

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

**Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity**



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This will be my last article as your Exalted Ruler. A big thanks to all of the members and club employees who have made such a positive impact in our club and lodge. Most of all thanks to my husband, Tony, who has been such a big part of my terms as Exalted Ruler and Stan Cole who has been a trusted mentor. The lodge and club would not have been as successful without all of us working together. Together we accomplished so much! I will not list everything we have done, but I will highlight a few items. First and foremost we have for the first time in many years exceeded our per-capita for the Elks National Foundation. We received a Beacon Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, thanks Tony for taking the time to write the grant. This money will be presented to Foothills Gateway. A donation in the amount of \$17,000.00 was provided to the City of Fort Collins to help with architecture plans for Club Tico. We added over 40 members in 2011-2012, completed the Veteran's Pavilion and our beautiful Elk statue and Legacy Brick Project at the front entrance of the building. We supported youth in our community by providing scholarships, donating money for after prom parties, provided funds to disabled students, supported Team Fort Collins to help educate our youth on drug awareness, provided sponsorship to a Boy Scout Troop and Youth Baseball teams. We supported the Larimer Food Bank, gave \$1,000 to needy families at Christmas as well as holding a Christmas Party for over 100 children and their families. With your continued support I know the new Exalted Ruler, Joe McCarthy, will continue this momentum during the coming year.



Our Valentine Dance on February 11th was a big success with over 90 people in attendance. The Entertainment Committee worked hard to make this a fun time and it was!

Congratulations to the new officers for 2012-2013. Joe McCarthy – Exalted Ruler, Chris Smith – Leading Knight, Cory Shortridge – Loyal Knight, Chris Lion – Lecturing Knight, Bill Rogers – First Year Trustee, Charlie Thomas – Treasurer, Joyce Bonanno – Secretary, Inner Guard – Terri Lion and Chaplin – Harold Anton. The new Exalted Ruler is working on finding an Esquire and Tiler. If you are interested please see Joe McCarthy. Installation of the new officers will be on Saturday, March 31. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Detail information on the installation is included in this issue of the Echo.

Welcome to our newest members who were initiated on January 17th. They are Carol Agüero, Osvaldo Agüero, John Beckett, Cheryl Beckett and Mark Mekelburg.

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

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno – Exalted Ruler

Cripple Creek Gambling Trip

April 28-29, call the Lodge if you are interested in going.

Watch your email for additional information.

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

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Esquire
Inner Guard
Chaplain
Tiler
Rep to Grand Lodge
Alt Rep To Grand Lodge
Charitable Trustee

Joyce Bonanno
Joe McCarthy
Josh Lehman
Chris Smith
Stan Cole
Charlie Thomas
Brad March
Larry Hulse
Mike Sutton
Cory Shortridge
Peg Moore
Harold Anton
Peg Moore
Skip Walker
Randy Kettenhofen
Cheryl Shepherd

The Echo deadline for April is March 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:

E-mail us at:

fcelks@fortcollinselks.org or Fax to
970-493-3787

or Call 493-3777

Visit our new website!

www.fortcollinselks.org

THE BEAN POT

Currently is \$100, when you are in the Lodge, drop a dollar or coins, no pennies!

****Sign the Book****

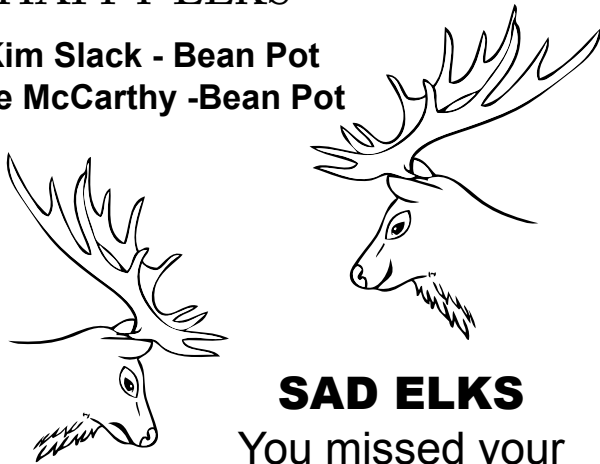
Please sign for the current day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)
Current Balance Is \$11255.00

804 Attendance Drawing
Currently at \$200
Must be present at
Lodge Meeting to win!

HAPPY ELKS

Kim Slack - Bean Pot
Joe McCarthy -Bean Pot



SAD ELKS

You missed your
opportunity!

Ernest Wimmer
Don Niewald
Ron Malara
Mike Zaloudek
Dana Cline
Steve Vessey
Victor Mercado
Bill Durica
Jerry Applebee
Kenneth Horne
Orville Riddle
Doug Ulmer

Joe Lucero
Marcus Kavanaugh
Gary Michels
Dennis Marion
Gene Spencer
Jess Hall
Walter Sutton
Fritz Kitowski
Ken Forbes
Jay Bowser
Robert 'Bob' Walters
Arnold Gonzales

**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. \$1.00 – Regular game Per Card



GARY HOOLEY
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

493-3272

Dennis C. Shortridge

1314 Webster Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

FAX 970-224-1108



VOLUNTEERS

I would like to thank all of the members who have supported the lodge by volunteering the last several years. You have made a big difference in our lodge and club. Due to lack of resources and the ability to keep current on everyone who is volunteering at the lodge, we will no longer be able to produce the list of volunteer names. Please keep in mind the lodge and club needs you to continue your volunteer work. The definition of volunteer is "one who serves or acts willingly without expecting reward."

Fraternally, Joyce

If you want to receive the Echo by e-mail, Contact the office at 493-3777 or by sending a request to scole@fortcollinselks.org

Thank you!!

I would like to thank all members & guests for contributing to "Rita's Valentine Extravaganza" held on Friday, February, 10th. Some of the proceeds will go to our Elks Help Special Needs Fund.

Fraternally,

Rita Besser

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March

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

1 Gilbert Paben	22 Joshua Lehman
3 Larry Cox	22 Daniel Maloy
5 A.R. Oesterle	23 David White
7 Gary Ball	24 Orville Riddle
8 Deanna Kerscher	24 Ralph Will
8 Sarah Lion	25 Joe Lucero
9 John Beckett	25 Keith Robinson
9 Dorothy Wilson	26 Michael Peters
10 April Castillon	27 Joseph LaSala
14 Doran Beaman	27 Larry Scheinost
15 Stephen Ryan	28 Joe Gonzales
16 Steven Hall	28 Randolph Martinez
19 Lawrence Griess	28 Victor Meline
20 Milo Bohlender	30 Joyce Bonanno
21 Tom Metcalf	31 Jerry Rice
21 Leonard Wilson	31 Wesley Sargent
22 John Arnolfo	31 Jerry Williams
22 Michael Demma	

IMPORTANT!
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Subject: 2012-2013 Membership Dues

From: Stan Cole – Lodge Secretary

The last week of February you will be receiving your Membership Dues Notice. Membership dues should be paid prior to April 1, 2012. The card readers will be changed early morning on April 1st and the green cards will no longer work. The new cards are blue and you must have a blue card for lodge year 2012-2013 and to access the lodge.

If you can not pay your full dues, you have the option of paying \$76.50 by April 1st and the remaining \$60.00 by October 1st.

If you have any questions, please call either myself or Joyce Bonanno at 493-3777.

Fraternally,

Stan Cole – Secretary

MARCH MADNESS AT THE ELKS

Do you like to participate in March Madness Pools? The Fort Collins Elks can make their pool picks on CBSSportsline.com or complete a pick sheet.

First Place High Score wins	50%
Second Place High Score wins	30%
Third Place High Score wins	20%

To join the fun pay \$5 to Mark Cooper and give him your email address. ou'll receive an invitation to set up your picks on CBSSportsline.com with instructions. The name of the pool is MAD ELKS IN MARCH. Don't have access to email or the internet?

You can still join!

Just fill out a bracket sheets set out by the bar, attach your \$5 to the sheet and drop it in the wooden box.

Join the Madness today!

B.P.O.E. #804
is a proud sponsor of
Boy Scout Troop 87

Class of January 17, 2012



Back row: John Beckett, Mark Mekelburg, Osvaldo Agüero
Front row: Cheryl Beckett, Carol Agüero



Prize Wheel made by Ralph Jordan, presented to ER Joyce at January 17th Lodge Meeting.

Valentines Dinner Dance and Simply Red Event



Good bye and Thanks

As most of you know I'm resigning as Secretary of 804 at the end of March. I do so secure in the knowledge the office of Secretary is being handed over to someone who has provided outstanding leadership for the past two years as your Exalted Ruler – Joyce Bonanno. If the membership will support her the way you have me, the lodge will continue to prosper and grow.

“Keeping Valued Tradition in a Changing Order” is the slogan selected by Joyce Bonanno Exalted Ruler 2010-2012. Valued Tradition implies you do not forget the past for to do so is a risk. Someone has said “it is best when you do not remember the past for you are destined to repeat it.” However, past things can carry pleasant memories. Some of you might be saying – “whatever happened Old Timer's Night, Past Exalted Rulers Night and the Saturday night dances? In short all the fun things we did back then. The first part of her slogan may have seemed to be forgotten, but has it or are we in a renewal of tradition which has simple taken on a new form?

Let's examine the “the changing order of Elks.” As we all know, “the only thing that does not change is change itself.” Let's look at the changes over the last decade or two and examine the traditions and changes. Women were permitted to join our order for the first time in 1995. It was four years later when lodge 804 initiated our first women member, Cheryl Shepherd. Nine years later the first women Exalted Ruler, Joyce Bonanno, was elected. We now have 35 women members. Our first lodge of sorrow for a female member was held for Ann Wasgatt. Ann was a woman truly dedicated to serving others - particularly children. The addition of women to the Elks Lodge was a true historical change, but a beneficial milestone in our history.

Grand Lodge presented some major changes (some thought radical) in our name - subordinate lodge to local, no requirement to memorize the Ritual and consolidation of committees and functions. However, valued traditions were kept in tact (Formal Opening and Closing of the Lodge and the complete Ritual of Initiation.) Much of the paper work was eliminated from a multitude of forms required by Grand Lodge. Many changes took place, but much of the old traditions stayed the same. Grand Lodge and members saw the need to change, yet retain some of the past.

We moved!! I know some of you are saying “Stan you have an amazing grasp of the obvious.” It did not come easy, but it came in spite of everything. Frankly I felt it looked like a warehouse when we first opened. This was soon fixed by the addition of our Veteran's Pavilion and picnic area and the Elk Statue in front of the building. Our Legacy Brick Program honoring past and present Elks has added a great deal to the front of the Building. The lodge is beautifully done inside and it's now our home and I'm proud to be a part of it

We now sponsor two youth baseball teams and a Boy Scout Troop. In fact, we had 3 scouts make Eagle Rank in a recent court of Honor at our lodge. When the current Exalted Ruler Joyce took office we were contributing .81 cents to the Elks National Foundation which was the lowest in Colorado and the second lowest in the Western U.S. She made it a priority to attain at least the Grand Lodge Quota of \$4.50 per member. This year, we have nearly doubled our per-capita to \$7.45.

In the past membership languished and continues to be a concern although recent trends show renewed interest in Elkdom. We are now on the rebound and have over 440 members with several individuals waiting to be initiated. We all need to make membership a priority.

Good bye and Thanks Continued

We continue to support traditional programs such as 804 Scholarship program for PSD Schools, Hoop Shoot, Children's Christmas Parties, After Prom nights, Club Tico and other programs such as Christmas Baskets, Elks Bridge Club and other Senior program for which Fort Collins Elks have long been noted.

One final comment, the other day someone said "the Elks don't do enough for the Veterans (could also have been a comment about your special charity or organization.) I must agree we could do more for the very people whom we owe so much. We recognize them on Veterans Day, but, more important than that, we recognize them at every Lodge meeting. Thanks to Exalted Ruler Joyce who started this "tradition." We can't do everything every member thinks we should, but the things we have done in the past two years we have done the best we can! We have done the best we can because of the support of the members who attend lodge meeting, serve on committees, attend events and sponsor new members.

Someone much wiser than me said," Look not mournfully into the past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the present for it is yours. Go forth and meet the unknown future without fear."

God Speed and God Bless

Stan

You are invited to attend
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

Help celebrate this important event. Members and Their Guests Invited.

DATE: Saturday – March 31, 2012

TIME: Installation 5:00-5:45PM

COCKTAILS: 5:45PM-6:30PM (Cash Bar)

BUFFET DINNER: 6:30PM-7:30PM

MENU:

Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressing

Rolls

Penne Pasta with Sausage

Carved Roast Beef

Roasted Red Potatoes

Green Beans Almandine

Dessert

DANCE: 7:30PM-10:00PM to the music of Colorado Swing Big Band

COST: \$15.00 per Person – Dinner and Dance

\$ 5.00 per Person – Dance Only

RESERVATION REQUIRED AND PAID FOR BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Make Reservations by calling 493-3777 (We will accept credit card over the phone.)

OR Stop By the Lodge Office

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

March 2012

Fri March 2	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat March 3	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun March 4	Lodge closed
Mon March 5	Lodge Closed
Tue March 6	Lodge Meeting 7PM/Presentation of Essay Winners
Fri March 9	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat March 10	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun March 11	Lodge Closed Daylight Savings begins
Mon March 12	Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM
Wed March 14	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri March 16	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat March 17	St. Patrick's Day , Lodge open at 1PM Corned Beef available Close by bartenders discretion
Sun March 18	Lodge closed
Mon March 19	Lodge closed
Tue March 20	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed March 21	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri March 23	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Karaoke 7:30PM
Sat March 24	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun March 25	Lodge Closed
Mon March 26	Lodge Closed
Fri March 30	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat March 31	Installation of Officers/Banquet 5PM Music by Colorado Swing Big Band

April 2012

Sun Apr 1	Palm Sunday Lodge closed
Mon Apr 2	Lodge closed
Tue Apr 3	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri Apr 6	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Apr 7	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun Apr 8	Easter , Lodge closed
Mon Apr 9	Westerners/Lodge open 5PM
Wed Apr 11	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Apr 13	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat Apr 14	District Deputy Meeting 8AM Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun Apr 15	Lodge closed
Mon Apr 16	Lodge closed
Tue Apr 17	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Apr 18	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri Apr 20	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM Karaoke 7:30PM
Sat Apr 21	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun Apr 22	Lodge closed
Mon Apr 23	Lodge closed
Fri Apr 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat Apr 28	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun Apr 29	Lodge closed
Mon Apr 30	Lodge Closed

May 2012

Tue May 1	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri May 4	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat May 5	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, Close by bartenders discretion
Sun May 6	Lodge Closed
Wed May 9	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri May 11	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat May 12	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun May 13	Mother's Day, Lodge closed
Mon May 14	Westerners/Lodge open 5PM
Tue May 15	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed May 16	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri May 18	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM Karaoke 7:30PM
Sat May 19	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun May 20	Lodge closed
Fri May 25	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat May 26	Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
Sun May 27	Lodge closed
Mon May 28	Memorial Day/ Lodge closed

**LODGE BEING OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SUBJECT TO
CHANGE DEPENDING ON MEMBER PARTICIPATION!**



Fort Collins Lodge #804
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Fort Collins, CO 80524

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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION:

Saturday – Lodge Open 12:00PM

Sunday & Monday – Closed

Office Open Tuesday-Thursday 9:30AM-3:30PM

Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM

Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:00AM-10:00PM
(Bartender/Manager Discretion)

At times, the lodge may be opened for special Events
and Fort Collins Members are welcome to come in
and use the Lounge.

LODGE BEING OPEN ON SATURDAY
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MEMBER PARTICIPATION!

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

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	3 Lodge Open at 12PM, close by bartenders discretion
4 Lodge closed	5 Lodge closed	6 Lodge Meeting 7PM Presentation of Essay Winners	7	8	9 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only	10 Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
11 Daylight Savings begins Lodge closed	12 Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM	13	14 Board of Directors (House Committee & Trustees) 5-6:30pm	15 ECHO DEADLINE	16 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	17 St. Patrick's Day, Lodge open at 1PM Corned Beef available Close by bartenders discretion
18 Lodge closed	19 Lodge closed	20 Lodge Meeting 7PM	21 Bridge Night Dinner 6 PM Bridge 7PM	22 Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM	23 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:30 pm Karaoke 7:30PM	24 Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
25 Lodge closed	26 Lodge closed	27	28	29	30 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only	31 Installation of Officers/ Banquet 5PM Music by Colorado Swing Big Band