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"Joy is not in things; it is in us."

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Mike Lohrmann First Ballot Hall of Famer

Top Five Nephew Makes Etiquette Hall of Fame



(Palm Springs) "Oh do come in dear boy," said aging celebrity etiquette expert **Michael Lohrmann**. "It has been ages since I have formally entertained anyone at my desert home and I am so pleased you are visiting to talk about the Hall of Fame and my legendary social graces."

The snap of his feminine fingers was quickly followed by two champagne cocktails served by one of the many tanned and fit man servants under his employ. "I began my obsession with social etiquette as a young man when I attempted to teach my younger brother, **Dean Matthew**, the difference between a salad fork and a dessert fork. We were summering with the **McMichael** girls in Montauk and at one early social cotillions or high tea social, young **Dean Matthew** continually made faux pas after faux pas with his silverware choices. It was so droll. I knew it was up to me to establish an etiquette standard."

Traumatized by that event, **Michael** dedicated himself to the art and science of high social etiquette. His years of dedication to the lost art has resulted in his recent induction in the World Etiquette Hall of Fame, located in Kenyon, Minnesota. As an author of the seminal etiquette manual, "*Please No Fart Noises During Dessert*," Michael's plaque says, "For his pursuit of social graces, encouragement of discretionary personal hygiene and the well-timed bon mot. A true gentleman."

MNL Grandmother of the Year

Grandchildren with Grandma at Tavern



(Hurryback, Wisconsin) "Avery! I said pick up those empties!" screamed Grandmother **Lorrie Beyl**, to six year old **Avery** as she was underneath the cooler. "Grandma needs to pay her bookie, gas bill and every nickel counts sweetie pie." The little tykes kept scurrying underneath the bar, restacking chairs and cleaning the beer cooler but Lorrie was not satisfied until their t-shirts were gray from the bar grime.

"The three year old, **Gavin**, is 'kind of weak' as he can only carry two cases at a time." Lorrie has started a new trend in western Wisconsin tavern management: the use of children under nine to work in the bar. "Officially **Ms. Beyl** is an innovator as these ages are not covered in any child labor regulations as they are all under the age of nine and still considered toddlers," said Child Labor Law expert **Andy McGrory**. "The lawmakers assumed anyone under ten were not included and listed the specific legal age at ten: they did not foresee basically infants hauling kegs and checking air pressure lines from the basement," said Mr. McGrory as he was heading out for an earlier scheduled therapeutic massage appointment.

"It started with my much-maligned daycare in a bar concept or 'Child n' Care n' Bar 'n Grill™' but the politicians just could not leave innovation alone" sighed **Lorrie**. Right then **Griffin** showed up and handed **Lorrie** a bunch of loose change from his journey behind the jukebox. "Thanks **Griff**. Now try to find Grandma more big silver ones." The adorable toddler nodded, brushed off some of the cobwebs that were caught in his hair, coughed and said, "Okay, Grandma... I will find some more once the room stops spinning so fast."

What Are We Saving for a Special Occasion?

