

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Fort Collins Lodge #804

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Greetings to members and friends of Lodge 804,

Our recent District Deputy visit is a reminder that we are at the half way point of the 2017 – 2018 Elk year at 804. District Deputy Brent Pick's report on the status of Lodge 804 will be shared with the membership in an upcoming Lodge meeting. I can share with you that we were commended for community involvement beyond statutory requirements including exceeding ENF per capita goals, visible officer commitment to Initiation, opening and closing of the session, and the professional manner in which our Lodge Secretary prepared and presented Lodge documents and records for inspection. District Deputy Pick also cited our members for hospitality and our staff for a wonderful meal and excellent service. Our next opportunity to show our stuff will be November 7th when State President Gary Salberg visits Lodge 804.



Lodge 804 has an upcoming opportunity to serve our community with

the 28 Hours of Hope fund raiser for abused and neglected children in northern Colorado. We will join in this effort with the Greeley and Loveland Lodges and K99 Radio. Please see the enclosed letter in this edition of The Echo, which has been approved for distribution by K99, for details on this event. You can serve your lodge and community by participating with the contribution of an item, service, or donation for the silent or live auction. Feel free to copy, cut, or paste the flyer and search for unique and interesting items to be auctioned. A Lodge committee will be formed to review submitted items.

My closing statement in the October Echo extended a sincere thank you to Brother Hugh Sheperd for his many years of service to Lodge 804 as a PER, officer, committee member and most recently as our games manager. During a recent conversation with Brother Hugh he indicated that 804 will

be going through many changes in the coming year and maybe he should stay on for awhile. Thank you, Brother Hugh, for your continued service to Lodge 804. We are very happy to have you back as games manager.

The fall season is one of the busiest times of the year at Lodge 804. College football, the Bronco games, baseball playoffs, holiday parties, and charitable events are all part of the fellowship the Order of Elks extends to the larger community through local lodges. Thanks for being part of Lodge 804 and I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally, Tony Bonanno ER Lodge 804

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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Brother and Sister Elks,

When I first joined our lodge, I did so because my dad asked me to join as he had been an Elk for many years. To be honest, he had asked me several times and I always said "no." I didn't really know what the Elks did, so I had nothing on which to base my answer. All I knew was he had some buddies who he had lunch with in the Lodge.

Fast forward five years and here we are in 2017, continuing to do amazing charitable work in our community. Whenever I tell someone that I am an Elk, they usually grin and, at that point, I know they have no idea what we really do. They grin because what they think what we do is actually a very small part of our larger picture. I like to ask, "Do you know what Elks do?" And their answer is usually that they don't know or that we are a "club."

"Well actually," I respond, "we give thousands of dollars in scholarships each year, we support veterans and youth activities. We give to the Food Bank, Gateway, and Toys for Kids. In the Christmas season, we take 30 local children who are in need shopping for necessities that their parents cannot provide. We

paid for City Park Pool......"

By the time they've heard the beginning of all we do, their jaws are wide open, and it makes me proud! It makes me proud to be part of an organization that is an integral part of our community. Be proud Brother and Sister Elks! We always are looking for new members who will join us in all we do, but no one is going to join if we don't tell people what we do. Be proud! Share who we are and what we do! Invite your friends and family who you think would contribute to our great lodge! I ask each of you to share about our Lodge to someone new and invite them to come down to the Lodge for dinner and show them what we are all about. Invite them to join in our amazing work because we are always looking for new members. Be proud of who we are and what we do!

Come join us on December 2 as we do our Annual Children's Shopping Spree for children; we still need volunteers! Keep your

eyes open around the Lodge.

We have lots of amazing events coming up, and they wouldn't be the same without you!

Fraternally, Leslie Barela Leading Knight

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2017-2018

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District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Brent Pick and Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno Presenting Gina Serrano with Elk of the Month for September 2017.

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Greetings Members and families,

Hope this cooler, windier autumn weather is finding everyone well. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before a blink of the eye.

On November 11th, our nation will celebrate and honor the men and women who serve and have served in our United States Armed Forces with a Veterans Day celebration. The Elks have set aside the entire month of November as Veterans Remembrance month. The work the Elks do for veterans has always been near and dear to my heart. In my early days of Elkdom in Garden Grove Elks, circa 1952, I was a member of our Elks Clown group. We participated in local parades and visited children's and veterans' hospitals and homes several times each year. It was memorable making them laugh and it was very rewarding to sit down and share a conversation. The Elks have a long-standing motto concerning the veterans in our country: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

In Fort Collins, we invite veterans to our Lodge to enjoy a pancake breakfast, or a meal or a special celebration. We also assist Catholic Charities in the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. We offer assistance at Denver International Airport (DIA) along with the Colorado Elks Association for Disabled Winter Sports Clinic in Aspen Colorado. We help veterans safely board and unboard the planes and reach connecting flights. All of these are rewarding activities. So help us celebrate this great cause in the month of November.

Have a great Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Fraternally, Randy Kettenhofen Esteemed Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

On November 11th, we will observe Veterans Day originally known as Armistice Day, which marked the unofficial end of World War I (WWI). The official end of WWI is June 28, 1919. However, a temporary end of hostility between the Allied nations and Germany was enacted on the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

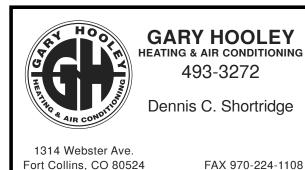
Veterans Day is a day for solemn reflection to honor those who died in the service of our military, to honor the men and women who served our country, and to give thanks for the things of which we are free and the opportunities our freedom affords us. These days, it seems we often dismiss the price that was paid to ensure our freedoms and, thus, we take our freedom for granted.

I did not serve in the military but I did serve as a first responder for many years. I acknowledge that my service is marginal compared to those who served in our military services. I don't mention this to tout my service, but rather to note that my experience may help me better understand what it might mean to be a service person.

What does the price of freedom look like? It has the face of young men and women, often fresh out of high school, boldly, abruptly and willingly stepping into adulthood. It is leaving family and loved ones behind to travel and live in harsh and hostile environments. It is missing birthdays, and Christmases. It is forming strong bonds of brotherly love, knowing that they may not last. It is putting complete trust in others. It is experiencing events that very few people have experienced or can ever understand. Finally and solemnly, it is the ultimate sacrifice of life.

For those who are veterans, I thank you. For those of us who are not, I bid that we always keep before us the understanding of the price that was paid for our freedom so that we may never take it for granted.

Fraternally, Jason Tomsic Lecturing Knight



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Sponsor Brian White with New Member Tom Petersen.



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Brent Pick and Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno presenting Josh Scheuring and Stephanie Palladino with Elk Belt Buckles for attending 10 consecutive meetings since their Initiation.



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Secretary Notes - November 2017

With the holidays fast approaching, we have several events in the next two month and the following list provides the activities and their dates for your convenience in planning ahead.

- Saturday, November 11th Celebrate Veteran's Day. Breakfast will be served in the Club Room from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. honoring all who have served or are serving our country. Veterans and active military personnel are free; price for all others is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children
- Sunday, November 19th Holiday Decorating. We need volunteers to help decorate the Lodge for the holidays. Decorating will be from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. The Bronco game is at 2:25 p.m. You can stay to watch the game and food will be available for purchase. If you can, bring a dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or see Jason Tomsic.
- Saturday, December 2nd Kids Shopping Spree from 9 to 11 a.m. at Kohl's. We will have 30 disadvantaged children we will take shopping and them bring them back to the Lodge for a Christmas party. See Secretary Joyce or Leading Knight Leslie to sign up.
- Tuesday, December 5th Yearly Memorial Service. This will happen in place of the regular Lodge meeting. Be sure and attend to honor our departed members who have passed into the Valley of the Everlasting Light this year. This is a touching ceremony running approximately 30 minutes. Regular Lodge dinner will be served 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9th Christmas party for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of our members. The party runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lodge room. There will be a craft area, games, food and, of course, a visit from Santa. Volunteers are needed and can sign up on the bulletin board in the Club Room.
- Saturday, December 10th Member Christmas Party, **Dessert Auction, 50/50 raffle.** The festivities begin at 1 p.m. The Lodge will provide the food! If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, see Sally Rodgers or Jan Daggett. All proceeds will be used for improvements of the Pavilion area.
- Sunday, December 31st New Year's Eve Party. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. (cash bar) followed by a 6:45 p.m. dinner buffet featuring carved roast beef, chicken cordon bleu, tossed salad, vegetable, potatoes and cheesecake for dessert. Music by "Off the Clock" begins at 8:00 p.m. and we'll have a champagne toast at midnight! Purchase tickets at the bar (\$30 per person for the whole event or \$10 for the dance only). Members and their guests are welcome to attend.

If you have not been to the Lodge lately, stop by for the Lodge meetings on the on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., enjoy Friday night dinner served from 5 to 8 p.m., or watch Sunday Football Games. Additionally, the Lodge is open Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 a.m, on Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m. Come by, have a beverage and visit with your fellow Brother and Sister Elks.

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.

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

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Addition to Lodge 804 House Rules By: Board of Directors

Following is information on a recent addition to our House Rulers. This was approved by Grand Lodge Judiciary on October 12, 2017 and added to our House Rules. The complete House Rules are posted in the Club Room. If you have any questions, please see one of the Board Members.

10. Members in good standing with a membership card, spouses of a member or widow/widower with a current identification card are allowed to participate in legal card games in the Lodge. If requested by an Officer of the Lodge, the member, spouse or widow/ widower must present their membership or identification card for review. No other individuals are allowed to participate in card games at the Lodge.

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

There are no Happy Elks this month

SAD ELKS

Bob Matney
Cindy Long
Ralph Williams
Joel Schwartzkopf
Mike Strumpler
Ron Bown
Peter Callaghabn
Kim Slack
Wayne Schrader
Larry Oligmueller
Gary Fiffe
Kevin Frazier

Flory Peterson
Gayle Watkinson
Al Gebhardt
Jim Allen
Gene Jaworowski
Bob Blanco
Terri Lion
Don Aldrich
John Medlin
Jerry Ricer
Tim Burge
JoAnn Frick

BAR BINGO 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Starting at 6:30PM \$1.00 Regular Game per Card

Happy Birthday!! November

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

3	Jay Bowser	16	Ed Hanbson
3	Jeanette Namuth	16	Ray Mullins
4	Gary Perman	16	Skip Walker
5	Jim Chance	19	Richard Haynes
5	Larry Hawe	20	Nick Yobbagy
7	Ken Carson	21	Harold Anton
7	Paul Marrick	21	Frank Barela
7	Dave Parrish	21	Justine Barela
7	Robert Swerer	21	Mike Jones
8	Roger Rogers	23	Victor Mercado
9	Gene Jaworowski	27	Jim Allen
12	Dave Swinehart	29	Tomas Gonzales
13	Ron Brown	30	Larry Beverly
16	Ken Clark	30	Matt Doyle
16	Richard Deines		

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

	ber 2017 nge is at Bartender/Manager aturday/Sunday)	(Closing of Lou	nber 2017 unge is at Bartender/Manager Saturday/Sunday)
Wed Nov 1	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Fri Dec 1	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
	.50 Off All drinks 4-6PM		Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Food Available		Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Thu Nov 2	Lodge Opens at 2PM	Sat Dec 2	Kids Shopping Spree – 9-11AM
	Taco Thursday	0 0 0	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Fri Nov 3	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Sun Dec 3	Breakfast 10AM-12:30PM
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM		Lodge Open for Football Broncos vs Miami 11AM
	Fall Quarterly/Grand Junction	Mon Dec 4	Lodge Closed
Sat Nov 4	Lodge Opens at Noon	Tue Dec 5	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
Com Nav. F	Food Available		Yearly Memorial Service 7PM
Sun Nov 5	Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM		Lodge Dinner 5:30-6:30PM
Mon Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends Lodge Closed	Wed Dec 6	Lodge Opens at 3PM
Tue Nov 7	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
100 1100 7	Lodge Meeting 7PM	Th.: D 7	Food Available
	State President Gary Salberg Visit	Thu Dec 7	Lodge Open at 2PM
Wed Nov 8	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Fri Dec 8	Taco Thursday Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	TH Dec 0	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Food Available		Prime Rib Special
Thu Nov 9	Lodge Opens at 2PM		Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
	Taco Thursday		State Convention Weekend
Fri Nov 10	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Sat Dec 9	Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM
	Prime Rib Special	Sun Dec 10	Lodge Open for Football
	Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM		Member Christmas Party 1-5PM
Cat Nav. 44	Deadwood Trip	Mon Dec 11	Broncos vs. NY Jets 2:05PM
Sat Nov 11	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available	Tue Dec 12	Lodge Closed Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
Sun Nov 12	Lodge Open at 11AM	Tue Dec 12	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
Sull NOV 12	Broncos vs New England 6:30PM	Wed Dec 13	Lodge Opens at 3PM
Mon Nov 13	Lodge Closed		.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Tue Nov 14	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM		Food Available
	Board Meeting 5:30PM	Thu Dec 14	Lodge Open at 2PM
Wed Nov 15	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Taco Thursday
	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	Fri Dec 15	Broncos vs Indianapolis 6:25PM
	Food Available	FILDEC 15	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM		6:30PM Bingo
Thu Nov 16	Lodge Opens at 2PM	Sat Dec 16	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
	Taco Thursday	Sun Dec 17	Breakfast 10AM-12:30PM
Fri Nov 17	5:30PM 28 Hours of Hope Planning Meeting		Lodge Open for Football
FILINOV II	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM		Broncos vs Dallas 2:25PM
Sat Nov 18	Lodge Opens at Noon	Mon Dec 18	Lodge Closed
out nov 10	Food Available	Tue Dec 19	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
Sun Nov 19	Breakfast 9:00-11:00AM	Wed Dec 20	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Broncos vs Cincinnati 2:25PM	Wed Bee 20	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Mon Nov 20	Lodge Closed		Food Available
Tue Nov 21	Lunch Served 11:30A-1:30PM	Thu Dec 21	Lodge Open at 2PM
	Lodge Meeting 7PM		Taco Thursday
Wed Nov 22	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Fri Dec 22	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	Sat Dec 23	Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday
Thu Nau 00	Food Available	Sun Dec 24 Mon Dec 25	Lodge Closed Christmas Holiday Lodge Closed Christmas
Thu Nov 23 Fri Nov 24	Lodge Closed/Happy Thanksgiving Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Tue Dec 26	Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
FII NOV 24	Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM	Tue Dec 20	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Sat Nov 25	Lodge Opens at Noon	Wed Dec 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM
Out 1404 20	Food Available		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Sun Nov 26	Lodge Open at 11AM		Food Available
	Broncos vs Oakland 2:25PM	Thu Dec 28	Lodge Open at 2PM
Mon Nov 27	Lodge Closed	F: D 00	Taco Thursday
Tue Nov 28	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM	Fri Dec 29	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM
	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM		Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Wed Nov 29	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Sat Dec 30	Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM Lodge Opens at Noon
	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	Out D60 00	Food Available
Thu Nav 00	Food Available	Sun Dec 31	Lodge Open at 11AM
Thu Nov 30	Lodge Opens at 2PM		Broncos vs Kansas City 2:25PM
	Taco Thursday		New Year's Eve Party 6:00-Midnight

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Office Hours

Closed Sunday & Monday Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11AM-4PM Wednesday 2-4PM Secretary Hours:

Club Monday Closed

Tuesday 11AM-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)

Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM

Wednesday 3-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion) 2-10PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion) Thursday

Friday 11AM-11PM (Closed at Bartender Discretion)

Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Dinner Served 5:00-8PM

Special entrée item each Friday night.

Open at Noon (Closed at Bartender Discretion) Saturday

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

Needed from Members: Your e-mail address - send to: fcelks@fortcollinselks.org Or call 970-493-3777 The Echo is online at www.fortcollinselks.org

November 2017								
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