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Order of Elks Fort Collins
Lodge #804

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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It's February, and I probably should be talking about Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, or the Super Bowl. However, because I love history, and February is Black History month, I thought I'd share a little about what I recently learned.

Black history, as it relates to the Order of Elks, was an unfortunate part of our past, but it was the reality of the times. The B.P.O.E., being founded by white males, was not alone among service organizations and private clubs in excluding minorities and women. As a result blacks, along with other minority groups, formed their own organizations to fulfill the desire for fraternal association and to serve the needs and interests of their communities.

One such group that patterned their organization after the Elks was the I.B.P.O.E.W. When I say patterned, I mean copied as in copyrighted. Arthur J. Riggs, a Pullman porter, was actually able to obtain the B.P.O.E.'s Ritual Book. He and co-founder B. F. Howard had it copyrighted in September of 1898, chartering their first Lodge. Because of this action, Riggs was pulled from where he worked and threatened with lynching if he didn't relinquish the charter of the new order. He agreed, but in February of 1899, they still established their first Lodge in Cincinnati under the name the "Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World."

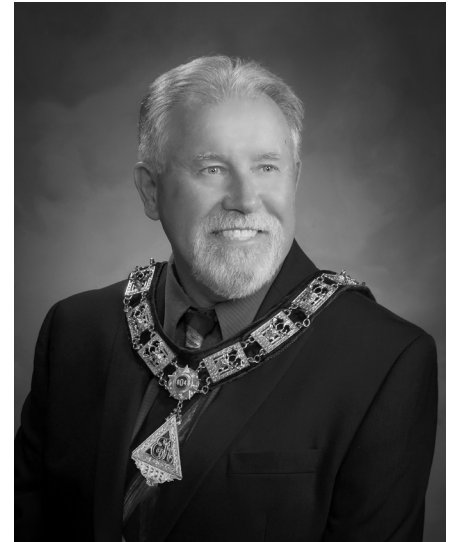
Although experiencing the same challenges we do in maintaining membership, currently the I.P.B.O.E. states they have over 500,000 members in 1,500 Lodges worldwide. The I.B.P.O.E.'s stated purpose reads much like ours stating "that the welfare and happiness of its members be promoted and enhanced, that nobleness of soul and goodness of heart be cultivated, that the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly/Sisterly Love and Fidelity be inculcated, that its members and their families be assisted and protected, and that the spirit of patriotism be enlivened and exalted."

While our Order has come a long way in accepting black and other minority groups, I can't help but wonder how much more we might have accomplished in our communities had we not had racial and gender barriers throughout so much of our history.

"If you want a strong society, it has to be inclusive. If you have to push a boulder up a hill, do you want 10 people helping or 100? If you weed out color or gender, you'll only have 10."

Cyndi Lauper

Fraternally,
C. Larry King
Exalted Ruler



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

With the holiday season behind us, the Board of Directors of Elks Lodge 804 is faced with the annual task of reviewing our budgets, building, staff, and functions as we position ourselves for the next fiscal year (Elks Fiscal Year April 1st thru March 31st).

Lodge 804 functioned very well in the area of volunteer hours to organizations, distribution of funds to scholarships, Elks National Foundation, youth activities, veterans programs, advocacy groups and other worthwhile endeavors. Charitable works are the primary mission of our Order and the members of Fort Collins Lodge 804 can be proud of our efforts this past year.

The Board of Directors will need to focus on some necessary revenue and funding of Lodge needs during the new fiscal year. Our building has some aging equipment - coolers, freezers - in need of repair and/or replacement. Food and utility prices continue to rise and maintaining good bar and food service staff is a challenge. While we continue to try and respond to meaningful items in the suggestion box, no one seems to want us to raise prices to meet the financial realities.

One of the topics discussed by the Board of Directors for the coming year is creating a new revenue stream for Lodge 804. Past ideas have included developing our back property for some form of rental use, creating an annual event which would benefit the Lodge and not be targeted toward our charities. Ideas from members are welcome and encouraged. Keeping our Lodge profitable is vital to our charitable mission. However, many lodges around the country have lost their buildings for several reasons. These include the need and cost for extensive repairs, loss of membership after food and beverage services were curtailed based on budget and staff cuts, relying more on only volunteer service, and increases in dues to make ends meet.

We have time to be proactive and create the type of event or project which will benefit all of Lodge 804. The help and support from our members can make this a successful venture. I encourage you to bring your energy and your ideas into this discussion.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Leading Knight

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2016-2017

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Barb King receiving Elk of the Month Award For December 2016 from E.R. C. Larry King.

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Brother and Sister Elks-

February has snuck up on us once again! We are fresh out of the holidays and into full swing with 2017.

Now, for a little brain teaser....what do Lawrence Welk, John F. Kennedy, Vince Lombardi and Gene Autry all have in common? Well, for starters, the obvious is that they are all men and famous men at that. The answer I was looking for is that they were all Members of the Elks! I noticed when I looked up famous Elks, not one of them that I could find was a woman!

I do know that women probably had their hand in standing behind good men who became good Elks, but women are still working on making their mark in this organization! At 804, we have one leading lady who became our first female Exalted Ruler, and she is currently serving as our Secretary!

Ladies do make a difference in this organization even though we haven't had a 'famous' lady Elk yet. Maybe YOU will sponsor our First Famous Lady Elk! Come join us ladies! Encourage your friends, sisters and daughters to join as well! Keep your eyes on the Echo for some great events that will show off our lodge!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

February already! I know many of you have demanding schedules with work and family responsibilities. However, when you can, stop by the Lodge and catch up with your fellow Elk members. Enjoy a beverage or stop by for Friday night dinner. We have bar bingo on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and everyone who has taken part has really enjoyed it.

The Entertainment Committee has put together a very special event for Valentine's Day. There will be a plated dinner on Saturday, February 11th for only \$20.00 (tip not included) per person. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. (cash bar), with dinner seating at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room. There are three choices for dinner: a sirloin steak, center cut pork chop or broiled cod. All of these entrees come with a choice of baked potato (wild rice with the fish), fresh fruit garnish, tossed salad vegetable, dinner roll and a choice of strawberry or peach short cake. Tickets are available at the bar and must be purchased by Friday, February 3rd so we know how much food to buy.

Other activities will include a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5th. On Thursday, March 2nd, Loyal Knight Leslie is planning a bunco night and, on Saturday, March 4th, the Swing Band will perform for a fund raiser. Be sure and add these activities to your calendar.

The Entertainment meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We are always looking for new members to join us to bring new energy, help plan and coordinate Lodge activities.


Fraternally,
Joe McCarthy
Lecturing Knight



New Members Wayne Gomez, Khristy Preston and Mike Jesse.



Tony Bonanno receiving an award for donating \$2,000.00 or more to Elks National Foundation.



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Secretary Notes - February 2017

Nomination of officers will be held on Tuesday, February 7th.

1. Nominations are held under New Business.
2. Only those positions that did not have a person nominated or where the nominee declined will be opened at the second meeting in February. (February 21st)
3. Nominations of Officers are held in the following order Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. All other Officer positions are appointed by the incoming Exalted Ruler.
4. Each position can have as many people nominated as the Lodge members desire. If only one person is nominated for a particular position on February 7th, then only that position will be reopened for nominations on February 21st.
5. If any one person is nominated for multiple positions during the first meeting in February, she or he must decline all but one position.

Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, February 21st.

1. If any of the Officer positions do not have a nomination or if the nominee has declined the nomination, then nominations for that position will be opened under New Business.
2. Elections will be held for the remaining positions. If only one person is nominated for a position, the Lodge may direct the Secretary to cast a Lodge vote for those positions.
3. If there is more than one member nominated for an Officer position, a secret paper ballot vote will be held. In the event of a tie, a new vote must be taken.
4. Installation of 2017-2018 Officers will be held on Saturday, March 25th. This event is opened to Elk Members, their family and friends.

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 are interested in any of these very fun and rewarding positions.

Be sure and stop by the Lodge for activities, for food, or drinks. We need every member's support to make our Lodge profitable and successful.

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/PER



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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler MICHAEL F.ZELLEN



February is the time of the year when our current Exalted Rulers look back and reflect on the many accomplishments they achieved during their term. They should re-examine the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of their year, and strive to complete any that may remain unfulfilled. There is still much time remaining, during your term of office, to complete those goals and to bring your year as Exalted Ruler to a successful conclusion.

It is also the time for Exalted Rulers to recognize those Members who have helped to make a positive difference in the success of their Lodge. Designating your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year will go a long way to generate pride in your membership and in your community. In addition, each Exalted Ruler may issue two Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Service Certificates to Members who provided outstanding service to his or her Lodge.

February is also a transitional month, as each Lodge will hold nominations and elect new Officers for the coming Fraternal Year. The success of any organization depends on Member support and a strong, well-trained and dedicated leadership team. Members who have exhibited a sincere interest in your Lodge, have volunteered to serve on committees, or have participated in your community projects should be encouraged to seek office. First-time Officers often bring a renewed essence, as well as new and fresh ideas and programs to your Lodge.

Also, this month on the 16th, our beloved Order will celebrate its 149 years of service to our fellow man, our veterans, our youth, our communities, and those who are less fortunate. This certainly reflects my motto for this year, "Elks – Leading the Way."

February 14 is Valentine's Day, a day to be happy and to spend it with the people you care about and love. My special Valentine is my loving wife Donna, who has supported me and has been by my side for the last 46 years. She is the "Wind beneath my Wings."

And finally, thank you for being an Elk, and for Caring and Sharing.

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

Lodge Activities



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

Sing 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

Fran Black and Kay Rios

SAD ELKS

Tom Metcalf
Ed Andrews
Barb King
Jerry Rice
Charles Hamman
Lois Johnson
Wayne Schrader
Gil Paben
Josh Lehman
Kenny Burkhardt
Chad Nordtvedt
Dominic Hedinger
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Pam Miller

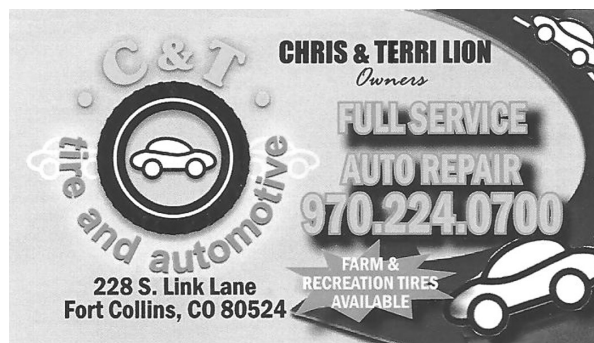
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BAR BINGO
1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Starting at 6:30PM
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

Happy Birthday!! February

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

2	Al Minatta	19	Dean Gebhardt
3	Stan Cole	20	Mark Naber
3	Bob Matney	21	Janet Estes
9	Bob Farmer	21	Brett Richter
10	Don Heineman	24	Scott Frawley
12	Darrow Clark	24	Al Gebhardt
13	Randy Kettenhofen	26	Edward Heinze
13	John Schmidt	26	Eric Lee
15	Gene Markley	26	Brian Muse
16	Bob Coulter	26	James Rhoades
16	Kevin Frazier	27	Mark Habel
16	Tim Stulz	28	Travis Morrison
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18	John Rudnicki	29	Bob Romine



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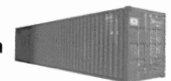
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOU'RE GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

February 2017

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

Wed Feb 1	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Feb 2	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Feb 3	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 4	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Feb 5	Breakfast 9-11:30AM Super Bowl Sunday
Mon Feb 6	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 7	Lodge Meeting 7PM Nomination of Officers
Wed Feb 8	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Feb 9	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Feb 10	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Feb 11	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available Valentine Dinner/\$20.00 Per Person
Sun Feb 12	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 13	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 14	Lodge Open/Valentine's Day Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Feb 15	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available Bridge/Dinner@6PM/Bridge@7PM
Thu Feb 16	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Feb 17	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 18	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Feb 19	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
Mon Feb 20	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 21	Lodge Meeting 7PM Election of Officers/Old Timers Night
Wed Feb 22	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Feb 23	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Feb 24	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks only Teas Hold-em 7PM
Sat Feb 25	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Feb 26	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 27	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 28	Lodge Open/Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM

March 2017

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

Wed Mar 1	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Mar 2	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday Ladies Bunco 6:30PM
Fri Mar 3	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 4	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Fund Raiser/Entertainment Swing Band 7PM
Sun Mar 5	Breakfast 9:00-11:30AM Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mon Mar 6	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 7	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Mar 8	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Mar 9	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Mar 10	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Mar 11	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 12	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 13	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 14	Lodge Open/Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Mar 15	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM
Fri Mar 17	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Dinner Special: Bob's Corned Beef & Cabbage \$12.00 (Tax Not Included) while it lasts. Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 18	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 19	Breakfast 9:00-11:30AM
Mon Mar 20	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 21	Lodge Meeting 7PM PER Night
Wed Mar 22	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Mar 23	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Mar 24	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat Mar 25	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Installation of 2017-2018 Officers
Sun Mar 26	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 27	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 28	Lodge Open Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Mar 29	Lodge Opens at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available
Thu Mar 30	Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Mar 31	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM

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Tuesday 11AM-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wednesday 3-10PM (Closed at Bartenders Discretion)
Thursday 2-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
3PM Food Available
Friday 11AM-11PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)
Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Dinner Served 5-8PM
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)

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

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February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	2 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	3 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	4 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
5 Breakfast 9-11:30AM Super Bowl Sunday	6 Lodge Closed	7 Lodge Meeting 7PM Nomination of Officers	8 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	9 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	10 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	11 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available Valentine Dinner/ \$20.00 Per Person
12 Lodge Closed	13 Lodge Closed	14 Lodge Open/ Valentine's Day Board Meeting 5:30PM	15 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available Bridge/Dinner @6PM/ Bridge@7PM	16 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	17 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	18 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
19 Breakfast 9-11:30AM	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lodge Meeting 7PM Election of Officers	22 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	23 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	24 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM	25 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed	28 Lodge Open/Entertain- ment Meeting 5:30PM				