

The Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks
Fort Collins Lodge #804

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Congratulations to our new officers for 2011-2012. They are Joe McCarthy – Leading Knight, Josh Lehman – Loyal Knight, Chris Smith – Lecturing Knight, Stan Cole – Secretary, Charlie Thomas – Treasurer, Peg Moore – Tiler and our new trustee Mike Sutton. Harold Anton will remain as Chaplin, Cory Shortridge – Esquire and Inter Guard – Mike Murrell. I'm honored the membership has selected me to serve another year as Exalted Ruler. We have a tremendous amount of work to accomplish the coming year. With our strong core of officers and help from the membership and trustees I'm confident we will have a successful year.

The Valentine dinner dance and silent auction was a big success. Thanks to the following members who pitched in to organize the event, help decorate and clean up: Shelly Castillon, Bill Rogers, Mike Sutton, Tony Bonanno, Mike Vergara, Richard Rein, Gina Seranno, Skip Walker, Josh Lehman, Kevin Nelson, and Al Dillman. A special thanks to Deanna Kerscher for all her hard work to make this a very special event and our wonderful staff Bob Petri, Rita Besser, Anna Fronek, Dan Griffith, Susan Rader and Marcie White. The Silent Auction raised \$1,500.00 for the lodge's general fund. Thank you everyone who donated items. Harold and Alice Anton celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with us that night.

As I mentioned in my January article, we are in the process of working on our budgets for the coming year as well as updating our Bylaws. Information on these items will be presented at the lodge meetings in March. Installation of new officers will be held on Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 5:00PM, buffet dinner at 6:30PM and dancing at 8:00PM. Watch your mail for additional information on this event as well as other activities the lodge has planned in March.

Remember and always practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Veteran's Pavilion Update

I will again thank all of the individuals who donated both time and money to the Veteran's Pavilion. We are in the process of making arrangements to have the plaques displayed to recognize those individuals. If you would like to see the plaques or a detailed accounting of the use of the donated funds, please stop by the lodge office during regular business hours. Remaining funds will be used for material to build the "stand" for display of the plaques and purchase of outside furniture.

Donated: \$6,899.13 (Includes individual contributions and fund raising done by the lodge)

Expenses: \$4,783.78

Balance: \$2,115.25

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno, E.R

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Every Friday 7:30

Elks 804

Drawing

Coming Events/Meetings:

- Tues. Mar 1st Lodge Meeting 7PM
- Fri. Mar 4th Friday Night Dinner
- Mon. Mar 7th Trustees meeting (tentative) 4:30PM
- Wed. Mar 9th House Committee 6 PM
- Fri. Mar 11th Omaha Poker 7 PM (Elk Members only)
- Tue. Mar 15th Lodge Meeting 7 PM
- Thu. Mar 17th St. Patrick's Day Celebration 5:30 - 7 PM
- Mon. Mar 21st Trustees meeting (tentative) 4:30PM
- Fri. Mar 25th Texas Hold Em 7 PM (Elk Members only)
- Fri. Mar 25th Karaoke 7:15 PM

**Vist our new
website!**

www.fortcollinselks.org

BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENT

All couples and singles who would like to play Bridge on the third Wednesday of each Month-Dinner at 6:00 PM Bridge at 7:00PM. Call Tom Nix at 223-8518 for more information.

PROPOSED BY- LAW CHANGES WILL BE READ ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15th DURING LODGE MEETING.

The Echo Deadline for April is March 15th. Please send all Echo articles and information on events to scole@fortcollinselks.org



Congratulations
Larry Thyfault
Elk of the Month
for February

**Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804
Officers 2010-2011**

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Esquire
Inner Guard
Chaplain
Tiler
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Alt Rep To Grand Lodge
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Barry Shuler
Joe McCarthy
Josh Lehman
Stan Cole
Charlie Thomas
Carlos Barreras
Willy Rowland
Brad March
Alan Beatty
Larry Hulse
Cory Shortridge
Mike Murrel
Harold Anton
Lindsey Lussen
Randy Kettenhofen
Skip Walker
Cheryl Shepherd

Elks Legacy Project coming in spring!

Legacy – a gift from our predecessors (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary).

Fort Collins Lodge Elks 804 will begin constructing our new front entry with the coming of spring weather. The entry will include our new bronzed Elk standing atop a rock enclosure and welcoming our members and guests to the lodge. Included in the structure will be our flagpole with the addition of the Legacy brick display.

The Legacy brick display will be a visible remembrance of those Elks who preceded us in service to the Order and a link to current members continuing to fulfill their obligation. The Legacy display will also serve the purpose of inviting new members to join us in the honorable work we do in serving our community.

Each Legacy brick will laid out in an array in the Elk and flagpole enclosure and include the etched name of a designated current or past Elk member. The enclosure will be a lighted display with the Elk structure and spreading antlers standing approximately twelve feet above the pavement. Our current request for inclusion of a named member in the display is \$100.00 per brick with all donations designated for 804 Lodge expenses. By becoming an Elks Legacy participant you help in preserving the memory of those who came before while sharing in the continued effort to support our beautiful lodge home.

Questions about the project or requests for ordering one or more bricks should be forwarded to Tony Bonanno at any of the contacts below.
anthonybonanno@hotmail.com cell 970 310-0030 home 970 498-9223

A contact and information station will be established at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno



THE BEAN POT

There is currently \$50 in the drawing. *When you are in the lodge, drop a dollar or coin (not pennies) and Sign the Book**

Please Sign for the current Day only.



HAPPY ELKS

**Ralph Jordan \$120
Andy Miller \$50**

**Elks 804 Drawing
Currently at \$965
as of 2-16-2011**



SAD ELKS

**You
missed your
opportunity!**

San McDonald
Jack Tobin
Eric Lea
Al Dillman
William Cofer
Ralph Harden
Gene Johnson
Maybritt Smith
Don Barrett
Mike Braskich
Bernie Schaeffer
Fred Menke
Bill Sigmund
Milo Bohlender
Brett Autler
Don Svedman

A Word from the Lodge Secretary

Drawings at 804:

Based on the type of questions I am getting, it occurs to me many members are not familiar with the ground rules governing the various drawings that we have at the Lodge. This is an effort to clarify these questions.

BEAN POT-Why is it called the bean pot? Beats me. It was called that nearly 32 years ago when I first joined the Elks, so when I sought and got permission to start it up again, behold! the Bean POT. The bean consists of a gel cap with the name and number of every paid up member of Elks Lodge 804, including Associate members. These are put in the tumbler and mixed each time a number is pulled. This is done on a daily basis. If you have signed the book by the plex-glass pot located by the bar and your number is pulled you win whatever the pot is worth. The amount is determined by the number of members who sign the book and deposit money. The Bean Pot is currently worth \$50.00. So simply put, deposit a coin or bill, but please no pennies and sign the book to win. This is a daily game, so don't sign for "future" days, just the day you are at the Lodge. The Secretary does not pull the bean, a member of the staff or an unsuspecting Elk is recruited for this job.

804 Attendance Drawing

To win this drawing, you must be at the Lodge Meeting when the Bean is drawn. In addition, you must have tickets to either the Laradon Hall or Elks National Foundation. Thanks to the Trustees for setting aside prize money for just attending Lodge. At each Lodge meeting, a name is pulled and if the individual is not present \$50.00 is added to the pot. If the individual is present and they have purchased Laradon Hall or Elks National Foundation tickets, they win! We recently had a \$350.00 winner. The pot is now \$300.00 and needless to say we are looking forward to having you attend Lodge not for this prize alone, but because we need your participation in our organization. \$300.00 bucks would also be a pleasant surprise. You can purchase the tickets before lodge meetings from Larry Thyfault or Gary Michels. Come join us in lodge meetings and help support Laradon Hall and the Elks National Foundation.

Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling started January 12th and the teams are having fun. If you would like to play, we can use you as a substitute during the next 2 months. If you are interested in playing please contact Deanna Kerscher at 970-214-0573



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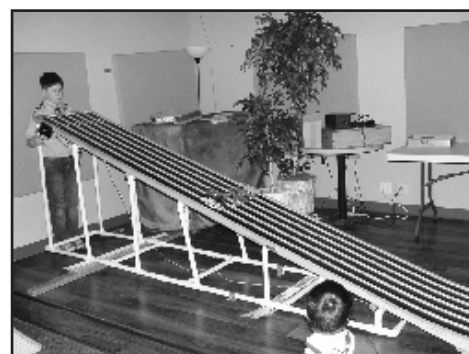


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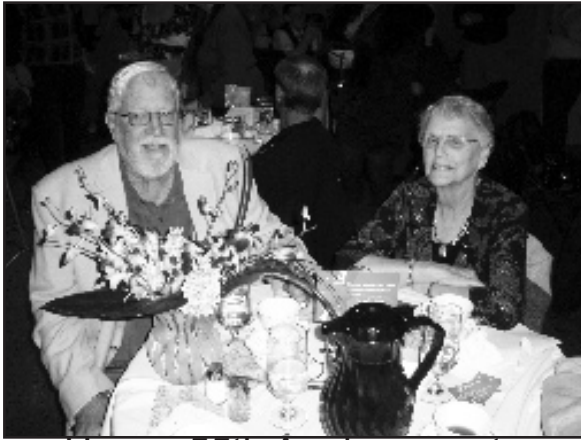
Super Bowl



Pinewood Derby



Valentines Dance



Happy 55th Anniversary to
Harold & Alice Anton



DEADWOOD, SD

ELKS #804 GAMBLING BUS TRIP
STOP AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR A DETAILED FLIER

DATE: JUNE 3 TO JUNE 5, 2011

LEAVE FRIDAY AT 9 AM: ELKS LODGE
1424 E MULBERRY, FORT COLLINS, CO

RETURN SUNDAY

LEAVE DEADWOOD 10 AM, home around 5 PM.
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$130 PER PERSON
SINGLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$177 PER PERSON

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Motorcoach transportation

2 nights lodging

\$25 per person in meal coupons

\$12 per person in gaming coupons

Slot tournament entry

YOU ARE ON THE BUS WHEN YOU PAY.

Sorry, you must be at the age of 21.

PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 13, 2011.

NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.

RSVP ELKS at 493-3777

ARLYS WAGNER at 493-9322 if you need additional
information.

From the House Committee

As some of you have noticed we have brought back the "Drink of the Month". For the month of February it was 'Black Forest'. This March, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, the drink will be 'Emerald Stinger', it consists of Ice, 1 oz of green crème de menthe, 1 oz of clear crème de menthe and 1 ½ oz of Apricot Brandy for \$2.75. Enjoy, Erin Go Braugh!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe McCarthy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! February

Correction February Birthdays were listed as January Birthdays.

1 William K. Feldmen JR	10 John Jerry Kissock
1 Kelly Freed	13 Robert H. Ellis
1 Dave S. McCoy	13 Stephen F. Vessey
1 William J. Smith	15 Willy Rowand
2 Dana B. Geyer	17 Ronald Hovey
2 Kenneth L. Horne	18 David Bishop
2 Irvine E. Troudt	20 Richard Hammond
3 Keith D. Miller	21 Lawrence Oligmueller Jr
4 Donald Svedman	22 David Van Lanen
5 Larry D. Hulse	24 Ron Owen
5 Christopher Smith	26 James Michalka
6 Mindy Vigil	27 Virginia "Gina" Seranno
8 Robert F. Brawand	28 Robert W. Walters
8 Joe McCarthy	29 George Krueger
8 Bruce G. Walters	

March

1 Marion Allen Jr	22 Daniel Maloy
1 Gilbert L. Paben	23 David White
3 Larry L. Cox	24 Orville Riddle
5 A.R. Oesterle	24 Ralph T. Will
7 Gary R. Ball	25 Jerry Summers
8 Deanna Kerscher	26 Michael B. Peters
10 April Castillon	27 Larry F. Scheinost
14 Doran E. Beaman	28 Joe O. Gonzales
15 Stephen V. Ryan	28 Randolph Ray Martinez
16 Steven O. Hall	28 Victor R. Meline
16 Cleon E. Hall	28 James Talboy
19 Lawrence J. Griess	29 William Breitigam
19 Louis J. Helbert Jr	29 Herman F. Paul
20 Milo D. Bohlender	30 Joyce R. Bonanno
21 Tom W. Metcalf	31 Dick L. French
21 Leonard C. Wilson	31 Jerry W. Rice
22 John F. Arnolfo	31 Wesley H. Sargent
22 Michael A. Demma	31 Jerry Williams
22 Joshua Lehman	

COMMENTS FROM THE E.R.

A reminder that membership dues can now be paid. You can stop by the lodge office during normal business hours (Tuesday through Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM) or send your payment in the mail. If you mail your payment, membership cards will be sent out within 36 hours of receipt of your payment. If you pay in person, your new membership card will be available immediately.

The Leadership Conference held at the Fort Collins Lodge on February 26 and 27 was a success. We received many positive comments about our lodge, our hospitality, the food and service. Thanks to the following Elks who attended the conference and represented our lodge, Joe McCarthy, Mike Sutton, Deanna Kerscher, Shelly Castillon, Stan Cole and Larry Hulse. I appreciate these 804 Members taking their weekend to attend this very informative conference. Thanks to Bob Petri and our wait staff for the excellent service they provided this weekend.

In a few short weeks we will begin our new lodge year. I would like to share some of the goals which are important for our lodge to achieve. First of all, we must keep our lodge and club solvent. We can do this by retaining current members, encourage lapsed members to re-join the lodge and continue to propose new members. Support of The Elks National Foundation needs to become a higher priority for our lodge. Participation in lodge meetings and fund raising events (charitable and the lodge's general fund) are paramount. Volunteering at the lodge should be a high priority. Volunteer for a committee – we have several which need your help and I'm sure one of them will fit your interests – or help with a fund raiser. We have many activities we are planning and WE NEED YOU! To get information on our committees and the future fund raisers we are planning, stop by the office and see myself, Stan Cole, or ask one of our Lodge Officers. Watch the Echo, your e-mail and U.S. Mail for information on these events. It is rewarding to work hard and then see the fruits of your labor. "Working" with fellow Elks on a committee or fund raiser enables you meet new and interesting people, build relationships and enjoy special memories as well as contribute to the success of our lodge.

There may be many of you I have not personally thanked for your involvement in our lodge this past year. I want you to know I appreciate each and everyone of you. From the card players to the individuals who are always at lodge meetings, our great core of officers who have worked tirelessly this year, thanks to the individuals who have donated both money and time to our lodge, to our Trustees, the office staff, wait staff, our Club Manager, and the Elks I see at the lodge who just stop by for a drink and to say hi to their fellow Elks. Thanks to the individuals who always "show up" for Friday night dinners and the Elks who sell tickets for our "Elks Drawing". Thanks to the the Elks who take food orders, cook and serve meals and selling tickets in support of Laradon Hall and ENF before lodge meeting. Thanks to the individuals who helped with the Christmas activities, the New Years Party, Valentine Dinner/Dance, Veterans Pavilion, Hoop Shoot, Americanism essays and Scholarship selection. It has been a busy year and I am grateful for each of you who have helped make our lodge successful by your involvement and support.

Fraternally, Joyce

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS

MARCH

Tues Mar 1st – Lodge Meeting 7 PM
Presentation of
Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year. Essay
Awards Recognition
Wed Mar 2nd – Final Night of Wii Bowling
and Hot Food Feature
Fri Mar 4th – Friday Night Dinner
Mon Mar 7th - Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM
(tentative)
Wed Mar 9th - House Committee Meeting
6PM
Fri Mar 11th – Friday Night Dinner /Omaha
Poker 7 PM Elk Members Only
Tues Mar 15th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM
Thu Mar 17th – St. Patty's Day Celebration,
Bob's Famous Corned
Beef and Cabbage Featured \$9 per plate,
Tips not included
Served 5:30 -7:30 PM
Fri Mar 18th – Friday Night Dinner
Mon Mar 21st - Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM
(tentative)
Fri Mar 25th - Friday Night Dinner /Texas
Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only
Fri Mar 25th – Karaoke 7:15PM

APRIL

Sat Apr 2nd – Installation of Officers Dinner/
Dance
Tue Apr 5th - Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri Apr 8th – Friday Night Dinner / Omaha
Poker 7 PM Elk Members Only
Wed Apr 13th - House Committee Meeting 6
PM
Wed Apr 13th – All you can eat Pasta Bar
5:30-7:30PM Includes your choice of 2
Sauces, Meatball, Salad, and Garlic Bread

Fri Apr 15th – Friday Night Dinner
Tue Apr 19th - Lodge Meeting 7 PM
Fri Apr 22nd – Friday Night Dinner / Texas
Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only
Fri Apr 29th –Friday Night Dinner / Karaoke
7:15PM

MAY

Tue May 3rd - Lodge Meeting 7 PM
Fri May 6th – Friday Night Dinner
Wed May 11th – House Committee Meeting 6
PM
Fri May 13th – Friday Night Dinner / Omaha
Poker 7PM Elk Members Only
Tue May 17th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM
Fri May 20th - Friday Night Dinner
Fri May 27th - – Friday Night Dinner / Texas
Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only
Mon May 30th – Memorial Day/ Lodge Closed

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like to advertise
in the Echo!**



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

FALL AND WINTER:

Monday – Lodge Closed

Office Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM

Lounge Open Tuesday – Friday 11:00AM
– 10:00PM *

Sunday 11:00AM – 5:00PM

*Bartender/Manager's Discretion

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lodge Meeting	2 Final night Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature	3	4 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	5
6	7 Trustees 4:30 Tentive	8	9 House Committee Meeting 6 PM	10	11 Omaha Poker Members only 7:00PM Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	12
13	14	15 ECHO DEADLINE Lodge Meeting 7PM	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration 5:30 - 7 PM	18 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Texas Hold-em 7:00PM Elk Members only Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm and Karaoke 7 PM	26
27	28	29	30	31		