

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

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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Elks Lodge 804,

As I write this article for the March Echo, my last as the 2017 – 2018 ER, I am able to reflect back on what a fantastic year we have had at Lodge 804.

We started off last April with a donation and Elks participation in the Foothills Gateway Flying Pig 5K run for the benefit of developmentally delayed children. Through the spring and summer months, we celebrated Mother's Day, 804 actively supported youth sports programs, Boy Scout Troop 87, the Elks Americanism Essay Contest, a Car Show, and donated to area high school prom parties. During the fall season, the Elks Special Needs program donated to Disabled Resource Services and we were represented at its Wine Fest. We also contributed to the Larimer County Food Bank. The holiday season brought on a flurry of activities including the Realities for Children shopping spree, Christmas Basket donations to needy



families, the Elks Children's Christmas Party, the Members Christmas Party, and a New Years Eve dinner and dance. Since the holidays, Lodge 804 has participated in a Veterans Stand Down and provided Veteran's Start-up Kits for independent living. We also partnered with New Belgium Brewery and provided packages, letters and cards to active duty troops. We are now in the process of reviewing scholarship applications for graduating seniors. Most recently, we raised nearly \$16,000.00 during our "Friendship Night" fundraiser with the Loveland and Greeley lodges to benefit the K-99 Radio 28 Hours of Hope project for abused and neglected children.

Lodge 804 officers and the PER group have also provided numerous activities for the membership. We had a Laughlin Resort raffle, took a trip to Deadwood, attended a Rockies game, had a Kentucky Derby party, and enjoyed a special Valentines Day dinner prepared and served

by our outstanding staff. Lodge 804 has also been cited at CEA meetings for exceeding per capita contributions to ENF, donations to Laradon Hall and the new Elks Youth Camp. We noted the loss of beloved members at our Memorial service, but have added a significant number of new members this past year. Our Flag Day event continues to be one of the special things we do at Lodge 804.

In closing, it has been an honor to serve the membership of this Lodge. Thanks to those who attend Lodge meetings for that is where the strength of any lodge resides.

Fraternally, Tony Bonanno ER Lodge 804

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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Brother and Sister Elks,

It's pretty amazing how fast a year can go, or three for that matter. This is my last article as a Knight in our Lodge. Thank you to Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno for leading our Lodge to a successful year. He lead by example, never asking of someone else what he wouldn't do himself. Thank you again to E.R. Tony and all of our Lodge Officers for being respectable and responsible this year. Our incoming Officers have a great example to follow.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone as Exalted Ruler to keep our Lodge in good standing and running smoothly. I think it'll be a great year with charitable opportunities, our Lodge meetings and events and Friday Night Bingo dinners. I encourage all of you to be present at the Lodge and get to know your fellow Elks and spouses. Invite people you know who would make good Elks to apply. We are always looking for more people to join us in our work.

Thank you also to Secretary Joyce Bonanno for leading the way in this Lodge by being the First Lady Exalted Ruler. She has been a great mentor and I couldn't ask for anything more from her.

It has been a great year! It will be a great new year! Make sure you are always an active part of 804. We love our members!

Fraternally, Leslie Barela Leading Knight

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2017-2018

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Ron Hallam Elk of the Month December 2017

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Greetings Members and friends,

Hopefully everyone has survived the winter months and was able to stay healthy and avoid the dreaded flu bug. It was a bit of a nasty one this winter.

As we wind down the final hours of winter and approach the fresh, newness of spring, we will start our new Elks fiscal year as well. I would like to thank Exalted Ruler Tony Bonanno for his excellent leadership this past year. There were several fun and exciting events that took place at our Lodge and we experienced many successes. This is evident by kind words spoken to us from the visiting Dignitaries and by the awards and accolades we received at the state quarterly meetings and the convention. I appreciate all the hard work, dedication and sweat you have contributed to Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804. Exalted Ruler Tony, you served us with distinction and honor and will go down as one of the best in our Lodge's history!

As we begin this new year, I would also like to wish Exalted Ruler Elect Leslie Barela the best for the 2018-19 Elk year. With your dedication and proven leadership ability, I am certain our Lodge will continue down the same path of success. I look forward to working with you and watching our Lodge grow this coming year.

Because of family commitments, I will not be moving into the Leading Knight chair this next year, but look forward to pursuing and helping in other avenues of the Lodge. I hope everyone was able to gain a little knowledge of the Elks history and the other tidbits of trivia I shared this past year. To those of you I know well, I enjoy our friendship and hope it continues to grow through the years. And I look forward to getting to know and create lasting friendships with many more members and guests this coming year.

Fraternally, Randy Kettenhofen Esteemed Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Greetings Brother and Sister Elks,

As February, 2018 marked the 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, I would like to provide a brief history of the Order. It was started by a group of actors and musicians in the New York City area. Original meetings, held primarily on Sundays, were informal, consisting of performances, eating, and drinking, and were when the New York City bars were closed. The group was originally known as the Jolly Corks. The name is derived from a trick played on an unknowing bar patron by two members, which resulted in the bar patron losing the bet and purchasing drinks for the witty Corks.

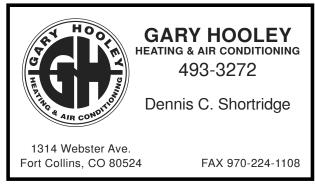
Soon after formation, members were granted status as a private club, allowing members to meet on Sundays when bars were closed. The group was composed of immigrants from various nations and the general feeling was that it should be uniquely American and its symbol should be as such, thus the Elk was adopted.

Although established as private club, charity has always been a part of our Order. It is said that when a performer lost work, the other members collected money and food for his family. This practice evolved as did the formality and rituals of the order, much of which we still see today.

The Elks always played a major role in assisting veterans. During the 1917 Grand Lodge, it was declared that "the Elk give first consideration to the sick and wounded on the battlefields." Shortly after the decree, the Elks financial contributions helped establish the first two base hospitals in France. In 1918, the Elk build a 700 bed hospital given to the federal government to assist injured veterans. Additionally, rehabilitation, vocational and education loans were given to returning vets. This served as a model for the Gl bill.

The honoring of our Nation's flag is deeply rooted in our Order. In 1907, Grand Lodge designated June 14th as Flag Day. In 1911, a resolution was adopted requiring every lodge to observe the occasion. Finally, through the Elks' prompting, Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed June 14th as the official Flag Day. As we mark our 150th anniversary, be proud of the all we have done both nationally and locally and what we will do well into the future.

Jason Tomsic Lecturing Knight Lodge 804



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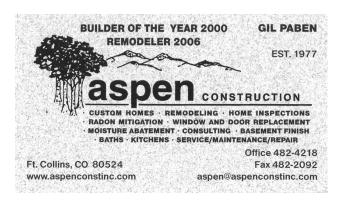




New Members Kelly Sonnenfeld, Bethany Bouchard, Phil Sonnenfeld, Cody Nelson and Tyler Glass.



New Members Dave Medina, Gary Warner, Mike Englert and Tony Englert.





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Process for Suggestions

Most every member has ideas on how our Lodge should be run, what kind of food should be served and how much they should be charged as well as many other issues too numerous to mention. Every member, at one time or another, may have felt they could run a better meeting, convey more important information or even feel they could make better decisions and run the Lodge more effectively. That's certainly human nature in a community setting.

New ideas are good for the Lodge and there's nothing wrong with questioning why a decision was However, when the delivery is inappropriate, it can be hurtful to those who work so hard to make our Lodge successful. There are appropriate and effective ways to voice opinions, suggestions and concerns. The Lodge Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Any member with guestions or ideas on any business of the Lodge is welcome to attend the meeting. Let the Lodge Secretary know you'll be attending the meeting to discuss a specific subject and you'll be allotted time at the meeting. Any member in good standing has the ability to question decisions and has a direct line to the Board and/or Officers. Every member also has the opportunity to run for a position on the Board. Our bar staff does not have the authority to resolve issues or make changes in the Lodge so that is not an appropriate venue in which to voice concerns.

It is also discourteous during a Lodge meeting for members in the audience to mutter criticism or talk to those around them negatively about how the meeting is being run or how or what messages are being conveyed. Comments muttered carry across the room and it is disruptive. Anyone who has something to say in a Lodge meeting can certainly speak up and share those thoughts with all of the other members in attendance. That's how we, as adults, communicate effectively and remove ourselves from what becomes harmful backbiting.

Our Officers give hours of their time to serve our Lodge and many of them may be at the Lodge seven days a week. They attend Quarterly Meetings, District Deputy Meetings, practice the ritual, attend not only Lodge meetings, but Board Meetings, Entertainment meetings and budget meetings. They help with repairs and cleanup around the Lodge, plan and attend events and can usually be found at the Lodge during the week and on Friday nights.

By following the established processes for registering concerns and suggestions, it also reinforces the principles of our Order – Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno Secretary/PER

The Echo deadline for April is March 13th.

Please send all Echo articles and information to suttonml56@gmail.com

Secretary Notes - March 2018

Every member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is important in improving the quality of life in our local communities. We all matter and can help the Order by paying our annual dues. Thank you to the members who have already paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Your annual dues must be paid by March 31st. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Lodge.

I will be transitioning from the Lodge Secretary to Trustee on April 1st. A big thank you to all of the members who have supported me through the many productive and good times and also a few challenging times. Our Lodge has accomplished so much during the past several years and we could not have done it without each and every one of you stepping up to help. A special thanks to my husband Tony who went many nights having to eat out again because I was working late at the Lodge or had a late meeting, understanding when I had to be at the Lodge over the weekend to meet a deadline, attend out of town meetings with me and gladly doing all of the "chores" I requested both at home and at the Lodge. Skip Walker, when you nominated me for Exalted Ruler, you obviously knew I would take the job serious and so I have.

Past Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton will be taking over as the Lodge Secretary. Mike has also agreed to be the Echo Editor. I have confidence Mike will do an excellent job in both capacities and will bring new energy to them. We have a strong core of new officers for 2018-2019. Make sure you take time to stop by the Lodge, attend a Lodge Meeting or an event and get to know them. We have the second woman Exalted Ruler, Leslie Barela, being installed on March 31st. Jason Tomsic, Mark Dubois, Stephanie Pallidano, Jerry McDonnell, Lee Skrdlant, Joe McCarthy, Al Minatta, Joe Lucero, Jim Chance and Randy Kettenhofen have stepped up to help Leslie have a successful, positive and fun year.

Thanks to all of the members who have sponsored new members this past year. Membership is the life blood of our organization and we will not survive without new members.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge. Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno Secretary/PER



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Lodge Activities

















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

Joe Lucero and Fran Black

SAD ELKS

Dennis Marion
Richard Miller
Paul Marrick
Mark Manges
Mike Demma
Joe Sullivan
Terri Lion
Bill Rogers
Roger Rogers
Jack Unger
Lloyd Pearl
Pam Miller

Paul Kipping
T.J. Shurigar
Donald Kirkland
Gerald Schilling
Colleen Rapaich
Ron Hefner
Howard Bassett
Peter Callaghan
Andy Miller
Richard Deines
John Rinne
Steve Vessey

BAR BINGO 1ST AND 3RD 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 Tjlkens	24	Lloyd Golden
5	A.R. Oesterle	24	Ralph Will
7	Lucie Tran	25	Joe Lucero
8	Deanna Kerscher	26	Mike Peters
13	Tyler Glass	27	Larry Scheinost
14	Jason Tomsic	28	Joe O. Golnzales
15	Steve Ryan	28	Victor Meline
16	Steven O. Hall	30	Joyce Bonanno
20	Milo Bohlender	30	Trista Roecker
21	Tom Metcalf	31	Jerry Rice
21	Leonard Wilson	31	Jerry Williams
22	Mike Demma		

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

March	2018	April 2	018
	unge is at Bartender/Manager	(Closing of L	ounge is at Partandar/Managar
	Saturday/Sunday)	Closing of Lo	ounge is at Bartender/Manager
Thu Mar 1	Lodge Open at 2PM		Saturday/Sunday)
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Fri Mar 2	Taco Thursday Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM		Lodge Closed/No Breakfast
rii Mai Z	• .	Mon Apr 2	Lodge Closed
	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Tue Apr 3	Lunch Served 11:30AM-1:30PM
Cat Man 2	Bar Bingo 6:30PM	•	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Sat Mar 3	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available	Wed Apr 4	Lodge Open at 3PM
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Sun Mar 4	Breakfast 9-11AM		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Mon Mar 5	Lodge Closed	Thu Apr 5	Lodge Open at 2PM
Tue Mar 6	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	тти дрг о	
\\/	Lodge Meeting 7PM – Old Timer's Night	Cri Ann G	Taco Thursday
Wed Mar 7	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Fri Apr 6	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
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Thu Mar 8	Lodge Open at 2PM		Swing Event – Lesson's 6:00-8:00PM
	Taco Thursday		Colorado Big Swing Band 8:00-10:00PM
Fri Mar 9	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	Sun Apr 8	Lodge Closed
	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Mon Apr 9	Lodge Closed
	Prime Rib Special	Tue Apr 10	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM
	Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM		Board Meeting 5:30PM
Sat Mar 10	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available	Wed Apr 11	Lodge Open at 3PM
Sun Mar 11	Lodge Closed/Day Light Savings Time Begins	wea Aprili	Food Available
Mon Mar 12	Lodge Closed		
Tue Mar 13	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	TI A 40	.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM	Thu Apr 12	Lodge Open at 2PM
Wed Mar 14	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Taco Thursday
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM	Fri Apr 13	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Food Available		Prime Rib Special
Thu Mar 15	Lodge Open at 2PM		Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
	Taco Thursday	Sat Apr 14	Leadership Training/DD Meeting
Fri Mar 16	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	·	Food Available
	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Sun Apr 15	Breakfast 7:30-11:00AM
	6:30PM Bar Bingo		Leadership Training
Sat Mar 17	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available		Lodge Closed at Bartenders Discretion
	St. Patrick's Day	Mon Apr 16	Lodge Closed
Sun Mar 18	Lodge Closed	Tue Apr 17	Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
Mon Mar 19	Lodge Closed	rue Apr 17	
Tue Mar 20	Lodge Open For Lunch 11:20-1:30PM	\\\\ \ \ \ 40	Lodge Meeting 7PM
	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	Wed Apr 18	Lodge Open at 3PM
Wed Mar 21	Lodge Opens at 3PM		Food Available
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	Food Available	Thu Apr 19	Lodge Open at 2PM
Thu Mar 22	Lodge Open at 2PM		Taco Thursday
	Taco Thursday	Fri Apr 20	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Fri Mar 23	Lodge Open For Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	•	Bar Bingo 6:30PM
	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	Sat Apr 21	Lodge Öpen at Noon/Food Available
Sat Mar 24	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available	Sun Apr 22	Lodge Closed
Sun Mar 25	Lodge Closed	Mon Apr 23	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 26	Lodge Closed	Tue Apr 24	Lunch Served 11:30-1:30PM
Tue Mar 27	Lodge Open For Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	rue Apr 24	
	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM	\\\. \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Mar 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM	Wed Apr 25	Lodge Open at 3PM
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	Food Available		.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Mar 29	Lodge Open at 2PM	Thu Apr 26	Lodge Open at 2PM
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Fri Mar 30	Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30-1:30PM	Fri Apr 27	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM	r·	Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
	Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM	Sat Apr 28	Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available
Sat Mar 31	Lodge Open at Noon	Sun Apr 29	Lodge Closed
	Installation	Mon Apr 30	Lodge Closed

Mon Apr 30

Lodge Closed

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Tuesday - Thursday

<u>Lodge</u>

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 $5:00 - 8PM - 2^{nd}$ Friday - Prime Rib Special

Saturday Lodge Open at 12PM

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

*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
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