

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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What do you get when you have 100 children, their parents, gifts, food, games, a balloon artist, activity table, a puppeteer and face painting? You get a very successful Elks Children's Christmas Party! A big thanks to all of the members who worked so hard to make this a fun party and also to the individuals who donated money to purchase gifts for the children. I heard many wonderful comments and our very own Santa, Mike Demma, did a superb job. Deanna Kerscher was our Chairperson this year and did an excellent job organizing the event. (Volunteers are listed on page 4.)

This Christmas Tony Bonanno and Skip Walker were in charge of the Christmas Baskets for needy families. They selected some very deserving families who received Wal-Mart Gift Certificates. These gifts helped make their Christmas special. Following is a comment about one of the families who received a Christmas Basket. "Earlier this week, Melisa's oldest son told advocates that they needed to get a house fast so Santa could find him. Of course the advocates told him that Santa could find his way into the building and he knew that he was there. The boy has become incredibly excited for Christmas in a few weeks, and this gift will ensure that he and his brother get a visit from Santa this year." The Children's Christmas Party and donation of Christmas baskets truly demonstrate that Elks Care Elks Share and they give from their hearts.

Our memorial service was held on December 6th with many members in attendance. I have always felt this is a very special and touching service for our departed brothers and sisters. The Hoop Shoot was held on December 10th. Although we did not get the number of kids we expected we did have some participation. Thanks to Mike Sutton for chairing the Hoop Shoot again this year and all the members who assisted him. (Volunteers are listed on page 4.)

We initiated 23 new members on December 20th. This brings a total of 42 new members initiated in December. Because of the timing of the Echo, the pictures from the December 20th initiation will be published in the February Echo. Introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcome into our Order and Lodge. A personal thanks to the all the Elks who sponsored these new members. Membership and participation is the life blood of our organization.

I hope you have a prosperous New Year and that one of your resolutions is to continue to help our lodge be successful by attending lodge meetings and events and volunteering at the lodge.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Joyce Bonanno – Exalted Ruler Lodge 804



ELKS 804 LEGACY PROJECT

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

Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 is continuing to add bricks to our front entry. The entry includes our new bronzed Elk standing atop a rock and welcoming our members and guests to the Lodge. Included in the legacy brick display is our flagpole.

The Legacy brick display is 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 to invite new members to join us in the honorable work we do in serving our community.

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

Questions about the project or requests for ordering one or more brick should be forwarded to Tony Bonanno at:
anthonybonanno@hotmail.com
970-310-0030 – Cell
970-498-9223 – Home

You can also see Joyce Bonanno at the Lodge to order a brick.
Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno



Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2011-2012

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Trustee
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Peg Moore
Skip Walker
Randy Kettenhofen
Cheryl Shepherd

The Echo deadline for February is January 15.
Please send all Echo articles and information
on events to scole@fortcollinselks.org

We need people to advertise in The Echo!

Contact Joyce at 493-3777 to advertise your
business to your Brother and Sister Elks!!!

Needed from Members:

Your e-mail address:

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fcelks@fortcollinselks.org or Fax to
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or Call 493-3777

Vist our new website!

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THE BEAN POT

Currently is \$140, when you are in the Lodge, drop a dollar or coins, no pennies!

****Sign the Book****

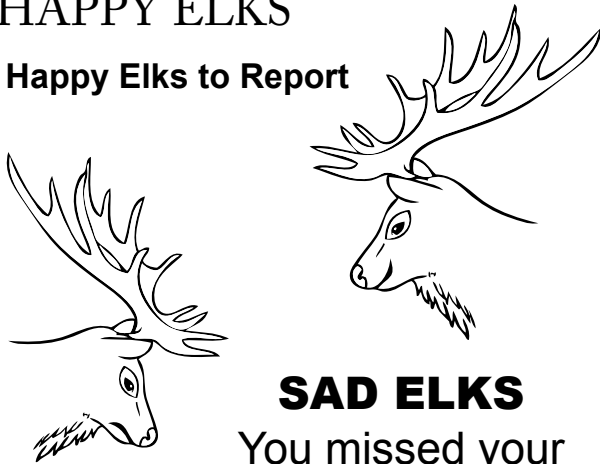
Please sign for the current day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)
Current Balance Is \$710.00

804 Attendance Drawing
Currently at \$100
Must be present at
Lodge Meeting to win!

HAPPY ELKS

No Happy Elks to Report



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

High Hiigel
Paul Harder
Jack Forney
Victor Mercado
Jerry Kiskey
Robbin Clary
Al Gebhardt
Jay Bowser
Bill Mayer
Kathleen Tolos
Aaron Bivens

Dana Cline
Ron Malara
Chris Smith
Daniel McDonald
Edward Seitz
Carlos Barreras
Robert Coulter
Howard Jones
Joe Curby
Bert McCaffrey

**All couples and singles Bridge is the third Wednesday of each month.
Dinner at 6PM, Bridge at 7PM
Call Tom Nix at 223-8518 for more information**



WOW!!! - BAR BINGO

Starting in January, 2012,
the Elks will have bar bingo.
WHEN: 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month

TIME: Starting at 6:00PM

WHERE: Elks Lodge

Come out have dinner and enjoy a fun night of Bar Bingo.

25 Cents – Regular game Per Card
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VOLUNTEERS

One who serves or acts willingly without expecting reward. It is important for members to volunteer at the Lodge and just as important to recognize those who have volunteered their time. Every month volunteers will be listed in the Echo. The following individuals have recently volunteered at our Lodge:

Harold & Alice Anton	Mark Naber
Howard Bassett	Kevin Nelson
Rita Besser	Tom & Patsy Nix
Tony & Joyce Bonanno	Bob Petri
Jan Bowser	Richard Rein
Shelly Castillon	Gary Riedel
Dana & Cassie Cline	Bill Rogers
Stan Cole	Laura Salas
Mark Cooper	Cheryl Shepherd
Al Dillman	Cory, Dana & Delaney
Mike & Joan Demma	Shortridge
Glen & Sheila Doughty	Lee Skrdlant
Fritz Elliott	Chris Slider
Linda Garton	Chris Smith
Deanna Kerscher	Mike, Tammy & Taylor
Randy Kettenhofen	Sutton
Jay & Laryl Laetsch	Charlie Thomas
Terri & Chris Lion	Lee Thompson
Brad March	Larry Thyfault
Joe & Moe McCarthy	Bonnie Walker
John Merritt	Skip Walker
Gary Michels	Jerry Williams
Peg Moore	Connie Woodard
Brian Muse	Roger Woodward

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! January

*Please Enjoy a FREE Dinner
during your Birthday Month on a Lodge Night*

2 Albert Minatta	19 Scott Addington
3 Stanley Cole	19 Dean Gebhardt
3 Robert Matney	19 Jose Ramirez
5 Edwin Cudyk	20 Mark Naber
5 Clayton 'Satch' Gray	22 Michael Maney
5 Skip Young III	23 Gerald Hoff
6 Dick Olson	24 Albert Gebhardt
8 Jack Kelly	26 Edward Heinze
10 Don Heineman	26 Brian Muse
10 Donald Weinmeister	26 James Rhoades
12 John Darrow Clark	27 Mark Habel
13 Randy Kettenhofen	27 Gary MacKey
13 John Schmidt	28 Manny Barela
15 Eugene Markley	28 Larry Houston
16 Robert Coulter	29 Robert Becker
17 Robert Vlasman	29 Bob Romine
18 Paul Kohler	

NOTE FROM CLUB MANAGER - BOB PETRI

Due to the rising costs of food products we have had to increase the pricing on our menu items. We have done this rather than change our portion sizes or purchase lower grade food. We must stay competitive, while continuing to provide our members with the best valuable possible. As in any food service, customer volume plays a key role in keeping purchasing costs lower. Please enjoy your lodge by stopping down with your guests for lunch (Tuesday through Friday 11:30AM - 1:30PM) and Friday night dinner starting at 5:30PM.



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is a proud sponsor of
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MEMORIAL SERVICE



MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



"I've Never Laughed So Hard at a Football Game"

Every year during the college football season, The Fort Collins Elks volunteer their time selling beer at Hughes Stadium for CSU's home games. It is without a doubt one of the most fun and exciting fund raisers we do, and it raises a lot of money for BPOE 804 and our Elks Helps Special Needs project. While our exact proceeds haven't been calculated yet, this season we raised an estimated \$3,000 or more for wages from the company that handles food services at Hughes Stadium along with generous tips from students and fans attending the games.

As Inner Guard Peg Moore pointed out at our recent December 6th Lodge meeting, a few of our volunteers expressed that they've never laughed so hard at a football game. We really have a ton of fun at each of the home games and despite the hard work, crowds of boisterous, thirsty fans and the harsh weather we experienced later on in the season, we all had a fantastic time serving beer and raising money for the Elks. I for one am looking forward to the 2012 football season at CSU.

The Fort Collins Elks Lodge has been staffing one or more beer stands at Hughes Stadium for many years. In my first year volunteering at Hughes Stadium for BPOE 804 we had two stands requiring 10-12 volunteers and we raised a significant amount of money during the football season. For the past couple of years our volunteerism has dwindled and as a result we've only had enough staffing to run one beer stand, sometimes barely, bringing in roughly half as many funds for The Lodge and the Elks Helps Special Needs project.

In this past year we've enjoyed some outstanding leadership in our Lodge resulting in resurgence in volunteerism, dedication and an influx of many new members excited to get involved and participate in Lodge activities. In about nine months the 2012 college football season will begin and we should all be thinking about how we can contribute and maximize our presence at Hughes Stadium. If enough Elks come out to help we could be staffing two, three or more beer stands at the Stadium and really bring in some serious revenue for our Lodge and the Elks Helps Special Needs project. Many of you have been asking how to get more involved. This is one of the most fun and valuable charitable activities for The Fort Collins Elks, so next year let's go out there and sell some beer!!

I'd like to thank and acknowledge the following Elks for coming out to participate by volunteering to staff our beer stand during the 2011 college football season: Joe McCarthy, Peg Moore, Mike Sutton, Brad March, Joyce and Tony Bonanno, Lee Skrdlant, Deanna Kerscher, Mark Naber, Mark Cooper and Rita Besser.

Thank you all for making the 2011 beer sales fund raiser a great success. I hope to see you all out there next year!

Fraternally Yours,

Christopher Smith, Lecturing Knight



FLAG DAY

How many of us have casket flags in attics, tucked in drawers or packed safely in the garage that have been received in honor of loved ones who have served in the military? What does one do with the flags once they have been entrusted for safe keeping? Many burial flags are displayed above mantles or in places of honor. Many of us, out of respect are understandably uncomfortable flying memorial flags based on our regard for the passed family member or friend. These flags, presented as a symbol of appreciation by a grateful nation for a loved one's faithful service are not meant to be flown excepting in unique circumstances and if not displayed in a place of honor, often are stored away as valued keepsakes. According to the United States Flag Code, US Flag Code "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

At a recent meeting of the Lodge's Board of Directors the question was raised, whether the Lodge scout troop might be enlisted to help dispose of flags by burning, as called for by law. Based on the tenets of our organization the Elks' holds the significance of the flag of our country and the veterans who served her in the highest regard. The suggestion that the lodge provide a service to properly dispose of these honored casket flags gave rise to a suggestion that rather than destroy the flags they should be properly displayed. It has been proposed that the memorial flags could be well displayed along the beautiful beams of the new lodge and that this would be a fitting place to display flags of absent members and loved ones and to honor those individuals for their selfless service. Recently a number of flag display cases were donated to the lodge to affect this program.

The American Fraternal order and social club of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has celebrated Flag Day since early days of the organization and allegiance to the flag is a requirement of lodge members. In 1907, the BPOE Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14th as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every lodge in 1911 and that requirement continues. The Elks take pride in being instrumental in having prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. This distinction as the originator of Flag Day is most becoming to the Order of Elks. The Elks order is distinctively American in that only American citizens are eligible to join and the organization has no foreign affiliations. The Elks has linked its destiny with the destiny of our country and made the American Flag its symbol of self-dedication to God, to country, and to our fellowmen as well as to our absent members.

If you have a family member's casket flag that lacks a prominent place, the lodge would be proud to display the flag and to provide recognition of the family member to whom it was awarded. It is intended that all flags would be placed in proper flag display boxes and each veteran's name would be associated with the flag in question. If family members are willing, a history of the veteran and a synopsis of their service and life would be appreciated. Any flags provided for display would be subject to being reclaimed on request. If the family member who provided the flag passes or so instructs the lodge, the flag could be disposed of as legally appropriate.

As many as 1,800 veterans die each day, some statistics show 850 world war II veterans pass away daily. The willingness of these many heroes, unsung and otherwise, to serve their country should never, never be forgotten. By all means, flags should never be removed from above the family fireplace, but, if there is a flag that you do not know how to display, consider placing the flag on display at your lodge.

If you are interested in donating a flag for display in the lodge or need a flag dispose properly, please bring the flags by the lodge office. Be sure and include information on the flags owners.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

January 2012

Sun Jan 1st Lodge open for football 11AM
Taking down Christmas decorations 1PM

Tues Jan 3rd Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri Jan 6th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Jan 7th Lodge open for College Football 11AM

Sun Jan 8th Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM

Wed Jan 11th Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM
(House Committee & Trustees)

Fri Jan 13th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Omaha Poker 7PM
Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat Jan 14 Closed

Sun Jan 15th Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM

Tues Jan 17th Lodge Meeting 7PM
First Nomination of Officers

Wed Jan 18th Bridge Night
(Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)

Thu Jan 19th Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM

Fri Jan 20th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Jan 21st Closed

Sun Jan 22nd Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM

Fri Jan 27th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Texas Hold-Em 7 PM
Elk Members Only for Poker

Jan 27,28, 29th Winter Quarterly- Colorado Springs

Sat Jan 28th Lodge Closed

Sun Jan 29th Lodge Closed

February

Fri Feb 3rd Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Feb 4th Lodge closed

Sun Feb 5th Super Bowl Party

Tue Feb 7th Lodge Meeting 7PM
Nominations for Officers

Wed Feb 8th Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM
(House Committee & Trustees)

Fri Feb 10th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Omaha Poker 7PM
Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat Feb 11th Lodge closed

Sun Feb 12th Lodge closed

Mon Feb 13th Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM

Wed Feb 15th Bridge Night
(Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)

Fri Feb 17th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Feb 18th Lodge closed

Sun Feb 19th Lodge closed

Mon Feb 20th Lodge closed

Tue Feb 21st Lodge Meeting 7PM/Vote for Officers

Fri Feb 24th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Texas Hold-Em 7 PM
Elk Members Only for Poker

March

Fri March 2nd Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM

Sat March 3rd Lodge closed

Sun March 4th Lodge closed

Tue March 6th Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri March 9th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Omaha Poker 7PM
Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat March 10th Lodge closed

Sun March 11th Lodge closed/ Daylight Savings begins

Mon March 12th Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM

Wed March 14th Bridge Night
(Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)

Fri March 16th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM

Sat March 17th St. Patrick's Day

Sun March 18th Lodge closed

Mon March 19th Lodge closed

Tue March 20th Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri March 23rd Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM

Sat March 24th Lodge closed

Sun March 25th Lodge closed

Fri March 30th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/
Texas Hold-Em 7 PM
Elk Members Only for Poker



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

FALL:

Sundays – Open for Football 11AM

Mondays – Closed

Office Open Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM- 3:30PM

Lounge Open Tuesday –Friday 11 AM – 10 PM

Saturdays – Closed

(Bartender/Manager's Discretion)

At times, the Lodge may be open for
Special Events and Fort Collins Members are
welcome to come in and use the Lounge

Needed from Members:

Your e-mail address: E-mail us at:

fcelks@fortcollinselks.org

or Fax to

970-493-3787

or Call 493-3777

The ECHO is online at

www.fortcollinselks.org

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lodge open for football 11AM Taking down Christmas decorations 1PM	2	3 Lodge Meeting 7PM	4	5	6 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	7 Open for College Football 11AM
8 Open for NFL Football 11AM	9	10	11 Board of Directors (House Committee & Trustees) 5-6:30pm	12	13 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only	14 Lodge Closed
15 ECHO DEADLINE Open for NFL Football 11AM	16	17 Lodge Meeting 7PM First Nomination of Officers	18 Bridge Night Dinner 6 PM Bridge 7PM	19 Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM	20 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	21 Lodge Closed
22 Open for NFL Football 11AM	23	24	25	26	27 Winter Quarterly- Colorado Springs Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	28 Winter Quarterly- Colorado Springs Lodge Closed
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