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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Before we put the Christmas season totally behind us, I'd like to relate to you some noteworthy events and happenings of the past month. Our Children's Christmas Party is always a fun event, and this year was no exception. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles looked on as the children had their faces painted, played games, and created Christmas art. Member Mike Campbell took on the role of Santa, listening patiently to children's wishes for Christmas presents and then gave a gift to each one. You could tell by their smiling, painted faces that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Member's Christmas Party was a huge success with over 60 members and guests attending. In addition to a fantastic roast beef buffet created by Chef Bob, members participated in a silent dessert auction that raised \$837 for our Lodge Building Fund. We were also honored to have Second State Vice President Kathy Larsen join us for the activities. She had a great time visiting with our members and bidding on auction items. It was refreshing to have a state dignitary join us for a Lodge event.

Our Elk/Realities for Children Shopping Spree at Kohl's is one of the most rewarding events of the year. Over 30 of our members volunteered their time to help needy children from our community purchase school and winter clothing. Loyal Knight Leslie Barela, with help from Dana Shortridge, headed up this effort that brought great joy to the children, their parents, and volunteers alike. Punch and cookies were served back at the Lodge as the children received a special present of movie tickets, popcorn and soft drink vouchers for Carmike Cinema. Families with pets were given food for their furry friends, compliments of Spa4Paws Grooming. Thanks to Skip and Linda Walker for hosting the children at the Lodge. I want to thank all of our members who volunteered and attended these events. Your dedication and commitment is what makes our Lodge the fun and caring place it is.

Speaking of caring, did you know that just after joining our staff a few weeks ago, Chase Frakes had his bicycle stolen from outside the Lodge. Hearing of this, member Richard Rein purchased a bike, had it repaired and gave it to Chase. Brother Joe Lucero helped out Cap, our bartender, by providing him with a bike to use until he could get his repaired. New member, Ed Lucia, donated a supply of hand and foot warmers to the homeless at Catholic Charities. These are just a few examples of how our members demonstrate their charity at this time of year. That's just the kind of people we are as Elks and Americans.

Though the Christmas season has passed, let's continue with that same charitable and caring spirit throughout this New Year. There will be many opportunities for members to get involved in charitable projects at the Lodge in the coming year, but let's not forget the little acts of kindness that we can do individually for one another.

"Charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others."

Homer

Fraternally,

C. Larry King

Exalted Ruler



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

To all of our members and staff at Fort Collins Lodge 804, a Happy New Year from your Leading Knight. Based on the input and feedback we have received to date from visits by our District Deputy Brent Pick and State VP Kathy Larsen, Lodge 804 has much to celebrate. Thanks to our members and officers who have participated in and supported 804 activities and events. A sincere thank you is also extended to our staff members who work toward making those events successful through their service. These combined efforts help to make Fort Collins Lodge 804 a leading lodge in our district and state.

Lodge 804 will have an opportunity to continue showing its charitable virtues in a combined effort with the Greeley and Loveland Elks Lodges by supporting a fundraising event for The 28 Hours of Hope on January 21, 2017. This event will be hosted by the Loveland Lodge with Fort Collins and Greeley hosting in subsequent years. This worthwhile event will raise funds to support abused and neglected children in Larimer and Weld County. Tickets for The 28 Hours of Hope event are \$12.00 per person and can be purchased from the bartenders at our lodge. Tickets must be purchased by January 9, 2017. Included at the event are cocktails for purchase at 5:30 p.m., a 6:00 p.m. buffet, and live entertainment by the band Ugly Rumor. A silent auction and a live auction will also be included in the night's activities. Each of the three participating lodges is being asked to contribute at least ten exceptional items to be auctioned to raise funds. If you have one or more items to donate, please contact Joyce Bonanno at (970) 493-3777. We need the items donated by January 7th for transport to the Loveland Lodge. This event is open to the public so feel free to invite friends and family for a fun evening. The following year, Fort Collins 804 will host The 28 Hours of Hope fundraiser. Join us in making this an exciting and successful event

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Leading Knight

**Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804
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Jason Tomic Elk of the Month November 2016

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Happy New Year Brother and Sister Elks!

Wow! Happy 2017!

We started out our month with the Children's Shopping Spree and Movie package giveaway on December 3rd! We had more than 30 Volunteers who gave their Saturday morning to help with this event! Give yourselves a pat on the back: this Elk's Lodge did wonders for 30 children that day. Each child shopped at Kohl's and had \$100 to spend courtesy of our Lodge as well as a grant we received from Grand Lodge (it was written by our Secretary Joyce). Children and parents were then invited back to the lodge for cookies and punch as they picked up their movie packages which included 4 movie tickets and a large combo good at Carmike Cinema. By a twist of fate, we also had Face Painters and Balloon Artists here that made the day extra special! Thank you to everyone who participated; it was amazing! There were so many thankful parents and children, as well as lots of Elks with happy hearts.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Lodge in 2016, we are looking forward to another great year here at 804!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Happy 2017! 2016 passed by very fast, but we had several fun activities for our members. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee who worked so hard on these events. As a reminder, the Entertainment Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We always need more help and this is an excellent way to meet other Elks.

We have a number of upcoming events so check the list and join in. Ladies Bunco Night is on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board or see Loyal Knight Leslie.

Sunday, February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday and, hopefully, the Bronco's will play again this year. In any case, we are planning on an event at the Lodge to watch the game and enjoy the crowd.

Do something special for your valentine by attending the Valentine Dinner on February 11th. Details are not yet final so more information will be emailed and also posted at the Lodge.

March brings a couple of events. On the 4th, the Swing Band will play for a fundraiser for the Lodge. And, of course, there's St. Patrick's Day and its famous parade. See either Mike Sutton or me if you would be interested in participating in the parade this year.

I hope to see new faces at the Entertainment Committee meeting; we're always looking for new ideas and new energy. Remember to support the Lodge by stopping by for a beverage, attending Friday night dinners, and Lodge meetings. Also consider using the Lodge for your events and sponsoring new members.

Fraternally,
Joe McCarthy
Lecturing Knight



New Members Andrea Moncayo, Jan Daggett, Jeannie Kaess, Bert Chavarria, Scott Frawley



PER Mike Sutton Receiving Plus Membership Award for Lodge year 2015-2016 from DDGER Brent Pick



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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

Secretary Notes - January 2017

A prosperous, healthy and peaceful New Year is what I wish for you, your families and friends. Our Lodge has accomplished many wonderful things this year to help our community and those in need. Thanks to each of you who have worked so hard to make this happen.

January begins a busy time for the Lodge. Membership due notices will be prepared and sent out for Lodge Year 2017-2018. Regular dues are \$168.50, Life Membership dues are \$93.50, Associate dues are \$50.00 and a spouse card is \$5.00. If you cannot pay your dues in full, we accept half payment of \$93.50, which must be paid by April 1st. The remainder is \$75.00 payable by October 1, 2017. Half Life dues are \$56.50 paid by April 1st and the remainder of \$37.00 due on October 1st. The reason for the higher amount for the first payment is because the Lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge and State assessments prior to June 1, 2017. If you have not paid your dues for 2016-2017, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that by the Statutes of the Order, if you are delinquent in paying your dues, you are not allowed the privilege of being at the Lodge.

In February, the Board of Directors will be working on the new budget and we will be electing officers for the coming year. More information on the election of officers will be discussed at upcoming Lodge Meetings and in the February Echo.

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/PER

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



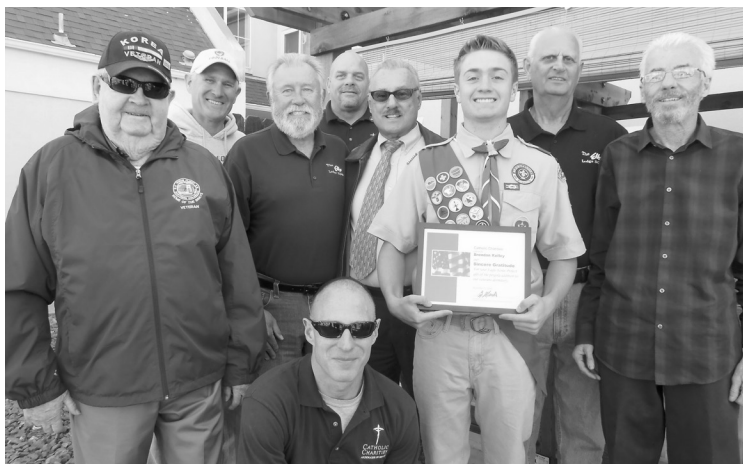
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ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

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.

NO HAPPY ELKS

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
Brian Musre
Pam Miller

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Mike Cova
T.J. Shurigar
Ray Mullin
Al Dillman
Shelly Castillon
Al Oesterle
Margaret Papke

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

Happy Birthday!! January

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
18	Paul Kohler	29	Robert Becker
18	John Rudnicki	29	Bob Romine

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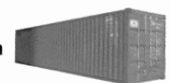
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOU'RE GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

JANUARY 2017

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

Sun Jan 1	New Year's Day Breakfast 9-11:30AM Bloody Mary Special Open for Bronco Game
Mon Jan 2	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 3	Lodge Open/Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 4	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Jan 5	Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available
Fri Jan 6	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Jan 7	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Sun Jan 8	Lodge Open at 11AM/Food Available AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Mon Jan 9	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 10	Lodge Open/Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Jan 11	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Jan 12	Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available
Fri Jan 13	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jan 14	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sun Jan 15	Breakfast 9-11:30AM AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Mon Jan 16	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 17	Lodge Open/Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 18	Lodge Open at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Bridge/Dinner @6PM/Bridge@7PM
Thu Jan 19	Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available at 3PM Ladies Bunco 6:30PM
Fri Jan 20	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Jan 21	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Jan 22	Lodge Open at 11AM AFC and NFC Championship Games
Mon Jan 23	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 24	Lodge Open Entertainment Committee meets at 5:30 PM
Wed Jan 24	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Jan 26	Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available at 3PM
Fri Jan 27	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat Jan 28	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Jan 29	Lodge Open at 11AM Pro Bowl
Mon Jan 30	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 31	Lodge Open

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
Thu Feb 2	Lodge Open at 2PM/Food Available
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 Open Lodge Meeting 7PM Nomination of Officers
Wed Feb 8	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Feb 9	Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available
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
Sun Feb 12	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 13	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 14	Lodge Open/Valentine's Day
Wed Feb 15	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Bridge/Dinner@6PM/Bridge@7PM
Thu Feb 16	Lodge Open at 2PM/Food Available
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 Open Lodge Meeting 7PM Election of Officers
Wed Feb 22	Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Feb 23	Lodge Open at 2PM/Food Available
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

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Monday Closed
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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January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Breakfast 9-11:30AM Bloody Mary Special Open for Bronco Game	2 Lodge Closed	3 Lodge Open/Lodge Meeting 7PM	4 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	5 Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available	6 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	7 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
8 Lodge Open at 11AM/ Food Available AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs	9 Lodge Closed	10 Lodge Open/Board Meet- ing 5:30PM	11 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	12 Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available	13 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	14 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
15 Breakfast 9-11:30AM AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs	16 Lodge Closed	17 Lodge Open/Lodge Meeting 7PM	18 Lodge Open at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Bridge/Dinner @6PM/ Bridge@7PM	19 Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available at 3PM Ladies Bunco 6:30PM	20 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	21 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
22 Lodge Open at 11AM AFC and NFC Champion- ship Games	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Open Entertainment Committee meets at 5:30 PM	25 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	26 Lodge Open at 2PM Food Available at 3PM	27 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM	28 Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
29 Lodge Open at 11AM Pro Bowl	30 Lodge Closed	31 Lodge Open				