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

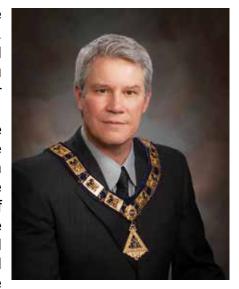
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Let me start this month's letter by thanking each of you that wished me well and kept me in your thoughts following my recent motorcycle accident. I was genuinely touched to hear that I was mentioned during Sickness and Distress at our Lodge meeting and also at the Greeley meeting. How can you not heal quickly when you have so many of the 'Best People on Earth' in your corner? Thanks again!

This past weekend I traveled with our Leading Knight, Larry King, to the fall quarterly in Grand Junction, CO. Heading west up 1-70 I got my first taste of winter this season. It didn't take long for winter to catch up to us here in Fort Collins as we woke up to our first snow this week. While there, we were able to visit the Grand Junction Lodge and were treated to a wonderful tour of their building. This visit should be a must for all Elks members traveling to the western slope! It is a magnificent building with early 1900's architecture and features one of the most stunning Lodge rooms I have ever seen, with a stained glass dome in the center and stained glass 'Tablets of Memory' encircling the room, it's truly a sight to behold! We were allowed to snoop around in the



attic hoping for a chance to meet their resident ghost, Chuck, but unfortunately he did not make his presence known that evening. We were also welcomed into the Glenwood Springs and Idaho Springs lodges and treated with tours and fraternal hospitality. I would recommend stopping in for a visit as you travel the I-70 corridor. During the General Session Sunday morning, Rick Gathen, the Grand Lodge Membership/Public Relations Manager, gave a riveting presentation on attracting and keeping new members, getting members involved and strengthening our individual lodges. I hope we can put some of his ideas to use in Fort Collins as we continue to build our membership and move into the future. On an all too familiar topic to us in Fort Collins, Rick spoke about many of the aging Lodge buildings across the country and how many are becoming financial liabilities for the lodges. In need of renovation, with a high cost to maintain and in some cases a need to relocate the lodge, it seems inevitable that more of our grand old buildings may start to disappear. All the more reason to take advantage of your membership in the Elks and visit these lodges as you are traveling throughout Colorado and the rest of the country.

As we head into the last quarter of our Elks year, it is not too early to start thinking about our officer core for 2016-2017. I encourage all members, new and old alike to stay involved in the lodge. Volunteer for a committee, attend meetings and events and help 804 grow stronger. If you have an interest in serving as an officer of the lodge, let one of the current officers know. The final quarterly meeting of the Colorado Elks Association will be held in Colorado Springs the weekend of January 29th. Many of the breakout sessions provide invaluable information on Elks Committees, Activities, Major Projects, Officer Training, Leadership Development and many other topics. Consider attending to learn more about the Elks, meet members of other lodges and strengthen yourself as a member of our great order.

I hope to see you all at the Lodge!

Mike Sutton
Exalted Ruler
Fort Collins Elks Lodge # 804

Welcome New Employee Heidi Blasenak



### ELKS 804 LEGACY PROJECT HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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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### December

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

- Joseph Curby
- Duane Jansen
- Bill Brier
- 7 **Donald Barrett**
- Lupe Salazar
- Gerald Schilling
- Richard Thompson
- 10 Steve Diltz
- 11 Danial Larsen
- 12 James Weisser
- 13 John Morrison, Jr
- 13 John Watson
- 15 Albert Summerall
- 17 Marvin McKay
- Mike Grounds
- **Durane Hanson**

- 20 Peter Callaghan
- Kenneth Doty
- **Howard Jones**
- Joe Sullivan
- 22 Milo Ohlsen
- Cary Rick Bott
- Paul Fangman
- 25 Ed Nix
- 26 Thomas Kasari
- 27 Ralph Schledewitz
- 28 Drexel Cloos
- 28 George Van Arsdale
- 29 Jack Hall
- 29 Kevin Nelson
- **Donald Wenzel**
- Shelly Castillon



**New Members** 

Ralph Williams, Ron Hallam, Brian Zick & David Hanson



Are you looking for a special holiday gift for family or friends? Terry Kettenhofen, Proprietor of The Dream Merchant, is offering a special on the beautiful artwork displayed throughout the Lodge.

You can buy 2 pieces of art and get a third one for free (of equal or lessor value). Contact Terry at 888-429-0288 or terryketten@gmail.com for additional information. All checks for purchase of the art must be made out to The Dream Merchant. No payment can be made directly to the Lodge. Terry will donate 20% of the sales to the Lodge. This is an easy way to support the Lodge and get your Christmas shopping done! Stop by the Lodge and to find that perfect gift or new unique artwork for your home.

#### **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

No Happy Elks This Month



Larry Howell
John Medlin
Dave Smyser
Ken Roach
Johnny Cash
Tom Kasari
George Van Arsdale

Jay Laetsch
Russ Mann
Sean Shortridge
Deanna Kerscher
Don Yohon

Ray Gefroh



You missed your opportunity!

Kevin Nelson Kurt Sutlzman Andy Miller Jason Tomsic Howard Jones Matt Davis Pam Miller Jerry Brown Chad Nordtvedt Mike Vergara Robert Rodgers Ron Hallam

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

#### From the Station of the Loyal Knight

Holiday Greetings from the Loyal Knight's station. Our House Committee continues to refine our many duties to better serve our members. If you happen to stop by the Lodge during the day you might run into Sallie Raynalds, our new custodian. Sallie has done an excellent job at keeping our Lodge Home clean, neat and well supplied. We thank her for her efforts. Also, we have recently added Heidi Blasenak to our bar and server staff. Heidi's pleasant smile, friendly manner and efficient service are a welcome addition to Lodge 804.

With the coming season we will be adding some "holiday" beverage offerings at the bar. Also, look for some new menu items and appetizers coming out of the kitchen. Feel free to let us know what you enjoy as we strive to make 804 a premiere Lodge.

P.S. Note the new additions and signage in the rear parking lot. Fraternally,

Tony Bonanno - Loyal Knight - BPOE 804





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#### From the Lecturing Knight

#### Merry Christmas Brother and Sister Elks!

Thank you to everyone who came out and cheered on the Rams to a WIN during the Border War in Wyoming! Special Thanks to Hugh Shepard and Mark Cooper for getting us set-up to stream the game!

Hopefully these dates are already on your calendar:

Saturday December 5 – Children's Shopping Spree – thank you to everyone who has volunteered to chaperone a child for this event. We will have a quick informational meeting on Wednesday December 2nd at 5:30 at the lodge, so that the event will be quick and efficient for everybody on Saturday.

Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 pm -- Member's Christmas Party at the lodge, it will be an Old Fashioned Potluck.

Saturday, December 12 FROM 11:00 am to 1:00 pm -- Children's Christmas Party – we will have crafts, food, a face painter, a balloon artist and SANTA CLAUS! As always, your help and participation is always appreciated!

Bring Your Dancing Shoes and your friends to the Lodge on **Thursday**, **December 31!** Kenny Cordova and the Olde Rock Band will be here providing entertainment for New Year's Eve! Music starts at 9:00 p.m. Get your tickets early, this event is open to members and their guests. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE BAR.** 

We are always in need of volunteers for our events! Please Contact Terri Lion, our Event Volunteer Coordinator, to help out at lodge events.

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (December 22) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas! This will be our last meeting of the year and we will be finishing up details on New Year's Eve!

Fraternally, Leslie Barela Lecturing Knight

The Echo deadline for January is December 13th.

Please send all Echo articles and information
on events to joyce.bonanno@gmail.com



Peter Callaghan Receiving Elk of The Month for September





### Where is this for December Issue?

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

#### **BAR BINGO**

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

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



Skip Walker Receiving Elk of the Month for October

#### **King Soopers and Safeway Have a Deal for Our Lodge**

Member Skip Walker recently suggested a great idea to bring in extra money for our Lodge, and it takes very little effort on the part of members. Just shop as you normally do at King Soopers or Safeway and the company will put 5% of your purchases into an account to be distributed to #804 once every four weeks. It doesn't cost you a penny – AND you don't forfeit any of the rewards that you get when you use your store cards. Every purchase still goes towards gas points or other rewards.

You simply use cash, debit or credit card to reload your #804 card when you get to the register but before you check out. Then you swipe your King Soopers or Safeway card and present your #804 card to pay. It's that simple.

All we need to do is spend \$5,000 a month collectively from each store in a four week period to earn \$250 for our Lodge. Just think, if members averaged \$200 in grocery spending a month, it would only take 25 members using their cards to earn us \$250 each month!

Cards will be available for purchase on Wednesday and Friday nights or in the office from Secretary Joyce beginning this month. Each card has been loaded for \$10 and that is the cost of the card for you to get started. Just add the amount you think you are going to spend on each shop you do. Any excess on the card remains, and you just reload each time you shop.

It's a no brainer folks! It couldn't be easier to support our Lodge and help us do the great work in the community.

Leading Knight Larry King





#### **Meat Bob Petri**

Our chef extraordinaire, Bob Petri, is offering for sale

small cuts of frozen top sirloin in varying weights. These are the very low-fat trimmings from the great sirloin steaks served at the Lodge. It would make excellent stews, fajitas, stroganoff, chili,

Bob is offering to sell this meat at his average cost price of \$4.50 per pound.

That's about \$1.00 less than Safeway's advertised special price of \$5.49 per pound and King Soopers \$5.99 per pound for stew meat.

So stop in during the day and speak with Bob about this great deal. Hurry, quantities are limited.



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### Secretary Notes – December 2015 Echo

Happy Holiday Season to you and your families. It does not seem possible it is December 2015. Always remember those less fortunate than us and do something, no matter how small, to help someone in need.

Thanks to Barb and Larry King and Bob Petri for all of the work they have done on our kitchen inventory and to Matt Snodderly on the bar inventory. Chris and Terri Lion, Linda and Skip Walker, Joe Lucero, Tomas and Lina Gonzales, Linda and Ron Hefner, Mike Sutton, Tony Bonanno, Jean and Bill Rogers, Kathy Novosad, Ralph Williams, Barb and Larry King, Richard Rein, Jim Chance, Al Dillman, and Al Minatta have worked hard this past month to get the Lodge, lawn and the parking lot in good order. Ralph Jordan – thanks for all of your volunteer time. Hugh Shepherd, once again, you out did yourself on the Mystery Trip. For those of you who have not heard, we went to Glenwood Springs on the train – what a great time we had! I heard Hugh is already planning the next one. If you have not noticed, we now have the corner stone from the downtown lodge placed in front of the Mulberry Lodge. Tony Bonanno, Tomas Gonzales and Joe Lucero thanks for your efforts to get this accomplished. Thanks to Cory Shortridge for making sure we had the equipment to move it. The Entertainment Committee headed up by Leslie Barela has been working hard on the Shopping Spree, Children's Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party. Thanks to everyone on this committee who takes their time to get involved. We can always use more help. Let Leslie know if you are interested. Gary Riedel works on our Echo, posters and awards – I appreciate all of his help. Thanks to the members who helped with the CSU Concession Stand. We made money for the Lodge and for our Elks Help Special Needs projects. We can always count on Charlie Thomas and Al Dillman to be here on Friday nights to run the Queen of Hearts. Richard Rein has been making sure our bar towels are clean. For the members who come out on Wednesday & Friday nights and support our restaurant, members who work the Sunday breakfasts, cooks and servers on Lodge nights I appreciate all you do for the Lodge and Club. Bob does an excellent job with the menu items he prepares. For those of you who have not been down for lunch or Friday night dinners, stop by. You will not find a better meal at a reasonable price any place in Fort Collins.

We had our yearly District Deputy Visit on November 17, everything was in good order. Thanks to Bob

Petri for the wonderful dinner he prepared for our visitors and all of the officers who worked so hard to make sure we were in compliance with everything. A special thanks to Shelly Castillon for her diligence in keeping our financial records in good order.

Denise Clynes did not find her member number in the November Echo so she missed out on \$10.00 certificate. Kathy Lucero won the "Where Is This" contest for November. The location of the picture was the east side of the Safeway building on Remington and Mulberry. Congratulations Kathy! 8123

We need your support to make your Lodge and Club profitable. Come down for a drink after work, attend the Wednesday night buffet and Friday night dinners. Propose a friend or family member to join the Order of Elks. We are a great organization and we do a tremendous amount of charity for our Community and have fun while we are helping those in need. Be sure and attend Lodge Meetings, this is where you meet members and find out what is going on in the Lodge.

As I mentioned in a previous Echo I am looking for someone to take over the responsibility of doing the Echo. If you are interested, let me know. Have a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year Joyce Bonanno

Joyce Bonanno Secretary/PER



Mark Naber Hard to Loose a Bet!

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

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November 2015		Januar	January 2016			
(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager			(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager			
	n Saturday/Sunday)		n Saturday/Sunday)			
Tue Dec 1	Lodge Meeting 7PM	Fri Jan 01	•			
Wed Dec 2	Lodge Opens at 3PM		New Year's Day/Lodge Closed			
Wed Dec 2	Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00	Sat Jan 02	Lodge Opens at Noon			
	.50 off all drinks 4-6PM	0 1 00	Food Available			
Fri Dec 4	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Sun Jan 03	Breakfast 9:00-11:30AM			
111200 1	Bar Bingo 6:30PM		Bronco's VS Chargers @ 2:25PM			
Sat Dec 5	Lodge Opens at Noon	Mon Jan 04	Lodge Closed			
	Food Available/Private Party PM	Tue Jan 05	Lodge Meeting 7PM			
Sun Dec 6	Breakfast 9:00-10:30AM	Wed Jan 06	Lodge Opens at 3PM			
	Memorial Service 11AM-Noon		Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00			
	Member Pot Luck Christmas Party 1PM		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM			
Mon Dec 7	Lodge Closed		Cribbage			
Tue Dec 8	Board Meeting 5:30PM	Fri Jan 08	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM			
Wed Dec 9	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Prime Rib Special			
	Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00		Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM			
	50 off all drinks 4-6PM	Sat Jan 09	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available			
	Cribbage		Wild Card Round			
	Private Party in Dining Room	Sun Jan 10	Lodge Open/Wild Card Round			
Fri Dec 11	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Mon Jan 11	Lodge Closed			
Cat Dag 40	Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	Tue Jan 12	Board of Directors 5:30PM			
Sat Dec 12	Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1:00PM	Wed Jan 13				
Sun Dec 13	Lodge Open for Football	Wed Jan 13	Lodge Opens at 3PM			
Mon Dec 14 Tue Dec 15	Lodge Closed		Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00			
Wed Dec 16	Lodge Meeting 7PM Lodge Opens at 3PM		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM			
Wed Dec 10	Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00		Cribbage			
	.50 off all drinks 4-6PM	Fri Jan 15	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM			
	Bridge 7PM	_	Bar Bingo 6:30PM			
	Cribbage	Sat Jan 16	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available			
Fri Dec 18	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM		Divisional Round			
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM	Sun Jan 17	Breakfast 9-11:30AM			
	Elks Only Texas Hold-em Lodge Room 7PM		Divisional Round			
Sat Dec 19	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available	Mon Jan 18	Lodge Closed			
	Private Parties PM	Tue Jan 19	Lodge Meeting 7PM			
Sun Dec 20	Lodge Open/Football	Wed Jan 20	Lodge Opens at 3PM			
	3rd Sunday Breakfast 9-11:30AM		Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00			
Mon Dec 21	Lodge Closed/First Day of Winter		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM			
Tue Dec 22	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM		Cribbage			
Wed Dec 23	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Bridge @ 7PM			
	Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00	Fri Jan 22	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM			
	.50 off all drinks 4-6PM	Sat Jan 23	Lodge Opens at Noon			
Thur Dag 24	Cribbage	out out. 20	Food Available			
Thur Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Lodge Closed	Sun Jan 24	Lodge Open/Conference Championships			
Fri Dec 25 Sat Dec 26	Christmas – Lodge Closed	Mon Jan 25	Lodge Closed			
San Dec 20 Sun Dec 27	Lodge Closed Lodge Open/Football	Tue Jan 26	Entertainment Committee Meeting 5:30PM			
Mon Dec 28	Lodge Closed		_			
Tue Dec 29	Lodge Open	Wed Jan 27	Lodge Opens at 3PM			
Wed Dec 30	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00			
1100 D00 00	Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00		.50 Off All drinks 4-6PM			
	.50 off all drinks 4-6PM	<b>-</b>	Cribbage			
	Cribbage	Fri Jan 29	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM			
Thu Dec 31	New Year's Eve Celebration		Elk Members Only Texas-Hold Em			
	9PM-Midnight Featuring	Sat Jan 30	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available			
	Kenny Cordova & The Olde Time Band	Sun Jan 31	Lodge Closed			

Hours of Operation- Fall/Winter Saturday - Lodge Open at 12PM Sunday - Lodge Open for Football- 11AM Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9-11:30AM

Office Hours Tuesday to Thursday Closed Monday & Friday

Club Monday Club Closed Tuesday Wednesday \*11:30AM -10 PM \*Club Opens at 3PM \*11:30AM - 10PM Thursday \*11:30AM - 11PM Friday

Friday - Dinner Served 5:00 - 8PM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Is Prime Rib Special Lunch served Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Lodge Open at 12PM

Lodge Meeting First & Third Tuesday of the Month at 7PM

\*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion

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

### December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Lodge Meeting 7PM	Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM		Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
6 Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Memorial Service 11AM-Noon Member Pot Luck Christmas Party 1PM	7  Lodge Closed	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM	9 Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage Private Party in Dining Room	10	11 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	12 Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1:00PM
Lodge Open/	14  Lodge Closed	15  Lodge Meeting 7PM	Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	17	18 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em Lodge Room 7PM	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Private Parties PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Lodge Open/Football 3rd Sunday Breakfast 9-11:30AM	Lodge Closed First day of Winter	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	Christmas Eve Lodge Closed	Christmas Day Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed
27	28	29	30	31		
Lodge Open/Football	Lodge Closed	Lodge Open	Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	New Year's Eve Celebration		