individually wrapped granola bars or snacks. New or used in good condition blankets. There is a trunk by the front door to leave your donation marked Blessing bags. Please come and enjoy your Elk family as we serve the community. Thank you, Tiffanie Lilyblad-Chambers

**Did you Know...**

Its that time of year again! Dues notices will have gone out. If you do not receive the notice, we may have the incorrect address. Please call the Lodge between 6 am and 11 am weekdays. Ask for Tom to determine why you have not received your notice. Thank you!!







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Jan Chambers  
303-918-0156

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Is As Powerful

As ALL Of Us  
THE VITAL LINK.....



**YOU !**

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Contact Jerry Heger or Tom Chambers to find out how

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518-755-3168

ROBERT J. CRAMER

[bobcramer920@gmail.com](mailto:bobcramer920@gmail.com)

## Make Our Lodge Great Update

Our next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm  
Recap what we have done and where we want to be  
with upcoming projects. Please be ready with ideas.  
Meeting will be held to one hour.  
MOLGA committee

## Lodge Pins

The New Lodge Pins are Available  
In the Display Case at the Lodge

**\$5.00 Each**

Pick yours up today!!

NORTHERN ELKS 2456  
2023-2024



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

# SAVE THE DATE

## *Bringing in a new Lodge Year*

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**Calendar Meeting: 3:00 pm**

If you are a committee chairman or just want to get an event on the calendar, you want to be here!

We will go through our Lodge year calendar with all of the Officers and Committee Chairman.

## **Membership Appreciation**

**Dinner 5:00 pm**

**This is our opportunity to Thank You for being a part of our Lodge!**

## **Installation of Officers**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

Members and Guests are welcome to join us as we install our Officers Elect and Designate for the upcoming Lodge Year.

Followed by our:



## *Annual Inaugural Ball*

*Celebrate the new Lodge year with our newly installed Lodge Officers*

## **ST. Patrick's Day Dance**

Come join us for Fun, Frivolity and a bit o' Luck

**Saturday, March 16 2024**

**Dinner will start at 5:00 pm**

Corned beef & Cabbage with Potatoes & Carrots

Followed by Dessert



**Dance to the music of  
Line 2 Band**



Now accepting nominations for our  
New Leprechaun



Please give Leprechaun nominations  
to any Officer

## **Kid's Easter Party** **Saturday, March 23**

**2:00-5:00 pm**

**Fun Activities Easter Egg Hunt  
And a visit from the Easter Bunny!**

We are accepting donations for plastic eggs, candy  
And small gifts for baskets

**Watch the next banner for  
more information**



**Other Upcoming Events:**  
**Mar 31 : Closed for Easter**  
**Apr 6: Bowling Tourn.**

**Apr 13: Bowling Tourn.**  
**May 4: Cindo De Mayo**  
**May 12: Mother's Day**



# Bingo Workers



## Bingo Workers Standing by:

Baca, Dave  
 Boyd, Stephen  
 Bushman, Brad  
 Chambers, Tom  
 Chambers, Jan  
 Crespín, Phil Sr.  
 Gremling, Kim  
 Heger, Jerry  
 Hickman, Kim  
 Huffman, Rick  
 Hull, Norma  
 Lopez, Ben  
 Lopez, Sheryl  
 McClintock, Bill  
 McClintock, Melanie  
 Olguin, Fred  
 Record, Annie  
 Record, Larry  
 Rynearson, Don  
 Schaff, Mike  
 Yost, Jerry  
 Yost, Marilyn  
**Your Name Here...**



## We Need You !!

## What's Going On At Our Lodge...



## CLUB ACTIVITIES

WATCH FOR EXCITING NEW WEEKDAY FUN AT OUR CLUB

MONDAY: POOL TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY: CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY: BAR BINGO - QUEEN OF HEARTS

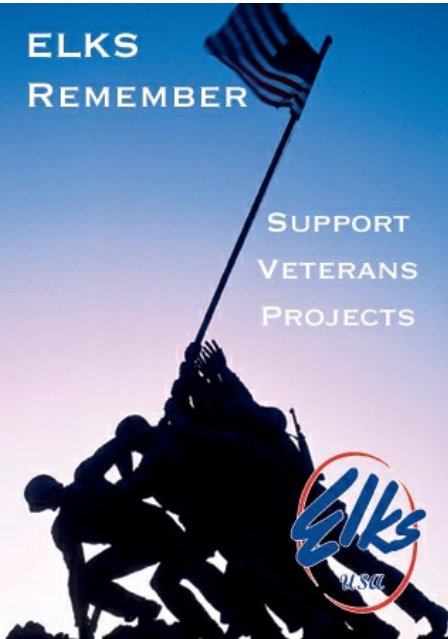
THURSDAY: MEETING NIGHT / HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

FRIDAY: LADIES POOL TOURNAMENT

**HAPPY HOUR MON, WED & FRI 4-7,  
& ALL DAY THURSDAY**

ELKS  
REMEMBER

SUPPORT  
VETERANS  
PROJECTS



# WE ~~STILL~~ WANT YOU

## WANTED VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS

### WANT A LITTLE

### EXTRA

### \$\$\$

We are looking for Bartenders  
that can work a weekly shift  
Or just fill in when needed.

## WE CAN TRAIN YOU!!

We are in need of volunteers  
to help cover  
Open Bartending Shifts

Please call:

**Phil Crespín**  
303-919-5304

## A brief History: Eleventh Hour 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.

### Current 11 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."***

