ELKS RITUAL
FLAG CHARGE AND TOAST CONTESTS
(AS PRINTED ON THE OFFICIAL JUDGES' FORM)

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11 O'clock Toast Word Accuracy Guide

Exalted Ruler: 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 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."

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Flag Charge Word Accuracy Guide

Exalted Ruler: Please salute our Flag.
As this emblem is first in our hearts as loyal Americans, so is it close to our altar as loyal Elks. The gentle breezes with lingering caress kiss the folds of no Flag which can compare with it in beauty. There is no such red in budding rose, in falling leaf or sparkling wine, no such white in April blossom, in crescent moon or mountain snow, no such blue in woman's eye, in ocean's depth or heaven's dome, and no such pageantry of clustering stars and streaming light in all the spectrum of the sea and sky.
In the name of this great Brotherhood, and on behalf of this Lodge, I present you with this, our Flag. Preserve it as a memento of this occasion, and may it ever stimulate you to the performance of your full duty in the preservation and defense of all it represents. (Exalted Ruler returns to their station)