

# THE ECHO

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Lodge #804

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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This being the last address to you as Exalted Ruler, I thought I would take this opportunity to relate some of things I've learned during the last four years of my involvement with Lodge #804. Like many others, I joined the Elks mainly for the social benefits. From the beginning, I found our members friendly and welcoming and I also enjoyed great food and libations in our comfortable club environment. I was soon to learn, however, that there was a great deal more to the being an Elk than just the social aspect.

After attending a few Lodge meetings and entertainment events, I was asked if I would like to become more involved by taking a leadership role as a Chair Officer. I accepted and was soon immersed in planning entertainment activities and making decisions about Lodge policy and management. As I moved through the chairs, I began to understand the great responsibility I had as an Officer in overseeing and making decisions affecting the financial health of the Lodge and managing our Charitable Trust.

I've become aware of the incredible impact that our Lodge has on individuals and organizations in the community through ENF Grants, contributions from our Charitable Trust and direct volunteer involvement. I've learned that our participating members are positive, caring, and generous in supporting our Lodge, fellow members and the community.

Over the past few years, I've witnessed a faithful cadre of individuals who attend Lodge meetings, help with and attend entertainment events, regularly patronize our club and restaurant, and volunteer to help with any project the Lodge undertakes.

We will install our new Officers on the 25th of this month. I urge all of our members to support them with continued participation in Lodge activities. More importantly, support them by participating in the process itself. Attend Lodge meetings, and Board and Entertainment Committee meetings. Give positive feedback and constructive criticisms in the spirit of making our Lodge the best it can be. Be willing to step up and take on a program or project you feel would be beneficial.

I am honored and privileged to have served as your Exalted Ruler this past year and want to sincerely thank all our members for their support and encouragement. I want to thank my fellow Officers for their dedication, hard work, and leadership. Many thanks also to our PERS, especially Joyce Bonanno, for giving me guidance and support.

Looking ahead, I assure you that Lodge #804 will be in very competent hands under the Leadership of Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno and his excellent corp of Officers. Please support them in 2017 - 2018, by continuing to practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

"It is the responsibility of leadership to provide opportunity, and the responsibility of individuals to contribute."

William Pollard

Respectfully,  
C. Larry King  
Exalted Ruler



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### From The Station of the Leading Knight

As stated in our Obligation, "As time runs on in sun and shade," so ends another Elk year March 31st and we welcome the beginning of a new Elk year on April 1st. With this transition we reflect upon the many successes of the past year and identify the new challenges for the coming year. New budgets, new officers, new charitable pledges, new committee activities, and new priorities will be the focus of our early Board meetings in April 2017.

As I wrote in an earlier article from the Leading Knight station, I feel the time has come to focus on the needs of our Lodge Home during the coming year. We have seen some signs that indicate the need to replace and/or repair some of the equipment vital to our kitchen and bar service. Additionally, our utility bills and overhead for keeping the building open continue to rise. We certainly need to pay attention to these matters but I feel certain with a combined effort from all of our members, these needs can be met. As I attend district and state functions, I've noticed that the reports from lodges that close during the week because of utility and food service costs also reflect poor participation in charitable events and fundraising by their members. That serves to remind us that member participation plays a large role in the Lodge's functioning.

Our Board, comprised of your elected members, is charged with the preservation of our Lodge Home. Several proposals will be forwarded for member input and approval with the goal of keeping our Lodge Home solvent for many years to come. Please keep tuned in and participate in these efforts.

Fraternally,  
Tony Bonanno  
Leading Knight Lodge 804

### Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2016-2017

Exalted Ruler	Larry King
Leading Knight	Tony Bonanno
Loyal Knight	Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight	Joe McCarthy
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Esquire	Tracey Callaghan
Inner Guard	Laura Salas
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplain	Jerry McDonnell
Head Trustee	Cory Shortridge
Trustee	Lee Skrdlant
Trustee	Al Minatta
Charitable Trustees	Brad March, Josh Lehman
Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Hugh Shepherd
2nd Rep to Grand Lodge	Mike Sutton
Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Cap Caplan



*New Member Kathy Novosad with E.R. Larry King.*

### From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Brother and Sister Elks-

In December, we were fortunate to again host the Children's Shopping Spree for 30 children in our community who are in need. These children needed basic items such as coats, socks, shoes, gloves, shirts, pants, etc. Our Lodge members were a huge part of this activity! What you probably know or saw is that we had more than 30 lodge members volunteer to chaperone a child at Kohl's. Our chaperones made sure the child was getting items they needed, using all of the \$100 provided to each child by our Lodge and the Beacon Grant from ENF.

ENF? Elks National Foundation. What is ENF and why did they give us money? This may be the part you didn't 'see' or realize! Each year, the Grand Exalted Ruler asks us to donate a certain amount to ENF per member. That amount currently is \$4.65/member. Once we reach that amount, we are able to apply for grants from ENF that will allow us to give more back to our community! The sooner we reach this goal, the sooner we can start applying for such grants that help our Lodge and our community!

Why am I bringing up a Christmas activity in March? Because April is coming quickly and with that is our new fiscal year, which means we must start over at donating to ENF. Come April 1st, we will be a \$0.00 of the \$4.65/member of our goal (which our lodge greatly exceeds every year). How can you help? Here's a couple of ideas! Add a few dollars to your yearly dues check and allocate them to ENF, play the raffle on Lodge Night, or come up with your own fundraiser to help us reach our goal quickly! Once we reach that \$4.65/member, we are on our way to great things! Last year we brought \$6,000.00 (which is more than triple our required donation) to our Lodge from ENF through just 3 grants! To learn more about ENF, visit [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf)

Fraternally,  
Leslie Barela  
Loyal Knight



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## From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

As my term as Lecturing Knight is quickly ending, I want to thank the members who participated in the Entertainment Committee this year. A special thanks to Loyal Knight Leslie Barela for all her work on the notes, flyers, tickets and for offering her great ideas. We had many successful events and I appreciate the members who have participated in them. Jason Tomsic is our new Lecturing Knight and I have confidence he will continue the momentum of our Entertainment Committee. The Entertainment Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

The recent Valentine's dinner was successful and the members attending gave good reviews on the food Bob prepared and on the wait staff's service. Mark your calendars for upcoming events including the Swing Band Fundraiser for our Lodge Home on Saturday, March 4th, and Friday, March 17th when Bob will be doing corned beef and cabbage for dinner (while it lasts). Don't forget the Bunco night Leslie is organizing for March 23rd. Saturday, March 25th is Installation of Officers and, in April, we will do an Easter Brunch as well as a "kid friendly" magic show. Watch the bulletin boards and your e-mail for additional information on these events.

It is important for our members to participate in the functions we have at the Lodge. This is a good way to meet new people with whom you will have a lot in common. The functions are not only fun, they help the Lodge financially.

Although I am no longer your Lecturing Knight, you will continue to see me at the Lodge often as I will be serving as a Trustee and, of course, I'll be participating in everyday Elk life and in events.

Faternally  
Joe McCarthy  
Lecturing Knight/PER



*Valentine Dinner.*

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.

### OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

Their virtues are written upon The Tablets of Love and Memory.

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**Secretary Notes - March 2017**

Veterans pergola at Catholic Charities, privacy curtains at Crossroads Safe House, children's Christmas shopping spree, event to support the 28 Hours of Hope, youth baseball, Neighbor to Neighbor, scholarships and all the people in need we have helped out in the community: I could go on and on about the wonderful Charitable activities in which our Lodge has been involved this past year. These activities would not be possible without the members who volunteer their time and energy to make them happen. Thanks to the members who celebrate the importance of Charity in the Order of Elks. You make me proud to say I am a Fort Collins Elk.

Every organization needs rules, regulations and guidelines to guarantee its viability. The Elks organization is not different. We have Annotated Statutes, Constitution, Rituals, By-Laws, House Rules as well as Federal and State Laws which we need to follow. All of these documents help provide guidance to our Officers to ensure we treat all of our members equally.

One area I would like to address this month is your Membership Card. During your Initiation, you were instructed by the Esquire on the importance of your membership card. "The membership card which will be presented to you by the Secretary is a means of identification. It shows that you are a member in good standing in this Lodge. You should carry it with you at all times. You are required to present it in order to gain admission to this Lodge and, without it, you cannot gain admission to another Lodge." Display it proudly as a symbol of your membership.

I look forward to another year serving as the Secretary of 804. I know that with your help, our Lodge will continue to support our community and demonstrate that Elks Care Elks Share.

Faternally

Joyce Bonanno

Secretary Lodge 804

**February – Birthday List**

In the February Echo, the January Birthdays were listed by mistake rather than those in the month of February. Please accept our apologies to those members who had February birthdays and may not have realized about their birthday dinner. If you had a birthday dinner in February, you are entitled to your Birthday Dinner on the Lodge Nights of March 7<sup>th</sup> or March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Joyce Bonanno

Secretary Lodge 804

**804 Lodge Partners with New Belgium to Support Active Duty Military**

By Joyce Bonanno – Secretary 804

In November our Lodge partnered with New Belgium Brewing to provide Christmas baskets for the 386<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. In gratitude, we received an American flag which was flown on a C-130H Combat Mission on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, into the country of Iraq. With great honor, we will display the flag in our Lodge. Pictured below are members of the 386<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Wing receiving their gift baskets.



*Member of 386th Opening Christmas Baskets from New Belgium Brewery and Lodge 804.*



The Echo deadline for April is March 13th.  
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## Event to Benefit 28 Hours of Hope



## 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

Cory Shortridge

## SAD ELKS

Justine Barela

Alice Anton

Al Dillman

Andrew Gailey

Matt Doyle

Russ Mann

Hal West

Ed Lucia

Dave Parrish

Jay Bowser

Rita Besser

Jennifer Briggs

Jerry McDonnell

Bill Tiley

Ray Mullin

Ed Andrews

Gary Riedel

JoAnn Frick

Wayne Gomez

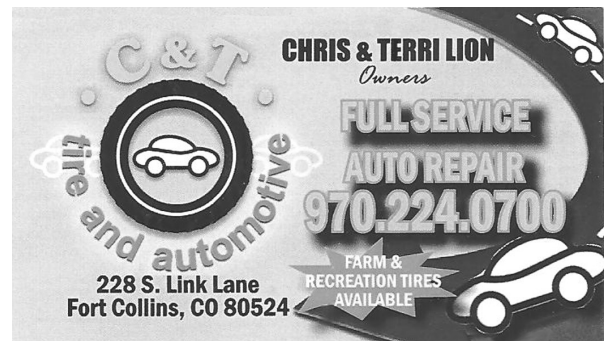
Frank Barela

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

## Happy Birthday!! March

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

1	Gilbert Paben	22	Josh Lehman
4	William Knox	24	Tracey Callaghan
4	Suzanne Tjalkens	24	Lloyd Golden
5	A.R. Oesterle	24	Ralph Wills
7	Lucie Tran	25	Andrew Gailey
8	Deanna Kerscher	25	Joe Lucero
14	Jason Tomsic	26	Mike Peters
15	Stephen Ryan	27	Larry Scheinost
16	Steven O. Hall	28	Joe O. Gonzales
19	Lee Fotsch	28	Victor Meline
19	Lawrence Griess	30	Joyce Bonanno
20	Miloi Bohlender	30	Trista Roecker
21	Tom Metcalf	31	Jerry Rice
21	Leonard Wilson	31	Wes Sargent
22	Mike Demma	31	Jerry Williams



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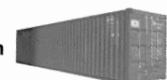
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# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### 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 District Installation
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

### 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 Magic Show with Dinner/6PM
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

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Lodge

Monday

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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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	<b>2</b>  Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	<b>3</b>  Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>4</b>  Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available Fund Raiser/Entertainment Swing Band 7PM
<b>5</b>  Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>6</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>7</b>  Lodge Meeting 7PM Americanism Awards	<b>8</b>  Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Food Available	<b>9</b>  Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	<b>10</b>  Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	<b>11</b>  Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
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