

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
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Our main event for October was our first annual chili cook off and horse races, and it was an outstanding success. Thank you to everyone who turned out for this event to show support for your Lodge and enjoy some good food, good times and lots of laughs with your fellow Elk members. I also want to thank the Entertainment Committee for all of their hard work putting together such a fun and successful event for our Lodge. If you couldn't make it be sure to look for pictures of the event in The Echo to see what you missed!

Speaking of entertainment and events at our Lodge, I want to take a moment to recognize the efforts of Lecturing Knight Larry King, who is also the Chair of our Entertainment Committee, and the other dedicated members of the Entertainment Committee for the great regular activities and special events that they have put together so far this year. Our membership turnout at most of these events has been better than I've seen in a long time, and I'm sure this is mainly due to the quality of planning, promotion and implementation performed by Larry and the great team he has working with him. If you are a newer member of Fort Collins 804 and are interested in becoming more involved, it is a great way to get started with volunteerism at your Lodge, and with our annual Children's Christmas Party and Member's Christmas Dinner coming up soon, I'm sure The Entertainment Committee would appreciate some extra help. Contact Larry or another officer for more information about how you can help.



Friday night dinners and Friday night bingo are still a hit with many members and we've developed quite a following of regular members coming down to enjoy the fun and great food. As always, bingo is held on the first and third Fridays of each month at 6:00pm, and at only a dollar a game it's a great way to hang out with your friends at the Lodge or meet some of our new members!

Proceeds this year from our volunteer efforts at the CSU home football games have been great so far, and with three more home games in November our Lodge stands to generate some much needed extra revenue this season. Volunteerism for this annual fund raising project of Fort Collins 804 has been very good, and I appreciate everyone who has come out to work our beer concession stand so far. We still need additional volunteers to work the second half of the season, however, so if you would like to help serve beer and raise some money for your Lodge, please let me or another officer know that you are interested. Remember also that we raise roughly \$1500 - \$2000 each season in tips from the stadium patrons that we then donate directly to Elks Helps Special Needs.

As always I am very pleased to see the size of our membership, our volunteerism, our finances and the quality of our members grow and gain momentum this year. I see it at our events, I see it in our officer staff, I see it at Lodge meetings and I hear it in conversations with members of other Lodges in our district. Our Lodge is steadily growing stronger all the time and it is because of you and your support that any of this is possible. Thank you all, my brother and sister Elks, for your participation and education to our Lodge. I look forward to seeing and hearing signs that we are continuing to gain in strength. Thank you.

Christopher Smith
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804

Events in November Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday – November 3rd 9AM-Noon – Past Exalted Ruler Hosted Breakfast \$6.50. Members & Guests.

Friday – November 22nd 7:30-8:30PM – Free Dance Lessons in the Lodge Room. Members & Guests

Tuesday, November 26th 11:30AM-1:30PM – Bob's Thanksgiving Lunch – Members & Spouses Only

Tuesday, November 26th 5:30-6:30PM – Entertainment Committee Meeting

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.

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.
\$1.00 - Regular game per card.

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2013-2014

Exalted Ruler	Christopher Smith
Leading Knight	Cory Shortridge
Loyal Knight	Hugh Shepherd
Lecturing Knight	Larry King
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
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Charitable Trustee	Brad March
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Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Skip Walker
2nd Rep to Grand Lodge	Randy Kettenhofen

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! November

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

3 Dana Cline	20 Sean Shortridge
4 Gary Perman	20 Nicholas Yobbagy
5 Larry Hawe	21 Harold Anton
7 Kenneth Carson	21 Frank Barela
7 Paul Marrick	21 Justine Barela
7 David Parrish	22 Darwin Stengaard
7 Robert Swerer	23 Victor Mercado
8 Roger Rogers	25 Terry Keating
11 William Conner	25 Philip White
11 Kenneth Reynolds	27 David Blomberg
13 Ronald Brown	27 Chad Nordtvedt
14 Randolph Reider	28 Rose Crouse
16 Kenneth Clark	29 Tomas Gonzales
16 Skip Walker	30 Matthew Doyle
16 Richard Deines	30 Laurie Hart
19 Richard Haynes	30 Mark Mekelburg
20 Eugene Barker	30 Barry Shuler

Our Departed Members,

Their virtues are written upon
The Tablets of Love and Memory

Wayne Linton

September 10, 1925 – September 12, 2013
23 Year Member

Don Mullison

July 04, 1924 – September 14, 2013
61 Year Member

Maxie Gene Johnson

October 09, 1927 – October 08, 2013
44 Year Member



ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

The Bean Pot

THE BEAN POT IS NOW \$50.00
(Sign up for current day only.)

804 Drawing

FRIDAY NIGHT 804 DRAWING IS NOW \$500.00
(Elk Members Only)

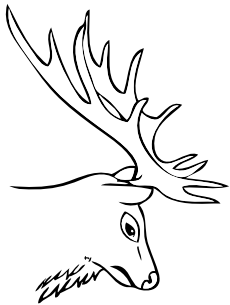
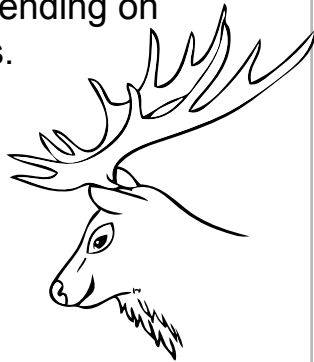
804 Attendance Drawing

804 ATTENDANCE DRAWING IS NOW
\$600.00

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to win.)
Amount(s) can change depending on
number of winners.

HAPPY ELKS

Brad March



SAD ELKS

You missed your
opportunity!

Cory Shortridge
Paulette Haley
Jay Laetsch
Bonnie Walker
William Durica
Dick Chinn
Bob Wingert
Flory Peterson
Don Heineman
Gary Perman
Alan Beatty

Gary Michels
Al Minatta
Lloyd Pearl
Alice Anton
Ron Brown
Fritz Kitowski
Mike Vergara
Ed Cudyk
Ron Hefner
Bob Coulter
John Dixon
Kelly Freed

Community Update

By Leading Knight Cory Shortridge

The third annual Bowl-A-thon Challenge with Loveland is on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00PM at Chipper Lanes (formerly Horsetooth Lanes in Fort Collins.) Entry fee for bowlers is \$10.00 and includes 2 games and shoes. Bowler sponsors pledge is by the pin or a flat dollar amount – your choice. Signup sheets are on the Lodge bulletin boards. For additional information contact Randy Kettenhofen – Fort Collins Lodge 804. Food will be provided for the people bowling at the Fort Collins Lodge after the “challenge” – with a cash bar. This is a fund raiser for Elks National Foundation come out and support ENF, have fun and let's beat Loveland this year! This is a members and guests event.

We will be holding our annual Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 9th from 8:30-11AM. Breakfast is free for Veterans and active military personnel. There will be a \$6.50 charge for others attending the event – children under 6 are free. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. The breakfast will be served in the Club Room and is hosted by Trustee Joe McCarthy. Please contact Joe if you can help at the breakfast.

INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open to the Public versus Members and Their Guests

Being open to the public means anyone can come into the Lodge. In order to be open to the public we have to apply and pay for a special permit. This is due to the type of liquor license we have, because we are an incorporated organization and are not for profit. We have 12 permits per year, they cost \$120.00 per permit and we have to apply for them 4 weeks in advance of the event. We typically like to save these “special permits/open to the public” for large events which outside organizations book to use the Lodge. This is one of the vehicles we use to increase revenue for the Lodge and Club.

When you see information for an event being held at the Lodge for members and guests a member in good standing can invite family and friends to attend the event who are not Elks. However, they must know each other outside of the Lodge and members must be present at all times when the guest is in the Lodge. Most of the events we have are for members and their guests. Under no circumstances are non-Elks permitted to participate in card games.

If you have any questions concerning these policies, please see our Lodge Secretary. She can provide you with information from the Colorado Liquor Division – Licensing and Enforcement and Grand Lodge Statutes which govern these rules and regulations.

**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



New Members!

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RITUAL CONTEST RESULTS

By Past Exalted Ruler and Ritual Coach Randy Kettenhofen

On September 5-6, Fort Collins Lodge was invited to compete in the Colorado State Elks Association Ritual Contest representing the North District. The Competing Officers performed a stellar rendition of the Ritual and represented 804 with distinction.

The performing officers were: Exalter Ruler - Joyce Bonanno, PER; Leading Knight and Coach- Randy Kettenhofen, PER; Loyal Knight- Gayle Watkinson, PER, Lecturing Knight-Chris Smith; Esquire- Cory Shortridge; Chaplain- Lee Skrdlant, PER; Inner Guard-Laura Salas & Candidate- Tony Bonnano.

All of the officers did a tremendous job, but two received awards for their performance. Chris Smith, current Exalted Ruler, finished the contest as the 2nd Team All Star as Lecturing Knight and Randy Kettenhofen, Past Exalted Ruler and Ritual Coach, was awarded the 1st Team All Star plaque as Leading Knight.

Following are the contest results:

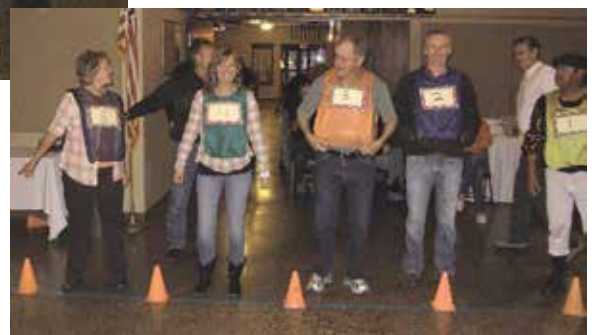
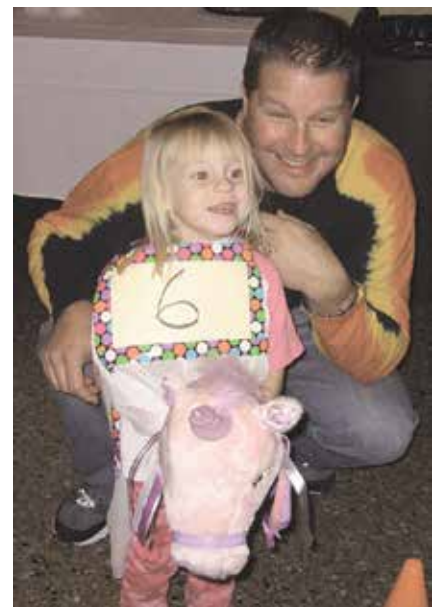
1st	Westminster 2227	97.599
2nd	Littleton 1650	97.014
3rd	Rifle 2195	96.568
4th	Pueblo 90	95.842
5th	Fort Collins 804	95.011
6th	Colo Springs 309	94.925
7th	Durango 507	94.417
8th	Longmont 1055	93.686

With only a handful of practices following the North District contest, Team 804 improved its overall team score by 2 ½ points. That is impressive! Please congratulate the officers on a job well done when you see them in Lodge and encourage them to continue on and strive for a First Place finish in 2014!

Chili Cook-off



The Horse Races





If you think you know where this photo was taken, come to the lodge and fill out an entry form and deposit it in the "Where Is This" photo box for a chance to win dinner for two at the lodge. The contest will close on the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM and the winner will be drawn from all correct entries received. Dinner coupons are good for two entrée's off the menu and will be honored as long as this contest runs. Ala carte items, beverages and gratuity are not included. Please present coupon to server when ordering.

NOTE: All photos will be taken in Fort Collins

Let's make the switch to LED

Did you know LED Lights use 85% less energy and last up to 20 years longer than incandescent bulbs?



Ongoing developments in LED lighting and recent reductions in price now make it practical to consider their use in many common fixtures in our lodge, including accent lighting, track lighting, room lighting and outdoor spotlights. Dimmable LED bulbs are now available as well. While LED lighting may require a higher initial investment, their longevity, low maintenance and significant cost savings make LED bulbs a purchase that can pay for itself over time.

Brother Kevin Nelson recently suggested a plan to start replacing the lights in the lodge with LED bulbs. His idea is to have members "Adopt a Light". Members would purchase a bulb to replace an existing bulb in the lodge. Current prices range from approximately \$8 - \$30 each, depending on the type of bulb. Also, Lecturing Knight, Larry King is looking into energy grants and rebates which are currently being offered by Fort Collins Utilities. Grants up to \$5000 per customer are available for eligible efficiency improvement projects which includes lighting. This grant would be a great way for us to get started with a bulb replacement program for our lodge.

Watch the bulletin boards in the Lodge and the Echo in the coming months for additional information regarding the "Adopt a Light" program and the FC Utilities grants.

Mike Sutton

Secretary Notes

November 2013

Members attend Lodge Meetings – this is where important decisions about the Lodge and Club are made and voted on. I want to remind everyone we will have one meeting in December. It will be on Tuesday, December 3rd and we will be holding our annual Memorial Service. For our new members, this is a service where our Order has decreed for Elks to gather and pay respect to our departed members. Past Exalted Ruler Stan Cole is the chairman of this ceremony and it is always touching and meaningful.

Congratulations to Ralph Jordan – Elk of the Month for October. Ralph is a long time member of our Lodge and continues to volunteer his time and talent to our Order.

The Children's Christmas Party for Children 0-11 years old is on Saturday, December 7th 11:00AM to 1:00PM. If you have or know children in this age group they are invited to attend. However, everyone must RSVP by November 22nd so we will have enough gifts and food for all of the children. Call the Lodge at 493-3777 and ask for Joyce or leave a message with the bartender. We need the name, age, gender of the child and a phone number. Gifts, games, visit with Santa and food will be provided. This event is growing larger each year and we do not want to turn any child away or not have a gift for them – please RSVP.

Help Elect John Amen as Grand Exalted Ruler! There will be an Elks Caribbean Cruise Saturday, April 5, 2014 through Saturday, April 12, 2014 on Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas" which is being sponsored by the Colorado Elect A Grand Exalted Ruler Committee. Non-Elk Guests are welcome – bring a friend. You must have a passport and final payment is due by January 10, 2014. Ports of call include Fort Lauderdale, Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin. Balcony cabin is \$1,468.00, ocean view cabin is \$1,378.00 and inside cabin is \$1,138.00 (all prices are per person). Information is posted on the bulletin board in the club room or you can call Smith World Travel at 303-427-6700/1-800-633-3026.

I would like to thank Hugh Shepherd, Skip Walker, Mike Sutton, Mike and Michelle Jones, Ron Hefner, Bill Rogers (our official photographer), Deanna Kerscher, Larry King and Tony Bonanno for all of the work they did to organize and set up the Chili Cook-Off and Horse Races. Barb King, Bob Petri, Laura Salas, Al Dillman and Ron Zais were our official judges. In the green category 1st place - Joe & Kathy Lucero, 2nd – Tomas & Lina Gonzales and 3rd place Joyce Bonanno. In the red category 1st place – Shari Walker, 2nd place – Dave Smyser and 3rd place - Ty Smith. Dave donated the 2nd place winnings back to the Lodge. The winner of the people's choice award was Joe Lucero with Dana Shortridge a close second. We made \$482.00 for our Lodge Charities. \$241.00 was donated to the Charitable Trust and \$241.00 was donated to Elks Help Special Needs. We also made \$135.00 for the Lodge. This was a fun and successful event! Gary Riedel (Business Card Factory) did an excellent job designing our posters –thanks Gary for your continued contributions to our event advertising.

Yours truly has been on a mission to clean up the back storage room. With the help of the Boy Scout Troop we sponsor, Tony Bonanno, Ron Zais, Joe McCarthy, Joe Lucero and Steve Rumpler it is done. Steve put the finish touches on by building storage shelves this week. Thanks to all of these members for their help. Mike Sutton did a great job keeping our back lawn looking good this summer. Skip Walker and Ron Hefner organized the Horse Shoes on Wednesday nights and everyone seemed to enjoy this activity. Mark Cooper and Richard Rein have made the Football Season more interesting by organizing and running the Pick 4 and NFL 31 Pool. John Merritt has put together a first class presentation for our Indoctrination program and PER Skip Walker does an excellent job presenting the information. Thanks for the time you both spend on this very important activity.

As I look back on the past 6 months we have accomplished a lot, had fun and made closer bonds with our fellow Brother and Sister Elks. If you have not been at the Lodge recently, stop by after work, on a Friday night for dinner or on a Sunday to cheer on the Broncos – it is always a good time.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

November 2013

(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager Discretion on Saturday/Sunday)

Fri-Nov 1	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Nov 2	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Nov 3	PER Breakfast and Fund Raiser for the Charitable Trust 9AM-Noon Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Nov 4	Lodge Closed
Tue-Nov 5	Lodge 7PM
Fri-Nov 8	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only for Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat-Nov 9	Veterans Breakfast 8:30-11AM Lodge Open Until 6:00PM
Sun-Nov 10	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Nov 11	Westerners/Lounge Open for Members
Wed-Nov 13	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM
Fri-Nov 15	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Nov 16	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Nov 17	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Nov 18	Lodge Closed
Tue-Nov 19	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed-Nov 20	Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri-Nov 22	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Dinner Special To Be Announced Free Dance Lessons 7:30-8:30PM Open Dancing 8:30-9:30PM
Sat-Nov 23	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Nov 24	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Nov 25	Lodge Closed
Tue-Nov 26	Bob's Thanksgiving Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Thur-Nov 28	Lodge Closed/Thanksgiving
Fri-Nov 29	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Nov 30	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available

December 2013

(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager Discretion on Saturday/Sunday)

Sun-Dec 1	Breakfast \$6.50 9AM-Noon Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Dec 2	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 3	Lodge 7PM/Memorial Service Only Meeting in December
Fri-Dec 6	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Dec 7	Children's Christmas Party 11:00AM-1:00PM
Sun-Dec 8	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Dec 9	Westerners/Lounge Open for Members
Wed-Dec 11	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM
Fri-Dec 13	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only for Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat-Dec 14	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Dec 15	Lodge Opens at 11AM Member Christmas Party 1:00PM \$10.00 Open to Members and their Guests
Mon-Dec 16	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 17	No Lodge Meeting
Wed-Dec 18	Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri-Dec 20	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Dec 21	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sunday, December 22 through Thursday, December 26th Lodge Is Closed for Christmas Holiday	
Fri-Dec 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Dinner Special to Be Announced Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Dec 28	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Dec 29	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available
Mon-Dec 30	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 31	New Years Eve Party Members and Their Guests



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM
Sunday – Lodge Open 11AM (During Football Season)
Monday – Lodge Closed
Office Open Tuesday-Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM
Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM
Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-10:00PM
Friday Night Dinners 5:30-8PM
(Closing of Lounge Bartender/Manger Discretion)
At times, the lodge may be opened for special events
Elk Members are welcome in 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

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	2 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
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