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Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 804,

What a fabulous month we have had at Lodge 804. Our Lodge was honored to have the North District Initiation here and be joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen and his wife Marsha, District Deputy Brent Pick and wife Barb, and Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman Allen Lenort and wife Kim. Also joining us in the Initiation activities were numerous officers and past and present PERs and ERs from our district. Lodge 804 has received very positive feedback from these honored guests regarding our hospitality, enthusiastic membership, and performance of our officers during the Opening and Closing of the Ritual.

The Installation ceremony for our new officers and the following dinner were also highlights of this whirlwind month. I was deeply moved and honored to be a part of this wonderful tradition. A sincere thank you is in order to each of the PERs who organized and participated in the ceremony. I will remember your efforts on behalf of the current officers when my time to offer help with this event is requested.

Another highlight during the month was our participation in the "Flying Pig" run for Foothills Gateway Rehabilitation Center. Thanks to all who came out to represent the Elks and support disabled children. Lodge 804 donated \$2500 to the effort and your current ER covered the 5 kilometer course at a blistering pace (39+ minutes).

With so many positive events happening at our Lodge in the past month it is difficult, but necessary to bring into focus an ongoing concern with the potential to impact all of our members. Each activity in the lodge is designed to support itself. However, some members in one group – card players – have decided to not donate \$1.00 per person – per session to support lodge expenses. Our Lodge has not charged a fee to play cards since 1991 when gaming laws were regulated in Colorado. While the term "green fees" is still thrown around by some folks, anyone attending an Elks convention, quarterly, workshop and/or training in the past 20+ years knows we do not charge fees for gaming. Your donation goes for utility costs, maintenance, cleaning, service staff or a designated lodge charity. It is your lodge and your activity. You are important as members and card groups have a sustaining history at our Lodge. Our Board will look at donation activity for the next few months in hopes of added participation. Donations are received at the bar and accounted for in the Point of Sales System (POS).

Fraternally,

Tony Bonanno
ER Lodge 804.



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Brother and Sister Elks-

We are now a month in to our new lodge year! In continuing with Exalted Ruler Tony's theme of "Our Lodge Home," we have a few reminders for our Members and Widows/Widowers of our members that help in the protection of our Lodge Home. As per the Statutes of Our Order:

For Our Members:

- As a member of our Lodge you are entitled to the rights and privileges of being a member.
- When you bring a guest or guests into our Lodge, you are responsible for them. You cannot leave the lodge, and leave your guest(s) unsupervised. If you leave the lodge, so does/ do your guest(s).
- Non-members (Guests) are not supposed to purchase any services from the club, bar or dining room, as this puts our Lodge in trouble with the IRS for unrelated business income; and puts us in a position of being "a place of public accommodation" (losing our status as a private organization).

For Widows/Widowers of Our Members:

- We welcome Widows and Widowers of our Members into our Lodge (with their card) to the social quarters. You are welcome to dine and enjoy member activities.
- Widows with a card need to purchase all services for their guests (as stated above).
- As a Widow/Widower, other lodges will not recognize your card for entrance into their lodge building.

For Our Delinquent Members:

- Delinquent Members (Members who have not paid their 2017-2018 dues) cannot be considered Guests in our Lodge for any reason.

For Your Guests:

- Non-members cannot play poker! This brings into question our compliance with Gambling/Liquor Laws.

Please show the love you have for our Lodge by respecting the rules we have to protect our Lodge Home. Much of this information has been obtained from Greg Beacom, our Grand Lodge Area 6 Judiciary Representative.

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
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Esquire	Cory Shortridge
Inner Guard	Joe Lucero
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplain	Jerry McDonnell
Head Trustee	Lee Skrdlant
Trustee	Al Minatta
Trustee	Joe McCarthy
Charitable Trustees	Mike Sutton, Josh Lehman
Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Hugh Shepherd
2nd Rep to Grand Lodge	C. Larry King
Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Mark Naber



New Members Kent Falls and Glenn Kuhns

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Greetings Members,

It has been wonderful watching winter turn to spring...if we even had a winter. I am certainly not going to complain about the warmer weather.

I am looking forward to serving Fort Collins #804 again and assisting Exalted Ruler Tony, the officers, and members to make this a terrific Elk year. It has been several years since I have served as an Officer and there are many new faces around the building. I hope to get better acquainted with all of you this Elk year. If we aren't yet acquainted, please come up and introduce yourself if I don't get to you first.

I want to remind everyone to keep your eyes and ears open about a bus trip to see the Rockies play this summer. You can talk either to me or Leading Knight Leslie Barela to get the details about this event.

Being a huge food fan, I am patiently waiting to see what other wonderful culinary delights are being planned each month with the Guest Chef presentations. Leading Knight Leslie has something in store for us coming soon and I have heard that Esquire Corey Shortridge, PER, will follow her offering. I may have some surprises for a Guest Chef meal too. (Is chili and scrambled eggs a surprise??) Join us and sample a new experience.

Fraternally,
Randy Kettenhofen, PER
Esteemed Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

The foundation and groundwork of our Order is the Golden Rule and the virtue of Brotherly love resides within this rule. The Golden Rule is the guiding principal of life, while the virtue of Brotherly love is the handbook for the manifestation of the Golden Rule.

The virtue of Brotherly love teaches us that relationships are scales swaying from side to side, never reaching a balanced point. The reality is that life is full of ups and downs, good days and bad, moments of strength and weakness as well as seasons of both prosperity and misfortune. Because of this, the key to a successful relationship driven by love is that it is not 50/50 but rather 60/40 percent both ways. That means there are times when you may give more than you take and vice versa. More importantly, Brotherly love teaches us that we should give without the expectation of receiving. When we grasp the hand in friendship or work to lighten another's burdens, we should do so unconditionally.

The beauty of our Order is that we have a fellowship in which we can practice the virtue of Brotherly love, among ourselves, in our communities and in the Nation as a whole. As long as we constantly practice Brotherly love, our Order will continue to be a force of good as it has been for nearly 150 years.

Therefore I implore each of us to seek ways to always practice Brotherly love. We can do so by taking advantage of volunteer opportunities, enjoying good fellowship among our members and their families, our existing friends, and by introducing ourselves to a member we do not know. We also do this by being kind in word and deed, remembering those not with us, and doing all of these things unconditionally.

Fraternally,
Jason Tomsic
Lecturing Knight



Past Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen addressing the Lodge Members at District Initiation

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 Member
His virtues are written upon
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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 - May 2017

As a reminder, a Spouse Card is provided to a spouse of a member in good standing. This card allows the spouse access to the social quarters. It does not imply that the "spouse" holding the card has the same rights or privileges of a regular member. They cannot attend Lodge or Board Meetings; they do not have access to our financial information and they have no formal input into the business of the Lodge or decisions which are made. If a spouse of a member would like to have input into the business of the Lodge, I encourage them to become a member. We are always looking for dedicated members who are committed to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

I would like to address the impact of rumors and gossip. Rumors are a piece of information or a story that has not been verified. What this means is that the person telling the story does not know for certain if it is true or not. Most of the time, people who spread rumors do not bother to determine if there is any truth to what they are saying. Gossip is usually spread behind a person's back and can be very hurtful. People share gossip without any thought of how it might impact the person it is about. These behaviors are not welcome and cannot be tolerated in our Lodge. As Elks, part of the Obligation we take states "I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families." Spreading rumors and gossiping about events or situations without accurate information causes unnecessary stress and discord among our members and is extremely hurtful to the people involved. As a two time Exalted Ruler of this Lodge, I am disappointed in recent rumors and gossip that has caused stress in our Lodge. I ask that our members refrain from taking part.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. The Lodge has paid over \$7,000.00 in Grand Lodge and State per-capita fees. Of your membership dues, \$18.50 goes toward these expenses. It creates a financial hardship on the Lodge if your dues are not paid in a timely manner.

Faternally

Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/PER

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



Past Exalted Rulers Mike Sutton and Larry King attending a fund raiser for Disabled Resource Services



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Use Your Card!

Board of Directors Update:

The Board of Directors has completed the 2017-2018 Budget. The Budget will be presented at the May 16th Lodge Meeting. We ended the year with 391 Members. This was a minus of 4 members. The Lodge dropped 23 members for non-payment, granted 2 transfer dimitts, 3 absolute dimitts and 15 of our members passed away. The Membership Committee will be contacting the 23 members who were dropped for non-payment and encourage them to continue their membership in the Order Of Elks.

The Board would like to encourage members to attend Lodge meetings and events. This is a good way to get to know other members and support the Lodge. The Board Members are Head Trustee - Lee Skrdlant, 2nd Year Trustee - Al Minatta, 1st Year Trustee - Joe McCarthy, Exalted Ruler - Tony Bonanno, Leading Knight - Leslie Barela, Loyal Knight - Randy Kettenhofen and Lecturing Knight - Jason Tomsic.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.
Board of Directors

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 Awards



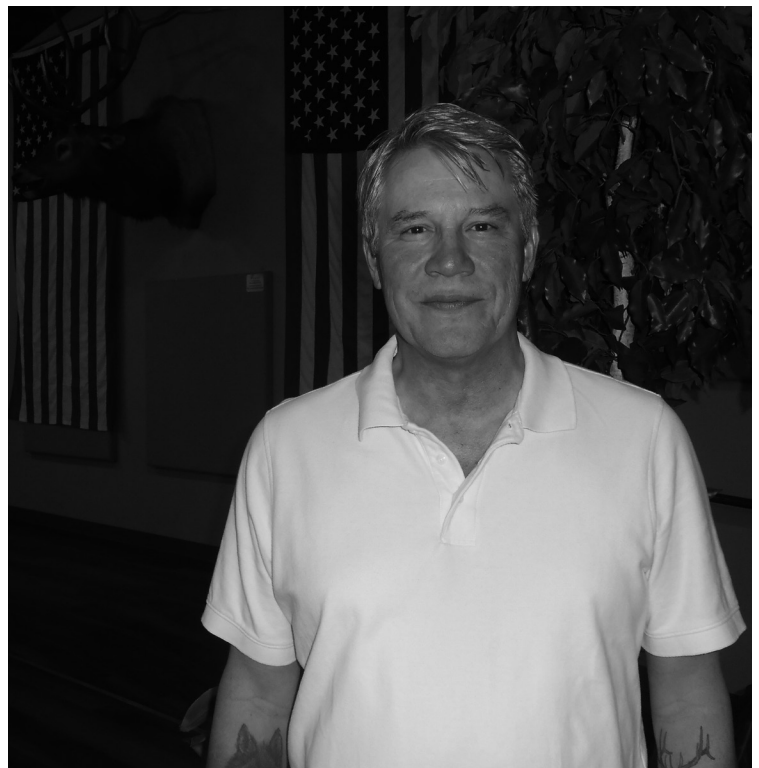
*E.R. C. Larry King Presenting Officer of the Year
2018-2019 to Leading Knight Tony Bonanno*



*E.R. C. Larry King Presenting Citizen of the Year Award
to Ron Zais*



*Bill Rogers and Barb King Receiving Outstanding
Service Awards from E.R. C. Larry King*



Mike Sutton 2017-2018 Elk of the Year

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

No Happy Elks

SAD ELKS

Ernest Wimmer

Al Gebhardt

Laura Salas

Jim Chance

Brian White

Duane Jansen

Lynn Anduss

Mike Cova

Randy Randolph

Al Minatta

Kellyann Vanhandel

Gary Ross

Jack Harvey

Wayne Schrader

Andrea Moncayo

Dave Smyser

Steve Rumpler

Don Svedman

Bill Rogers

Robert Swerer

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

Happy Birthday!! May

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

1	Penny McCormick	17	Jim Herning
3	Roger Woodward	18	Stephanie Gallison
4	Ron Malara	18	Charles Hoffman
5	Alice Anton	18	Jesse Rodriguez
5	Joann Frick	18	Jack Unger
7	John Dixon	19	Kent Falls
7	Frank Leydens	21	Bill Durica
9	Rita Besser	21	Tom Nix, Jr
9	Richard Gareis	21	Kristy Preston
9	Judy Neckel	22	Ken Hernandez
10	Alan Beatty	23	James Butler
10	Jim Mclver	24	Sally Rodgers
10	Bob Wingert	25	Ted Schilling
11	Don Blanchard	25	Shari Walker
11	David Roeder	25	Kelly Warner
12	Dale Erickson	26	Tyler Shurigar
14	Ernest Wimmer	28	A.J. Glaser
15	Mike Struempler	30	Gary Fiffe
16	Dennis Marion	30	Terry Walsh



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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

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

June 2017

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

Thu Jun 1	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Jun 2	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Jun 3	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Magic Show/Open to the Public
Sun Jun 4	Breakfast 9-11AM
Mon Jun 5	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 6	Lodge Meeting 7PM Only Meeting in June
Wed Jun 7	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM
Thu Jun 8	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Jun 9	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jun 10	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jun 11	Lodge Closed
Mon Jun 12	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 13	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Jun 14	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Jun 15	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Jun 16	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM 6:30PM Bingo Wandering Wapiti Camping Weekend
Sat Jun 17	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jun 18	Breakfast 9-11AM
Mon Jun 19	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 20	Lodge Open No Lodge Meeting
Wed Jun 21	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM
Thu Jun 22	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Jun 23	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat Jun 24	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jun 25	Lodge Closed
Mon Jun 26	Lodge Closed
Tue Jun 27	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Jun 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM
Thu Jun 29	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Jun 30	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

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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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May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lodge Closed	2 Lodge Meeting 7PM	3 Lodge Open at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	4 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	5 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Guest Chef's Leslie Barela & Jan Barela-Smith	6 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available Kentucky Derby
7 Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM	8 Lodge Closed	9 Board Meeting 5:30PM	10 Lodge Open at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	11 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	12 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	13 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
14 Mother's Day Brunch 10AM-1PM	15 Lodge Closed	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	17 Lodge Open at 3PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Dinner 5-7PM Bridge/Dinner @6PM/ Bridge@7PM	18 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday Ladies Bunco Night	19 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Wandering Wapiti Camping Weekend	20 Lodge Opens at Noon/ Food Available
21 Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM	22 Lodge Closed	23 Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM	24 Lodge Open at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	25 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	26 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM	27 Lodge Open at Noon/ Food Available
28 Lodge Closed	29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Open/No Lodge Meeting	31 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM			