

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
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Brothers and Sisters-

This past weekend our Lodge competed against the Loveland Lodge in our annual bowling tournament. The proceeds from the tournament entry fees along with any per pin pledges the bowlers collected benefit the Elks National Foundation, or ENF.

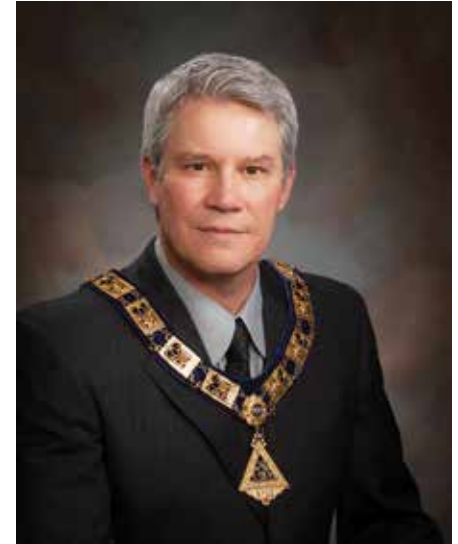
Here's a short lesson on procrastination. That was as far as I got on my article about the ENF. I had started it on Thursday, October 15th, which happened to be my deadline to submit my article for publication in the Echo. I planned on finishing it that evening when I got home from work and sending it to Gary so he could get the issue finished and in the mail on time. Fate, however would not be on my side that day. As many of you know, on my way home from work that afternoon, my motorcycle and I were involved in an unfortunate incident. The Harley went down and a second or two later so did I. The bike has yet to be seen by a doctor, but its injuries seem minor. I have been seen by several doctors and will probably take a little bit longer to heal up. Overall, I count myself as lucky, most of my injuries are superficial, although fairly extensive. It'll just take time to let everything heal. Today is Monday, October 19th, (sorry Gary!) and I consider it a gift to be sitting here typing this letter. Thanks to everyone who has checked up on me and offered any help I may need! I appreciate it more than I probably expressed.

You all probably would have thought the ENF article was boring anyway, but beware, I will finish it!

Be Careful Out There! And, watch for motorcycles, they can be hard to see!

Cya at the Lodge-

Mike Sutton  
Exalted Ruler  
Fort Collins Elks Lodge # 804



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Consider a gift to the Elks National Foundation when reviewing your dues statement. Your gift supports the ENF's mission to help Elks build stronger communities, and you'll assist us in reaching our Lodge's per-capita goal.

You invest. You give back. You help Elks build stronger communities. To learn more about the Elks National Foundation, its grants, giving options or recognition opportunities, visit [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf).

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## 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!!

### November

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

3 Jay Bowser	19 Richasrd Haynes
3 Jeanette Namuth	20 Gene Barker
4 Gary Perman	20 Sean Shortridge
5 Jim Chance	20 Nick Yobbagy
5 Larry Hawe	21 Harold Anton
7 Ken Carson	21 Frank Barela
7 Paul Marick	21 Mike Jones
7 Dave Parrish	22 Darwin Stengaard
7 Robert Swerer	23 Victor Mercado
8 Roger Rogers	25 Terry Keating
12 Dave Swinehart	25 Phillip White
13 Ronald Brown	27 Chad Nordtvedt
14 Randy Reider	29 Tomas Gonzales
16 Ken Clark	30 Matt Doyle
16 Richard Deines	30 Laurie Hart
16 Edwin Hanson	30 Mark Mekelburg
16 Skip Walker	30 Barry Shuler



### New Member

Bruce Potter with Wife Mary Alice McGee



## 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

Happy Elk Charlie Thomas  
Won \$150.00 on the Bean Pot  
Drawing!

Happy Elk George Van Arsdale  
Won \$50.00 on the Bean Pot  
Drawing!



## SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!



Ty Smith  
Jim Kincaid  
Kevin Nelson  
Robert Ellis  
Dave Van Lanen  
Jay Bowser  
Steve Ryan  
Joe Sullivan  
Bob Wingert  
Tom Ellison

Lee Fotsch  
Mike Zaloudek  
Hal West  
Shelly Castillon  
Paul Merrick  
Kenny Forbes  
Mike Jones  
Ted Schilling  
Sean Shortridge  
Jim Herning

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

## Important Dates in December

### Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday – December 5th**  
**Children's Shopping Spree**  
(See Leslie Barela, Dana and Cory  
Shortridge to Help)

**Sunday – December 6th**  
**9:00-10:30AM – Breakfast**  
**11:00AM - Noon – Memorial**  
**Service**

**1:00PM – Member Pot Luck**  
**Christmas Party**

**Saturday – December 12th**  
**11:00AM-1:00PM**  
**Christmas Party for Member's**  
**Children and Grand Children**

**Thursday, December 31st**  
**New Year's Eve Event – Kenny**  
**Cordova and the Olde Time Band**  
**Playing 9:00-Midnight**  
**\$15.00 Per Person in advance -**  
**\$20.00 At the Door. Light snacks**  
**and champagne toast included.**  
**Opened to Members and Guests.**

**The Lodge will be closed**  
**December 24, 25 and 26. We**  
**will open at 11AM on Sunday,**  
**December 27th.**



## From the Station of the Loyal Knight House Committee Report

In an effort to better serve our members the House Committee is on the move with hiring a new Assistant Manager, Matthew Snodderly. Also, Club Manager, Bob Petri, will be adding some new specials to our food menu.

Matt's primary focus will be to assist Bob with scheduling staff, bar inventory and services, and enhancing the bar and club room experience for our members. Stop and say hello to "Mattie" and let him serve you your favorite beverage, or try something new. Matt has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the tavern business and will be an asset to Lodge 804.

Plus, there is more to come with our new look and additions to our service and events. But that is another story. Stay tuned. 8136

Fraternally,  
Tony Bonanno

## BAR BINGO

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month

Starting At 6:30PM

\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

The Echo deadline for December is November 13th.  
Please send all Echo articles and information  
on events to [joyce.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.bonanno@gmail.com)



## Where is this for November 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



Al Minatta Elk of the Month For August 2015



Ron Zais receiving Award for contributing \$1,000.00 to the Elks National Foundation



Cory Receiving Award for Membership Increase

## Special November Birthdays

We have several members who are celebrating their birthdays this month. These members are all over 78 years of age with at least 35 years of service to the Order of Elks – They are:

**Robert Swerer** – 87 – an Elk for 51 Years  
**Richard Deines** – 81 – an Elk for 50 Years  
**Ed Hanson** – 79 – an Elk for 48 Years  
**Gene Barker** – 91 – an Elk for 35 Years  
**Harold Anton** – 80 – an Elk for 38 Years  
**Phil White** – 90- an Elk for 51 Years  
**Barry Shuler** – 85 – an Elk for 47 Years

The Officers and Members of 804 wish all of you a very special birthday!

## Appreciation Breakfast for Veterans & Active Duty Military

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Under the Pavilion Weather Permitting

Served 8:30-11:00AM

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,

Orange Juice & Coffee

Veterans & Active Duty Military – Free

Other Adults: \$6.00

Children 6 and Under: \$3.00



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## From the Lecturing Knight

Salutations Brother and Sister Elks!

WOW! We had some amazing chile and we heard some excellent Elk Calls at this year's Elktober Fest! Thanks to everyone who participated, it was a great time and was enjoyed by all!

Saturday November 7, Our Colorado State Football team will be in Laramie for the Border War, WE will be at 804 Watching the Game! Come Join Us for an Appetizer Pot Luck! Time is TBD as it has not yet been published, but we will be there at Kick-Off Time!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

**Saturday December 5** – Children's Shopping Spree – we need volunteers just as last year to chaperone each child during the shopping spree..... Contact Cory or Dana Shortridge or myself.

**Sunday, December 6** -- Member's Christmas Party at the lodge, it will be an Old Fashioned Potluck, and

Saturday, December 12 -- Children's Christmas Party. 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! Get your tickets early, this event is open to members and their guests. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW**

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

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (November 24) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas!

Fraternally,  
 Leslie Barela  
 Lecturing Knight

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## The Bowling Challenge



## Wandering Wapiti



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### November 2015

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

Sun-Nov 1	Breakfast 9-11:30AM/\$7.00 Open for Football/Daylight Savings Ends
Mon-Nov 2	Lodge Closed
Tue-Nov 3	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed-Nov 4	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu-Nov 5	Open House 5:30-8:30PM
Fri-Nov 6	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat-Nov 7	Veterans & Active Duty Military Appreciation Breakfast 8:30-11AM CSU Watch Party Time TBD Bring a Pot Luck Dish to Share
Sun-Nov 8	Lodge Open For Football
Mon-Nov 9	Lodge Closed During the Day Westerns' Dinner/Bar Open to Members
Tue-Nov 10	Board of Directors 5:30PM
Wed-Nov 11	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM PER Meeting 5:30PM
Fri-Nov 13	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat-Nov 14	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun-Nov 15	Lodge Open for Football Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in the Lodge Room \$5.00 (In place of 3rd Sunday Breakfast)
Mon-Nov 16	Lodge Closed
Tue-Nov 17	Lodge Meeting – 7PM/DD Visit
Wed-Nov 18	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Bridge Night/Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri-Nov 20	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat-Nov 21	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun-Nov 22	Lodge Open for Football
Mon-Nov 23	Lodge Closed
Tues-Nov 24	Bob's Turkey Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed-Nov 25	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
Thu-Nov 26	Thanksgiving/Lodge Closed
Fri-Nov 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Nov 28	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Nov 29	Lodge Open for Football
Mon-Nov 30	Lodge Closed

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Tue Dec 1	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Dec 2	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM
Fri Dec 4	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Dec 5	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available/Private Party PM
Sun Dec 6	Breakfast 9:00-10:30AM Memorial Service 11AM-Noon Member Pot Luck Christmas Party 1PM
Mon Dec 7	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 8	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Dec 9	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM
Fri Dec 11	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Dec 12	Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1:00PM
Sun Dec 13	Lodge Open for Football
Mon Dec 14	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 15	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Dec 16	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri Dec 18	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Dec 19	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Private Parties PM
Sun Dec 20	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Dec 21	Lodge Closed/First Day of Winter
Tue Dec 22	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Dec 23	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM
Thur Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Lodge Closed
Fri Dec 25	Christmas – Lodge Closed
Sat Dec 26	Lodge Closed
Sun Dec 27	Lodge Open/Football
Mon Dec 28	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 29	Lodge Open
Wed Dec 30	Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM
Thu Dec 31	New Year's Eve Celebration 9PM-Midnight Featuring Kenny Cordova & The Olde Time Band





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**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** Closed Monday & Friday  
**Tuesday to Thursday** 10AM-3PM  
**Club**  
**Monday** Club Closed  
**Tuesday** \*11:30AM -10 PM  
**Wednesday** \*Club Opens at 3PM  
**Thursday** \*11:30AM - 10PM  
**Friday** \*11:30AM - 11PM  
**Friday - Dinner Served 5:00 - 8PM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Is Prime Rib Special**  
**Lunch served Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11:30AM - 1:30PM**  
**Saturday** Lodge Open at 12PM  
**Lodge Meeting** First & Third Tuesday of the Month at 7PM  
**\*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion**

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The ECHO is online at  
[www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org)

# November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Lodge Open/Football Daylight Savings ends	<b>2</b> Lodge Closed	<b>3</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM	<b>4</b> Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM	<b>5</b> Open House 5:30-8:30PM	<b>6</b> Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>7</b> Veterans & Active Duty Military Appreciation Breakfast 8:30-11AM CSU Watch Party Time TBD, Pot Luck
<b>8</b> Lodge Open/Football	<b>9</b> Lodge Closed during the day Westerns Dinner/ Lounge Open-Evening	<b>10</b> Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM	<b>11</b> Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM PER Meeting 5:30PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	<b>14</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>15</b> Lodge Open/ Football Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in the Lodge Room \$5.00 (In place of 3rd Sunday Breakfast)	<b>16</b> Lodge Closed	<b>17</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM DD Visit	<b>18</b> Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge 6PM Bridge 7PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>21</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>22</b> Lodge Open/Football	<b>23</b> Lodge Closed	<b>24</b> Bob's Turkey Lunch Served 11:30AM- 1:30PM Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	<b>25</b> Lodge Opens at 3PM Pool 5:30PM/Food Available .50 off all drinks 4-6PM	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving/ Lodge Closed	<b>27</b> Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Mystery Trip (10/23 to 10/25)	<b>28</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>29</b> Lodge Open/Football	<b>30</b> Lodge Closed	<b>31</b>				