



Grand Lodge Officers

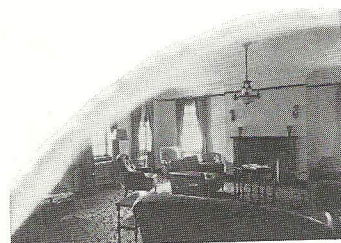
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Elkdom

IN the winter of 1867, in a theatrical boarding house kept by a Mrs. Ryan at 39 Wooster Street, New York City, one could have found a number of congenial, energetic and brilliant young actors, who were furnishing "the metropolis" with a goodly share of its theatrical amusement. Tony Pastor, and his "Nigger Singers," Billy Harris, Harry Armstrong, Billy Courtwright and many other celebrities were among the number. Perhaps the most popular of the group at that time, and certainly, the leading spirit of their social sessions was Charles Vivian.

Charles Vivian, (may his name and memory endure forever!) was a popular young English actor and singer. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable English Order of "Buffalos." He was "an inimitable singer of old English songs and rollicking Irish airs; a fellow of infinite jest and most excellent fancy." He it was who conceived the idea of forming a social club, the members of which were to be recruited exclusively from the theatrical profession. The moving force was economic but the prevailing and enduring force fast became social. This little group had occasional meetings at which "merry stories were told and jolly songs were sung" and Charles Vivian was master of their conviviality. He named the club "The Jolly Corks" and his jolly companions in turn dubbed him "The Imperial Cork."

The membership grew. Twice that same winter they were forced to larger quarters for their meeting place. The good repute of the little club became such that men generally sought admission to its jolly circle. The need of a permanent organiza-





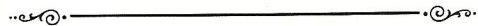
tion pressed in upon them. Charles Vivian had the vision of a National Order the cognomen of which should be distinctively American. On February the 16th, 1868 the club met and acted favorably upon the wishes of its chairman. At this meeting, on the top floor of the Military Hall Building, at 193 Bowery, the entire ground work of a great National secret order came into being, and has since received enduring recognition because its precepts are right and its ideals are sound and just. At this same meeting and as a part of its important business was the selection of a name. A vote was had on several submitted and a tie vote resulted, leaving to their chairman, Charles Vivian, to cast the deciding vote. He voted for the name "ELKS." Thus the genial Vivian, author and master spirit of "The Jolly Corks" carved for himself a niche in fames eternal temples, and upon the tablets of our "love and memory."

The members of the committee which drafted the first constitution adopted at the last mentioned meeting, were George F. McDonald, chairman, William Sheppard, Charles Vivian, E. N. Platt, and Thomas G. Riggs.

On December 4th, 1870, Tony Pastor made a motion, which was carried, that a committee be named to frame a law for the establishment of a Grand Lodge. On March 10th, 1871, the legislature of the State of New York passed an act of incorporation which gave the Grand Lodge the power to issue charters to subordinate lodges throughout the nation. On that day the Grand Lodge created Lodge No. 1, New York City; two days later it created lodge No. 2, Philadelphia; on February 22, 1876, it created lodge No. 3, San Francisco; and a few months later it instituted lodge No. 4, Chicago.

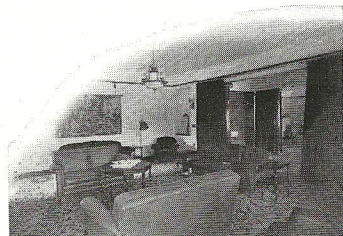
From these unpretentious surroundings, an idea, animated by the zeal and fidelity of a handful of men who saw life in its true proportions, has grown until today it illumines like starlight the altars of almost 1600 subordinate lodges.

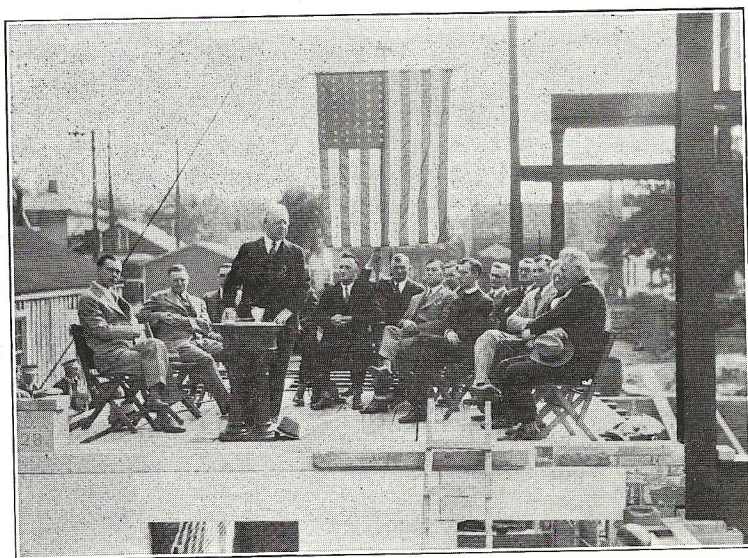
May the precepts of our great national order, and its glorious record made in the years of unreturning past, be an inspiration to lighten the highway to still greater achievements in the years to come!



*"Who does the best his circumstance allows
Does well, acts nobly, angels could do no
more."*

--Young





Cornerstone Laying : September 30, 1929

"In the name of Charity we should feel and should practice; in the name of Justice which should control our opinions and our dealings; in the name of the Brotherly Love which should be all-embracing; and in the name of the Fidelity which unfalteringly extends the principles of this Order to all mankind, I lay this cornerstone."

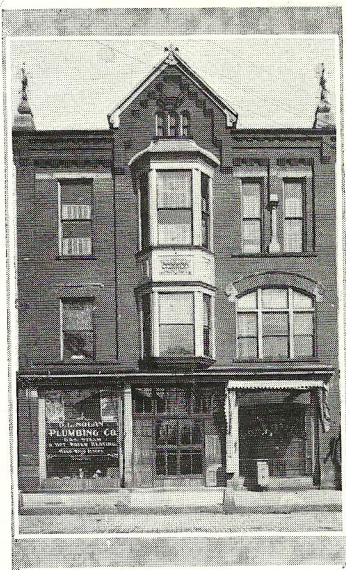
The Ritual

Charity: Ours is not a mere giving of alms; a broad charity of thoughts; inspiring a charity of word and deed. It is a charity that "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, and doth not behave itself unseemly." It is a spark struck by the hand of Deity, kindling a flame of sympathy, forbearance, tolerance and helpfulness in the hearts of men. Elk charity is typified by a winged figure in flowing robes of white, scattering along life's highway the flowers of hope, courage and good cheer.

Justice: Ours is not the stern justice of retribution, exacting the extreme penalty for each erring step, but a justice which seeks to judge men by that which is within their hearts. Punishment must come to all who violate the laws of God and man. The most severe punishment, however, is that inflicted by an outraged conscience. If conscience be gone, then is reason dethroned, and man is descended to a mere brute, to whom justice is without meaning. Elk justice is typified by a benign goddess with kindly visage, with clear vision to see the very truth of things, holding in one hand the mirror of introspection and in the other the Book of Divine Law, that those who come before her may search their own hearts and seek their own salvation in God's appointed way as they are given to see the way.

Brotherly Love: That which we acclaim is not effeminate, weak, feeble, fawning or spiritless. It is masculine, strong, virile, sturdy, helpful and vigorous---a manly love of man for man and for things manly. It is bold and daring, valorous and courageous, undaunted, hardy, dignified but responsive. It seeks out character and glorifies it. It recognizes ability and lauds it. It nurtures sustains and protects. It extends the hand in greeting, in sympathy, in helpfulness, and in the spirit of true friendship.

Fidelity: This, indeed, embraces all. What a wealth of meaning in the word fidelity!--adherence to right; steadfastness in the discharge of duty; faithfulness to all obligations; honesty; integrity; faith; fealty; loyalty. We inveigh against all intolerance. We recognize no religion, or to speak more accurately, we recognize all religions founded on belief in a Supreme Being. Our teachings constitute an everyday religion as broad as the scheme of the soul's salvation and embraced within all creeds.

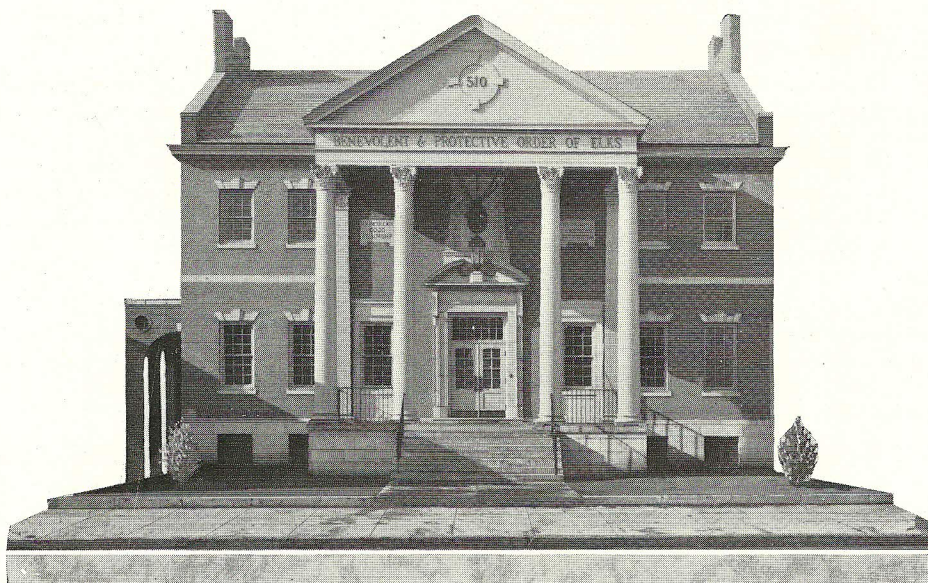


1899-1901

Lodge Sites

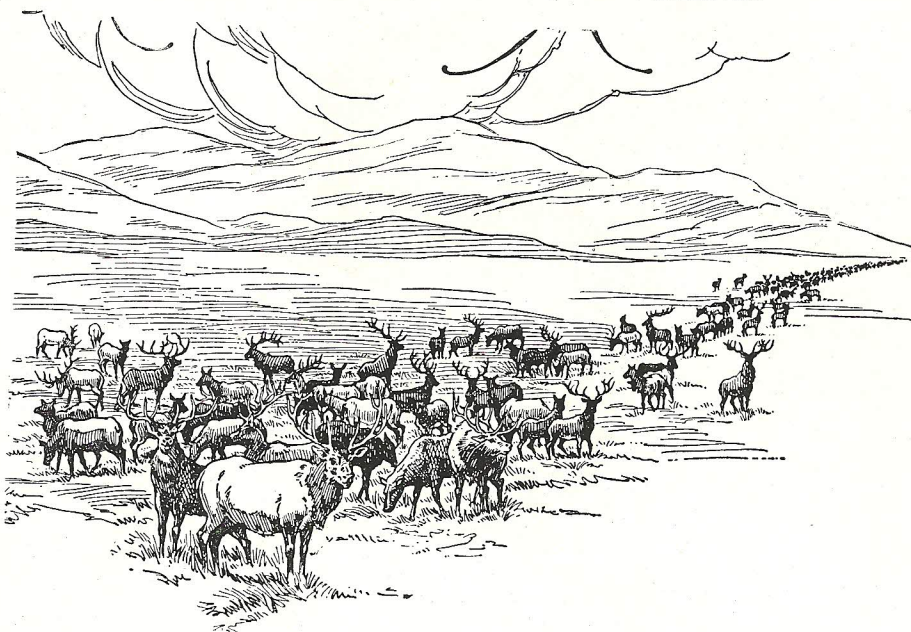


1901-1929





Passing to the Great Empire of Silence



*"Into this Universe, and Why, not knowing
Nor Whence, like Water willy-nilly flowing;
And out of it, as Wind along the Waste,
I know not Whither, willy-nilly blowing."*

--Omar Khayyam

*"The Moving Finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."*

E. A. Deardorff
Frank L. Cox
John Gerber
C. A. Smith
C. H. Ackey
John Reuser
Edward Ohliger
Frank C. Harvey
Frederick Alexander
James F. Kaldenbaugh
Byron C. Hendershot
Simon E. Dotts
C. A. Ruppenthal
D. D. Morgan

John C. Kelly
Carl V. Snyder
Carl Stoller
John L. Swishelm
Arthur Pemberton
James W. Scott
Harry R. Pollock
Walter E. Crites
D. O. Vankirk
Harry A. Ackey
Fred C. Kuenzli
Wm. A. Senhauser
Chas. T. Stephenson
Park M. Reiser
Glen Getz

C. E. Brooks
E. H. Beddows
S. S. Urfer
Warren C. Hitt
Carl F. Reiser
Dr. R. W. Pyle
W. E. Callahan
John F. Gerber
Emery H. Ankney
Elmer Morgan
Chas. H. Fox
Ed. K. Kaltenbaugh
Geo. E. Helmreich
A. H. Towner
Harry Weidericht

Charles Kempf
Jesse Dotts
W. E. Seibert
Samuel B. Shaffer
O. C. J. Stiffler
Ed. F. Schoch
Edward Schmidt
Howard C. Hughes
Charles F. Zigler
Roy Browning
Ralph W. Emerson
William F. Demuth
William W. Sharp
H. V. Schweitzer

"In the Democracy of the Dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank, nor station, nor prerogative in the Republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Ceresus releases his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his interest and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. In the dark night of death, the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures, the invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from unrequited toil.

Here at last is nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of the time are redressed. Injustice is expiated, the irony fate is refuted; the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity, which makes life such a cruel and inexplicable tragedy, ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest Captain succumbs to that invincible adversary, who disarms alike the Victor and the Vanquished."---J. J. Ingalls



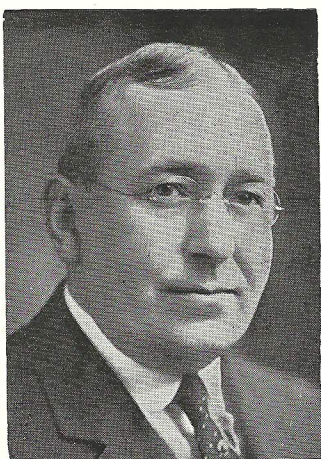
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