



Lebanon Lodge of Elks #2099

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Roots of 11 O'clock toast may date to 11th century

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.

The Original Toast

Now is the hour when Elkdom's tower
is darkened by the shroud of night,
And father time on his silver chime
Tolls off each moment's flight.

In Cloistered halls each Elk recalls
His Brothers where'er they be,
And traces their faces to well-known places
In the annals of memory.

Whether they stand on a foreign land
Or lie in an earthen bed,
Whether they be on the boundless sea
With the breakers of death ahead.

Whate'er their plight on this eerie night
Whate'er their fate may be,
Where ever they are be it near or far
They are thinking of you and me.

So drink from the fountain of fellowship
To the Brother who clasped your hand,
And wrote your worth in the rock of earth
And your faults upon the sand.

TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS

The Current Toast

"You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance.

Wherever an Elk may roam, Whatever his 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, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass him 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"

The Elk I would like to recognize this month is Mark Eisner. Mark is very generous with his time and energy, while chair committees, working in the kitchen for Friday Night Dinners and Banquets, and working at several lodge events (Kids, Seniors, Veterans etc.) He is always available to lend a helping hand. Thank you Mark for all that you do!

ER- Tom Toner

Committee News

The Veterans Committee



Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!! May 2015 be a great year at the Lebanon Elks Lodge. It has been a very busy December at our Lodge many wonderful events have taken place in the month of December. One of the Event's was the Veteran's Christmas party. We had over 150 Veteran's and family members. The food was great the music was wonderful everyone that was there seem to really have a very nice time. This event is sponsor by our Lodge and is finance by The Grants that we receive from our membership and donations that we give to ENF. So a big thank you to all of our member's this is your organization at its finest. We have been in partnership with Project Vetcare for the past couple of years they work very hard for our veterans. This grant was so that once again with Project Vetcare we could connect with all of the Veterans who attended. If you have any questions about your benefits as a veteran, they are the people to get in contact with. Danielle or Robert you can e-mail Arleen at arutledge@bridgmans.com or call 603-763-4347 and leave a message. We will put you in contact with Project Vetcare.

We really want to thank all that help with this event it takes much more than a few to do this. Thank you to Michael Wood and all of the members who volunteer their time to work behind the scenes. They truly are the ones who make all these things happen. Thank you.

On December 16th we had our annual Harbor Homes Christmas Dinner. Harbor Homes is a Veteran's First Home. The home is in Claremont, a very lovely place, where Veteran's find a warm and happy place to live. The Veteran's committee will be working on our 2015 calendar year soon. Thank each and every one of you for your support.

Arleen Rutledge

Children's Holiday Party

Our annual party was held on Saturday, December 13th. We had over 90 kids arrive to enjoy the bright lights, decorate gingerbread men, play games, sing songs, make crafts, get their faces painted with cheery holiday stars and snowflakes, and to have a visit with ole Santa himself! I'd like to thank our wonderful Elks members for your generous donations, and the Elks National Foundation for your support of this community event. I'd also like to thank Mike Wood for his time and help ó without you, we'd all be lost! I also like to thank the Emblem Club for participating, Karen Coffey for singing, Becky French for holding down the crafts corner, Tom Lacroix for being you-know-who(!), Pam Goude & Kim Dyke for øElfing it upø, and all of our face painters, game helpers, gift wrappers, and especially those who stayed to help clean up at the end. Without all of you, none of this could happen. Your help and generosity is so heartfelt ó thank you so much.

Sally Dunham, Chair



PRODUCT OF THE MONTH ó We are collecting selected food products for the Haven each month. These are food items that are designated as øin needø items each month. In the month of November, we collected 212 lbs of canned vegetables. In December we are collecting canned soup. Since I am writing this before the month's end, we don't have a number yet but will let you all know. **JANUARY PRODUCT IS BOXED CEREAL.**

Please be generous. There are a lot in need and as Elks, we can definitely make a difference to these families. Please ask your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers if they could also help out! Much appreciated.

Sally Dunham, Product of the Month Committee

Seniors Holiday Party

The Seniors Holiday Party held on December 3, 2014 was a huge success. Approximately 160 Seniors attended the event. Big Al Depetrillo and friend John provided the entertainment. Hors D'œuvres and a fantastic meal were enjoyed by all, followed by door prizes, dancing and singing of Christmas carols. Old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were made. All of the guests were complimentary and enjoyed commencing the Holiday season with us. Thank-you to all of our Volunteers who made this event so successful. Special thanks to Pam Goude and Sandy Romano our napkin folders, to Steven Wood, øWoodyø, Rod Duff and set up crew, to Sturgis and Al Downing for manning the lift chair, Dotty Muzzy and Joan Decato for hosting the door, To PER Pete Kidder and his Mom, Lois for taking pictures, to all of the kitchen crew and servers and dishwashers, for without your help this would not have been possible. Thank-you to Mike Wood for your continued guidance and wisdom- couldn't do it without you.

Best wishes to you all for a Blessed Holiday Season, and I hope 2015 will be a great year for you all.

Martha Chesley, Senior Holiday Party Chair

Friday Night Dinners

2 nd	Pizza Party	\$5.00
9 th	Roast Pork	\$8.00
16 th	Chicken Stir Fry	\$7.00
	Karaoke with Jill Tonight !	
23 rd	Meat loaf	\$7.00
30 th	Fried Chicken	\$8.00

Dinner served with tossed salad and dinner rolls.

5:30ø 7:00 PM

The Following Members have met the qualifications for Life Membership and will be balloted on at the meeting of January 27, 2015:

David R. LaBombard

Robert A. LaCroix

Michael W. McHugh

David Ruel

Brian Ryea Sr., Secretary



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!!