

# THE ECHO

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Lodge #804

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*Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity*

Greetings Brother and Sister Elks of 804-

As we enter into the second month of our Lodge year, we are seeing new faces in our lodge! It's wonderful to see new people interested in our Lodge and participating in our charitable efforts. I welcome all of you and look forward to getting to know you all better throughout the year. We focus on bringing in new people, which is a must if we want to continue the legacy of the Elks in Fort Collins 804. We must also retain our old members to be able to see our Lodge grow. At this point, we have about 80% of our members paid up and renewed for the 2018-2019 year. Where is the other 20%? If you've brought in a member and haven't seen them around the Lodge yet this year, check with them and encourage them to continue their membership and attend our events! There is something for everyone in this Lodge, and we'd like to see our members participate in the events that make this feel like home to them.

For many of our officers, 804 is definitely home away from home! I appreciate our Officers being active and taking the initiative to tend to items which need attention in the Lodge. Special thanks to PER Tony Bonanno for making sure our dining room was in top shape for the Leadership Seminar we hosted in April!

The highlight of this past month was the evening of the Installation Ceremony for our new Officers and the dinner and entertainment that followed. I truly appreciate each of our PERs who took the time to be a part of our special day; it was one that I will always remember. We appreciate everyone that came out to celebrate starting off the new Lodge year with our Officers! Thank you also to everyone who has offered to help this year. As the year progresses, I have no doubt that I may be calling on you as we continue our quest to a successful year!

Fraternally,  
Leslie Barela  
Exalted Ruler Lodge 804



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## From The Station of the Leading Knight

Greetings Sister and Brother Elks,

As I enter my first month as Esteemed Leading Knight, I feel it would be appropriate to speak to the virtue of Charity. More specifically, I would like to give a brief overview of the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

It was not until I attended a course at the State Quarterly Meeting, that I fully understood what ENF was and how important it is to the BPOE. The ENF was started in 1928 by John F. Malley, who was National President at the time. Malley's vision was to "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." The proposal to form the ENF was voted on at Grand Lodge that year and a grant of \$100,000 was awarded.

Over the past 90 years, the ENF has contributed over \$450 million dollars to charitable projects, with the mission to help Elks build stronger communities by investing in the communities where Elks live. Funding for the ENF comes from lodges and also individual donors. When funding goals are met, lodges then have access to grants awarded by ENF. By funding the ENF, many lodges have the ability to financially generate more charitable funds than were contributed to by their particular lodge.

This year alone, ENF has set aside \$12.5 million to fund the Community Investments Programs. This program includes the money that the lodges received in honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Elks. The purpose of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary grant is to provide services targeted to our community's needs while showcasing the local lodges to the communities in which we all reside.

In addition to the Community Investment Program, the ENF also contributes to state grants, scholarship programs, veteran's service programs, drug awareness programs, memorial maintenance, along with the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest.

Jason Tomsic  
Esteemed Leading Knight  
Lodge 804

### 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
Treasurer	Lee Skrdlant
Esquire	Randy Kettenhofen
Inner Guard	Joe Lucero
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplain	Jerry McDonnell
Head Trustee	Al Minatta
Trustee	Joe McCarthy
Trustee	Joyce Bonanno
Charitable Trustees	Mike Sutton, Josh Lehman
Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Mike Sutton
2nd Rep to Grand Lodge	Joe McCarthy
Club Manager	Bob Petri
Bar Manager	Mark Naber



*Jim Allen receiving Elk of the Month for March - with a very surprised Elk looking on!*

## From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Have you been to the Lodge lately? It's full of exciting activity. Bingo jackpots are up, and the place was packed on Friday nights! Lodge night had more than 50 people attend and our volunteering members in the kitchen felt the heat and the food was great! We also had a very well-attended swing dance that, after the lessons, dancers like myself had to dig deep to really dance the dance.

The "Tax Day" breakfast was such a success that Mickey Mouse even showed up in the form of a waffle or two. Did anybody check his card? It's great to celebrate the charitable work we do here at the Lodge by getting together and just enjoying the company.

Our Elks Lodge benefits incredibly from all of the members coming in to just have a beer, a burger or one of the other great meals. That money pays our bills and keeps the heat and lights on. But it also offers the emotional benefit of seeing a friend who has a common interest in the community. There is a spark of excitement at the Elks and it only takes a spark to get a fire going.

The Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 is one of, if not the best, Elks Lodge as far as food and entertainment goes in Northern Colorado. We are very fortunate.

If you haven't been to our Lodge, we hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,  
Mark DuBois  
Loyal Knight  
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## From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Happy Spring Elk Brothers and Sisters!

Thank you to all of those who helped at and attended the swing dance event on April 7th. I saw some pretty great dance moves out there! We had good attendance and it looked like everyone had a good time.

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Murder Mystery Dinner on May 5th. The price of the event is \$12/person for both the dinner and the event. The Lodge's bar area will be transformed into a Gold Rush Era Saloon for the "Murder at the Cherry Creek Saloon." Western wear is encouraged. Enjoy a night where we, as guests, will be sleuthing and interacting with each other to solve the mystery. Everyone is a suspect and everyone plays a part! Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with the event beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the bar.

Moving into the rest of the year, I am looking to bring some new events into our Lodge and sticking with a few classic fan favorites. Please let me know if you have an event in mind. And remember, the Entertainment Committee meets every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. I would love to see you all there!

Stephanie Pallidano  
Lecturing Knight  
Lodge 804



PER Night Joyce Bonanno, Joe McCarthy, Roger Rogers, Hugh Shepherd, Randy Kettenhofen, Larry King, Lee Skrdlant, Mike Sutton, Cory Shortridge, Jim Allen.



New Members, L to R, Whitney Grist, Evan Grist, Chris Johnson & Amy Knoll




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**Secretary Notes - May 2018**

Here we are in mid-April already! The trees are starting to bud, flowers are coming to life and East Mulberry Street is soon to become another one of Fort Collins' traffic nightmares. Although it will create some hardship in visiting the Lodge, it makes me happy that our area of town is now part of the further beautification of our wonderful City of Fort Collins.

April is also the beginning of our new Lodge year and all of our Officers who have assumed new positions in the Lodge are doing a great job of making the transition as smooth as possible. For me, personally, the transition into the role of Secretary has been a little overwhelming! Note to self, never again start a major renovation project at home at the same time you're trying to settle into a new job at the Elks! However, the house looks great! New wood floors throughout, fresh interior paint thanks to Tammy and a fresh coat on the exterior thanks to the contractor! As of yesterday, I even got my Internet connection and computer back in service at home. That will definitely help me out; a secretary without a computer is definitely at a disadvantage!

This morning, at the Lodge, we hosted the clinic. We received some exciting information about the upcoming Grand Lodge session in San Antonio. PER Joyce Bonanno was introduced as the incoming District Deputy for the North District and there was some valuable information on building and maintaining membership. By the way, if you haven't yet paid your dues for this year, please do so as soon as possible. It would be really nice if Fort Collins could report a zero delinquency rate!

Following the District Deputy clinic I sat in on PDDGER Mike Demma's riveting presentation at the Elks Leadership Seminar our Lodge hosted. Mike has a passion for building strong leadership teams throughout the Order of Elks and he reinforced for me some of the character traits I need to exemplify to best perform my duties as an Officer of Elks Lodge #804.

I hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

Mike Sutton

Secretary – Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804

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On Saturday evening, March 31st, Shari and I stopped at Chili's for a quick supper. Upon checking out and paying our bill, the waitress informed us the bill had already been paid. After I asked who it was, she simply said "the person just said tell them '804', they'll understand."

To this person or persons and those reading this article, this is truly proof; "Elks Care and Elks Share"! I sincerely thank you!

God Bless You-

Hugh Shepherd – PER #804



*Flying Pig 5K Volunteers L to R Leslie Barela, Jason Tomsic, Tony Bonanno, Timothea Swanson, Mark DuBois, Joe McCarthy*



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## Lodge Activities



*Lee Skrdlant receiving Officer of the Year 2017-2018*



*Swing Dance*



*Office Installation - Exalted Ruler Leslie receiving her Jewels from PER Tony*



*Officer Installation - Chef Bob Petri*



*Officer Installation-Installing GL Officers- Tony Bonanno, Bob Wingert, Gayle Watkinson, Cory Shortridge, Joe McCarthy, Mike Sutton, Hugh Shepherd*



*New Officers- L to R- Jason Tomsic, Al Minatta, Leslie Barela, Randy Kettenhofen, Mark Dubois, Mike Sutton, Stephanie Palladino, Joe McCarthy, Joe Lucero, Joyce Bonanno.*

## 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

Jessica Feltz: Bean Pot

## SAD ELKS

Judy Neckel  
Jeanette Namuth  
Gordon 'Topper' Burke  
Will Wood  
Tom Ellison  
Mike Vergara  
Dan Bailey  
Larry Thyfault  
Kody Kofstad  
Al Minatta  
John Gallison  
W. Scott Cumings

Mike Demma  
David Hanson  
Kenny Burkhard  
Anrew Miller  
Melvin Saltz  
David Smyser  
Karen Burgess  
Victor Meline  
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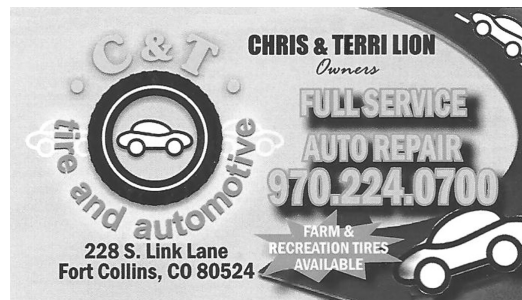
**BAR BINGO**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Starting at 6:30PM  
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

# Happy Birthday!! May

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

1 Penny McCormick	17 James Herning
3 Thomas Petersen	18 Stephanie Gallison
3 Roger Woodward	18 Charles Hoffman
4 Ronald Malara	18 Jesse Rodriguez
5 Alice Anton	18 Jack Unger
5 Joann Frick	19 Kent Falls
7 John Dixon	21 William Durica
7 Frank Leydens	21 Khristy Preston
9 Richard Gareis	22 Ken Hernandez
9 Judy Neckel	23 James Butler
10 Alan Beatty	24 Sally Rodgers
10 James McIver	25 Tedd Schilling
10 Robert Wingert	25 Shari Walker
11 Don Blanchard	25 Kelly Warner
11 David Roeder	26 Tyler Shurigar
12 Dale Erickson	27 Lee Thompson
14 Ernest Wimmer	28 AJ Glaser
15 Michael Struempfer	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 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 Murder 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

### 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

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**Saturday – Lodge Opens at NOON**  
**Sunday – Lodge Opened for Breakfast**  
**On the 1st Sunday 9-11AM**

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Tuesday - Thursday

Closed Monday & Friday  
10AM-3PM

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 – 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

\*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion

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## May 2018

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<b>6</b>  No Breakfast / Lodge Closed	<b>7</b>  Lodge Closed	<b>8</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM	<b>9</b>  Lodge Opens at 3PM Food Available .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM	<b>10</b>  Lodge Open at 11:00AM Thursday Lunch Special	<b>11</b>  Lodge Open for Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	<b>12</b>  Lodge Open at Noon Food / Available
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