

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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It is 2011! The past year has gone quickly with many accomplishments by our lodge. During December the lodge donated to the following organizations: Toys for Kids - \$500, toys were also donated in support of Santa Cops; \$200 was donated to The Mission to provide 100 Christmas dinners, \$150 to The Salvation Army for Family Gifts, \$250 for At Risk School Children, and \$100 each to Disabled Resources, Foothills Gateway Rehabilitation Center and Respite Care. These donations truly demonstrate Elks care Elks Share. Since April 2010 we have initiated 37 new members. We need to get these new members to lodge meetings and functions. If you sponsored a new member ask them to attend a meeting with you, invite them to the lodge on a Friday night for dinner and introduce them to your fellow Elks. We need to make these new members feel welcome as well as continue to grow our current membership.

Our Children's Christmas Party held on December 4th was a big success and I would like to thank all of the individuals who generously gave of their time. Santa (aka Mike Demma) was a big hit with all of the kids. I was not able to attend our member Christmas Party because Tony's mother passed away, but I've heard it was fun and many of you participated. December was a successful month for the club with numerous functions. However, one month does not support the club for an entire year. If you have a birthday party, anniversary, graduation party, wedding reception or just a get together for friends and family use the lodge, it will benefit all of our members in the long run. Along this line, I would like to encourage all of you to volunteer at the lodge. Volunteering not only helps our lodge, but it also brings a sense of accomplishment to all involved. You do not have to limit yourself to a large project, there are many smaller projects we need help with at the lodge. (Reference the article from the House Committee in this edition of the Echo on our new volunteer program.)

During the next several months we have important work to do to prepare for the coming year. We will be electing officers, setting up our budget and identifying activities and action plans to keep our lodge and club solvent. As a member it is your right and responsibility to have input on what decisions are being made by the trustees and house committee. I need every one of you to attend lodge meetings so you are informed on decisions being made and have an opportunity to voice your opinion and your vote. It is your lodge and club and you do have a say in what happens.

Congratulations to Skip Young - Elk of the Month for December. Skip has donated his time to our lodge for many years and we appreciate his skills and dedication.

Remember and always practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno - Exalted Ruler

Coming Events/Meetings:

- Jan 1 Building will be closed
- Jan 3 Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM
- Jan 4 Lodge Meeting & Old Timers Night 7PM,
PER Association directly after Lodge
- Jan 12 House Committee Meeting 6PM
- Jan 14 Omaha Poker 7PM
- Jan 15 District Deputy Clinic & District Initiation at
Loveland Lodge 9 AM
- Jan 17 Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
- Jan 18 Lodge Meeting 7PM
- Jan 21 Friday Night Dinner
- Jan 26 House Committee Meeting 6PM
- Jan 28 Texas Hold-Em 7PM/ Karaoke 7PM

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

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 House Committee

\$\$ EARN ELK'S BUCKS \$\$

We need volunteers to help at the lodge. The House Committee is implementing a program to recognize volunteers by awarding Elk's Bucks for participation. Elk's Bucks may be used for food or a beverage of your choice at the lodge. There will be a "Volunteer Sign up" located in the office. All you need to do is sign up for the activity where you want to volunteer and the times you are available and you will then be contacted by the committee chairperson.

Activities include, but are not limited to, cleaning (inside and outside) and setup and tear down for special functions. We are still looking for people to help with the Entertainment Committee, Youth Activities, help with a yearly ENF and Laradon Hall Fundraiser and annual fund raisers to benefit the club.

Remember, having a large and active group of volunteers is one of the hallmarks of a successful organization. It is a way to meet new people, have fun and earn Elk's Bucks. A couple of hours of volunteering will help make our lodge and club successful.

Fraternally, Joe McCarthy
Loyal Knight/Chairman House Committee

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2010-2011

Exalted Ruler	Joyce Bonanno
Leading Knight	Barry Shuler
Loyal Knight	Joe McCarthy
Lecturing Knight	Josh Lehman
Secretary	Stan Cole
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Trustee	Carlos Barreras
Trustee	Willy Rowland
Trustee	Brad March
Trustee	Alan Beatty
Trustee	Larry Hulse
Esquire	Cory Shortridge
Inner Guard	Mike Murrel
Chaplain	Harold Anton
Tiler	Lindsey Lussen
Rep to Grand Lodge	Randy Kettenhofen
Alt Rep To Grand Lodge	Skip Walker
Charitable Trustee	Cheryl Shepherd
Organist	James Talboy

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had 94 kids signed up, but 60 very active children came to see Santa on December 4, the youngest being 12 weeks old. Word at the Elks, 60 kids were a record for us! We served 115 hot dogs, potato chips, juice and a chocolate chip cookie for one and all.

A special thank you to: Mike Demma (Santa), Ed Hurdabe (the magician), Jay Laetsch, Wendi's coupons (great hit!) And to the following terrific hard working 11 Elf's who made this party successful:

Joe and Moe McCarthy (friend Chris)

Bob Petri	Rick Torres
Dana Shortridge	Joan Demma
Connie Woodard	Chris Smith
Deanna Kerscher	Rita Besser

As most of you know, we had camera problems so want to let you know the picture of your child with Santa is now available for pick-up at the Elks Lodge. We have 37 pictures; sorry we missed a few children.

For the Good of the Order,
Ann Wasgatt and Arlys Wagner



Congratulations
Skip Young
Elk of the Month
for December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

January

2	Wayne C. Legg	17	Robert Vlasman
3	Stan Cole	18	Paul Kohler
3	Robert Matney	23	Gerald Hoff
5	Edwin Cudyk	24	Albert Gehardt
5	Clayton 'Satch' Gray	24	Robert Salisbury
5	A.T. 'Skip' Young	26	Edward Heinze
8	Jack Kelly	26	Eric Lea
10	Don Heineman	26	Brian Muse
10	Don Weinmeister	26	James Rhoades
12	John Darrow Clark	27	Mark Habel
13	Randy Kettenhofen	27	Gary Mackey
13	John Schmidt	28	Larry Houston
15	Eugene Markley	29	Robert Becker
16	Robert Coulter	29	Bob Romine

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 Lady Luck Casino in Black Hawk, and return to Fort Collins promptly at 4:30PM.

Save the Date
on Feb 12 for a
Valentines Dance at
the Lodge.
There will be a
Silent Auction,
food, music and
dancing. Save that
date to come to
lodge for fun!

Wii BOWLING LEAGUE

will Start the Wednesday
Jan. 12 at 6:30 PM

Contact Deanna Kerscher if you are interested in playing with us.
970-214-0573 (Cell) or
deannakerscher@yahoo.com

THE BEAN POT

There is Currently \$60.00 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

Mark Cooper \$100 from the Bean Pot.
Michael Peters \$1,146 from the 804 Drawing. His charity of choice was Drug Awareness Program.



Elks 804 Drawing
Currently at
\$546.00
as of 12-15-2010

SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



Charles Wilkins
Gina Seranno
John Schmidt
Tracy Ochsner
Connie Woodard
Gary Ball
Shelly Castillon
Ernest Wimmer

Harold Anton
Rich Rutledge
Barry Shuler
Richard Boxberger
Ted Deines
Dave McCoy
Ray Wilkens

The The Echo Deadline for February is January 15th.
Please send all Echo articles and information on events to scole@fortcollinselks.org

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LODGE 804



Charity

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Fidelity



Children's Christmas Party, Santa with children, and the volunteers on Dec 4, 2010

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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Memorial Day Service
on Dec 7, 2010.

Stan Cole with Paige Simpson
as candle lighter (April
Castillon's daughter)



Our local Hoop Shoot competition
will be held at the Boys & Girls Club,
1608 Lancer Drive Fort Collins, CO
January 8th, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

The participants will be broken into 6 divisions;
Boys 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 8-9, 10-11, 12-13.
Age groups will be based on the contestants' age on
April 1st, 2011. Each contestant will shoot 25 free
throws for an official score.

Local winners will advance to District
(Sterling, CO 01/22/11),
State (Salida, CO 02/26/11),
Regional (Denver, CO 03/12/11)
and the National Competition in Springfield, MA April
28th – May 1st, 2011.

National Champions are enshrined in the
Basketball Hall of Fame.

Proof of age may be required at all levels of
competition.

Official Rules and Regulations will be posted at our
local event



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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.

JANUARY

Sat Jan. 1st – Building will be closed
 Sun Jan 2nd Open for Football 11 AM -6 PM
 Mon Jan 3rd Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM
 Tues Jan 4th - Lodge Meeting and Old Timers Night 7PM
 PER Association meeting directly after Lodge
 Fri Jan 7th – Friday Night Dinner
 Sun Jan 9th - Open for Football 11 AM -6 PM
 Wed Jan 12th - House Committee Meeting 6PM
 Fri Jan 14th _ Omaha Poker 7PM
 Sat Jan 15th – **Echo Deadline**
 Sun Jan 16th - Open for Football 11 AM -6 PM
 Sun Jan 16th - District Deputy clinic and District Initiation at Loveland Lodge 9 AM
 Mon Jan 17th – Echo Deadline
 – Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Tues Jan 18th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM
 Fri Jan 21st – Friday night dinners
 Sun Jan 23rd - Open for Football 11 AM -6 PM
 Mon Jan 24th – Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Wed Jan 26th House Committee Meeting 6 PM
 Fri Jan 28th – Texas Hold-Em 7 PM/Karaoke 7 PM
 Sun Jan 30th - Open for Football 11 AM -6 PM

FEBRUARY

Tues Feb 1st Lodge Meeting 7 PM – First Nomination of Officers
 Fri Feb 4- Friday Night Dinner
 Sun Feb 6th – Super Bowl Party 2 PM
 Mon Feb 7th – Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Wed Feb 9th – House Committee Meeting 6PM

Fri Feb 11th – Omaha Poker 7PM
 Sat Feb 12 – Valentines Dinner Dance
 Tues Feb 15th – Lodge Meeting 7PM
 –Second Nomination of Officers.
 Sat Feb 19th – Trip to Black Hawk 9 AM
 Mon Feb 21st - Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Wed Feb 23rd – House Committee Meeting 6PM
 Fri Feb 25th – Texas Hold-Em 7 PM
 Feb 25-27th – Leadership Conference at the Fort Collins Lodge

MARCH

Tues Mar 1st – Lodge Meeting-Vote for 2011-2012 Officers
 Mon Mar 7th - Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Mon Mar 9th - House Committee Meeting 6PM
 Tues Mar 15th – Lodge Meeting 7 PM/
 Announcement Of the Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year
 Mon Mar 21st - Trustees Meeting 4:30PM
 Wed Mar 23rd - House Committee Meeting 6PM
 Sat Mar 26th – Installation of Officers 2011-2012 (Lodge Year)



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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 for updates.

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January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Building will be closed
2 Lodge Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM for Football	3 Trustees 4:30	4 Lodge Meeting and Old Timers Night 7PM PER Association meeting directly after Lodge	5	6	7 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	8
9 Lodge Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM for Football	10	11	12 House Committee Meeting 6 PM	13	14 Omaha Poker 7:00PM Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	15 ECHO DEADLINE
16 District Deputy clinic and District Initiation at Loveland Lodge 9 AM Lodge Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM for Football	17 Trustees 4:30	18 Lodge Meeting 7PM	19	20	21 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	22
23 Lodge Open 11:00AM – 6:00PM for Football 30	24 31	25	26 House Committee Meeting 6 PM	27	28 Texas Hold-em 7:00PM Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm and Karaoke 7 PM	29