

# THE ECHO

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Order of Elks Fort Collins  
Lodge #804

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***Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity***

Greetings Brother and Sister Elks of 804

Summer certainly snuck up on us! I've enjoyed seeing everyone enjoy our Lodge and participate in current events! The Murder Mayhem proved to be a popular and fun event. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making it a success. Special thanks to all of the suspects who dressed for and played the part! Murder at the Cherry Creek Saloon was a great time!

I know that with summer here, many of you will be travelling to enjoy the weather! I hope you will take the time to visit a lodge near your destination or as you're travelling to it. It's an amazing feeling to come across other Elks and see what their lodge has to offer! Take a picture, and send it to us – you might find yourself in the next Echo!

At the end of the month, a few of our officers will be travelling to San Antonio for Grand Lodge. We look forward to meeting Elks from all over the country and bringing back new ideas to better our Lodge. This Grand Lodge session will be a special one to attend, as our very own Joyce Bonanno will be installed as District Deputy for our North District of Colorado. Congratulations Joyce!

Don't forget, we are selling raffle tickets for the 58" Samsung UHD 4K TV or \$500 CASH to the winner! Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Lodge. We need your help with ticket sales! See Secretary Mike or Jim Allen to check out a ticket packet. The drawing will be held during our Family Picnic in August. Keep an eye out for new flyers as I think something's brewing for the morning of our picnic! Thank you to everyone who helps with the betterment of our Lodge. It's great to see so many people who care about 804!

As you probably know, we will have a lighter meeting schedule over the summer, just one Lodge meeting in June, July and August. Keep our calendar close!

As always, I look forward to seeing you for Friday Night Dinners and Lodge Nights!

Fraternally,  
Leslie Barela  
Exalted Ruler  
Lodge 804



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## From The Station of the Leading Knight

Greetings Sister and Brother Elks,

I would like to take the opportunity to write about the simplicity of the virtue of Charity and how it can be enacted in our daily lives as Elks.

Of our Orders' four cardinal virtues, I find Charity to be complex in thought yet simplest in action. From a theological perspective, Charity is defined as the friendship of man for God, and, thus, as further explained by Thomas Aquinas "the habit of charity extends not only to the love of God, but also to the love of our neighbor." This, for me is a very vast notion relative to the earthlier virtues of Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Yet, the practice of charity, which is defined as "the voluntary giving of help to those in need, as a humanitarian act." For me, and I would assume for most Elks, this is a rather simple and natural concept. I feel that by the mere fact we have chosen to belong to the Order, we are, by nature, helping and giving beings.

What I find so wonderful about our Lodge is that the act of charity is so easily seen and obtained. We, as a national and local Order, do a lot for our Nation and our communities, yet it starts within our Lodge walls. Additionally, Elks are masters of making the act of helping and giving fun.

As a tribute to those who have and as encouragement to those who want to give more, I would like to site a few examples of how charity is manifested at our Lodge. This includes members who sell and buy raffle tickets and generating funds that support the Lodge in general, finances special projects within the Lodge, and increases our contributions to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). The Entertainment Committee hosting and members attending our Lodge events, in turn, strengthens our Elks community and supports the club. Members donating, seeking donations, attending, and purchasing items at Friendship Night, raised over \$16,000 in funds, which in turn went to three local organizations that support abused youth. Finally, it can't go without mentioning the extensive services that we have given to those who served our Nation.

The above are but a few examples.

With that said, I would like to thank the members for all the good works they do and encourage other to join in the fun and continue to find additional ways to exemplify charity.

Jason Tomsic  
Leading Knight  
Lodge 804

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*Ron Zais receiving his Elk of the Month for April from ER Leslie Barela.*

## From The Station of the Loyal Knight

If you spend much time working our Lodge, by this I mean fixing, scheduling events, and cleaning up, you find some tasks are easier than others. Certain tasks just welcome help from anyone willing to step up. Some tasks, on the other hand, need to follow more of a process and may require requests, votes, bids, fundraising, and review. As the saying goes, "Do it if it is good for the order," and we all have that in mind. Sometimes change can be a very complicated undertaking when there are differing opinions, especially in an organization as great as The Elks.

We do a lot for the community, our members, and our employees. It takes a lot of people to do this work and it comes with just as many opinions, all of which are valuable. Our Lodge runs like a top thanks to previous leadership, current officers, energetic volunteers, and excellent staff. We do, however, need to work daily to keep this up.

There are a few fundraisers going on currently that help support our Lodge and I encourage you all to take part in them. Specifically, we are going to have an event to raise money for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to have at the Lodge, possibly a Texas Hold'em tournament! Also a TV giveaway will get us a more up-to-date TV for the club. A golf tournament on the 9th of June is scheduled to support our general fund. Join us in these efforts and help make them all a success.

Fraternally,  
Mark DuBois  
Loyal Knight  
Lodge #804



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## From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Happy June!

A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped planning, setting up, printing documents, serving drinks, and making/serving food at the Murder Mystery May(ham) dinner a few weeks ago. The event was a huge success!! I'd like to also thank Timothea Swanson for all of her help planning and emceeing the event with me. And thank you to all the participants, especially those who put themselves out there and acted as suspects. It was wonderful to see our Lodge so full and filled with so much excitement. If you have feedback from the event, please feel free to reach out to me.

As I mentioned last time, I am looking to bring some new events into the Lodge as well as sticking with a few classic fan favorites. I would really love to see more faces at the Entertainment Committee meetings every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. I would love to hear new ideas, spins on old ones, and brainstorm some new and different ways to drum up entertainment participation at the Lodge. Your participation is key to making all of these events successful!


Cheers,  
Stephanie Palladino  
Lecturing Knight  
Lodge 804



Scholarship Winners with Committee Members: L to R Jan Daggett, Chairperson Cindy Long, Joyce Bonanno, Sally Rogers and ER Leslie Barela. Students: L to R Lindsay Farber, Herman Chavez, Katrina Carlsen, Melia Barela, Alexander 'Sasha' Chappell, Chloe Ellison. Not pictured- Vincent Paradise



New Members L to Right Bruce Axelrod, Jacob Forstrom, Ryan Helgeson, Clay Keller.



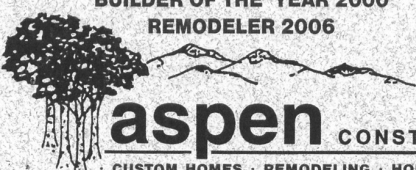
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**Secretary Notes - June 2018**

If you read my article in last month's issue, you know that Tammy and I have been busy with a remodeling project at home. I am happy, actually, very happy to say that the project is completed! The new hardwood floors are in, the trim is back on and caulked, the interior is painted, the exterior is painted, and we even have the pictures back on the walls. I even found a little time this weekend, between rain showers, to get some much-needed yardwork done! Now it's time to settle in to this new role as Secretary.

One of my roles as Secretary is to communicate with the membership. I want to do a good job of making sure everyone knows about our upcoming events, lunch/dinner specials etc. Many times, we plan something special at the Lodge and, because of scheduling restraints, it's not possible to get it in the Echo in a timely fashion. For those times, I rely on email to let you all know "what's going on at 804." Because of this, I am in the process of building a new email list that can be easily managed and updated in the future. During this process, I have come across several addresses which appear to be inaccurate or no longer valid so I need your help! If any of the following are true, please let me know, via email, so I can cut and paste your address to insure accuracy:

You received updates in the past and are no longer receiving them;

You recently started getting updates and would prefer not to;

You would like me to start using a different email address for you;

You would prefer to get the Echo mailed electronically as opposed to the hard copy or if you would like it delivered both ways. (Side note: There would be considerable savings of time and money if more members received the Echo electronically.)

I thank you in advance for your help and patience during this updating process.

Finally, as we head into June, we currently have 64 members who are delinquent on their dues.

Fraternally,  
Mike Sutton  
Secretary Fort Collins  
Elks Lodge #804  
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The Echo deadline for July is June 13th.  
Please send all Echo articles and information to  
[suttonm156@gmail.com](mailto:suttonm156@gmail.com)

**OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS**

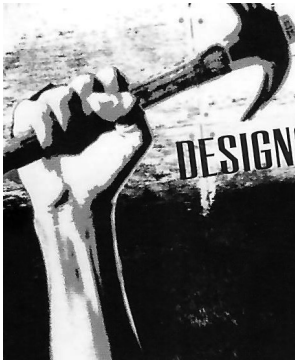
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The Tablets of Love and Memory*

*Thomas E. Nix Jr.  
May 21, 1927 - March 9, 2018  
Member 39 Years*

*Darrell 'Skip' Walker  
Exalted Ruler 1993  
November 16, 1944 - April 1, 2018  
Member 34 Years*



*Lee Skrdlant celebrating his 80th Birthday at the Lodge.*



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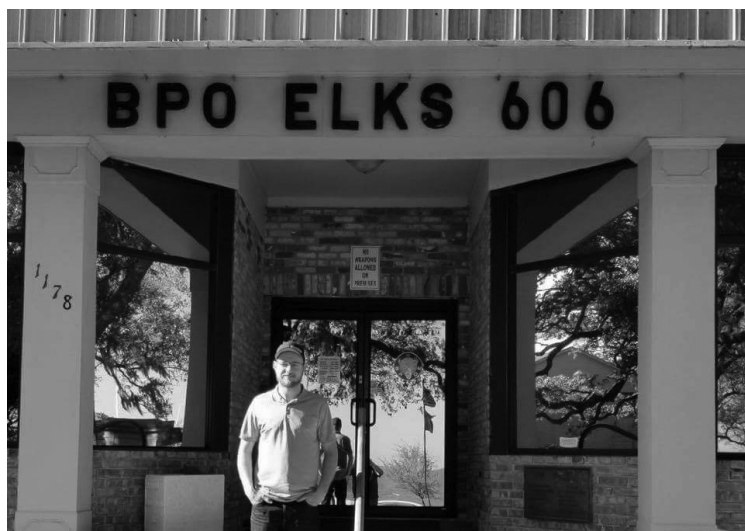
*Murder Mystery L to R Bethany Bouchard, Stephanie Palladino, Timi Swanson, Kelly Sonnenfeld.*



*Murder Mystery Rita Knoll (L) and Laryl Laetsch*



*Clayton Swanson at the Santa Fe Lodge.*



*Cody Nelson at the Biloxi Lodge.*



*Colton Smith, with his father, Bill Smith, PER Estes Park, who performed the role of Lecturing Knight for Colton's Initiation.*



*Wine Fest L to R PER Tony Bonanno, PER-Trustee Joyce Bonanno, ER Leslie Barela, Trustee Al Minatta.*



## 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

None: 

## SAD ELKS

Steve Vessey - Attendance

Mike Mucci - Attendance

Jenny Gaze

Ralph Williams

Ron Hallam

Gary Fiffe

Don LeFever

Janet Estes

Tim Cumings

Penny Lane McCormick

Bernie Maynes

Ken Hoganson

Greg Kus

Mike Englert

Dean Gebhardt

Arnold Gonzales

Doug Amoe

Thomas Kasari

Josh Lehman

Jerry Schott

Mark Habel

Donald Barrett

AJ Glaser

**BAR BINGO**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
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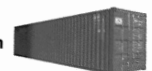
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# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### June 2018

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

Fri, June 01	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat, June 02	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, June 03	Breakfast 9-11AM
Mon, June 04	Lodge Closed
Tue, June 05	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed, June 06	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, June 07	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, June 08	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat, June 09	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, June 10	Lodge Closed
Mon, June 11	Lodge Closed
Tue, June 12	Lodge Open Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wed, June 13	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, June 14	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special Flag Day \$5 Burgers @5:30 Flag Ceremony @ 6:30
Fri, June 15	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat, June 16	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, June 17	Lodge Closed
Mon, June 18	Lodge Closed
Tue, June 19	Lodge Open Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Wed, June 20	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, June 21	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, June 22	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat, June 23	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, June 24	Lodge Closed
Mon, June 25	Lodge Closed
Tue, June 26	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Entertainment Committee 5:30
Wed, June 27	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, June 28	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, June 29	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-Em 7PM
Sat, June 30	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available

### July 2018

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

Sun, Jul 01	Grand Lodge: San Antonio, TX Lodge Closed
Mon, Jul 02	Grand Lodge: San Antonio, TX Lodge Closed
Tue, Jul 03	Grand Lodge: San Antonio, TX Lodge Closed
Wed, Jul 04	Grand Lodge: San Antonio, TX Independence Day Lodge Closed
Thu, Jul 05	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, Jul 06	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat, Jul 07	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, Jul 08	Lodge Closed
Mon, Jul 09	Lodge Closed
Tue, Jul 10	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed, Jul 11	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, Jul 12	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, Jul 13	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat, Jul 14	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
Sun, Jul 15	Lodge Closed
Mon, Jul 16	Lodge Closed
Tue, Jul 17	Lodge Open Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
Wed, Jul 18	Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu, Jul 19	Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special
Fri, Jul 20	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat, Jul 21	Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
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Sun, Jul 29	Lodge Closed
Mon, Jul 30	Lodge Closed
Tue, Jul 31	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM

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**Saturday – Lodge Opens at NOON**  
**Sunday – Lodge Opened for Breakfast**  
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**Office Hours** Closed Monday & Friday  
Tuesday – Thursday 9AM-3PM

**Lodge**  
Monday Closed  
Tuesday \*11:30AM -10 PM/Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM  
Wednesday \*Lodge Open at 3PM  
Thursday \*Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special  
Friday \*11:30AM - 11PM/Lunch 11:30-1:30PM  
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  
Except June & August on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Only.  
July Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

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## June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>2</b>  Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
<b>3</b>  Breakfast 9-11AM	<b>4</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>5</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	<b>6</b>  D-Day Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	<b>7</b>  Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special	<b>8</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	<b>9</b>  Lodge Golf Tournament: City Park 7:30AM Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
<b>10</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>11</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>12</b>  Lodge Open Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Board Meeting	<b>13</b>  Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	<b>14</b>  Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special Flag Day \$5 Burgers @5:30 Flag Ceremony @ 6:30	<b>15</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Dinner Special: Lobster Newburg Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>16</b>  Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
<b>17</b>  Father's Day Lodge Closed	<b>18</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>19</b>  Lodge Open Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM	<b>20</b>  Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	<b>21</b>  First Day of Summer Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special	<b>22</b>  National Onion Ring Day Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	<b>23</b>  Lodge Opens at Noon / Food Available
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