

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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It is December already and I have a short four months remaining as your Exalted Ruler. I know the time will go quickly as there are many activities scheduled and business obligations for the Lodge in the coming months.

With the help of a Grant from ENF and a contribution from the Lodge, we have a "shopping spree" for 30 needy children in our community which is scheduled for December 6th. The yearly Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 9:30AM; breakfast will follow the service. The Children's Christmas Party for our member's children, grandchildren and their guests is on December 13th. The member's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th and will be a potluck. The New Year's Eve party will feature Kenny Cordova and the Olde Time Rock Band.

The Board of Directors will be working on budgets for next year starting in January and in February we will be selecting Lodge Officers for the 2015-2016 Lodge Year. Joyce Bonanno and her committee (Jan Barela Smith and Pam Miller) have been busy working on the Most Valuable Student selections from Fort Collins and starting in March they will be working on selecting students to receive our local scholarships. In his article this month, Loyal Knight Larry has pointed out the importance of our members volunteering at the Lodge and recognized many of the members who have helped make our Lodge successful. In order to keep our Lodge viable and active we need volunteers. There is nothing more important for a successful Lodge than having the support and participation from members.

Two additional activities we need to continue to concentrate on is our charitable work in the community and membership. Membership is the key to success of the Order of Elks. We need members to participate in our charitable work and help make our Club and Lodge financially strong. Tell your family members, business associates and friend about the charitable work we do in the community and all over the United States. Invite them to the Lodge to see what a wonderful facility we have and most important sponsor them for membership. There are many wonderful activities we do as Elks and there is much more we can do with additional active members.

The thing Dana and I like about Christmas is it gives us an opportunity to tell our family and friends just how much they mean to us. Dana and I hope your Christmas is bright with the love and joy of this special time of year. We wish you the best this holiday season has to offer.

Please remember and always practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally,
Cory Shortridge
Exalted Ruler



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.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! December

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

1 Joseph Curby	20 Peter Callaghan
1 Duane Jansen	20 Kenneth Doty
5 Bill Brier	21 Howard Jones
7 Donald Barrett	21 Joe Sullivan
7 Don Kirkland	22 Milo Ohlsen
7 Lupe Salazar	23 Cary Rick Bott
7 Gerald Schilling	24 Paul Fangman
8 Richard Thompson	25 Ed Nix
10 Steve Diltz	26 Paul Kasari
11 Daniel Larsen	28 Drexel Cloos
12 James Weisser	28 Paul Harder
13 John Morrison, Jr	28 George VanArsdale
13 John Watson	29 Jack Hall
15 Albert Summerall	29 Kevin Nelson
18 Mike Grounds	29 Donald Wenzel
18 Duane Hanson	30 Shelly Castillon

BAR BINGO

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
Starting At 6:30PM

\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

KARAOKE

2nd & 4th Friday of the Month
Starting at 6:30PM

Hosted by Joe and Kathy Lucero

The Echo deadline for January is December 13th.
Please send all Echo articles and information
on events to joyce.bonanno@gmail.com



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ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

Because the amount of the Bean Pot, Friday Night 804 and 804 Attendance Drawings change frequently, starting in December the amounts will not be listed in the Echo. They will continue to be posed by the Bean Pot, On the 804 "Drawing" Board and reported in Lodge Meetings.

The Bean Pot

Sign up for current day only. You must be an 804 Elk Member in good standing to play.

804 Drawing

Drawing Every Friday Night at 7:30PM. You must be an Elk Member in good standing to play.

804 Attendance Drawing

You must be present in Lodge Meeting to win.

HAPPY ELKS

Congratulations

Bill Rogers won \$150.00 – 804 Attendance Drawing & Donated \$50.00 to ENF.

Joe McCarthy won \$50.00 – 804 Attendance Drawing

Jim Chance won \$200.00 – Bean Pot Drawing



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



John Speaker
Richard Hammond
Laura Salas
Don Svedman
John Merritt
John Dixon
Clair Stalnaker
Robert Ellis
Tom Metcalf
Paul Marrick
Jay Bowser
Chris Slider
Ron Zais

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Jeff Baughman
Tom Ni, Jr.
George VanArsdale
Bob Swerer
Scott Cumings
Gil Paben
Greg Dyer
Brad March
Bill Tiley
Kelly Freed
Mike Vergara

All couples and singles Bridge is the third Wednesday of each month.
Dinner at 6PM, Bridge at 7PM
For more information.
Call Don Svedman at 482 6941

Don't Let the Sweet'taters Get Burned (Out)

A few months back I posted an article that Mike Demma uses in his leadership seminars called "The Tater Family". It asks the question "What Kind of Tater are You?" The hope was that some Spec'taters would become Sweet'taters and step up and volunteer at the Lodge.

Below I've listed some of the ways our members volunteer on a regular basis to make our Lodge fun, charitable, and well maintained. Although the Sweet'taters listed below generously give their time and effort without complaint, they would welcome an extra hand from time to time.

• **Lodge Night Cooks, Servers, Order Taker:** Kevin Nelson, Al Dillman, Jerry Williams, Dave Smyser, Shari Walker, Barb King, Laura Salas and Bob Matney

• **Lodge Night Drawings:** Larry Thyfault, and Gary Michels

• **Pull Tabs:** Hugh Shepherd

• **Volunteer Bartender:** Ralph Jordan

• **Friday Night Queen of Hearts:** Charlie Thomas, Al Dillman and Lee Skrdlant

• **Bingo:** Lee Skrdlant, Ron Zais, Mike, Tammy and Taylor Sutton, Tracey Callaghan, Delaney Shortridge, Joe Lucero, Hugh Shepherd and Abbey Craft

• **Karaoke:** Kathy and Joe Lucero, Tomas and Lina Gonzales

• **Grounds Maintenance:** Bill and Jean Rogers, Jerry Rice, Bob and Paula Matney

• **Parking Lot Maintenance:** Joe Lucero, Tomas Gonzales, Deanna Kerscher, Larry King and Ron Zais

• **CSU Football Beer Sales:** Mike Sutton, Tony Bonanno, Al Minatta, Mike Peters, Brad March, Ron Zais, Larry and Barb King, Chris and Terri Lion, Joe McCarthy, Brian White and Heather Jordan, Terry Kettenhoffen, and Mark Nabor

• **Breakfast Hosts and Cooks:** Bill and Jean Rogers, Hugh Shepard, Jerry Rice, Ron Hefner, Lee Skrdlant, Larry and Barb King, Joyce and Tony Bonanno, Ron Hefner, Tracey Callaghan, Cory Shortridge

• **Cleaning the Lodge/Recycling:** Larry and Andrea King, Tony and Joyce Bonanno

• **Echo - Editor/Publisher/ Mailing:** Jean Rogers, Carmen Mendoza, Ron Zais, Joyce Bonanno and Gary Riedel

• **New Member Indoctrination:** John Merritt and Skip Walker

I know there are many more folks who volunteer on committees and at events that I haven't mentioned here, and I apologize. There are also those that have volunteered their time generously in the past and it is much appreciated.

If you have an hour or two to spare from time to time and would like to pitch in please contact Larry King, Joyce Bonanno, or any Lodge Officer. 5095

Fraternally,

Larry King
Loyal Knight



Bob Matney Elk of the Month - October 2014

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE

LECTURING KNIGHT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you. May you have an extremely safe Holiday Season.

December has many significant events for us. 1) Dec. 7th the Memorial Service will be at 9:30AM. Immediately following breakfast will be served. 2) Dec 13th the Children's Party 11:00 – 1:00 this is for Member's Children, Grandchildren and Close friends. 3) Member's party is the 14th and is a pot luck affair.

Okay New Year's Eve is special every year and this one is no exception. Kenny Cordova and The Olde Time Band will be playing. (See Ad)

Now sit up and pay attention – A Special Christmas Event will take place for 30 extremely needy Children on Saturday, December 6th. Realities for Children has helped us identify these children and we will be taking them on a shopping spree. I am so happy and proud of the great response we have received about this event. It just shows there are some great ELKS in this Lodge that do care and do share! ARE YOU ONE OF THEM???

In closing, 75% of my term is over in this Officer's Chair. I am always thinking of someone or more than someone when I write these letters – obviously it is not somebody who participates, but, one who does not. Is that you? Probably – do a reality check and ask yourself why did I miss so much fun? Set a goal for the New Year and come to at least TWO events (be it a breakfast, Friday Bingo or a featured event) surprise yourself – surprise me. I can't mention your name(s) but you know who I am thinking about!

I am an ELK; I care, I share

Hugh –Esteemed Lecturing Knight again

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PER Association Fund Raiser

By: PER Hugh Shepherd

The PER Association would like to thank everyone who attended for supporting the spaghetti dinner. You all braved very extreme winter conditions to make the evening a success. The proceeds from the event will be put toward improving the acoustical problems in the social quarters of "your" Lodge.

On behalf of the PER's I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Wandering Wapiti Camping Club

By: Marilyn Scheinost, Secretary/Treasurer

The Fort Collins/Loveland Elks Wandering Wapiti Camping Club hosted the State Elks Kampers State Convention on September 19-20, 2014 at Lakeside KOA in Fort Collins.

There were 39 rigs registered and 5 cabins rented with over 100 people present over the weekend. Our club had 25 members present.

We had a good time playing games, singing Karaoke, listening to music, dancing and eating great food! At the end of the weekend, we had 3 couples join our club from other clubs.



Memorial Service

Sunday, December 7th, 2014 9:30 AM
In Memory of Our Departed Members
Breakfast Immediately Following in
Club Room

MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members and their guest welcome.

Sunday – December 14th

Potluck – Bring a Dish to Share

11:30AM - ???

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NOTE: All photos will be taken in Fort Collins

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Secretary Notes

Decmber ISSUE 2014

We had the pleasure of hosting District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Sheril Wynne and her officers on Tuesday, October 7th. At the Lodge Meeting on Tuesday, November 4th we were honored to have Rick Stolte First Vice President of the Colorado Elks Association visit. We enjoyed having these distinguished members and know they found our Lodge to be in good order.

In an effort to help members plan,

I want to remind you the new Lodge Year will start on April 1st and Membership due notices will be sent out the first week of February.

As I look back on the last several years I have been involved with the Order of Elks and 804, I feel very blessed for the wonderful members I have met, our officers who work so hard to make this Lodge successful, our committee members and especially the members who volunteer their time. I'd like to thank Club Manager Bob Petri and his staff. We have had several large events the past few months and we have more in the coming month. Take time to thank the employees who work these events, work on Friday nights, at lunch, the evening shifts and on Saturday and Sunday. Don't forget to thank our Volunteer Bartender Ralph. We could not do it without them! Sometimes I feel we are moving slow to accomplish activities and I feel there is resistance to change or trying something new, but, *"you can tell when you're on the right track. It's usually uphill."* – Amish Proverb

Our annual Bowling Tournament against Loveland (Lodge 1051) to raise money for Elks National Foundation was fun and very successful. We finally brought the Traveling Trophy to Fort Collins – let's try and keep it for next year. Thanks to all of the members who participated this year and to PER Randy Kettenhofen for helping organize the event.

Joe Lucero found his membership number in the Echo and received a \$10.00 Gift Certificate toward lunch or dinner at the Lodge. Congratulations Joe! Congratulations to Bob Matney – Elk of the Month for October. Thanks to Terry Kettenhofen we have received our first \$100.00 from the sale of pictures displayed in the Lodge. This is an easy way for us to make a few extra dollars!

I wish all of you, your families and friends a blessed holiday season. Remember there are so many who are less fortunate than us – do whatever you can to make someone's life better – Elks Care – Elks Share

Joyce Bonanno

Secretary, Fort Collins Elks 804



Head Trustee Bill Rogers, Disrtrict Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Sheril Wynne and Exalted Ruler Cory Shortridge



Colorado State Elks First Vice President Rich Stolte
Visiitng with Al Dillman

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

December 2014

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

Mon Dec 1	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 2	Lodge 7PM
Wed Dec 3	Pool 5:30PM
Fri Dec 5	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Dec 6	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 7	Memorial Service 9:30AM/Breakfast Immediately Following Lodge Open/Football
Mon Dec 8	Lodge Closed
Wed Dec 10	Board Meeting 5:30PM Pool 5:30PM
Fri Dec 12	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Karaoke 6:30PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Dec 13	Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1:00PM
Sun Dec 14	Member Christmas Party Pot Luck 11:30AM- ??
Mon Dec 15	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 16	No Lodge Meeting/Private Party
Wed Dec 17	Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM Pool 5:30PM
Fri Dec 19	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Dec 20	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 21	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Dec 22	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 23	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Lodge Closed
Thur Dec 25	Christmas – Lodge Closed
Fri Dec 26	Lodge Closed
Sat Dec 27	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 28	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Dec 29	Lodge Closed
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

January 2015

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

Thu Jan 1	Lodge Closed New Year's Day
Fri Jan 2	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Jan 3	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Jan 4	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Jan 5	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 6	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 7	Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 9	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Karaoke 6:30PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jan 10	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Jan 11	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Jan 12	Lodge Open in Evening Western's
Wed Jan 14	BOD Meeting 5:30PM Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 16	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo – 6:30PM
Sat Jan 17	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jan 18	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Jan 19	Lodge Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tue Jan 20	Lodge Meeting 7PM First Nomination of Officers
Wed Jan 21	Pool 5:30PM Dinner Bridge/Dinner 6PM
Fri Jan 23	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
Sat Jan 24	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Jan 25	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Jan 26	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 27	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Jan 28	Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 30	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Karaoke 6:30PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat Jan 31	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available



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Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM
Sunday – Lodge Open 11AM (During Football Season)
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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.

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or Fax to

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or Call 493 3777

The ECHO is online at

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December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lodge Closed	2 Lodge Meeting 7PM	3 Pool 5:30PM	4	5 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	6 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
7 Memorial Service 9:30AM/Breakfast Immediately Following Lodge Open/Football	8 Lodge Closed	9	10 Board Meeting 5:30PM Pool 5:30PM	11	12 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib 5:30 - 8PM Karaoke 6:30PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	13 Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1:00PM
14 Member Christmas Party Pot Luck 11:30AM- ??	15 Lodge Closed	16 No Lodge Meeting/ Private Party	17 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM Pool 5:30PM	18	19 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	20 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
21 Lodge Open Football	22 Lodge Closed	23 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	24 Christmas Eve Lodge Closed	25 Christmas Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
28 Lodge Open Football	29 Lodge Closed	30	31 New Year's Eve Party			