

GER Ron Hicks Honors Elks Founder Charles Vivian at Grave



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GER Ron Hicks recently laid a wreath at the grave of Charles Vivian, the founder of the Order of Elks. Upon his death in March 1880 at the age of 38, Vivian was buried in Colorado in essentially an unmarked grave. When the Boston Lodge learned of this, they had his remains removed to Boston, where they were reinterred in the

Lodge's "Elks Rest" at Mount Hope Cemetery in April 1889.

Members of the Boston Lodge maintain Vivian's plot and other areas of the "Elks Rest," including the grave of the Lodge's first Exalted Ruler.

A bronze Elk Statue was placed at the "Elks Rest" on a boulder weighing forty-eight tons which had been moved to the cemetery.



Vivian's gravesite, with headstones of other Elk graves.



Grave of Edwin Perry, first ER of the Boston Lodge.

Edwin Perry grave. Pictured: Boston Lodge Secretary Dave Greenwood, GER Hicks, Boston ER Bob Williams, and Endorsed Candidate for GER Mike Zellen.



Vivian's gravesite. Pictured: Endorsed Candidate for GER Mike Zellen and wife Donna, GER Ron Hicks and First Lady Nancy, and Boston 10 ER Bob Williams.



Members from Boston Lodge #10, led by Jimmy Adamakis (center), who maintain Vivian's gravesite.