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Home of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura Nebraska Sponsor and Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein

GEORGE B. KLEIN (1914-2003)

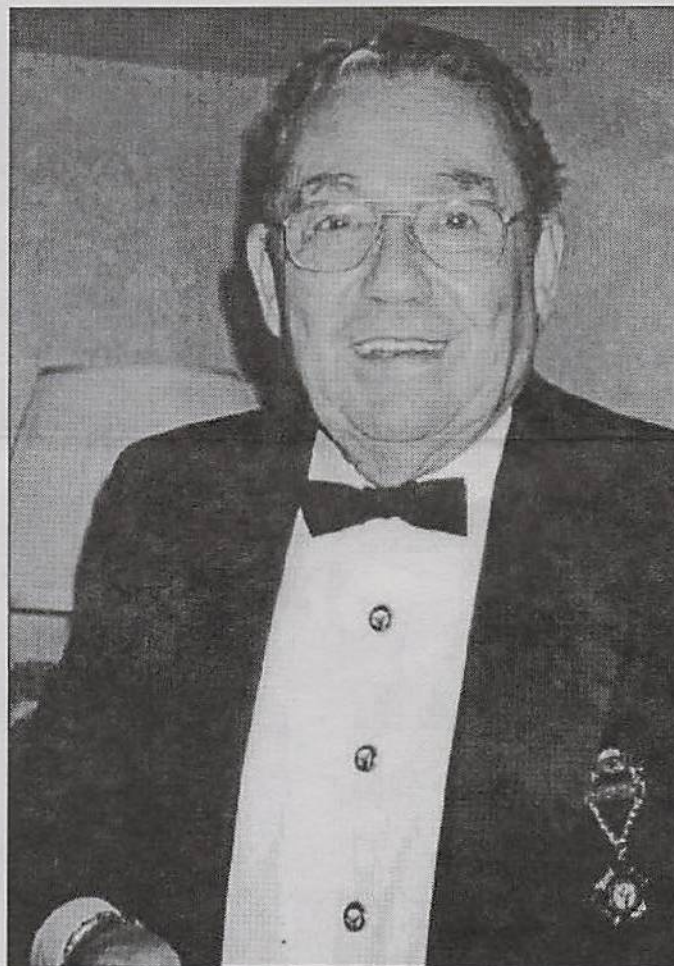
George B. Klein, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks died Thursday, June 12, 2003, at his home in Lincoln. Born in Junction City, KS on October 3, 1914, his family moved to Lincoln when he was a young boy and he made his home here for the rest of his life. George and his wife Ruth had two sons, Larry, with wife Tracey, reside in Costa Mesa, CA and Robert lives in Bellevue, Washington. In addition to Ruth and the boys, George is survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Humboldt Lodge 40, A.F. & A.M. He attained the position of Vice President of Woodmen Accident and Life Insurance Company and after forty years of service to the Company chose to retire.

Past Grand George, as he is known by everyone, dedicated his life to the Elks. He was initiated into Lincoln Lodge #80 in 1945, and was in his 59th year as an Elk when he died. After going through the chairs, he became Exalted Ruler in 1959-60. Past Exalted Rulers become eligible to be Ritual Judges and George passed the ritual test shortly after attaining that status. For the next ten years he helped coach and judge ritual throughout Nebraska and surrounding states. Each year at the state convention, the *George B. Klein Award* is given to the individual in the state who has done the most for ritual.

After serving as District Deputy of the East District, George was elected 3rd Vice President of the Nebraska Elks in 1962. In 1965 he became President of the State Association, and followed by becoming Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order in 1976. As is customary, after becoming a Past Grand, he served on various Grand Lodge Committees, and at one time sponsored as many as six states. At his death, he was the sponsor of three states - Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

Despite his heavy schedule of Grand Lodge duties, he continued to be active in his home Lodge, contributing to such diverse activities as founding the Lodge's Charitable Trust Fund, and until last year was a sponsor and active bowler in the Elks Bowling League.

Memorials can be made to: Elks National Foundation, BPOE, 2750 Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.



NOTE OF THANKS

To all who helped in preparing for, and conducting of the activities relevant to Past Grand George B. Klein's funeral and luncheon at the Lodge, a great big Thank You. As usual everyone came through as needed, but a special Thanks to the staff from the club, Cheri Amack who handled the arrangements for the luncheon, and Kelli Smith and her ladies who were overseers of the luncheon.

Exalted Ruler Message



Hello from the ER. We have been busy this month. We had a nice time at Taco Night. Betty Akin did such a great job on the Mexican food. We held Flag Day on Saturday the 14th. The officers, PERs and Scouts did a very respectable performance. I hope next year we can get a lot more

members to attend the ceremony with their families and guests.

On a sad note, we lost a member that I had great respect for, Past Grand George Klein. The PERs preformed the Elk's service with distinction. They showed the pride and respect we all had for George.

The Steak Fry was excellent. We had a nice crowd and the food that was prepared by Jerry Gorton and Glen Pumel was delicious.

I am heading off to St. Louis on the 3rd. My wife and I will be making a few stops on the way to drop off the kids. I look forward to the opportunity to represent our lodge at the National Convention. I hope to see you at our next dinner.

Glen Pumel, ER

Hawaiian Dinner

July 25th

5:30 Cocktails - 6:30 DINNER

HAM WITH PINEAPPLE GLAZE, DESSERT

ADULT \$9.00

GORTON FAMILY HOG ROAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

5:30 Cocktails - 6:30 DINNER

BAKE SALE - AFTER DINNER

BUFFET STYLE

SMOKED BBQ, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD & WATERMELON

ADULT \$9.00



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IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of our departed Members:

Robert E Allen, DOB 3/15/1912, DOD 6/5/2003, Init 11/17/1948, 91 years old, he was in the 56th year as an ELK.

Reese Wilson, DOB 5/4/1926, DOD 6/7/2003, Init 4/20/1949, 77 years old, he was in the 55th year as an ELK.

George Klein, DOB 10/3/1914, DOD 6/12/2003, Init 4/18/1945, 88 years old, he was in the 59th year as an ELK.

Thomas W French, DOB 7/18/1917, DOD 6/20/2003, Init 3/19/1980, 85 years old, he was in the 25th year as an ELK..

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Dale Adkins at Homestead, Gerry Crouch at home.

NEW MEMBERS

Gary D Reineke, reinstatement, Elks member from 11/26/1967 to 9/30/ 1974.

Harvey G Ringland, transfer from Arvada Lodge #2278, Arvada, CO.

Curtis D Reibee, transfer from Ogallala Lodge #1760, Ogallala, NE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

Charles F Zelewski	01	Duane L Vanderbeek	17
Gary L Aksamit	02	R. Bruce Campbell	18
O E Kingery, Jr.	06	Tom French	18
James G Zimmer	06	Eugene L Gerner	19
Warren B Sommer	07	James A Reeves	19
Randall Polak	09	Linda Denkinger	21
Lupe Damian	10	Earl Stewart	21
Norval W Stewart	10	James V Pearl	22
Greg Hansen	11	Wade A Graft	24
Jeremy W Arnholt	12	Vernon D Walker	24
James H Ray	13	Dale H Nelson	26
Carroll R Burns	14	Randal D King	30
Donald R Nielsen	14	David E Reiber	31
Harold L Joyner	16		

Happy Birthday!

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August Birthdays

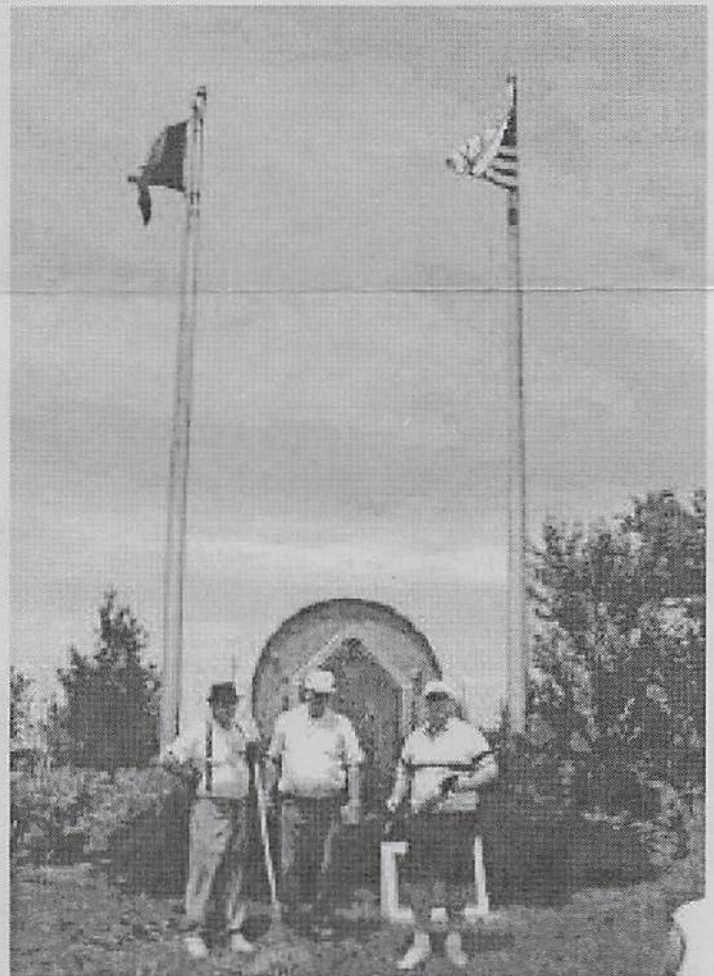
Ronnie L Bouwens	01	Phillip Stettinger	12
Ronald F Ueberrhein	01	John F Aman	13
Ward F Hoppe	02	Roger A Zajicek	15
Melvin E Tucker	03	Arthur Berthold	16
John D Vermaas	03	Allen Brauer	17
Gary L Weber	03	Ben Powell	17
Douglas Kurtzer	04	Arthur R Bossard	18
Robert E White	04	Paul Peterson	19
John L Hoppe, Jr.	06	Virgil Wieting	20
Roland A Schessler	07	Robert A Wittstruck	20
Otis W Cave, Jr	08	Paul L Mussack	21
Harvey G Ringland	08	Dennis Byars	23
Edward Schwartzkopf	08	Stephen F Wirth	23
Joseph Silverman	08	H R Seaberg	27
Edward Herstein	09	Russell C Reber	28
Larry D Schenkel	11	Robert G Reinhardt	30
John S Weers	11	Daryll L Thavenet	31
Richard A Silverman	12		

Does News

In May we decorated the graves of our deceased sisters. At the present time there are 121 of them. We had a short meeting after that and it was voted that we will not meet during the summer months.

On June 22 we held the Elks/Does racing day. A group of 30 attended. We presented the blanket to the winner of the 4th race. A great time was had by all. We would like to get a bigger crowd next year.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 9th of September, at 7:00p.m. Come early and join in the Beer and Burger Night.



FLAG DAY

Many thanks go to the three people who put in several hours in the cleaning and trimming the area around our flag poll. Pictured here from left to right are Charles Kruse, Chuck Meisinger and Rich Todd. Thank You!!!

PAST GRANDS ATTEND KLEIN FUNERAL

Five Past Grand Exalted Rulers and the Grand Secretary of the BPOE were in attendance at the recent funeral of George B. Klein, Past Grand and member of Lincoln Lodge #80 who passed away on June 12, 2003. These men who came from as far away as Virginia were able to take time from their busy schedule to attend the services held on June 20th at Roper and Sons mortuary in Lincoln. In addition, members from each of the states that Mr. Klein sponsored: New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming were in attendance. Kansas and Oklahoma, two states formerly sponsored by him, also had representatives present. Many past State Presidents and current State Officers from Nebraska completed the list of dignitaries who came to honor him.

The Reverend Raymond Larson, who officiated, recounted several wonderful memories that were enjoyed by family and friends alike. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Vincent R. Collura of our Lodge delivered a very moving Eulogy, and a six-member team of Past Exalted Rulers from Lincoln Lodge conducted the Elks Funeral Service ritual, and served as Pallbearers.

Following Interment at Wyuka Cemetery, most of the nearly 200 guests then adjourned to our Lodge room for a luncheon hosted by the Lodge. It was a very fitting setting as many old friends had an opportunity to visit and exchange remembrances from times spent with George before they returned to their homes scattered across the nation and our State.



From L. to R., James McQuillan, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, from Ogallala; PGER James Varenhorst, Grand Rapids, MI; PGER Vincent R. Collura, Lincoln; PGER Ted Hess, Wheeling, WV; PGER Charles Williams, Plano, TX; Jack Jensen, Grand Secretary, Chicago, IL (member Lincoln Lodge.)

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAINED OUT

The golfers were soaked at the start of the 2003 Elks Golf Tournament on June 7. A Rain Date has now been set for Saturday, July 19. Any one else who would like to join in at that time is welcome. Ask Jerry Gorton, Gary Weber or Neil Stuthmann for an entry form or pick one up at the club.

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The 11 O'Clock Toast

by Mike Kelly GrandLodge Historian

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to impress upon you that with us, 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, 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."

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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JULY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 CLUB CLOSED	5 CLUB CLOSED
6	7	8 BEER & BURGER NIGHT	9 BURLINGTON NORTHERN	10	11	12 PRIVATE PARTY
13	14	15	16 TRUSTEES 6:30 LODGE 7:30	17	18 TRUSTEES 6:30 LODGE 7:30	19 ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT
20	21	22 BEER & BURGER NIGHT	23	24	25 HAWAIIAN DINNER COCKTAILS-6:30 DINNER-6:30	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 BEER & BURGER NIGHT	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 TRUSTEES 6:30 LODGE 7:30	21	22	23 FALL CONFERENCE GRAND ISLAND
24 FALL CONFERENCE GRAND ISLAND	25	26 BEER & BURGER NIGHT	27	28	29	30
31	PAM IS BACK FROM VACATION SO STOP BY FOR LUNCH!					

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