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EXALTED RULER’S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
To Our Absent Members...

Charles Richardson -- in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks -- delivered into the hands of newborn Elks, the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Buffalos), to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

One of the many dignified customs of the Elks is the 11 o'clock Toast. Its origin begins long before the BPOE came into existence. The Buffalos also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imposed a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething population always on the edge of violence and disorder.

Curfew laws requiring all watch fires to be extinguished at 11pm each night were established. 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 synonymous throughout Europe for someone on their deathbed or about to go into battle.

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 thespian 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.

Paul H. Crumb, Exalted Ruler
FROM THE LADIES CLUB

Dear Members and Ladies,

As the Ladies Club begins its 20th year of service to the Lodge and community, we would like to give a big thank you to Angelina Gilbert our Charter President for starting this organization some twenty years ago.

Congratulations to all our new Officers!!

We also would like to announce the following dates for our upcoming fund raisers: June 15th – Family Breakfast; September 5th – Charities BBQ; and November 21st – Pasta Night

Sincerely,

Mary Schuka

Ladies Club 744 President

Sickness and Distress

AT HOME: Don Scheuber, Russ Seaboldt, Jr.

NURSING HOME Charles DeLavallierre

Members Please: If you or if you know of someone that is ill or in the hospital, please let us know.

UPCOMING NUTCLUBS

ELK MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LADIES CLUB WITH A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH ARE FREE ON THE FIRST NUT CLUB IN THE MONTH. THEIR SPOUSES WILL ALSO BE OUR GUESTS

MARCH NUT CLUBS

MAY 14TH Chicken Parm – Chef David Tallerico

MAY 28TH Kielbasa – Chef Mark Wolstencroft

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE MONUMENT
MAY 26TH

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Vincenzo Gasbarra, Fred McPhee PER
- 11 Anthony Camp, James McCloskey Jr.
- 12 Stanley Sterling
- 13 Richard O'Hanley ELK, Andy Rojas
- 17 William Conkling
- 19 James Burns
- 20 Joseph Bitil, Demarest Booth, Steve Smalley
- 21 Eric Sterling
- 22 Gary Fetzer LM
- 25 Robert Phillips
- 27 Don Nolen, Joseph Price
- 31 Clayton Chamberlain PER, William Postel

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SATURDAY, MAY 17TH
\$50/PERSON
LEAVES THE LODGE AT 9:00 AM SHARP
\$15 FOOD VOUCHER
\$10 PLAY VOUCHER
SIGN-UP IN THE LODGE
YOU MUST PAY WHEN YOU SIGN UP

May 2014

- 7 - Lodge Meeting
 - 10 - Lodge CLOSED for Mother's Day
 - 14 - Nut Club [Dave Tallerico]
 - 17 - Mohegan Sun Trip
 - 21 - Lodge Meeting
 - 15 to 18 - NYS Elks Convention [Buffalo]
 - 26 - Memorial Day, Flag Display at Monument
 - 28 - Nut Club [Mark Wolstencroft]
- June 2014
- 4 - Lodge Meeting
 - 11 - Nut Club [Paul Crumb]
 - 14 - Flag Ceremony, 3pm
 - 15 - Family Breakfast [Ladies Club Meeting]
 - 18 - Lodge Meeting
 - 20 - Golf Outing at Beekman
 - 25 - Nut Club [Dutch]
 - 28 - Annual Financial Report to Grand Lodge



ELKS GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY JUNE 20TH
BEEKMAN COUNTRY CLUB
SHOOTGUN START 10:00 AM
\$125 PER GOLFER
INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF, LUNCH AND
BEVERAGE ON THE COURSE, AND BUFFET DINNER
AND PRIZES AT THE LODGE
CUT OFF DATE MAY 30TH

Mond						
		Friday	Saturday			
		5	6			
		12	13			
		19	20			
		26	27			