

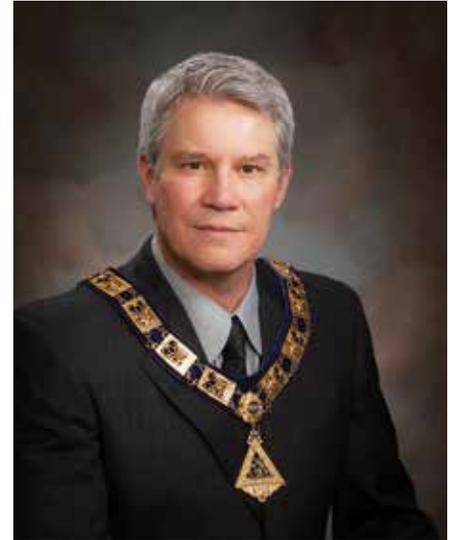
The Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks
Fort Collins Lodge #804

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Brothers and Sisters, I am excited to begin my year as Exalted Ruler of our Fort Collins Lodge #804 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I would like to thank the entire membership for placing your confidence in me to guide our lodge through another successful and exciting year. To those of you I see most often, in our social quarters and participating at Lodge functions and events, I want you to know that it is the character and spirit of Elkdom that I see in each of you that has, and will continue to inspire me, as I perform my duties as your Exalted Ruler. I would like to thank Cory Shortridge for his diligence and commitment to the office of Exalted Ruler this past year. Under his leadership our Lodge only grew stronger. I am certain we can expect even more from Cory as he steps into his new role as Lodge Trustee.



Our officers who have stepped down after serving their terms need to be acknowledged. Harold Anton has led us in prayer with conviction as Chaplain for many years. My friend, Bill Rogers has been dedicated to the Lodge finances during his 3 year term as Trustee and will continue to be an active member in the future. Hugh Shepherd graciously stepped forward to fill our vacancy in the chair of Lecturing Knight. During his year our entertainment committee events reached new heights. We will continue to benefit from his knowledge and commitment to the Order of Elks. Dana Cline, as Tiler, respectfully kept watch over the Ante Room and the Jewels of our Lodge. I thank each of them for their dedicated service and leadership.

Our members, Kenny Burkhard, John Gallison and Jim Chance have stepped forward to serve the Lodge as Loyal Knight, Chaplain and Tiler respectively. I am sure I speak for the entire membership in thanking them for sacrificing their time and energy over the coming year to serve as officers in our Lodge. And to our core of returning Officers, my Esquire, Tracey Callaghan; Leading Knight, Larry King; Lecturing Knight, Leslie Barela; Trustees, Joe McCarthy and Ron Hefner; Inner Guard, Laura Salas; Secretary, Joyce Bonanno; Treasurer, Charlie Thomas; Club Manager, Bob Petri and our Charitable Trustees, Josh Lehman and Brad March, I look forward to working with each of you again in the coming year and I trust that each of you will do your part to keep me moving in a direction that can only benefit and enhance our Lodge.

To the membership of 804, over the past several years I have had many opportunities to visit with Officers and members from lodges across our great state of Colorado. We should all be proud to be members of a Lodge that is near the top in all aspects of Elkdom. Let's build on the solid foundation that we have inherited and ensure that the best years of Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 are ahead of us.

And finally, the virtues of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity are much more than just words, they are deeds. If each of us strives to keep them close to our heart our Lodge will continue to thrive!

Fraternally-
Mike Sutton

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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Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Mike Sutton
Leading Knight	Larry King
Loyal Knight	Kenny Burkhard
Lecturing Knight	Leslie Barela
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Esquire	Tracey Callaghan
Inner Guard	Laura Salas
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplin	John Gallison
Head Trustee	Joe McCarthy
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1st Year Trustee	Cory Shortridge
Charitable Trustee	Josh Lehman
Charitable Trustee	Brad March
Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Hugh Shepherd
Club Manager	Bob Petri

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! April

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

1 Jerry Webber	14 Reinhold Stoll
2 Willis Smith	15 Lyle Beaumont
3 Jeff Bruce	15 Naveed Rizvi
3 Mike Vergara	16 Bill Tiley
3 Willard Wood	17 William Gibbens
4 Larry Howell	17 Donald Kelly
4 Cecil Jacobs	18 Jan Barela-Smith
5 Richard Miller	18 Gayle Watkinson
6 Jay Laetsch	19 Janell Barker
10 Richard Schott	20 James Brown
11 Tony Bonanno	20 Floyd (Doc) Holliday
11 Ray Gefroh	22 Stan Schilling
11 Larry Thyfault	24 Charlie Thomas
11 Bonnie Walker	26 Fritz Kitowski
12 Arnold Gonzales	28 Frank Currie
12 Taylor Hall	29 Andrew Gest
12 Kent Hendricks	29 Lee Skrdlant
12 Dean Rydholm	30 Rob Gilmour
14 Flory Peterson	

BAR BINGO

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
Starting At 6:30PM
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

The Echo deadline for May is April 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

Joyce Bonanno won the Queen of Hearts and Donated \$320.00 to Elks Help Special Needs.



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



Brian White
Steve Vessey
Eric Lea
Jerry Brown
Ed Morphet
Rob Gilmour
Tom Skillman
Nick Yobbagy
Al Dillman

Andrew Gest
Jay Bowser
Ken Clark
Alice Anton
Mike Peters
Ken Rodriguez
Roger Rogers
Larry Hulse
Jack Sigmund

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

Chair of Esteemed Lecturing Knight

First, I'd like to Thank Hugh Shepard for leading the Entertainment Committee for the 2014-2015 Lodge Year. They provided great entertainment all year long! I hope that we are able to meet the high standards they have set.

This Spring and Summer is filling up with great activities at our Lodge!

Please come join us for lots of fun as we laugh the night away with our first ever Comedy Night!

It will be Saturday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m., please see Hugh or the Bartender for tickets, it's a bargain at just \$12 per person! Get them soon, because this event will be opened up to the public!

Keep your ears open for details on May's activities! Our Entertainment Committee is sure to provide lots of fun for our members as we celebrate the event of the Kentucky Derby with great Horseraces, food and contests!

We've got lots more in store for the Summer..... our Luau, Car Show and Family Picnic, just to name a few. Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (April 28) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 5th 11AM-1PM

Reservations Required –Call the Lodge 493-3777

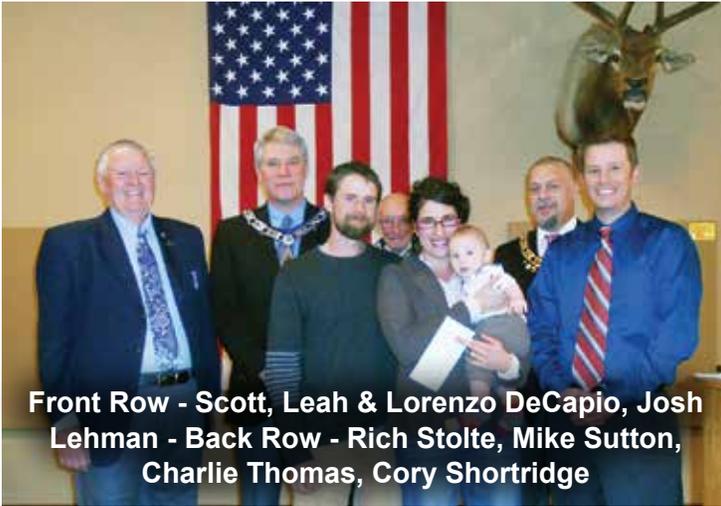
Adults \$13.00 – Children 8 and Under \$7.00

Menu: Carved baked pit ham, chicken pot pie casserole, quiche Florentine, roasted red potatoes with sweet bell peppers and onions, pasta salad, green garden tossed salad with choice of dressing, fresh fruit salad, homemade banana bread and white cake.

Bloody Mary and Mimosa Drink Special \$3.25

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

\$10,000.00 Grant for Flood Recovery



Front Row - Scott, Leah & Lorenzo DeCapio, Josh Lehman - Back Row - Rich Stolte, Mike Sutton, Charlie Thomas, Cory Shortridge

With a donation from the Meister Foundation the Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 Charitable Trust was able to present a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Scott, Leah and Lorenzo DeCapio to help with recovery from the 2013 flood. Colorado State Elks First Vice President Rich Stolte helped locate the DeCapio family. Rich and Sandy Stolte also sustained major damage to their home during the 2013 flood. The DeCapio family lost their home, art studio, car and gallery. Leah was home at the time. When she realized their home was in danger by the raging flood water, she climbed to the highest ground in the area and took shelter at a neighbor's house with other friends and community members. They were trapped on the "wrong" side of the water for days without any way to reach the outside world to let them know they were o.k. They were eventually rescued by a friend via a tyrolean traverse (zip line) over the water. Leah said she carried her dogs and chickens using the zip line. Because their home was not in a "flood plain", they did not have any flood insurance. Our Lodge is proud we have the opportunity to help the DeCapio family and we thank the Meister Foundation and First Vice President Rich for his involvement in finding this deserving family.



New Members Initiated on March 3, 2015 Chuck Irwin, Kenny Rodriguez, Keely Garren, Kathy Teembly, James Herning, Ralph Schledewitz



EVERYBODY
NEEDS TO
LAUGH!

THE FIRST
BIG EVENT
OF THE NEW
YEAR

ELKS LODGE
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A Great show for Members and Guests.

7:00 P.M.
SAT. APRIL 18

COMEDY EXTRAVAGANZA

Andy Kern and Friends

Andy has performed in Comedy Clubs, Colleges, Military Bases and Casinos from Canada to California. Andy has appeared on VH1 and Comedy Central.

\$12 PER PERSON

PRE-PAID / TABLES CAN BE RESERVED!

CASH BAR



Americanism Essay Award Winners Emma Fields - 1st Place, Sydney Reinke -2nd Place, Haile Auch - 3rd Place



Americanism Committee Members and Winners

Secretary Notes

March 2015

Thanks to the members who have already paid their 2015-2016 dues. It is important dues be paid promptly. The Lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge and State Assessments of approximately \$7,000.00. Prompt payment of your dues helps us meet this obligation. The key card locks will be changed on Wednesday, April 1st and you will need the "yellow" card for entry into the Lodge. Remember, by the Statutes of the Order, delinquent members cannot be a guest of a member in good standing and they are not allowed to use the Club Facilities.

The Flying Pig Run will be held on Sunday, April 12th beginning at 9AM. This event is held by Foothills Gateway and is a fundraiser to benefit families in the Family Support Services Program. The funds are designated to assist families who provide support, at home, to their family member with a cognitive disability or a developmental delay. Our Lodge donated \$2,500.00 to help support this event. If you would like to participate at the Elks Booth – please see me.

By the time you receive this edition of the Echo, the new officers for 2015-2016 will be in place. Be sure and come to the Lodge Meetings so you can get to know the members who have taken the Obligation to represent you and our Lodge.

Long time Elk Member Don Svedman was recently awarded the Pioneer of the Year for his lifetime of service to northern Colorado and the state. Growing up Don was very active in 4-H, farming, and all agricultural interests. His experiences served him well later in life when he became the state deputy commissioner of agriculture. Don served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, served with the National Western Stock Show in Denver and the Colorado Hereford Association. When you see Don at the Lodge congratulate him on this prestigious award.

Respectively Submitted:

Joyce Bonanno – Lodge Secretary



**Where is this
for April?**

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.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

April 2015

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

Fri Apr 03 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Cod Special
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat Apr 04 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun Apr 05 Buffet/Easter
11AM-1PM

Mon Apr 06 Lodge Closed

Tue Apr 07 Lodge Meeting

Wed Apr 08 Board Meeting 5:30PM

Fri Apr 10 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Prime Rib Special
Elk Members Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat Apr 11 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun Apr 12 Foothills Gateway
Flying Pig Run/Walk

Mon Apr 13 Lodge Closed

Wed Apr 15 Bridge Night 6PM Dinner
Bridge 7PM

Fri Apr 17 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat Apr 18 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available
Comedy Extravaganza 7PM

Sun Apr 19 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon Apr 20 Lodge Closed

Tue Apr 21 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri Apr 24 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Elk Members Only for Texas Hold-Em
Spring Quarterly Denver Marriott South

Sat Apr 25 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available
Spring Quarterly/DD Meeting Denver
Marriott South

Sun Apr 26 Lodge Closed

Mon Apr 27 Lodge Closed

Tue Apr 28 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

May 2015

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

Fri May 01 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat May 02 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available
Kentucky Derby Event

Sun May 03 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon May 04 Lodge Closed

Tue May 05 Lodge Meeting 7PM
Scholarship Awards

Fri May 08 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Prime Rib Special
Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat May 09 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 10 Mother's Day Buffet

Mon May 11 Lodge Closed

Wed May 13 Board of Directors 5:30PM
Dinner Bridge 6PM

Fri May 15 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat May 16 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 17 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon May 18 Lodge Closed

Tue May 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri May 22 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM

Sat May 23 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 24 Lodge Closed

Mon May 25 Lodge Closed

Tue May 26 Entertainment Committee Meeting
5:30PM

Fri May 29 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Elk Members Only Texas-Hold Em

Sat May 30 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 31 Lodge Closed



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION
 Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM
 Sunday – Lodge Closed
 Monday – Lodge Closed
 Office Open Tuesday-Thursday 10AM-3PM
 Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM
 Friday Night Dinners 5:00-7:30PM
 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-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.w

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April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Friday Night Dinner Cod Special 5:30 - 7:30PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	4 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
5 Easter Breakfast Buffet 11AM- 1PM	6 Lodge Closed	7 Lodge Meeting 7PM	8 Board Meeting 5:30PM	9	10 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:30 - 7:30PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	11 Lodge Opens at 11AM
12 Foothills Gateway Flying Pig Run/Walk	13 Lodge Closed	14	15 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM	16	17 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 M Bar Bingo 6:30PM	18 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Comedy Extravaganza 7PM
19 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lodge Meeting 7PM	22	23	24 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold em 7PM Spring Quarterly Denver Marriott South	25 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Spring Quarterly/ DD Meeting Denver Marriott South
26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed	28 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	29	30		