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Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 804,

I am honored to serve our Lodge as the Exalted Ruler for the coming year. I am also grateful for the leadership and dedication provided by PER Larry King and the officers and board members who served Lodge 804 during the past year. I will look for guidance and support from our PER group during my term. I would also value input from our members regarding conducting the business of our Lodge.

Having served as an officer of Lodge 804, I have been involved with many aspects of our business operations and charitable efforts. Fort Collins Lodge 804 has a good record for meeting our local charitable goals, Elks National Foundation per capita contributions, community project participation, and academic and vocational scholarship offerings. However, our Lodge Home is in need of some equipment upgrades and faces increasing costs for utilities and maintenance. Additionally, we need to establish a capital improvement fund for replacing failed equipment.

Our Lodge Home is a vital source of our fundraising efforts for charitable causes and for member activities. Lodge meetings, where voting and decisions on policy are made, take place in our Lodge Home. Celebrations and holiday events occur at our Lodge Home. Member gatherings, dinners, dances, card player and pool player events happen in our Lodge Home. Broncos, Rockies, CSU and other sporting events are watched at our Lodge Home. However, some lodges in Colorado and other states have faced closing and/or reduced hours based on the rising costs of overhead, utilities, staffing and maintenance.

Addressing these issues now will enable Lodge 804 to develop a sustainable business plan to meet our building needs for the foreseeable future and still maintain our high standard of food and beverage service and our energetic commendable charitable efforts.

One of the duties of the Exalted Ruler is to “preside with impartiality.” I invite all members to join me this coming year in securing a safe and prosperous future for our Lodge Home by doing their part in participating in the programs and activities outlined by our Board of Directors. If you have ideas and/or concerns talk to an officer or come to a board meeting. Your input is both welcomed and needed.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Exalted Ruler



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Brother and Sister Elks-

We find ourselves again at the beginning of a new lodge year! Make sure you are carrying your *New* purple Membership card! Thank you for putting your trust in me to act as your Leading Knight this year. I feel that we have a great core of officers once again, and look forward to another great year at 804.

If you haven't heard already, we will be featuring a Guest Chef on the 4th Friday of the Month. We are accepting applications and will review and pick each month's guest chef. We are looking for members who have a special dish they enjoy preparing and want to share with our Chef Bob, and our members! We are in search of tasty and reasonable dishes that our Friday Night diners will enjoy. Any member of 804 is welcome to apply. You can find the applications in the office with our lovely Secretary Joyce or I can email you one if you prefer. Thank you to PER Larry King for exhibiting his chef abilities first and bringing us our first Guest Chef Meal on March 24th. It was delicious! I can't wait to see the new and exciting items to come from our members!

We had great response to our Movie Pack drawings on Friday night and are looking to do more fun raffles! If you have an idea and would like to run a Friday Night Raffle giveaway, please contact me or another officer of the lodge. We want to run a successful lodge, and every little bit helps! Happy April!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Leading Knight

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2017-2018

Exalted Ruler	Tony Bonanno
Leading Knight	Leslie Barela
Loyal Knight	Randy Kettenhofen
Lecturing Knight	Jason Tomsic
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2nd Rep to Grand Lodge	C. Larry King
Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Cap Caplan



New Member T.J. Lion

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

I am happy to be back involved as an officer of Lodge 804. I look forward to meeting new members and reconnecting with longtime members. Tony Bonanno and the 2017-2018 officers will do an outstanding job of leading Fort Collins Lodge in a productive and fun year.

Speaking of fun, this coming spring with the start of baseball season, I'd like to put together a Rockies outing. Look for more information on this venture on the bulletin boards at the Lodge. Information will also be shared in the Lodge meetings.

We have great events coming up. Sunday, April 16th, we will have an Easter Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Plans are being made for a family friendly magic show. Additional information will be provided at a later date. Both of these events are open to family and friends so gather a group of your peeps and come support the Lodge.

PER Hugh Shepherd is planning another outstanding program for Flag Day on Wednesday, June 14th. This event has become one of our favorite programs at Lodge 804. Mark it on your calendar and be sure to attend.

On another note, as co-chairman of the Elks National Foundation Committee at 804, I encourage everyone to do their part in maintaining our per-capita of \$4.65 per member. This allows us to apply for grants and so we will continue to make an impact in our community. ENF is a great investment for our Lodge!

Fraternally,
Randy Kettenhofen
Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Greeting Sister and Brother Elks,
First and foremost, I am honored to serve as Lodge 804's Lecturing Knight for the 2017 -2018 term.

Second, as a first time officer, I'd like to introduce myself. My lovely wife Sarah and I have lived in the Fort Collins area for nineteen years. We both graduated from Gunnison High School and received degrees from the University of Montana. Later, I attended the Siebel Institute of Brewing Technology, completing certification as a Master Brewer. That path brought me to my current job as the Director of Environmental Health and Safety at New Belgium Brewing Company. Sarah is the Chef for Thompson School District.

Our daughter Adelaide is seventeen and our son Roland is fifteen years old and both attend Fort Collins High. Ade is an amazing writer, enjoys long distance running and mountaineering. An avid outdoorsman, Roland can out-fish and out-shoot most anyone. His current passion is rock climbing.

Prior to joining the Elks, I coached youth lacrosse for seven years, worked as a volunteer firefighter and EMT for four years and volunteered on a mountain search and rescue team for six years. Spare time finds me outside enjoying travel, photography, climbing 14er's, running, hunting and fishing. My most notable accomplishment is skateboarding nearly 500 miles across the state of Iowa in seven days.

Finally, my vision for the future of the Elks is to introduce younger people to a tangible community versus a virtual community. Fraternal organizations such as ours provide an opportunity for people to connect person to person and communicate face to face, establish trust, lend a hand when they have one to lend and grasp a hand when they need a hand to grasp. I look forward to paving the way to make this happen.

Fraternally,
Jason Tomsic
Lecturing Knight



Jan Barela-Smith January 2017 Elk of the Month

Our Departed Members Their virtues are written upon The Tablets of Love and Memory

Donald Kelly
April 17, 1936 – February 15, 2017
35 Year Member

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September 05, 1918 – February 25, 2017
54 Year Member

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November 30, 1930 – February 27, 2017
48 Year Member



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Wednesday of each month. Dinner at
6PM – Bridge at 7PM For more information
call Don Svedman at 482-6941**

Secretary Notes - April 2017

Happy New Year – it is hard to imagine we are starting a new Lodge Year. If you have not paid your dues, please pay them as soon as possible. If you do not have a “purple” 2017-2018 Membership card, you will not have access to the Lodge after March 31st.

Larry King, our now Past Exalted Ruler, had a productive year. He was able to implement programs which have saved the Lodge money. We had a positive membership year and Larry worked hard to make sure we met our ENF per-capita as well as spending countless hours working on improvement in the Lodge. He and Barb were always visible at the Lodge welcoming current as well as new members. I know they will continue to help our Lodge have another successful year.

Over the past year, I have met new members and connected with current members. I found that these members understand the importance of continuing our charitable donations and events. I know they will help make our Lodge Home financially strong by supporting our events, our restaurant and through sponsoring new members. Remember if you have a birthday, anniversary or wedding, use the Lodge for the event. It is the best value in Fort Collins!

I look forward to working with the new cadre of Officers. Each one of them will bring a new and different energy to the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/Past Exalted Ruler

Wanted: Games Manager (see Hugh Shepherd/PER) for information. In the near future, the Lodge needs a Scholarship Chairperson, Youth Activities Chairperson, Elks National Foundation Chairperson, Clem Audin North District Chairperson and Echo Editor. Contact Secretary Joyce if you're interested in any of these very fun and rewarding positions.

The Echo deadline for May is April 13th.
Please send all Echo articles and information to
joyce.bonanno@gmail.com



Old Timers



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Use Your Card!



PER Night

Everybody Loves Pizza!



Old Chicago Pizza Pals are in! Each Pizza Pal costs \$11 and will get you a pizza at Old Chicago valued up to \$25! This fundraiser will bring \$500 to our charities! Please see Leslie Barela if you would like to purchase or if you have any questions!
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Lodge Activities



Americanism Essay Winners Left to Right 3rd Place Helena Lee, 2nd Place Kevin Rodgers 1st Place Alexandra Huey



Americanism Chairman Ron Zais Receiving Certificate of Appreciation and American Flag from First Sargent David Banner



Americanism Awards 2



Swing Dance Joe and Moe McCarthy



Swing Dance Mike Jesse & Khristy Preston

ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

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

The Bean Pot

Sign up for the current day only. You must be an 804 Elks member in good standing to play.

804 Drawing/Friday Nights

Drawing every Friday night at 7:30PM. You must be an 804 Member, an 804 spouse with a spouse card or an 804 Associate Member. Members from other Lodges are not eligible to play.

804 Attendance Drawing

You must be present in the Lodge Meeting to win.

HAPPY ELKS

Bob and Paula Matney Won the 804 Drawing and donated to Elks National Foundation and the Lodge's General Fund.

SAD ELKS

Jeannie Kaess
Deanna Kerscher
Andrea Moncayo
Valaria Feltz
Scott Cumings
Janell Barker
Ted McNeese
Randy Randolph
Bob Wingert
Terri Lion
Jack Hall

Bill Hoffman
Joe Gonzales
Ethan Unger
Steve Ryan
Brian Zick
Bill Button
James Weisser
John Schmidt
Fred Frantz
Tom Kasari

BAR BINGO
1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Starting at 6:30PM
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

Happy Birthday!! April

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

1	Jerry Webber	12	Dean Rydholm
2	Willis Smith	14	Flory Peterson
3	James Eisman	14	Reinhold Stoll
3	Dusty Kiggins	15	Naveed Rizvi
3	Mike Vergara	18	Jan Barela-Smith
3	Will Woods	18	Gayle Watkinson
4	Larry Howell	19	Janell Barker
4	Cecil Jacobs	20	Floyd Holiday
5	Richard Miller	24	Charlie Thomas
6	Jay Laetsch	26	Denise Clynes
10	Chris Abercrombie	26	Jan Daggett
10	Richard Schott	26	Fritz Kitowski
11	Tony Bonanno	28	Frank Currie
11	Ray Gefroh	28	Tracy Ochsner
11	Larry Thyfault	29	Andrew Gest
11	Bonnie Walker	29	Jack Harvey
12	Arnold Gonzales	29	Lee Skrdlant
12	Kent Hendricks	30	Rob Gilmour

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

April 2017

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

Sat Apr 1	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 2	Breakfast 9-11:00AM
Mon Apr 3	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 4	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Apr 5	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 6	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 7	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Apr 8	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 9	Lodge Closed
Mon Apr 10	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 11	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Apr 12	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 13	Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 14	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Apr 15	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 16	Easter Brunch 9:00-Noon
Mon Apr 17	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 18	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Wed Apr 19	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner @ 6PM, Bridge @ 7PM
Thu Apr 20	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 21	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Apr 22	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 23	Lodge Closed
Mon Apr 24	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 25	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Oct 26	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 27	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 28	Friday Night Diner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Sat Apr 29	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 30	Lodge Closed

May 2017

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

Mon May 1	Lodge Closed
Tue May 2	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed May 3	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 4	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 5	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat May 6	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available Kentucky Derby
Sun May 7	Breakfast 9-11AM
Mon May 8	Lodge Closed
Tue May 9	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed May 10	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 11	Taco Thursday
Fri May 12	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat May 13	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun May 14	Mother's Day Brunch 10AM-1PM
Mon May 15	Lodge Closed
Tue May 16	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Wed May 17	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner @ 6PM, Bridge @ 7PM
Thu May 18	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday Ladies Bunco Night
Fri May 19	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat May 20	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun May 21	Breakfast 9-11AM
Mon May 22	Lodge Closed
Tue May 23	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed May 24	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 25	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 26	Friday Night Diner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Sat May 27	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun May 28	Lodge Closed
Mon May 29	Lodge Closed
Tue May 30	Lodge Open/No Lodge Meeting
Wed May 31	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM

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Tuesday - Thursday 10AM-4PM
Lodge
Monday Closed
Tuesday *11:30AM - 10 PM/Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wednesday *Lodge Open at 3PM
Thursday *Lodge Open at 2PM
Friday *11:30AM - 11PM/Lunch 11:30-1:30PM
Friday - Dinner Served 5:00 – 8PM – 2nd Friday - Prime Rib Special

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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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
2 Breakfast 9-11:00AM	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lodge Meeting 7PM	5 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM	6 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	7 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	8 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
9 Lodge Closed	10 Lodge Closed	11 Board Meeting 5:30PM	12 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM	13 Taco Thursday	14 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	15 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
16 Easter Brunch 10AM- 1PM	17 Lodge Closed	18 Lodge Meeting 7PM	19 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner @ 6PM, Bridge @ 7PM	20 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	21 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	22 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
23 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Closed	25 Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM	26 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM	27 Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday	28 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM	29 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
30 Lodge Closed						