

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
and Fidelity



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It is hard to believe December is here and I have a short 4 months remaining as your Exalted Ruler. I know the next four months will go fast as we have many activities scheduled and business obligations for the lodge.

The lodge has accomplished a lot this past year. The Elk in front of the building, our very successful Open House, Formal Dedication of our Lodge Home and the Legacy Brick Project which has earned the lodge \$4,000.00. We have initiated 26 new members and 9 members have reinstated. For the first time in 35 years, we have not only met, but exceeded our per-capita for the Elks National Foundation. This is especially important because now we have the opportunity to apply for grants from Grand Lodge to use in support of community activities. I would like to thank Mike Sutton, Bill Rogers, Kim Slack and all the members who attended the ENF Poker Fund Raiser and help put us over the top! Also a big thanks to Don Svedman, Gene Barker, Kathy Wingert, the Cole Family and the Bonanno Family for helping us solidly exceed our per-capita.



We had fun decorating the lodge on Sunday, November 20th for the holiday season. Thanks to all of the members who helped. We have had many large events in the past several months at the lodge which helped "our bottom line". Take time to thank our employees who work at these events, work on Friday nights, at lunch, evening shifts and during the football games. We could not do it without them!

As I mentioned we have a lot to accomplish in the coming four months. The Board of Directors will be working on budgets for next year and Lodge Officers for 2012-2013 will be selected. We all need to support the next Exalted Ruler and officers. From personal experience, there is nothing more important for a successful lodge than having the support and participation from members. I know I can count on each of you. Our Scholarship Chairwomen, Cheryl Shepherd, and her committee will be busy selecting local high school seniors for the Most Valuable Student award. The Hoop Shoot is being held on Saturday, December 10th. I appreciate the work Trustee Mike Sutton has done organizing this important event. We also have our Children's Christmas Party on December 10th from 1:00-3:00PM. The event will be exceptional because of hard work and planning by the committee.

Welcome to the new members who were initiated on November 15th during the District Deputy Visit they are Robert Acker, Scott Addington, Alice Anton, Samuel Cabaong, Glen Doughty, Sheila Doughty, Marcus Kavanaugh, Michael Kochan, Freddy Lozano, Lynnette Liley, Chris Lion, Terry Lion, Bill Mayer, Mike Maney, Mark Naber, Brad Reider and Laura Salas. I hope to see all of you at our events and at lodge meetings. Attending lodge meetings will give you the opportunity to better understand Elkdom and have a vote and voice in how the lodge operates and its success.

Tony and I wish all of you, your families and friends a blessed holiday season. Remember there are so many who are less fortunate than us – do whatever you can to make someone's life better – Elks Care – Elks Share.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Joyce Bonanno – Exalted Ruler Lodge 804

# 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 new 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 Elks 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 brick should be forwarded to Tony Bonanno at:  
anthonybonanno@hotmail.com  
970-310-0030 – Cell  
970-498-9223 – Home

You can also see Joyce Bonanno at the Lodge to order a brick.  
Fraternally,  
Tony Bonanno



## Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2011-2012

Exalted Ruler  
Leading Knight  
Loyal Knight  
Lecturing Knight  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Esquire  
Inner Guard  
Chaplain  
Tiler  
Rep to Grand Lodge  
Alt Rep To Grand Lodge  
Charitable Trustee

Joyce Bonanno  
Joe McCarthy  
Josh Lehman  
Chris Smith  
Stan Cole  
Charlie Thomas  
Brad March  
Larry Hulse  
Mike Sutton  
Cory Shortridge  
Peg Moore  
Harold Anton  
Peg Moore  
Skip Walker  
Randy Kettenhofen  
Cheryl Shepherd

The Echo deadline for January is December 15.  
Please send all Echo articles and information  
on events to [scole@fortcollinselks.org](mailto:scole@fortcollinselks.org)

We need people to advertise in  
The Echo!  
Contact Joyce at 493-3777 to advertise your  
business to your Brother and Sister Elks!!!

**Needed from Members:**  
**Your e-mail address:**  
E-mail us at:  
[fcelks@fortcollinselks.org](mailto:fcelks@fortcollinselks.org) or Fax to  
970-493-3787  
or Call 493-3777  
**Visit our new website!**  
[www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org)

## THE BEAN POT

Currently is \$100, when you are in the Lodge, drop a dollar or coins, no pennies!

**\*\*Sign the book\*\***

Please sign for the current day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)

Current Balance Is \$500.00

Joyce Bonanno Won \$1,725.00

\$720.00 was donated to Charitable

Trust to Support Children's Christmas Party

804 Attendance Drawing

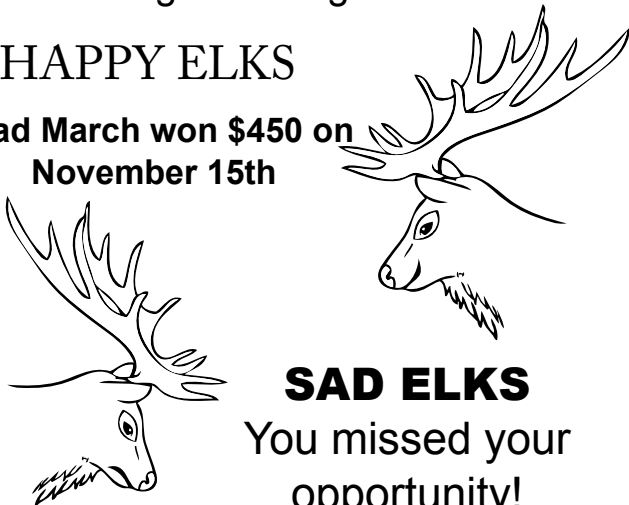
Currently at \$400

Must be present at

Lodge Meeting to win!

## HAPPY ELKS

**Brad March won \$450 on November 15th**



## SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Tracy Ochsner  
 Connie Woodward  
 Bob Moore Sr  
 Gil Ellerby  
 Fran Gillis  
 Howard Jones  
 Gayle Watkinson  
 Ken Pastor  
 Kevin Nelson  
 John Merritt  
 John Morrison Jr  
 Richard Thompson  
 James McIver  
 Milo Ohlsen  
 Edward Seitz

Randy Kettenhofen  
 Mike Zaloudek  
 Brian Muse  
 Jack Hall  
 Willis Smith  
 Brad March  
 Naveed Rizvi  
 Ken Forbes  
 Kim Slack  
 Jacob Sigmund  
 Bernie Maynes  
 Fran Black  
 Kent Johnson  
 Robert Deakin



## WOW!!! - BAR BINGO

Starting in January, 2012, the Elks will have bar bingo.

**WHEN:** 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month

**TIME:** Starting at 6:00PM

**WHERE:** Elks Lodge

Come out have dinner and enjoy a fun night of Bar Bingo.

25 Cents – Regular game Per Card

50 Cents – Specials game Per Card

\$1.00 - Jackpot game Per Card

**Karaoke will be December 16th, get your singing voices ready, check calendar for dates!**

**Bridge is cancelled in December**

will resume in January

Third Wednesday of each Month

Dinner at 6:00PM Bridge at 7:00PM

Call Tom Nix at 223-8518 for more information.

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# VOLUNTEERS

One who serves or acts willingly without expecting reward. It is important for members to volunteer at the Lodge and just as important to recognize those who have volunteered their time. Every month volunteers will be listed in the Echo.

The following individuals have recently volunteered at our Lodge:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Alice Anton           | John Merritt         |
| Howard Bassett        | Gary Michels         |
| Alan Beatty           | Peg Moore            |
| Tony Bonanno          | Tom & Marilyn Nix    |
| Jan Bowser            | Bob Petri            |
| Shelly Castillon      | Richard Rein         |
| Dana Cline            | Gary Riedel          |
| Stan Cole             | Dean Rydholm         |
| Mark Cooper           | Cheryl Shepherd      |
| Rose Crouse           | Cory, Dana & Delaney |
| Joan Demma            | Shortridge           |
| Al Dillman            | Lee Skrdlant         |
| Glen & Sheila Doughty | Chris Slider         |
| Fritz Elliott         | Chris Smith          |
| Linda Garton          | Mike, Tammy & Taylor |
| Mike Grounds          | Sutton               |
| Ron Hefner            | Charlie Thomas       |
| Deanna Kerscher       | Lee Thompson         |
| Laryl Laetsch         | Larry Thyfault       |
| Terri & Chris Lion    | Bonnie Walker        |
| Brad March            | Skip Walker          |
| Joe & Moe McCarthy    | Connie Woodard       |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! December

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Joseph Curby        | 18 Michael Elliott    |
| 1 Duane Jansen        | 18 Mike Grounds       |
| 5 William Brier       | 18 Duane Hanson       |
| 6 John J. Miller      | 20 Kenneth Doty       |
| 7 Donald E. Barrett   | 20 Ronald Hengl       |
| 7 Charles Hagemeister | 21 Howard Jones       |
| 7 Howard Kechter      | 22 Milo Ohlsen        |
| 7 Donald Kirkland     | 23 Cary Rick Bott     |
| 7 Gerald Schilling    | 23 Robert Mansfield   |
| 8 Richard Thompson    | 25 Ed Nix             |
| 10 Steve Diltz        | 26 Thomas Kasari      |
| 11 Todd Baechle       | 28 Drexel Cloos       |
| 11 Danial Larsen      | 28 Paul Harder        |
| 12 Mike Braskich      | 28 George Van Arsdale |
| 12 R. James Weisser   | 29 Jack M Hall        |
| 13 John Morrison Jr   | 29 Kevin Nelson       |
| 13 John Watson        | 29 Donald Wenzel      |
| 15 Havyn Bradley      | 30 Shelly Castillon   |
| 15 Albert Summerall   |                       |

## Children's Christmas Party

**Santa is coming to the Elks Lodge for a Children's Christmas Party**  
**Free and open to the public for any child under the age of 12 years.**

**Date: Saturday, December 10th**

**Time: 1 PM - 3PM**

**Where: 1424 Mulberry,  
Fort Collins, CO 80524**

**Come and enjoy food, a Balloon Artist, Games and more.**

**RSVP: Call 493-3777 and give us children's first and last names (boy or girl) and ages.**

**Don't forgot the Hoop Shoot,  
Saturday December 10th  
See Mike Sutton for further information**



**B.P.O.E. #804  
is a proud sponsor of  
Boy Scout Troop 87**



# Welcome Our Newest Members



Front row: Laura Salas, Chris Lion, Alice Anton  
Back row: Brad Reider, Terri Lion, Sam Cabaong, Robert Acker



Mark Naber, Marcus Kavanaugh, Mike Maney



Front row: Freddy Lozano, Sheila Doughty, Lynnette Liley  
Back row: Mike Kochan, Glen Doughty, Scott Addington, Bill Mayer



Class of November 2011

# Winter Driving Tips

Even with the 70 and 80 degree temperatures we have been having snowy weather will be here before long. Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Motorists should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. Following are winter driving tips:

1. Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
2. Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
3. Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
4. Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
5. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
6. If possible, avoid using your parking break in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
7. Always look and steer where you want to go.
8. Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
9. Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
10. Carry a cellular telephone with you, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food and water.
11. Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition before winter weather arrives.
12. Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads.
13. The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
14. Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

### December

Fri Dec 2nd	Friday Night Dinners 5:30 - 8PM
Sat Dec 3rd	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Dec 4th	Elks Christmas Party during the Broncos game Open at 11AM, Full Course Turkey and Ham Luncheon 11:30AM - 1:30PM Children 0-5yr – Free Children 6-12yr - \$5 Adult Members & Guests \$10
Tue Dec 6th	Lodge Meeting 7PM / Elks Memorial Service
Fri Dec 9th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat Dec 10th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM Children's Christmas Party 1PM - 3PM Hoop Shoot 9am at Ft Collins Boys & Girls club
Sun Dec 11th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Tue Dec 13th	Indoctrination 5:30PM
Wed Dec 14th	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Dec 16th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Karaoke 7:30PM
Sat Dec 17th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Dec 18th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Tue Dec 20th	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Dec 21st	There will be no Bridge Night
Fri Dec 23rd	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Sat Dec 24th	Lodge Closed - Christmas Eve
Sun Dec 25th	Lodge Closed - Christmas
Fri Dec 30th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker

### January

Sun Jan 1st	Lodge Closed- New Year's Day
Tues Jan 3rd	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri Jan 6th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jan 7th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Jan 8th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Wed Jan 11th	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Jan 13th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat Jan 14	Closed
Sun Jan 15th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Tues Jan 17th	Lodge Meeting 7PM/ 1st Nomination of Officers
Wed Jan 18th	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Thu Jan 19th	Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM
Fri Jan 20th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jan 21st	Closed
Sun Jan 22nd	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Fri Jan 27th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sun Jan 29th	Lodge Closed

### February

Fri Feb 3rd	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Feb 4th	Lodge closed
Sun Feb 5th	Super Bowl Party
Tue Feb 7th	Lodge Meeting 7PM/ Nominations for Officers
Wed Feb 8th	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Feb 10th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat Feb 11th	Lodge closed
Sun Feb 12th	Lodge closed
Mon Feb 13th	Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM
Wed Feb 15th	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri Feb 17th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Feb 18th	Lodge closed
Sun Feb 19th	Lodge closed
Mon Feb 20th	Lodge closed
Tue Feb 21st	Lodge Meeting 7PM/Vote for Officers
Fri Feb 24th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/ Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker



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**LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION  
 FALL:**  
 Sundays – Open for Football 11AM  
 Mondays – Closed  
 Office Open Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM- 3:30PM  
 Lounge Open Tuesday –Friday 11 AM – 10 PM  
 Saturdays – Open for football 11AM  
 (Bartender/Manager’s Discretion)  
 At times, the Lodge may be open for  
 Special Events and Fort Collins Members are  
 welcome  
 to come in and use the Lounge

Needed from Members:  
 Your e-mail address: E-mail us at:  
[fcelks@fortcollinselks.org](mailto:fcelks@fortcollinselks.org)  
 or Fax to  
 970-493-3787  
 or Call 493-3777  
 The ECHO is online at  
[www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org)

# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	3 Open for College Football 11AM
4 Elks Christmas Party during the Broncos game. See Events at a Glance for details	5	6 Lodge Meeting 7PM Elks Memorial Service	7	8	9 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only	10 Open for College Football 11AM Children's Christmas Party ,Hoop Shoot See Events at a Glance for details
11 Open for NFL Football 11AM	12	13 Indoctrination of New Member 5:30PM	14 Board of Directors (House Committee & Trustees)	15 <b>ECHO DEADLINE</b>	16 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Karaoke 7:30	17 Open for College Football 11AM
18 Open for NFL Football 11AM	19	20 Lodge Meeting 7PM	21 No Bridge	22	23 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	24 Lodge Closed - Christmas Eve
25 Lodge Closed - Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Texas Hold-em Elk Members Only	31 New Years Eve