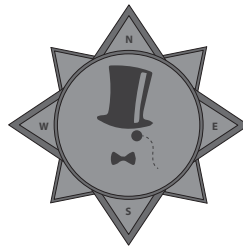


GIVING A TOAST

In our culture, a toast is an opportunity to call everyone's attention to someone being honored at an event. If you are doing the toasting, you aren't that person, Cragman. So don't make this about you. This is a way of you building up the other person.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

Write a brief toast to celebrate one of the family member's successes over the next few weeks. When no one is expecting it, stand, and give your toast.

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Stand up before your audience with your glass held high. Don't worry it does not have to be alcoholic. Often this movement is preceded by a tapping of a glass several times with a knife to emit a ringing tone.

1. Set the stage for what you are going to say. Tell briefly how you know the person, but keep it very brief. No one is here for you. They are here to honor another person.
2. Share an anecdote, some fun event that you and the individual shared. Make it amusing, but don't make it off color or embarrassing. This is about honoring.
3. Bring the presentation up to date. Speak about the person's success and why we should all be celebrating with him or her today.
4. Wrap it up by raising your glass and asking everyone with you to raise their glass in admiration of the individual.

So, as brief as I can, it might sound a little like this, only hopefully a little longer:

"If I can have your attention. I am Balthazar and it is my great privilege to be here today to celebrate Jimmie's graduation from the Skill Trek program. I still remember when he was a wee Trailblazer, struggling to tie his shoes. But he mastered that and so much more tying up the entire program and is ready to face anything the world will throw at him. Please everyone, raise your glasses with me as we wish Jimmie all the best. May he go on to do incredible things."

