

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 February is here. As I mentioned previously, we have important work to accomplish during the coming months. We have officers to elect; updating of our by-laws and work is being started on our budgets. All of these activities will be discussed and presented in lodge meetings. I can not stress enough the importance of attending lodge meetings. This is the opportunity for you to ask questions, voice your opinion and vote on these important matters. We will be implementing activities to increase our revenue for the lodge and club, one of these will be the "Legacy Project" (reference the article in this issue). There are many others projects which are being considered. Additional information on these will be presented in the March and April Lodge Meetings as well as published in the Echo. I will be asking for volunteers to help implement these projects. Volunteering your services and time at the lodge is critical to the success of our organization – we need you. I know each of you has a special talent or passion which will benefit the lodge.

Thanks to all the members who worked hard to have a successful and fun New Years Eve event. We were able to raised \$200.00 for the Drug Awareness Committee. A special thanks to the people who showed up on New Years Day to clean up – Josh Lehman, Tony Bonanno, Brad March, Skip Walker and Joe McCarthy.

An area we need to improve is our contribution to the Elks National Foundation. Since Larry Thyfault and Gary Michels have been running the Elks Drawings at lodge meetings, we have increased donations for both ENF and Laradon Hall. However, at the recent District Deputy Meeting a comment was made that "Fort Collins has never met their ENF contribution goal". I was not sure this statement was entirely true, so I did some research. I found out that in 1971-1972 the Second Annual Charity Ball for the benefit of the Elks National Foundation raised more than \$5,000.00. Total donations to the National Foundation of \$8,053.00 won the Grand Lodge first place trophy for the largest per member contribution for Lodges over 1,000 members. In 1973-1974 member donations plus receipts of \$3,732 from the fourth Annual Charity Ball resulted in a contribution of \$10,732 to the Elks National Foundation. The lodge again won 1st place in the Grand Lodge contest for Lodges in category IV membership. I know these accomplishments were over 30 years ago, but our lodge has made significant contributions to ENF in the past. Let's work together to increase our ENF contribution in the present. If you have an extra \$1.00 give it to Stan to put toward ENF, if you have an idea on how we can raise additional money for ENF – let me know – and let's just get it done!

Remember and always practice, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.  
Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno, E.R.

**Needed from**

**Members:**

**Your e-mail address:**

E-mail us at:

fcelks@fortcollinselks.org

or Fax to

970-493-3787

or Call 493-3777



Every Friday 7:30  
Elks 804  
Drawing

**Vist our new  
website!**

[www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org)

**Coming Events/Meetings:**

- Tues. Feb 1st Lodge Meeting 7PM
- Fri. Feb 4th Friday Night Dinner
- Sun. Feb 6th Super Bowl Party 2 PM (Potluck Food)
- Mon. Feb 7th Trustees meeting (tentative) 4:30PM
- Wed. Feb 9th House Committee 6 PM
- Fri. Feb 11th Omaha Poker 7 PM
- Sat. Feb 12th Valentines Dinner/Dance 6 PM
- Tue. Feb 15th Lodge Meeting 7 PM
- Sat. Feb 19th Black Hawk Trip 8:30 AM
- Mon. Feb 21st Trustees meeting (tentative) 4:30PM
- Wed. Feb 23rd House Committee 6 PM
- Fri. Feb 25th Texas Hold Em 7PM
- Feb. 25 - 27th Leadership Conference at the Fort Collins Lodge

**BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

All couples and singles who would like to play Bridge on the third Wednesday of each Month-Dinner at 6:00 PM Bridge at 7:00PM. Call Tom Nix at 223-8518 for more information.

## A Word from the Entertainment Committee

There are many fun events coming up in the next several months. It is important we all support our lodge and club. One of the ways you can do this is by attending functions and events at the lodge.

The Wii bowling league started on Wednesday, January 12th and ends on March 2nd. There will be a hot meal feature on Wednesday night during Wii bowling for \$4.00. Our Valentine Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 12th. Tickets are available in the office during normal business hours. Plumb Loco is playing and dinner is from 6:00-7:30PM. For those of you who like to gamble – plan on going to Black Hawk with your Elk friends on Saturday, February 19th. We cannot forget St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Bob will be serving his famous corned beef and cabbage dinner from 5:30-7:30 for only \$9.00.

If there are activities which you would like the Entertainment Committee to consider let Josh Lehman know. (joshualehman@hotmail.com) Also, the Entertainment Committee is always looking for volunteers.



Congratulations  
Mike Sutton  
Elk of the Month  
for January

### Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2010-2011

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

Joyce Bonanno  
Barry Shuler  
Joe McCarthy  
Josh Lehman  
Stan Cole  
Charlie Thomas  
Carlos Barreras  
Willy Rowland  
Brad March  
Alan Beatty  
Larry Hulse  
Cory Shortridge  
Mike Murrel  
Harold Anton  
Lindsey Lussen  
Randy Kettenhofen  
Skip Walker  
Cheryl Shepherd  
James Talboy

## Elks Legacy Project coming in spring!

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

Fort Collins Lodge Elks 804 will begin constructing our new front entry with the coming of spring weather. The entry will include our new bronzed Elk standing atop a rock enclosure and welcoming our members and guests to the lodge. Included in the structure will be our flagpole with the addition of the Legacy brick display.

The Legacy brick display will be 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 the purpose of inviting new members to join us in the honorable work we do in serving our community.

Each Legacy brick will laid out in an array in the Elk and flagpole enclosure and include the etched name of a designated current or past Elk member. The enclosure will be a lighted display with the Elk structure and spreading antlers standing approximately twelve feet above the pavement. Our current request for inclusion of a named member in the display is \$100.00 per brick with all donations designated for 804 Lodge expenses. By becoming an Elks Legacy participant you help in preserving the memory of those who came before while sharing in the continued 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 any of the contacts below.  
anthonybonanno@hotmail.com cell 970 310-0030 home 970 498-9223

A contact and information station will be established at the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Tony Bonanno



**THE BEAN POT**

There is Currently \$110.00 in the drawing.

\*\*When you are in the lodge, drop a coin (not pennies) and Sign the Book. \*\*

**Please sign for the current day only.**



**HAPPY ELKS**

**No Happy Elks.**



Elks 804 Drawing  
Currently at  
\$765.00  
as of 1-14-2011

**SAD ELKS**

You missed your opportunity!

Dave McCoy  
Robert Swerer  
Kelly Freed  
Ray Watkins  
James Michalka  
Sheldon Godkin  
Robert Brawand  
Josh Lehman  
Steve Ryan  
Tom Karou  
Bill Smith  
Don Heineman  
Barry Shuler

Mike Murrell  
Charles Lockman  
Stan Schilling  
Howard Kechter  
Lee Skrdlant  
Ken Pastor  
Howard Swartz  
Joe Griess  
Gary Perman  
Jack Unger  
Robert Moore Sr.  
Richard Hammond

**ESSAY AWARDS RECOGNITION**

**MARCH 1, 2011 7:00PM**

On March 1, 2011, the Americanism committee will be awarding gift cards to the winners of this year's 5th grade "What Freedom Means To Me" essay contest. Over 200 essays from Poudre School District, St. Josephs, and Heritage Christian Academy were judged, and three winners the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced on March 1st at the Lodge at 7:00pm.

Come and help recognize these outstanding young people and their parents, teachers, administrators, and family members.

Mike Demma  
Chair, Elks Essay Committee

**BLACK HAWK  
HERE WE COME!!**

**Saturday, February 19**

**Bring your friends. \$15.00 per person – payable to Deanna at the Lodge during regular office hours. Payment must be made by February 10th. You will receive \$15.00 or more back in comps when you board the bus. The bus will depart Fort Collins Lodge at 9:00AM, drop off at Mardi Gras Casino in Black Hawk, and return to Fort Collins promptly at 4:30PM.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!  
January**

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 William K. Feldmen JR | 10 John Jerry Kissock      |
| 1 Kelly Freed           | 13 Robert H. Ellis         |
| 1 Dave S. McCoy         | 13 Stephen F. Vessey       |
| 1 William J. Smith      | 15 Willy Rowand            |
| 2 Dana B. Geyer         | 17 Ronald Hovey            |
| 2 Kenneth L. Horne      | 18 David Bishop            |
| 2 Irvine E. Troutd      | 20 Richard Hammond         |
| 3 Keith D. Miller       | 21 Lawrence Oligmueller Jr |
| 4 Donald Svedman        | 22 David Van Lanen         |
| 5 Larry D. Hulse        | 24 Ron Owen                |
| 5 Christopher Smith     | 26 James Michalka          |
| 6 Mindy Vigil           | 27 Virginia "Gina" Seranno |
| 8 Robert F. Brawand     | 28 Robert W. Walters       |
| 8 Joe McCarthy          | 29 George Krueger          |
| 8 Bruce G. Walters      |                            |

The The Echo Deadline for March is February 16th.  
Please send all Echo articles and information on events to [scole@fortcollinselks.org](mailto:scole@fortcollinselks.org)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LODGE 804



Our local Lodge 804 annual Hoop Shoot Contest was held on Saturday January 8, 2011 at the Boys and Girls Club in Fort Collins. This year we had thirteen contestants between the ages of 8 and 13 participate. There were 5 age groups represented. The winners were: Aly Kerr 10/11 girls; Sarah Jensen 12/13 girls; Shane Grimes 8/9 boys; Jeffrey Ellis 10/11 boys; Brian Zitti 12/13 boys. Aly, Sarah, Shane and Brian will be representing Lodge 804 in Sterling, CO at the District Hoop Shoot on January 22nd. Adding to the excitement this year were the seven members of the CSU Women's Basketball team who volunteered to help and offer some basketball expertise. Special thanks to Hayley Thompson, Chantel Kennedy, Meixandra Porter, Chatilla van Grinsven, Sam Martin, Bonnie Barbee, and Sara Hemmings. Thanks also to the 804 members who helped the event run smoothly, Kevin Nelson, Bill Rogers, Robert Faulkner, Daniel Armstrong, Brian Muse, Mike Peters, Cory Shortridge, Larry Hulse and Tony Bonanno. Lodge 804 made a \$150 donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Collins in appreciation of the use of their facility and a framed certificate of appreciation will be presented to the CSU Women's Basketball team. Watch for updates in future issues on the progress of our 4 winners through the Elks National Hoop Shoot Event.

Mike Sutton

Director Fort Collins Lodge 804 Hoop Shoot

## Wii BOWLING LEAGUE

Wii Bowling started January 12th and the teams are having fun. If you would like to play, we can use you as a substitute during the next 2 months. If you are interested in

playing please contact

Deanna Kerscher at 970-214-0573



**Charity**

**Justice**

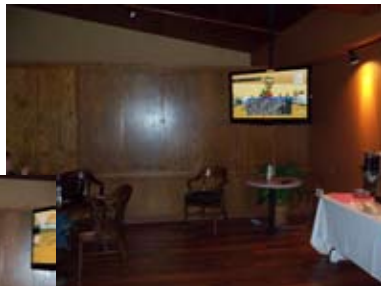
**Brotherly Love**

**Fidelity**

## New Years Eve



## Wii Bowling



## Karaoke



Invest  
in your  
community.



Consider a gift to the Elks National Foundation when reviewing your dues statement. Your gift supports the ENF's mission to help Elks build stronger communities, and you'll assist us in reaching our Lodge's per-capita goal.

You invest. You give back. You help Elks build stronger communities. To learn more about the Elks National Foundation, its grants, giving options or recognition opportunities, visit [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf).

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## DEADWOOD, SD

ELKS #804 GAMBLING BUS TRIP  
STOP AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR A DETAILED FLIER  
DATE: JUNE 3 TO JUNE 5, 2011  
LEAVE FRIDAY AT 9 AM: ELKS LODGE  
1424 E MULBERRY, FORT COLLINS, CO  
RETURN SUNDAY

LEAVE DEADWOOD 10 AM, home around 5 PM.  
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$130 PER PERSON  
SINGLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$177 PER PERSON

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Motorcoach transportation

2 nights lodging

\$25 per person in meal coupons

\$12 per person in gaming coupons

Slot tournament entry

YOU ARE ON THE BUS WHEN YOU PAY.

Sorry, you must be at the age of 21.

PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 13, 2011.

NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.

RSVP ELKS at 493-3777

ARLYS WAGNER at 493-9322 if you need additional information.



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# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS

We are going to remain open on Sundays throughout the rest of the pro-football season.

## FEBRUARY

Tues Feb 1st – Lodge Meeting 7 PM  
1st Nomination of Officers

Wed Feb 2nd – Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature

Fri Feb 4 – Friday Night Dinner

Sun Feb 6th – Super Bowl Party 2 PM  
(Potluck – bring a dish)

Mon Feb 7th – Trustees Meeting 4:30PM (tentative)

Wed Feb 9th – House Committee Meeting 6PM

Wed Feb 9th – Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature

Fri Feb 11th – Friday Night Dinner  
Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat Feb 12 – Valentines Dinner Dance 6 PM  
Plumb Loco playing

Tues Feb 15th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM  
2nd Nomination of Officers

Tues Feb 15th – Echo Deadline

Wed Feb 16th – Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature

Fri Feb 18th – Friday Night Dinner

Sat Feb 19th – Trip to Black Hawk 8:30 AM

Mon Feb 21st Trustees Meeting 4:30PM (tentative)

Wed Feb 23rd – House Committee Meeting 6PM

Wed Feb 23rd Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature

Fri Feb 25th – Friday Night Dinner  
Texas Hold Em 7 PM

Fri Feb 25th – Karaoke 7 PM

Feb 25 27th – Leadership Conference at the Fort  
Collins Lodge

## MARCH

Tues Mar 1st – Lodge Meeting Vote for 2011 - 2012  
Officers. Presentation of Elk of the  
Year and Officer of the Year.

Wed Mar 2nd – Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature

Fri Mar 4th – Friday Night Dinner

Mon Mar 7th – Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM (tentative)

Wed Mar 9th – House Committee Meeting 6PM

Fri Mar 11th – Friday Night Dinner  
Omaha Poker 7 PM

Tues Mar 15th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM

Thu Mar 17th – St. Patty's Day Celebration, Bob's  
Famous Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Featured \$9 per plate, Tips not  
included Served 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Fri Mar 18th – Friday Night Dinner

Mon Mar 21st – Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM (tentative)

Wed Mar 23rd – House Committee Meeting 6 PM

Fri Mar 25th – Friday Night Dinner  
Texas Hold Em 7 PM

Sat Mar 26th – Installation of Officers 2011 – 2012  
(Lodge Year)

## APRIL

Mon Apr 4th – Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM (tentative)

Tue Apr 5th – Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri Apr 8th – Friday Night Dinner  
Omaha Poker 7 PM

Wed Apr 13th – House Committee Meeting 6 PM

Wed Apr 13th – All you can eat Pasta Bar  
5:30 – 7:30PM Includes your choice  
of 2 Sauces, Meatball, Salad, and  
Garlic Bread

Fri Apr 15th – Friday Night Dinner

Mon Apr 18th – Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM (tentative)

Tue Apr 19th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM

Fri Apr 22nd – Friday Night Dinner  
Texas Hold Em 7 PM

Wed Apr 27th – House Committee Meeting 6 PM

Fri Apr 29th – Friday Night Dinner / Karaoke 7PM



Fort Collins Lodge #804  
 1424 E. Mulberry  
 Fort Collins, CO 80524

**LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**FALL AND WINTER:**  
 Monday – Lodge Closed  
 Office Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM  
 Lounge Open Tuesday – Friday 11:00AM – 10:00PM \*  
 Sunday 11:00AM – 5:00PM for Football Games Through Superbowl \*  
 \*Bartender/Manager’s Discretion  
 Check the Website [www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org) for updates.

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# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  Lodge Meeting and First Nomination of Officers	<b>2</b>  Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Super Bowl Party 2 PM (Potluck bring a dish)	<b>7</b>  Trustees 4:30 Tentive	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature House Committee Meeting 6 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Omaha Poker 7:00PM Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>  Valentines Dinner Dance 6 PM, Plumb Loco playing
<b>13</b>  Lodge Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM for Football	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Lodge Meeting 7PM Second Nomination of Officers	<b>16</b>  Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature <b>ECHO DEADLINE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>  Trip to Black Hawk 8:30 AM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Trustees 4:30 Tentive	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Wii Bowling and Hot Food Feature House Committee Meeting 6 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <sup>Texas Hold-em 7:00PM</sup> Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm and Karaoke 7 PM Leadership Conference at the Fort Collins Lodge	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					