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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Greetings Brother and Sister Elks of 804-

We find ourselves again at the beginning of a new lodge year! I feel honored and proud to serve as the Exalted Ruler for this Lodge and this year. I would like to thank all of the Officers who put in their hard work for the last year, making our Lodge one of the best in the state! It is so nice to hear our Lodge referenced at Quarterlies as an example to other lodges. We have had great officers and members who made our Lodge a priority and it showed! I would also like to thank our new officers who have made the commitment for the upcoming year to continue to keep 804 successful and moving forward. Being an officer doesn't come lightly, as there is a large time commitment that is made throughout the year.

As always, we have our work cut out for us when it comes to continuing our Charitable efforts in the community with supporting veterans, youth and those in need. Our committees will continue to work diligently to keep our Lodge busy enriching the community in which we live. If you would like to be part of any Lodge committee, we welcome you! Please let me or another officer know. It's very rewarding to be an active part of what our Lodge is doing!

I understand that committees are not for everyone, so please participate in ways that fit your personality! Volunteer to cook on Lodge nights, set up / clean up after an event, or call bingo on a Friday night. Let us know what your trade is because we might need your help in our Lodge! Be a part of 804 the best way you can be! We appreciate all your help and participation, and I look forward to seeing our Lodge continue to prosper with your help!

One last reminder, make sure you are carrying your *New* beige Membership card! Thank you for putting your trust in me to act as your Exalted Ruler this year. I feel that we have a great core of leaders to depend on. Cheers to another year!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Exalted Ruler



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Greetings Sister and Brother Elks,

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on my first year as an officer.

To begin, if you have not noticed from my previous articles, I have taken this year to actively practice and gain a deeper understanding of the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Intentionally living a virtuous life is an interesting exercise. As any Order, we all believe in God, and love our flag and the land over which it flies. However, we do not impose our religious or political beliefs on others within the Order. In doing so, we lack the typical road maps that political and religious organizations provide. Despite not having these road maps, Elks manage to archive amazing things and provide wonderful service to our communities and Nation, regardless of our personal beliefs. We have done so for 150 years. I believe we can do so because we possess the compass of virtue, a tool that can guide us regardless of time or situation. In an era of divisiveness, this practice is rather refreshing and enlightened. Our solemn oath and the virtues on which our Order is founded is what bids us and guides us to be our best at all times.

A second reflection is on how truly awesome Lodge 804 is and the effort that we all put into keeping it so. Our Lodge is full of interesting and talented people which, in their own way, contribute to the success of our Lodge. It truly takes each and every member to create a lodge as great as ours. Words cannot express how thankful I am for all that the members do for the Lodge. Thanks to all the members that attend Lodge meetings, participate in our functions, support our bar and restaurant, volunteer, serve as officers, maintain the building, write grants, review essays, and organize fundraisers and events.

Finally, I am looking forward to another great year.

Much thanks,
Jason Tomsic
Esteemed Leading Knight,

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2017-2018

Exalted Ruler	Leslie Barela
Leading Knight	Jason Tomsic
Loyal Knight	Mark DuBois
Lecturing Knight	Stephanie Palladino
Secretary	Mike Sutton
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Trustee	Joe McCarthy
Trustee	Joyce Bonanno
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Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Mark Naber



Steve Rumpler Elk of the Month January 2018

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Spring has sprung, and it is a new leaf as officers go in Fort Collins. I am truly honored and excited to be your loyal knight for this 2018-19 year. The Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 is a great place to serve because of the active members and the excellent staff. I chose to become an officer to continue the great service the previous officers provided. This new team of officers is excited to take this responsibility seriously and have fun doing it. I hope to get to know each one of you in my time in the chairs!

We are looking forward to some new entertainment, like the swing dance in April, and a murder mystery dinner in May. All the usual favorites will still be here, like bingo and Taco Thursday! Keep an eye out for Joe's Karaoke on Wednesdays. We hope you all can come!

It is going to be a great year at the Elks Lodge. The support we provide is vital to a healthy community. I feel very fortunate to belong to an organization that is as strong and stable as the Elks. Thank you for making the Elks Lodge #804 what it is today.

Fraternally,
Mark DuBois
Loyal Knight, Lodge #804



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Hello there Elk Brothers and Sisters,

This is my first article to y'all and I would just like to say how honored I am to be the Esteemed Lecturing Knight. I am so excited for this upcoming year and all of the great things that we will do! We have a couple of great events coming up.

On April 7th, we have our swing dancing event! I personally love this event. Last year, this was the event that made Josh and I interested in becoming Elks! I remember so fondly how welcoming and kind you all were at that event. This is a great time to invite family and friends and allow them to experience our Lodge and learn some great swing dancing moves. I have started to recruit some friends and family to attend and ask that we all do the same. Let's open our doors to the community and show them some of the fun that Elks have! The swing dance lessons start at 7 p.m. and last an hour this year! This is a great thing for those of us who need a bit more practice than the rest. The dance will go from 8 to 10 p.m. with music by the Colorado Swing Big Band. There is a \$5 cover and appetizers for purchase.

On May 5th, we're offering a new and different event and one I'm thrilled about! We're doing a Murder Mystery Dinner. The theme "Murder at the Cherry Creek Saloon," will transform our Lodge into a Gold Rush Era Saloon. This who-done-it event occurs in a "Mingle Mystery" format where we as guests will be sleuthing and interacting with each other to solve the mystery. Everyone is a suspect! After signing up for the event, you will receive a packet with more instructions about your character and role for the evening. The price of the event is \$12 per person for dinner and the event. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with the event beginning at 6 p.m. Please sign up by April 27. Additional information on this event is included in this issue as an insert.

I encourage all of you to come to the Entertainment Committee Meetings every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The more ideas and involvement the better!


Cheers,
Stephanie
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Lodge 804



Americanism Contest Winners L to R 2nd Place Michael Koehler, 3rd Place Levi Hermesen & 1st Place Bennett Ruby



New Members, Sitting L to R Colton Smith, Clayton Swanson, Timothea Swanson, Scott Tomlinson, Dean Santistevan Standing L to R Chuck Barnes, Jake Renner, John Ross, Eric Schrader




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Secretary Notes - April 2018

"Secretary Mike" -- Wow, that definitely has a different ring to it! As excited as I was to give up my full-time position at Anheuser-Busch, I am equally excited and, I might add, a bit nervous, to begin my next chapter as Secretary of Fort Collins Lodge #804. Our Lodge has been very fortunate over the last six years to have a secretary who was always willing to go the extra mile and put in many additional hours to ensure that all the business of our Lodge was conducted professionally and in a timely manner. I would like to personally thank Joyce Bonanno for all she has done and, in advance, for her promise of my continued tutelage as I move forward in my new position as secretary.

My expectation is to have the Lodge Office open for business Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday 12 to 4 p.m. If for some reason I am not available, the expected date and time of my return will be posted on the office door. Additionally, I will often be available 'after hours' in the Lodge/Lounge area and, if necessary, can be contacted through email, text and by phone.

These are exciting times for 804. I look forward to working closely with our new Exalted Ruler, Leslie Barela, and her team of returning and new and energetic officers in the coming year. Over the past year, we have added many new and younger members. I am eager to see in what direction their enthusiasm and fresh ideas move our Lodge in the future. I hope we all continue to do our part to grow our membership by sponsoring new members because that strengthens and advances our local Lodge and The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In closing, let me remind everyone that our annual dues were due by April 1st. Our Lodge is fiscally responsible for making our Per-Capita payment to Grand Lodge for all active members on the roster as of April 1st. If you have not yet made your dues payment, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, we now have the option to pay 1/2 of our dues in April (\$94.50 w/per-capita) and the balance of \$75 by October 1st.

I thank each of you for your support and friendship over the last several years. The bar has been set high for the performance of our Lodge Secretary, with your continued support, I hope to not disappoint.

Mike Sutton
Secretary
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Elks 804 Legacy Project

Legacy – a gift from our predecessors (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary).

Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 is continuing to add bricks to our front entry. The entry includes our bronzed Elk standing atop a rock and welcoming our members and guests to the Lodge. Included in the legacy brick display is our flagpole.

The Legacy brick display is a visible remembrance of those Elks who preceded us in service to the Order and a link to current members continuing to fulfill their obligation. The Legacy display will also serve to invite new members to join us in the honorable work we do in serving our community.

Each Legacy brick is laid in an array in the enclosure and includes the etched name of a designated current or past Elk member. The enclosure will be lighted with the Elk's spreading antlers standing approximately twelve feet above the pavement. The current cost for inclusion of a named member in the display is \$100.00 per brick with all donations designated for Lodge 804 expenses. By becoming an elk Legacy participant, you help in preserving the memory of those who came before while sharing in the effort to support our beautiful Lodge home.

Questions about the project or requests for ordering one or more bricks should be forwarded to Tony Bonanno at:

anthonybonanno@hotmail.com

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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 Activities



Americanism Presentation



Americanism Winners and Committee Members



Old Timers Night- Dean Rydholm, Bill Brier



Old Timers Night- Hugh Shepherd



Old Timers Night- George Van Arsdaile, Charlie Thomas, Ted McNeese, Tony Bonanno, Lee Skrdlant



Old Timers Night- Randy Kettenhofen, Bob Matney, Al Dillman, Roger Rogers

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

April 2018

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

Sun Apr 1	Happy Easter Lodge Closed/No Breakfast
Mon Apr 2	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 3	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Wed Apr 4	Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 5	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 6	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Apr 7	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available Swing Event – Lesson's 6:00-8:00PM Colorado Big Swing Band 8:00-10:00PM
Sun Apr 8	Lodge Closed
Mon Apr 9	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 10	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Apr 11	Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 12	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 13	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Apr 14	Leadership Training/DD Meeting Food Available
Sun Apr 15	Breakfast 7:30-11:00AM Leadership Training Lodge Closed at Bartenders Discretion
Mon Apr 16	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 17	Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Apr 18	Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 19	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 20	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Apr 21	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 22	Lodge Closed
Mon Apr 23	Lodge Closed
Tue Apr 24	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Apr 25	Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Apr 26	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri Apr 27	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat Apr 28	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sun Apr 29	Lodge Closed
Mon Apr 30	Lodge Closed

MAY 2018

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

Tue May 1	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed May 2	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 3	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 4	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat May 5	Lodge Open at Noon / Food Available Tentative: Shot In The Dark (Mystery Dinner)
Sun May 6	No Breakfast / Lodge Closed
Mon May 7	Lodge Closed
Tue May 8	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed May 9	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 10	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 11	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat May 12	Lodge Open at Noon Food / Available
Sun May 13	Mother's Day Brunch
Mon May 14	Lodge Closed
Tue May 15	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed May 16	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 17	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 18	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat May 19	Lodge Open at Noon / Food Available
Sun May 20	Lodge Closed
Mon May 21	Lodge Closed
Tue May 22	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wed May 23	Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 24	Lodge Open 2PM Taco Thursday
Fri May 25	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-Em 7PM
Sat May 26	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun May 27	Lodge Closed
Mon May 28	Lodge Closed
Tue May 29	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wed May 30	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu May 31	Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday

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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 – 2nd Friday - Prime Rib Special

Saturday

Lodge Open at 12PM

Lodge Meeting

First & Third Tuesday of the Month at 7PM
Except June & August on 1st Tuesday Only.
July Meeting 3rd Tuesday

*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Easter Lodge Closed/No Breakfast	2 Lodge Closed	3 Lunch Served 11:30AM- 1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	4 Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	5 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	6 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	7 Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available Swing Event – Lesson's 6:00-8:00PM Colorado Big Swing Band 8:00-10:00PM
8 Lodge Closed / Flying Pig 5K	9 Lodge Closed	10 Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM	11 Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	12 Lodge Open at 2PM Taco Thursday	13 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	14 Leadership Training/DD Meeting Food Available
15 Tax Day Breakfast w/ Waffle Bar 7:30-11:00AM Leadership Training Lodge Closed at Bartenders Discretion	16 Lodge Closed	17 Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	18 Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	19 Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday	20 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	21 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
22 Lodge Closed	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM	25 Lodge Open at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	26 Lodge Opens at 2PM Taco Thursday	27 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM	28 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Closed					