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Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Lodge #804

Welcome to the holiday season. This past month, secretary Joyce and I, accompanied by Head Trustee Lee Skrdlant and member Jan Daggett, attended the Colorado Elks Association Fall Quarterly meeting in Grand Junction, Colorado. The meeting was highlighted by a presentation of the Veteran's Committee Co-Sponsors Troy Erickson and Jim Vincent who detailed the various programs available to veterans through Elks USA and the Colorado Elks Association. I am proud to mention that Fort Collins Lodge #804 was cited at the convention for its contribution to the Fort Collins Veterans Stand Down on Friday November 3, 2017 at the Catholic Charities Mission. Veterans living in our community received articles of clothing, hygiene products, household items, haircuts, and other necessities as part of the program.

A sincere thank you is extended to the following Elks 804 Lodge members as recognition for their honorable participation in this endeavor: Jason Tomsic, Mike Sutton, Larry King, Al Dillman, Ron Zais, John Merritt, Larry King, Jim Herning, Al Minatta, and Jim Allen. Thank you gentlemen for keeping alive the tradition that: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." You have served your lodge proudly.

Another highlight of this past month was the visit of our Colorado Elks Association State President, Gary Salberg, to our Lodge on November 7. President Salberg noted in his comments the excellent representation of the Initiation Ritual given to our five new members during the Lodge session. Our current core of officers has made an effort to perform their portion of the Initiation Ritual at a high standard and it has been cited in recent visits by our District Deputy and State President for maintaining the highest standards of the tradition.

Lodge #804 will close out 2017 in a whirlwind fashion with retirement parties, kids and members Christmas parties, a New Years Eve celebration dinner and dance, and preparation for the January 20, 2018 "28 Hours of Hope" program for abused and neglected children. Check your Echo calendar for times, dates and events during the holiday season. Also keep in mind we can use your creative donation for the live and/or silent auction at the "28 Hours of Hope" event.

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our members who attend lodge meetings. You are the movers and shakers of Elkdom. Your participation is among the highest percentage in the state and is the reason Lodge #804 is recognized for excellence. Your votes determine policy and programs within our Lodge. I am honored to serve you as an officer in Lodge 804.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Exalted Ruler Lodge 804



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Brother and Sister Elk:

It has been busy at the Lodge and, as we look forward to the holidays, we will continue to have many upcoming charitable events as well as events to celebrate our successes.

The shopping spree for 30 disadvantaged children will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at Kohl's starting at 9 a.m.. After the shopping, the children will be invited back to the Lodge for face painting, balloon art and lunch. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have signed up to help. We would not be able to do these events without the help of our members.

Remember to stop by the Lodge and sign up for the member Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th. The Board of Directors will be providing a free turkey dinner for members and their spouses at 1 p.m. Children 12 and under are \$5. Other guests pay \$10 each. You must be signed up to participate in this event. Club Manager Bob needs to know how much food to purchase and prepare. If you do not sign up, you will not be able to participate. Along with the buffet, we will also have our 2nd annual dessert auction. This year the proceeds will be used for improvements on the Veteran's Pavilion.

As we start the New Year, we will be doing one of the most important activities in the Lodge: voting on new officers for the 2018-2019 Lodge Year. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please make arrangements to meet with me so I can provide you with pertinent information.

Thanks to everyone for all you do for our Lodge, whether is volunteering or helping out monetarily or even just supporting our Club area by coming in for libations and meals! We are a great Lodge thanks to your participation!

Have a blessed Holiday season.

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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Trustee	Joe McCarthy
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Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Mark Naber



Colorado Elks State President Gary Salberg and Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno Presenting Bob Petri with Elk of the Month for October 2017.

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Greeting Members:

Hope everyone survived their turkey comas from Thanksgiving and beginning to work on their shopping lists for Christmas. It's hard to believe 2017 has passed us by so quickly. And I am still wondering where the 80's went.

Elks are never forgotten; never forsaken. December is the month we honor the memory of our departed brothers and sisters with our Annual Memorial Service. Our Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 p.m. In this ceremony, we can all remember, in our own way, the friendly smiles, the gentle touch, and the warm conversations we have shared with those who have passed into the shadow of everlasting peace. Hope everyone will be able to join us for this reverent ceremony.

There will also be other fun activities this month. The Members Christmas Party and the silent baked goods auction happens on Sunday, December 10th along with a Broncos watch party. I am certain they will turn around from their slow start and make a charge to end the season.

Hope everyone has a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and holiday season. Enjoy the time with your family and friends and look forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Randy Kettenhofen
Esteemed Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Greetings,

As Elks, one of our primary purposes is to support our veterans. What we do as a fraternal organization is marginal compared to what they have done in service of our country. Still, I am grateful for the hand of friendship and the lifting of burdens we extend to those who served.

Over the past month, I had the opportunity to honor, listen to, and lighten the burden of some of our local veterans. It has been an enriching experience, not only in serving but also experiencing the brotherhood and sisterhood that is shared among our veteran community.

Most recently, the Elk had the honor of hosting the annual Veterans Day Breakfast. I found it to be a huge success. We served at least 30 veterans along with their families and friends. Several Elks, along with members of the local VFW, assisted in the event. We served pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, coffee and juice. It was great watching our members, local veterans, and their families connect over breakfast.

On a more solemn note, on November 3rd, the Elks had the privilege of assisting our local veterans during the regional Veterans Stand Down. The Veterans Stand Down is an annual event held throughout the country. Each location where the event is held chooses what services are most needed for the local veteran population. The Elks, along with the VA, Catholic Charities and local community members, hosted various services for all vets along with a gear and clothing restock for homeless vets. The Elks helped set up the gear and clothing stations and staffed the distribution stations.

Thank you to all who volunteered this last month and to all the women and men who have served our nation.

Fraternally,
Jason Tomsic
Lecturing Knight



New Members Front Row - Colleen Rapaich, Darlene Sanderson, John Smith, Lois Daubert. Back Row - Elks State President Gary Salberg, Gary Rapaich and Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno.



Veteran's Day Breakfast



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Secretary Notes - December 2017

Holiday greetings to members, your family and friends. The holiday season is upon us. This is the season for charity and a special time for giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. Following are a few of the activities of our Lodge this holiday season. For starters, we will be providing \$100 gift cards to ten needy families, and also taking 30 under privileged children on a shopping spree followed by a Christmas Party at the Lodge. We have already donated \$500 to Toys for Kids.

Then, on December 6th, our Lodge will hold a Military Appreciation Event in conjunction with New Belgium Brewing employees. Members are needed to shop for items and then pack them for an air drop in a remote location. See Jason Tomsic or myself if you can volunteer. This event is possible through a \$2,000 ENF Grant.

Friendship night on January 20th will raise funds for the 28 Hours of Hope to support the prevention of child abuse. Contact ER Tony or check the bulletin boards in the Lodge for additional information. We need every one of our members to participate in this event! Charity is the cornerstone of our great Order and I am proud of the way our Lodge members continue to show support for a greater good.

Our yearly Memorial Service will be held in place of the Lodge meeting on Tuesday, December 5th at 7 p.m. The regular Lodge dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have never attended the Memorial Service, it is a very touching ceremony to honor our members who have passed into the Valley of the Everlasting Light during the previous year. It is open to the public and runs about 45 minutes.

The coming months will be busy with election of officers and budget planning for 2018-2019. The future of the Lodge's success depends on the positive momentum of our officer core as well as participation of our current members and the goal of having a plus one membership this year. Sponsor someone for membership in our Order.

I recently received information from Grand Lodge that our Per Capita Assessment for 2018-2019 will be increased by \$1.00 per member because of several large insurance claims filed in the past couple of years. For Life Members, dues will be \$94.50 and, for regular members, dues will be \$169.50. Notices will be sent out in late January.

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/PER Lodge 804

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!

Pizza Pals also make great gifts!

EXTRA * EXTRA* READ ALL ABOUT IT!
Albertsons/Safeway and King Soopers Donate Cash to Lodge #804

It's hard to believe but true that just for shopping at these stores for our food, household supplies, prescriptions, and even gasoline, these grocers will donate 5% of the purchase amount directly to our Lodge. To date, #804 has received over \$3,000 from these two grocers. The checks, however, have been slowing to a trickle lately. It's doubtful that it's because those of you who have the gift cards have stopped eating or driving but rather just stopped using them. It's a very easy process to use the card and earn money for our Lodge. If you need a refresher on how to do that or need a new card, please see Larry King or Joyce Bonanno. Remember, you still get your fuel points and all other discounts on every purchase while donating to our Lodge as well.

So shop, eat, and be merry while remembering to use your card. It supports your food and gas needs while it feeds our charitable activities.

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Veteran's Stand Down



The Veterans Stand Down Held on Friday, November 3rd provided breakfast burritos, flu shots, oral cancer screening, suicide prevention, clothing and basic living essentials for veterans experiencing homelessness. The follow Fort Collins Elks participated in this event: Jason Tomsic, Mike Sutton, Larry King, Al Dillman, Ron Zais, John Merritt, Jim Allen, Al Minatta, and Jim Herning.

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 ELK

Joyce Bonanno

SAD ELKS

Ralph Jordan
Jeannie Harvey
Mike Mucci
Ken Forbes
Clair Stalnaker
Jerry Rice
Marvin McKay
Janet Estes
Ron Zais
Deanna Kerscher
Mike Jesse
Roger Rogers
Jason Tomsic

Don Svedman
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Perry Colebanks
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Mike Sutton
Richard Boxberger
Jim Herning
Jerry Schott
Brad March
Paul Kohler
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BAR BINGO
1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Starting at 6:30PM
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

Happy Birthday!! December

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

1	Joseph Curby	17	Marvin McKay
1	Duane Jansen	18	Mike Grounds
3	Barbara King	18	Duane Hanson
4	Gordon P. Burke	20	Peter Callaghan
5	William Brier	20	Ken Doty
7	Donald Barrett	21	Howard Jones
7	Charles Hagemeister	23	Cary Rick Bott
7	Donald Kirkland	23	Dwight Ghent
7	Steve Purdy	24	Paul Fangman
7	Lupe Salazar	24	Joshua Woeber
7	Gerald Schilling	25	Ed Nix
9	Kristen Coley	27	Patrick O'Neill
11	Daniel Larsen	27	Ralph Schledewitz
12	James Weisser	28	Drexel Cloos
13	John Morrison	28	Paul Harder
13	John Watson	28	George VanArsdale
14	Lois Daubert	29	Jack Hall
15	Gary Rapaich	29	Kevin Nelson
15	Albert Summerall	29	Donald Wenzel

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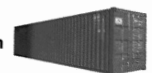
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

December 2017

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

Fri Dec 1	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Dec 2	Kids Shopping Spree – 9-11AM Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 3	Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Open for Football Broncos vs Miami 11AM
Mon Dec 4	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 5	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Yearly Memorial Service 7PM Lodge Dinner 5:30-6:30PM
Wed Dec 6	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Dec 7	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Dec 8	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM State Convention Weekend
Sat Dec 9	Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM
Sun Dec 10	Lodge Open for Football Member Christmas Party 1-5PM Broncos vs. NY Jets 2:05PM
Mon Dec 11	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 12	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Dec 13	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Dec 14	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday Broncos vs Indianapolis 6:25PM
Fri Dec 15	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM 6:30PM Bingo
Sat Dec 16	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 17	Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Open for Football Broncos vs Dallas 2:25PM
Mon Dec 18	Lodge Closed
Tue Dec 19	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Wed Dec 20	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Dec 21	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Dec 22	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat Dec 23	Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday
Sun Dec 24	Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday
Mon Dec 25	Lodge Closed Christmas
Tue Dec 26	Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Dec 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Dec 28	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Dec 29	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Sat Dec 30	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Dec 31	Lodge Open at 11AM Broncos vs Kansas City 2:25PM New Year's Eve Party 6:00-Midnight

January 2017

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

Mon Jan 1	Lodge Closed/Happy New Year
Tue Jan 2	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting Lodge Dinner 5:30-6:30PM Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Wed Jan 3	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Thu Jan 4	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bingo 6:30PM
Fri Jan 5	Lodge Open at Noon Wild Card Game Lodge Open for Football/Wild Card Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Closed
Sat Jan 6	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Sun Jan 7	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Mon Jan 8	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7:00PM
Tue Jan 9	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Divisional Play-Off
Wed Jan 10	Lodge Open for Football Divisional Play-Off Lodge Closed
Thu Jan 11	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM Nomination of Officers 2018/2019
Fri Jan 12	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Sat Jan 13	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bingo 6:30PM
Sun Jan 14	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Lodge Open
Mon Jan 14	Conference Play Off Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 16	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Jan 17	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Thu Jan 18	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bingo 6:30PM
Fri Jan 19	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Lodge Open Conference Play Off Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Closed
Sat Jan 20	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Sun Jan 21	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Mon Jan 22	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Tue Jan 23	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Lodge Open
Wed Jan 24	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Thu Jan 25	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Lodge Closed
Fri Jan 26	Lodge Closed
Sat Jan 27	Lodge Opens at 10:00AM Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Food Available PM
Sun Jan 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Mon Jan 29	
Tue Jan 30	
Wed Jan 31	

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Tuesday 11AM-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wednesday 3-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Thursday 2-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)

Friday 11AM-11PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Dinner Served 5:00-8PM
Special entrée item each Friday night.

Saturday Open at Noon (Closed at Bartender Discretion)

Sunday Open at 11AM for Football through Super Bowl Sunday
(Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Breakfast 1st and 3rd Sunday 9-11AM

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

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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	2 Kids Shopping Spree – 9-11AM Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
3 Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Open for Football Broncos vs Miami 11AM	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Yearly Memorial Service 7PM Lodge Dinner 5:30-6:30PM	6 Lodge Opens at 3PM Active Duty Appreciation 5:30PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	7 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	8 Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM State Convention Weekend	9 Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM
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17 Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Lodge Open for Football Broncos vs Dallas 2:25PM	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	20 Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	21 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	22 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	23 Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday
24 Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday	25 Lodge Closed Christmas	26 Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM	27 Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	28 Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday	29 Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM	30 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
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