

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Here we are in the midst of spring, the snowfalls of winter are finally (hopefully) over, and we've enjoyed warm days, sunny showers and lots and lots of May flowers. Now we're into June, and a lot of things are heating up at Fort Collins Lodge #804!

Your Lodge has some great activities throughout the season. Every Wednesday evening we're having horseshoe tournaments - come on down for a great meal and some fun with your fellow Elks any Wednesday evening!

Friday nights have never been better. We've consistently seen a full house on Friday nights for Bob's outstanding cooking and of course for Friday Night Bar Bingo! A special thanks goes out to Larry Hulse, who originally put our Friday Night Bar Bingo program together, as well as Mike Sutton and Chris Lion who have volunteered their time to help Larry facilitate Friday Night Bar Bingo and help make it fun and popular among our members.

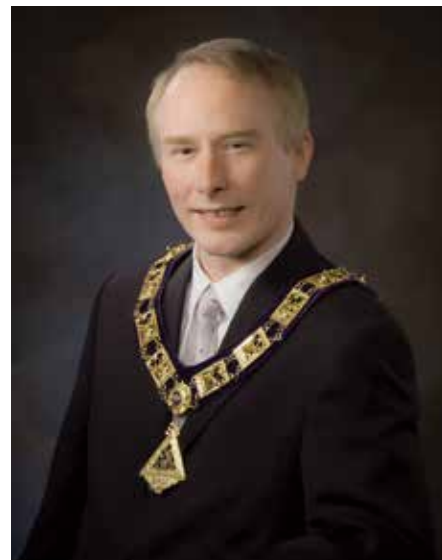
Make sure you mark your calendar for June 15th! We'll be having our annual Luau party that Saturday night, with drink specials, meal specials, entertainment, games and a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Elks better. Read your Echo for more details, and please make it a point to be at your Lodge that evening and help make it a great success!

I want to extend my appreciation to those that regularly use our Lodge for playing card games and other recreational activities. To build a strong Lodge we need our members to take advantage of what we offer, and your faithful use of our facilities are greatly appreciated. It is good to see that members of our Lodge are using our facilities and taking advantage of what our Lodge has to offer.

Lastly but certainly not least, our Lodge is participating in the regional Ritual Contest! It is my understanding that Fort Collins Lodge #804 has only ever participated in the Ritual Contest once in the past, and I am very grateful to Randy Kettenhoffen for offering to help assemble and coach our Ritual Contest team to compete with other local Lodges, and for taking the position of Leading Knight for the competition. I also want to recognize secretary Joyce Bonanno as Exalted Ruler, Inner Guard Laura Salas as Inner Guard, Leading Knight Corey Shortridge as Esquire, Chaplain Harold Anton as Chaplain, PER Gayle Watkins as Loyal Knight and of course our team candidate Tony Bonanno. I want to thank and recognize each of these individuals for their hard work and dedication toward making a solid impression at the Ritual Contest coming this June.

As you can see there is a lot going on at BPOE 804. Read the rest of the articles in your Echo for more details. We're trying some new and innovative things, and we'd love to see you down at the Lodge. See what we've been up to and enjoy the company of your fellow brother and sister Elks!

Christopher Smith
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804



FORT COLLINS ELKS LODGE
SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH
COCKTAILS 5:30PM
DINNER 6:30PM

\$12 IN ADVANCE
\$14 AT THE DOOR
TICKET INCLUDES
ADMISSION AND DINNER
ADVANCE TICKETS
AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 11

FAMILY FRIENDLY
DRINK SPECIALS
FULL CASH BAR
COSTUME CONTEST
GUESTS WELCOME

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 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.

The current cost for inclusion of a named member is \$100.00 per brick with all donations designated for Lodge 804 general expenses. Contact Joyce Bonanno at the lodge to order a brick.

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2013-2014

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Loyal Knight
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June

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

1	Hugh Higel	22	Ronald Geraets
3	Lewis Garton	22	Keith Wilson
4	Gary Ross	25	Charles Hamman
4	Howard Swartz	26	Ralph Jordan
5	Jerry Schott	28	Don Woeber
5	Hal West	30	Dick Chinn
6	Gerald Delaney		
6	Cory Shortridge		
8	Hugh Shepherd		
10	Phil Riedesel		
16	Arthur Meyer		
16	Kay Rios		
21	Robert L. Rodgers		

BAR BINGO

1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month starting
at 6:00PM. Come out, have dinner and
enjoy a fun night of bar bingo.
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ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

The Bean Pot

(Fort Collins Elk Members and Elk Member Widows/
Widowers Only)

Currently is \$60.00. When you are in the Lodge,
drop a dollar or coins into the clear box, sign the
book for current day only and please no pennies.

You could be our next big winner!

804 Drawing

(Friday Nights - Elk Members Only)

Current Balance is \$500.00

804 Attendance Drawing

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$300.00

NOTE: Amount of drawings will change
depending the number of winners.

HAPPY ELKS

Joyce Bonanno won \$60.00
Bean Pot Drawing, Kim
Slack won \$70.00 in the
Bean Pot Drawing, Bob
Matney won \$1,700.00 in the
Friday Night 804 Drawing -
The charity of his choice is
Elks Help Special Needs



SAD ELKS

You missed your
opportunity!

Joe LaSala
Kent Hendricks
Pam Miller
Russ Mann
Clare Foote
Chris Lion
John Morrison
Randy Kettenhofen
Ethan Unger

Mike Demma
Carmen Mendoza
Gerald Delaney
Steve Hall
Jeff Inama
Ed Morphet
Stan Cole
Ron Zais
Don Heineman

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

SECRETARY NOTES – June 2013

Thanks to all of the members volunteering at the lodge and on community projects in May. Personally, I always feel like I've accomplished something very important when I volunteer to help the lodge and our community. Our lawn is looking great thanks to Mike Sutton. Joe McCarthy, Tony Bonanno, Brad March, Lee Skrdlant and Larry King worked at the Library on the Life Size Chess Board and the Story Tree Saturday, May 11th. Brad March and Tony Bonanno cut down the Flag Pole at the old lodge and it will be donated to the Wellington Library. Tony Bonanno, Joyce Bonanno and Pam Miller completed the scholarship selections. We provided five academic, one Colorado State Elks and five vocational scholarships this year. We have had several events at the lodge in the past month which helped our "bottom line". Our Club Employees work hard to make these events special. Thank you Bob Petri, Dan Griffith, Anna Fronek, Mark Nabor, Ralph Jordan, Mike Jones, Janee Walker and Rita Besser for all the hard work you do for our lodge and club. Charlie Thomas and Al Dillman can always be counted on to be at the Lodge on Friday nights to sell tickets for the Friday Night 804 Drawing. Thanks to the members who work on Lodge Nights cooking and serving meal, Hugh Shepherd for his commitment to our lodge and Ron Hefner for helping out at the Mother's Day Brunch. Thanks to Gary Riedel for the work he does on the Echo. Speaking of the Echo, remember the July and August Echo is combined into a "Summer Echo". We had the Veterans Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 18th. Thank you Jerry Rice for letting us use your grill and to the members who took the time to cook and serve breakfast. The impressive Indoctrination Presentation we have would not be possible without John Merritt and Skip Walker – I'm sure it the best in the State. Richard Rein can always be counted on to help and I appreciate his involvement. Our bingo callers make the 1st and 3rd Fridays a lot of fun. Thanks to all of the members who come out and use our restaurant for lunch and Friday night dinner. For the members who consistently attend Lodge Meetings and to PER Randy Kettenhofen for getting a Ritual Contest Team together - thanks. Jean and Bill Rogers did a great job hosting the Sunday Breakfast on May 5th – Tammy and Mike Sutton will be hosting on June 2nd. I appreciate the Lodge Officers taking their time to host the Sunday Breakfasts along with all of their other duties at the lodge. I cannot forget my office partner and bookkeeper Shelly Castillon. Shelly does an excellent job keeping our bills paid and our financial information in order. Remember Elks Care – Elks Share which is evident by all our lodge has accomplished in the month of May.



Mothers Day Brunch



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Financial Advisor

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FLAG DAY CELEBRATION TUESDAY, JUNE 11th OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DINNER 5:30-PM CEREMONY 7:00PM

In the Lodge Room

FLAG DAY Burger Specials
from 5:30-6:45PM

Burger & Chips - \$3.50

Cheese Burger & Chips - \$4.00, Burger & Fries -
\$4.50

Cheese Burger & Fries - \$5.00

Burger & Onion Rings - \$5.50

and

Cheese Burger & Onion Rings \$6.00

The Echo deadline for July-August is June 13th.
Please send all Echo articles and information
on events to joyce.bonanno@gmail.com



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NOTE: All photos will be taken in Fort Collins

THE OLD LODGE LIVES ON AND THE ELKS CONTINUE TO GIVE

The historic YMCA building built in 1907 was acquired by the Elks in 1938 and continued to be Lodge 804's home until 2008, when the building, having fallen into disrepair, was sold to the Downtown Development Authority and the Lodge moved to its newly remodeled building. As part of the sale of the historic Lodge, the committee charged with the sale reached agreements that \$100,000 would be set aside and that the Elks could use the salvage from the building for Lodge-sponsored community projects. Five years later, the Elks' work continues.

Part of the set-aside funds were used to restore and then donate the historic tongue wood piano, which now rests as a beautiful centerpiece at the new Fort Collins Museum. The piano, acquired at the 1938 World's Fair by a group of devoted brothers, was previously in the lobby of the old Lodge for well over half a century and is now lovingly preserved by the Museum and, having been lovingly restored using community contributions raised by the Lodge, is regularly played for recitals. Likewise, the historic hardwood floors which were removed from the Lodge now accent the walls of the new Museum's entryway.

Further funding set aside from the Lodge sale is now being used to fund a significant landscaping project in the area surrounding the City's recently reinvigorated Library Park. Reconfigured walks and beautifully designed landscaping, funded largely by the Elks together with the Friends of the Library, greet the lengthening lines of Library patrons as they check out books and movies and attend community events.

Lodge 804, having always prided itself on providing not only economic but also sweat equity for community projects, provided an aging but hardy crew, which lent time, muscle and patience in meticulously laying out a large sandstone hardscape checkerboard where in years to come locals will be able to concentrate on complicated chess matches with life-size pieces. Adjoining the checkerboard, the Elks (together with volunteering local contractors and equipment) also provided manpower assistance arranging a new amphitheater surrounding what will be the Library's "Children's Storybook Tree".

In addition, on an ongoing basis, the Elks set aside funds for a high-tech project, which will identify the many trees in Fort Collins' oldest and most historic park. Over the last 100 plus years, the history of these trees has been tracked by Fort Collins Arborists; the Library Park tells a fascinating story of Fort Collins horticulture by way of the trees donated by appreciative sister cities and families providing memorials. With the help of local high school students' programs, these trees, dating back over more than a century, will be capable of being identified in the Park via Smartphones, with the history of each planting accessible and preserved for posterity.

Finally, the last remnant of the old Lodge, the ever-present flag pole, which flew our standard for so very many years in front of the old facility, was also salvaged. The pole, with the City's permission, was cut down by two slightly off-kilter brothers in an early morning adventure, is being salvaged, and will be placed in front of the Wellington Library in memory of their recently deceased Librarian. Once again, the pole, which has been unused for the last five years, will fly our Nation's flag in a prominent local public setting.

Lodge 804's current officers thank long-time past and more recent Elks members for their foresight in allowing our local Lodge to continue to give back to the community in so many focal ways. Answers to questions related to these projects can be directed to our ever-vigilant and organized Lodge Secretary.

Submitted By: Brad March

Scholarships



Members working at the library



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

June 2013

Sun Jun 02	Lodge Closed
Mon Jun 03	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 04	Lodge Meeting 7PM Only Meeting in June
Wed Jun 05	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jun 07	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jun 08	Lodge Open/Food Available Ritual Contest/Greeley
Sun Jun 09	Buffet Breakfast 9AM-Noon Bar Open
Mon Jun 10	Lodge Open (Club) Private Party
Tue Jun 11	Flag Day Ceremony Dinner 5:30PM/Ceremony 7PM
Wed Jun 12	Board of Directors 5PM Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jun 14	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jun 15	Lodge Open/Food Available
Sun Jun 16	Lodge Closed/Father's Day
Mon Jun 17	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 18	No Lodge Meeting Only One Meeting in June
Wed Jun 19	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jun 21	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jun 22	American Legion State Convention
Sun Jun 23	Lodge Closed
Mon Jun 24	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 25	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Jun 26	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jun 28	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elk Members Only Texas Hold-EM
Sat Jun 29	Lodge Open/Food Available
Sun Jun 30	Lodge Closed

July 2013

Mon Jul 01	Lodge Closed
Tue Jul 02	Lodge Meeting 7PM Only Meeting In July
Wed Jul 03	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Thu Jul 04	Lodge Closed Happy 4th of July
Fri Jul 05	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jul 06	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
Sun Jul 07	Buffet Breakfast \$6.00 9AM-Noon
Mon Jul 08	Lodge Closed
Wed Jul 10	Board of Directors 5PM Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jul 12	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jul 13	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
Sun Jul 14	Lodge Closed
Mon Jul 15	Lodge Closed
Wed Jul 17	Horseshoes 5:30PM Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri Jul 19	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jul 20	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Casino Night
Sun Jul 21	Lodge Closed
Mon Jul 22	Lodge Closed
Tue Jul 23	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Jul 24	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri Jul 26	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat Jul 27	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
Sun Jul 28	Lodge Closed
Mon Jul 29	Lodge Closed
Wed Jul 31	Horseshoes 5:30PM Burger Special 5:00-7:30PM



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Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11AM-10PM

(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager
Discretion)

At times, the lodge may be opened for special events
Elk Members are welcome in the lounge area.

Needed from Members:

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or Fax to

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or Call 493-3777

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
2 Lodge Closed	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lodge Meeting 7PM Only one in June	5 Horseshoes 5:30PM	6	7 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	8 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Ritual Contest/Greeley
9 Buffet Breakfast 9:00AM-Noon	10 ECHO DEADLINE Lodge Open (Club) Private Function	11 Flag Ceremony Dinner 5:30 Ceremony 7:00	12 Board of Directors 5PM Horseshoes 5:30PM	13	14 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	15 Lodge Open Food Available
16 Lodge Closed	17 Lodge Closed	18 No Lodge Meeting Only one in June	19 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM	20	21 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	22 Amerian Legion State Convention
23 Lodge Closed 30	24 Lodge Closed	25 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	26 Horseshoes 5:30PM Burger Night	27	28 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	29 Lodge Open Food Available