ELKS' TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED

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lodges in our land where our love of humanity at large is shown. Love in our great fraternity as voiced in our motto: "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand; their memory

Symbolic Meanings

These subjects might, I repeat, anyone of them, be chosen as fit and appropriate. And others may sugchosen for my theme, "The Meaning of Our Symbols." In our lodge rooms may be found a clock, always stopped at the hour of eleven; a Bible; the antiers of an elk; a flag; a star. There are others, perhaps, but I purpose to devote my time to these as most significant.

Historic Symbolism

ment of mankind and has come down shelters them, so that, for the greatto us from remote ages when man er part of the year, they know little could not write as well as from those sunlight. But once every semester periods when composition was very the pure beams fill them full-clear imperfect and its practice limited to full, and straighter than any survey the few. In fact, writing grew out or's line, they strike upon the wal of symbols, certain objects typifying eighty feet away. Wondrous pre abstractions and attributes associat- cision! Wondrous power! that hold ed with the same-the lion for bold- these swinging, whirling spheres as ness, the sun for brightness, the in the hollow of a hand and twice a quiver of arrows for war. By indi- year brings them back so that their rection and suggestion the message relations are absolutely unchanged is made clear.

Buddhistic Monkeys

and Japan a monkey image used for prophet (Isaiah 48:13): Mine hand emblematic purpose. His front paws also hath laid the foundations of the were used to stuff ears, cover eyes, spaned the Bossers hand hath and hold tongue. Occasionally not one monkey was used, but three crouched side by side, one covering his eyes; another stuffing his ears; and a third, holding his tongue. I could never have guessed what it was all about and so asked. I then learned that the simian was intended to represent a maxim from the speak no evil."

Mahometan Crescent

Mecca to Medina, a city that gladly received his teachings, was made, protector, according to tradition, under a new r:oon: and so the crescent came to stand typically for the Mohammedan Empire and is continued on the flag of Turkey today. During the struggles of the Crusaders for the recovery of the sepulchre of Jesus in the to be erroneous. The mistake comes middle ages the followers of Islam carried swords curved to represent that the first reference likely, to an the crescent moon (as, in fact, they Elk is found in the sixth book. still do) and these were symbolic. not alone of the past history but suggestive also of the destined increase of their religion.

The Cross Opposed

The Christian Fish

Another early Christian symbol. not so well known, has come down to us in modified form. It is the Pish, used secretly in early days animals which are called Elks. stant persecution. By drawing of their skins are much like roes; stone, a likeness of a fish the follow- and are destitute of horns and have ers of the new cult could find their legs without joints or ligatures; nor catacomb, or hidden recess. This use rest, nor, if they have been thrown fellowship

OUR OWN SYMBOLS The Bible

In like manner, our lodge has chosen its symbols. One seen on all of our altars-on the altar for these exercises-is the Bible. It is intended to call our minds repeatedly ius, uses two words to mean elkback to the ideal of Justice for which our order stands. Not the in the passage just quoted and re-Justice of the Old Testament, which ferring to the elk of middle Europe; was too often harsh and unyielding the other, achlis which has been from thraldom and carrying the rig- and which, due to climate, shows or of their tormentors all to fre- some variations in general appearquently against the wrongdoers ance from the other though it is among their own number; rather fundamentally the same animal from the Justice of a newer and more en- Likely Pliny was misled through wheel lightened dispensation promulgated different pronunciation of the name by the Man of Sorrows. His teach- by ancient German and Scandinay- the 'Sofala' butted the sheer ridge of ings were summarized in an aphor- ian. Listen to the words of Pliny: a stone reef which would have been "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even which strongly resembles our steers, shock absolutely terrific. Everybody

are better for this bimonthly con- There is also the achlis which is pro- rigging made a great rattling to the tact with the Book of Books. duced in the island of Scandinavia; very trucks. All the lights went out; Whether subscribing, or not, to any it has never been in this city (Rome) several chain-guys, snapping, clat of the various creeds which have although we have descriptions of it tered against the funnel; there were origin in this marvellous Jewish pro- from many persons; it is not unlike crashes, pings of parted iron-rope. duction, the fortnightly sight at our the alces but has no joints in the splintering sounds, loud cracks; the sessions tends toward our refine- hind legs. Hence, it never lies down, masthead lamp flew over the bows ment. Really, there are sixty-six but reclines against a tree while it and all the doors about the deck bebooks of drams, history, philosophy sleeps. It can only be taken by pre-gan to bank heavily"
—all bound within one cover, ex-viously cutting into the tree and The point I am trying to make is

dawn; composed by some of the world's most far-seeing writers; and ending with a matchless narration of the efforts of Jesus to point the way toward better things

The Creator

It may be a surprise to some of my audience to learn every Elk must subscribe to the doctrine that over and above us all-beyond what we understand at all-is an unknown the destinles of spheres, of men and nations. To the words of Victor Hugo, put into the meditations o the good bishop, we Elks could all for humanity shown, indeed, yes, subscribe; "O You who are! Eccles-But particular love for those joined lastes calls You Omnipotence; the the Maccabees call You Creator; the Epistle to the Ephesians calls You Liberty; Baruch calls You Immensvirtues upon the tablets of love and ity; the Psalms call you Wisdom and Truth; St. John calls You Light; the Book of Kings calls You Lord Exodus calls you Providence; Leviticus, Holiness; Esdras, Justice; Cre ation calls You God; Man call You Father: but Solomon calls You gest themselves to you. But I have Mercy, and that is the fairest of all your names.

An Illuminating Incident

A few weeks ago I beheld again for the thirty-second time an incident that has illuminated all my previous thought along this line. In the main hall of the institution where I work at the east end there are two small windows. A porch Symbolism was an early develop- extending out from the east wing, as thought stuck in a groove! It is at such moments that we compre hend the words reported by the ments we read a poem, more beautiful than sonnet of Browning or apostrophe of Shakespeare, written in blazing glory by the hand of the Omnipotent'

2-Antlers of Protection

The choice of the Elk, instead of the Buffalo, as the animal in whose Buddha: "Hear no evil; see no evil; honor our lodge should be named was made by a narrow margin; yet was most fortunate. The antlers seen upon our altar and displayed The case of Mahomet carries sym- lavishly in our lodge rooms are not bolism perhaps familiar to us. A symbolically intended as the weapons poor camel-driver he received a reve- of assault; but rather those of delation that he felt would be wonder- fense. They are the antiers of profully beneficial to his people. Around tection. I like, in this connection, to him gathered a faithful band to bring to mind that picture of Landwhom he taught the doctrine of the seer (I believe Landseer was the one God. Persecutions followed; and painter, though I may be mistaken) the founder of Mohometanism, a where the noble animal, head lownew cult, was driven from home. The ered, is warding off the wolves that fight of this religious leader from howl and snap, ready to spring. while the fawn cowers behind its

Misconception of the Elk It has been stated frequentry that

the name Elk is of Latin origin (I believe our ritual so declared); but this appears, on careful examination about quite naturally from the fact twenty-seventh chapter of Julius Caesar's "Gallic War." That masterful man sent out scouts to report to him of the conditions in all of the regions then being reduced to subjection by Roman arms. These in-Opposed to these Mahometans vestigators handed in to Caesar a were the followers of Christ, who al- most fanciful account of an animal so had their symbol, the Cross, in which they had found in the interior the very weapon with which they of the barbaric Gallic confederacy. fought. Holding the blade of his The old Germanic name was Elsch sword before him, his right hand or Elg which Julius Caesar Latingrasped perhaps a foot from the ized into Alces, the first three letcrosspiece, the Crusader had the ters constituting the basic word and patriotism emblem of his faith at his morning the other two denoting the case endand evening devotions. It was, in ing. The animal is classified by scifact, a constant reminder of his vows. entists under the general term deer or cervus

Caesar's Description This description is so unique that quote it entire: "There are also when the Christians were under con- shape of these and the varied color roughly in dust, or scratching on but in size they surpass them a little way to a meeting place, usually a do they lie down for the purpose of was not dissimilar, as the fish was down by any accident, can they raise shown headed toward the rendez- or lift themselves up. Trees serve as vous, to the use of painted foot- beds for them; they lean against the prints leading to a football game or trees, and thus reclining only slightauction in our own day. The point ly, take their rest. When the huntin their choosing this as a symbol ers have discovered from the foot lay in the letters of the Greek word steps of these animals whither the Fish, or Ichthus, which furnish the beasts are accustomed to go, the initial letters for the expression, either undermine all of the trees Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The the roots, or cut into them so for windows pointing upward in many that the upper part of the trees m churches are a survival of this sym- appear to be left standing. When bol devised by the early Christian the elks have leant upon them, a cording to habit, they knock down by their weight the unsupported rad has hit upon for the background

with the trunks."

By Pliny, the Elder Pliny, the Elder, writing approx mately 100 years after mighty Jul the one alces being the same as used the Justice of a people just escaped identified as the elk of the North

except that it is distinguished by the in the ship that was standing was I cannot but feel that we Elks length of the ears and the neck. thrown down headlong; the shaken

would get doubled up."

I may add in comment on the descriptions of both Caesar and Pliny that they are hardly further from he truth than the conceptions of some people as to the real nature and and unknowable Power that guides purposes of the membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of

3-The Starry Banner

ying ahead the work for which it white and blue are centered all of he history and legend of our past; nterpretation is limited only by the trength of our brain cells and the varmth of our heart beats. In it tre epitomized the struggles of mankind against class rule. It speaks o us of the great charter of liberty wrested from unwilling John; as well as of the declarations of Pym from its silken folds; as well as that iberty of conscience that drove Roger Williams out among the sav-There is in it, as ideals to ngton; the courage of Jackson; the

Wilson's Interpretation.

well-of Dewey and Sampson; of and the boys in dug-outs, across the away waters, breathing poison, torn by bomb, face to face with kaiserism.

It was on Flag Day, 1917, when American hearts were bleeding that Woodrow Wilson interpreted for us the great meanings. Said the Presi-

our power, our thought and purit speaks to us-speaks to us of the ers. past, of the men and women who birth until now it has witnessed a the symbol of great events, of a great of the blessed. plan of life worked out by a great people

Not an Academic Affection

This love of the flag, which Elks lelight to make manifest on National holidays and at every session of every lodge, is not an academic afconfined to visible and vocal demonstration, but is translated into peneficent action, as hospitals and the ceremony world war service stand witness of As an order we should prefer to be accused of chauvinism than of any tepid adhesion to national ideals Our Americanism carries no prefix though our ancestors or we individually, may have come from foreign shores. Patriotism, in our creed can not be diluted and still remain

The Star of Fidelity

Now the steersman at the binnacle, New travel routes were at once many Plattsmouth cases: charted; commerce took on wider would attempt to disparage it.

Compass Manipulated Still remain, however, some ele-

the North Star, which never has had variableness, neither shadow of tun-It is in this variableness of of one of his most powerful tales. A sentence or two, copied from this story of treachery, will explain how the device was manipulated to fal-

sify directions: From "End of the Tether" "The chief engineer took off his

coat with careful movements, and proceeded to feel for the brass hook For this purpose he placed himself trict No. 6, Friday, Dec. 19. Everytheir choice. screwed into the wooden stanchion. hiding completely the compass-card quarter-master at the d11-2tw, 4td The iron in the pockets of the coat had done its work and There is also the alces, awash at high water. This made the

tending over a period from earliest the laying a trap for it, as other- this-that, though the mariner's Mynard,

wise it would escape through its compass was one of the greatest inswiftness. tls upper lip is extreme- ventions ever made by man, had the y large so that it is compelled to captain in this story, as undoubtedgo backwards when grazing; other-ly in many another instance, been wise by moving onwards the lip steering by the North Star, he would not have suffered ship wreck.

An Incident Ah, the North Star, God's beacon

of fidelity! Well I remember a little group gathered on a Wednesday night in a Commissioners Vote Down Good Filipino shack, far away from the white man's land. There were two young lieutenants and two schoolteachers-man and wife. They were No lodge of Elks can go on-car- seated around an oblong, glistening tantly in its place of assembly the suddenly the round-burner lamp bemblem of national sovereignty and gan dancing a curious mazurka up freedom. In its combination of red. and down, as a fat lady not very familiar with the steps. It happened most abruptly, this curious dance, all of the aspiration of our present; over the shiny table, and as accomall of the hope of our future. Its paniment for it the creaking of the large bamboo beams that furnished the frame work of our nipa dwelling. I stumbled out of the house as quickly as I could, after diving for our lamp and blowing out the flame which, as darkness came, left behind a thick smell of kerosene. I was guided to the entry by hearing the Tharles. Mayflower compact gleams spoons from the ice cream dishes for highway construction, maintenclatter from step to step as our guests and my better half got out. I joined them outside in the street shaking dizzily. We stood in front ruide us, the steadfastness of Wash- of the house, telegraph poles still swaying, house still creaking, and ision of Webster; the many-sided- ground moving as the swell of an ness of Lincoln; the simplicity of ocean after a storm, "When will it Frant; and the devotion, even unto collapse?" we asked each other, leath, of Woodrow Wilson. It has watching anxiously, in the bright onnotations that call forth in souls moonlight, the small house which else dormant a renewed confidence we had for several months called n that declaration, enunciated by home. Then the tremblings died suburn-haired Jefferson and that out. No one who has not experiencconstitution fathered by rosy-cheek- ed a heavy earthquake shock can appreciate the consternation caused by one. In this case comfort came to I have referred just now to the Magellan, but called by us Amerinessage of the flag from the more or cans Smelly avenue. There, low ess remote past. But there is a down on the horizon, very much Good Roads association's plan, subnessage from the near-present as lower than we expect to see it here. shone the North Star, familiar mark ly passed. Chley and Funston; of Pershing in our life twelve thousand miles

Ah, the North Star, God's beacon

Clock Stopped at Eleven

The clock stopped at eleven is constant reminder of our brothers who have answered to the insistent This flag under which we call of Nature and gone farther. serve is the emblem of our unity, Every night at eleven, for a minute or two, our lodge rooms are darkenpose as a nation. It has no other ed and we think of our loss. Faults character than that which we give forgotten, virtues written on tablets t from generation to generation of loving memory. Not alone of those The choices are ours. It floats in who have left us forever, but also majestic silence above the hosts that of those temporarily absent. At this execute these choices, whether in time you are thinking-you of Numpeace or in war. And yet, the silent, ber 739-particularly of your broth-

This comfort is left to you, and went before us and of the records to us, as in the case of all who have his account filed in this Court, on they wrote upon it. We celebrate been summoned, the words of Plato, he day of its birth and from its quoted from his teacher, Socrates: "I shall no longer remain with you great history, has floated on high but shall depart to some happy state

> At the close of the address, Mrs. lames T. Begley sang very charmingly "Just for Today," by Abbott, which was a fitting close of the impressive and beautiful service.

After the ceremonies by the officers of the lodge the benediction fection, brought out for show and dismissed the members of the lodge and the audience who departed very much impressed by the beauty of

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Leland O. Bennett, 319 Marble erritory India was opened up, and street, says: "Heavy lifting together China, too, as never before; and with exposure weakened my kidneys. America was discovered. The general My kidneys acted so freely I had to use of the magnetic compass was not get up several times at night and the least of the indications of the the secretions scalded in passage. My breaking of ney light for Society, back became so lame and sore I And he would be foolish indeed who could hardly work, and a dull, gnawing ache made me lose my sleep at night. After using one box of Doan's Pills from the Mauzy Drug ments of superiority in steering by company. I was relieved and I am not subject to these attacks any more.'

Mr. Bennett is only one of many Plattsmouth people who have grate- Alsothe mariner's compass, the ability to manipulate it—to cheat it, if I back aches—if your kidneys bother may use the word—that Joseph Con- you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy-ask distinctly for DOAN'S PILLS, the same that Mr. Bennett had-the remedy backed by home testimony. 60 cents at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame-Remember the Name.

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Roads "50-50" Plan for Spending Money.

Practically unanimous opposition met the "fifty-fifty" plan of the Newas chartered, without having con- cream served by Moro boys, when braska Good Roads association for expenditure of any money raised in Nebraska from a gasoline tax for good roads in the convention of two hundred and fifty county officials from every section of Nebraska, at the Castle hotel yesterday, says the World-Herald

The officials comprise county commissioners, supervisors, clerks and registers of deeds, and in a resolution passed with only a few dissenting votes, the convention went on record as favoring a 2-cent gasoline tax, the money to be used exclusively in counties where it originates

The Good Roads association's plan was to pool 50 per cent of the fund from all counties under control of the state highway commission and send the remainder back to the counties where it originated for use in road construction there. Fear was expressed by many delegates that if diture on good roads, it would go Plattsmouth. toward "tourists' routes" or arterial highways, which they said would be of very little benefit to the farm-

Commissioner Charles Unitt of us, as we looked up the street named | Douglas county and Chris Anderson, one of the supervisors of Kearney county, led the opposition to the stituting the resolution which final-

"We want any money coming from a gasoline tax to be used in the counties where it originates, because we know the roads that will be of most benefit to the farmers will be constructed," said Anderson. "Just

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Set-

tlement of Account. In the County Court of Cass coun-

ty, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Grace Den Windham, deceased:

On reading the petition of R. B. Windham, Administrator, praying a final settlement and allowance of the 11th day of December, 1924, and all prior accounts, and for decree deresidue of estate;

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semiweekly newspaper printed in said county, for one week prior to said

lay of hearing. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1924.

ALLEN J. BEESON. (Seal) d15-1w. County Judge

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Arthur Bowring, of Merriman, chairman of the Cherry county commissioners, was assisted by W. B. Cheek, of Omaha, affiliated with the Automobile club and the Nebraska Good Roads association, and T. C. Byrne, of the Chamber of Commerce. in the fight for the association's "fifty-fifty" plan.

"By the plan Unitt and Anderson suggest," said Bowring, "Douglas and Lancaster counties will get the lion's share of the fund. By our plan, the poorer counties in the western part of the state will share in the fund equally. A system of disconnected highways will result."

Mr. Cheek and Mr. Byrne in their talks, explained that their plan extended to the money derived from utomobile licenses, as well as that rom any gasoline tax. Mr. Cheek charged that the Dougles county comnissioners did not represent the sentiment of the Omaha business interests in the matter. He said the commissioners' plan was too selfish.

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