

The Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks
Fort Collins Lodge #804
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Installation of new officers was held on Saturday, April 2nd. The following PERs installed the new officers in an impressive ceremony: Mike Demma, Joe Coyte, Skip Walker, Randy Swain, Al Dillman, Lee Skrdlant, Roger Rogers, Randy Kettenhofen, Hugh Shepherd, Bob Wingert and Stan Cole. Thanks to all of you for participating.

Congratulations to the Lodge officers for 2011-2012:

Joe McCarthy – Esteemed Leading Knight
Josh Lehman – Esteemed Loyal Knight
Chris Smith – Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Cory Shortridge – Esquire
Mike Murrell – Inner Guard
Stan Cole – Secretary
Charlie Thomas – Treasurer
Peg Moore – Tiler
Harold Anton – Chaplin
Mike Sutton – Trustee
Larry Hulse – Trustee
Brad March – Trustee

Thanks to the members who supported me as your Exalted Ruler for a second term.

There are several proposed changes which will be voted on during Grand Lodge in July. I feel it is important to use the regular Monthly E.R. Message Section in the Echo to communicate these changes. Keep in mind it is your responsibility as a member to attend Lodge meetings so you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion and vote on changes. I have tried to be conscientious about communicating changes and activities which are happening in our Order and Lodge. Decisions are made on the Lodge floor by a majority vote of the membership. Discussion and vote of these proposals will take place at the June 7th meeting.



1st Annual Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast
A Benefit for Elks Lodge #804 General Fund
Saturday, May 21st (Rain or Shine) — 8:00AM-3:00PM
Pavilion Area - North End of the Lodge

Pancake Breakfast - 8-10:30AM - \$6/person

Includes Scrambled Eggs, 2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links,
Coffee, Juice, or Milk

Items can be delivered beginning Thursday, May 19th

Any item priced by you and in good condition
will be accepted

If you want unsold items, you must pick them up by 4:00PM
the day of the Garage Sale

Any items not sold will be donated to
ARC, Salvation Army, or Disabled Veterans

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call the Lodge to volunteer

Times:

7:30-9:30, 9:30-11:30, 11:30-1:30, 1:30-3:30

Activities:

Setup and place items on tables
Attend tables during Garage Sale
Take Down tables & general clean up
Help with Pancake Breakfast

ELKS 804 LEGACY PROJECT

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

Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 has begun constructing our new front entry with the coming of spring weather. The entry includes our new bronzed Elk standing atop a rock 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 to invite new members to join us in the honorable work we do in serving our community.

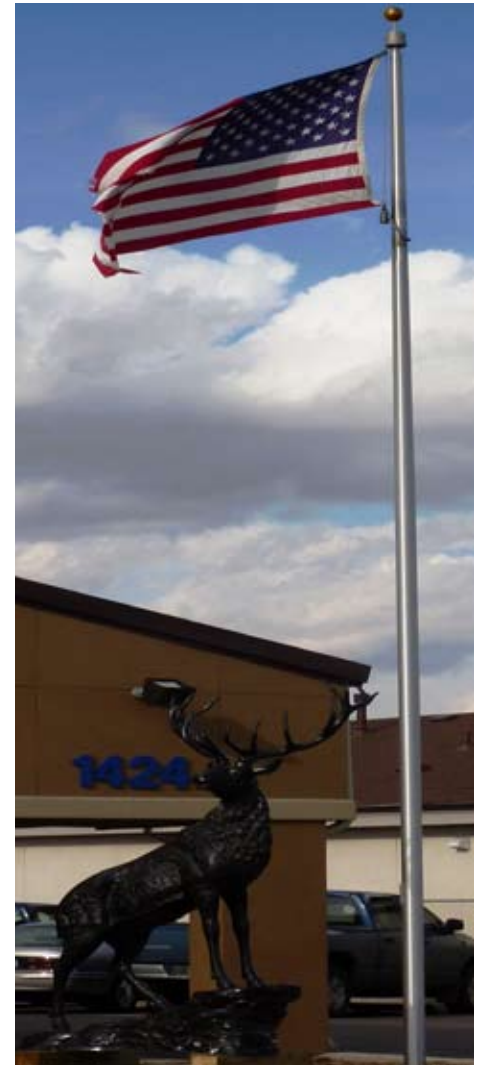
Each Legacy brick will be laid in an array in the enclosure and include the etched name of a designated current or past Elk member. The enclosure will be lighted with the Elk’s spreading antlers standing approximately twelve feet above the pavement. The current cost for inclusion of a named member in 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 bricks should be forwarded to Tony Bonanno at any of these contacts:

anthonybonanno@hotmail.com
970.310.0030 (mobile)
970.498.9223 (home)

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

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno



Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2011-2012

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | Joyce Bonanno |
| Leading Knight | Joe McCarthy |
| Loyal Knight | Josh Lehman |
| Lecturing Knight | Chris Smith |
| Secretary | Stan Cole |
| Treasurer | Charlie Thomas |
| Trustee | Brad March |
| Trustee | Larry Hulse |
| Trustee | Mike Sutton |
| Esquire | Cory Shortridge |
| Inner Guard | Mike Murrel |
| Chaplain | Harold Anton |
| Tiler | Peg Moore |
| Rep to Grand Lodge | Skip Walker |
| Alt Rep To Grand Lodge | Randy Kettenhofen |
| Charitable Trustee | Cheryl Shepherd |

A Word from The Club Manager

It is important our membership is satisfied with the meals they are served. If at anytime you are not satisfied with the way your food is prepared, please let your waitperson know immediately. We will make sure it is prepared to your satisfaction.

The Echo Deadline for June is May 16th
Please send all Echo articles and information on
events to scole@fortcollinseks.org



Congratulations
Connie Woodard
Elk of the Month
for April
For Your Support of
Lodge #804

THE BEAN POT

There is currently \$50 in the drawing.
 *When you are in the lodge, drop a dollar or coins
 Sign the Book

Please Sign for the Current Day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)
 Currently at \$500.00 as of 4-15-2011

804 Attendance Drawing
 Currently at \$100.00
MUST be present at Lodge Meeting to win

HAPPY ELKS

Alan Beatty - Won \$756
 Alan selected
 the Elks National Foundation
 as his charity and contributed
 \$252.



Congratulations Alan!

SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



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|-------------------|----------------|
| John Roberts | Richard Gareis |
| Ethan Unger | Frank Currie |
| Wayne Legg | Don Kelly |
| Randy Kettenhofen | Ken Horne |
| Ron Hefner | Mindy Vigil |
| Terry Johnson | Joe Curby |
| Rick Bott | James Brown |
| Jay Bowser | Ernest Wimmer |
| Jerry Kissock | Robert Schmick |
| Duane Hanson | Steve Ryan |
| | Doran Beamon |

BRIDGE!!!!

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

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.

Elks National Foundation
 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256
 Phone: 773/755-4728, Email: enf@elks.org, website: www.elks.org/enf

DEADWOOD, SD

GAMBLING BUS TRIP

CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION



I n s t a l l a t i o n s

Spa4Paws
 Grooming Special
 10% OFF OR A
 FREE SPA TREATMENT
 970.464.7297 328 S. LINK LN
 970.464.PAWS FORT COLLINS, CO 80524



**Charity Justice
Brotherly Love
Fidelity**

**INSTALLATION SPEECH
OF JOYCE BONANNO
APRIL 2, 2011**

It is hard to believe the first time I stood behind this podium was a year ago – admittedly I was a little shell shocked. The past year has gone fast with many accomplishments by our lodge. We donated \$8,200.00 to charitable causes, veterans programs and youth activities, we provided \$12,000.00 in Scholarships, donated \$670.00 to Laradon Hall (the Elks State Project), and held a fund raiser for the Lodge's General Fund making \$1,500. Our contribution to the Elks National Foundation was \$3.45 per member up from 70 cents and 80 cents from the previous two years. We built a Veterans Pavilion and added a very impressive Elk to the front of our building. We added 40 new members and reinstated 18. These accomplishments could not have happened without participation from our members. Thanks to all of you for making the past year successful.

Our motto this year will be: 804EVER — Keeping Valued Traditions in a Changing Order

During the coming year, we will see many changes in an attempt to make our order contemporary, attract members and comply with our articles of incorporation. Change is difficult, but to sustain the Elks Organization we have to support and embrace change. In the coming months I will be communicating these changes at lodge meeting, on the Website and in the Echo.

Along with a motto, it is important we have goals. In summary, goals for this year will include:

1. Holding several activities to Support the Lodge's General Fund.
2. Continuation of our charitable contributions to veterans and youth activities.
3. Provide Scholarships from our Charitable Trust to deserving seniors.
4. Meet or exceed The Elks National Foundation Contributions of \$4.50 per member.
5. Prepare for changes and continuity in the "governing of the lodge" by training of our officers, which includes attendance at the Leadership Conference, Quarterly and District Deputy Meetings and participation in lodge committees and meetings.
6. Participation in a major community project similar to previous projects like the board walk and pool at City Park. Involvement in a major community project is a must for our lodge. It will increase our visibility in the Fort Collins community and awareness of the good work our order does.
7. We need new members, but equally important is retention of our current members. We will be implementing programs to do both.
8. And of course have fun!

I know our lodge will meet or exceed these goals by working together as we have done this past year. We have a great cadre of officers, trustees and members.

Thanks to the Past Exalted Rulers who participated in the installation this evening. It was very impressive and certainly exemplifies the tradition of our order. Thanks you to the family and friends who came out to share in this very important ceremony.

A big thanks to our officers from last year – you made my year fun and did so much for our lodge. I look forward to working with the returning officers and with our new officers. Thanks to all of you who have provided support and guidance to me this past year, Roger Rogers, Brad March, Skip Walker, Randy Kettenhoffen, Mike Demma, Bob Wingert, our office staff – Charlie Thomas, Shelly Castillon and Deanna Kerscher, our employees and Bob Petri our Club Manager; of course all of our members. There are two more individuals I need to mention. Stan Cole, my side kick and Lodge Secretary. We are like the Lone Ranger and Tonto. Although I have to admit some days I'm not sure who is Tonto and who is the Lone Ranger. Stan has made me mad, made me laugh, counseled me through numerous frustrating situations and taught me a tremendous amount about Elkdom. I'm so glad he was by my side. And my husband Tony, Tony has supported me 100% never complaining about the hours I spend at the lodge or the many projects I've asked him to do. Honey I promise only 12 more months and I will be cooking and cleaning the house again.

Now I would like to make a toast – To our departed members – who proceeded us in doing the noble work of our order may we keep faithful to their memory - to our current members, family and friends, may your lives be full of joy and happiness as we celebrate the cardinal principles of our order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXALTED RULER

On The Anonymous Letter Concerning The ECHO

An anonymous letter was recently left on Secretary Stan Cole's desk concerning the Echo. I do not necessarily like to respond to anonymous letters because I believe face to face communication is always better. However, in this case, I'm going to make an exception because it will give me the opportunity to share information on the Echo with the membership.

One of the questions asked – “Why my (E.R.) picture was not on the first page of the Echo?” This is very simple to answer. It was my choice not to have my picture in the Echo. The reason behind this decision is the Echo is a communication tool about activities at the Lodge/Order, but most of all about the good work members are doing in the community and for our Lodge. It is not about me. If you come to the Lodge for Friday night dinner, stop by the Lodge during the day, or attend Lodge meetings you know what I look like. My picture is also in the front foyer along with the other officers. In answer to the question “Do I want to support the Lodge?” Yes, I do want to support the Lodge. My participation in Lodge activities and the many hours I spend working at the Lodge exemplifies my dedication to #804 and Elkdom. If you are at the Lodge you know how much time I spend supporting the Lodge and Lodge activities. Starting in May my picture will be on the front page of the Echo.

There was a question about “Why we did not advertise the 9 Health Fair in the Echo?” I agree the 9 Health Fair is important and a good opportunity for individuals to receive health screening at a reasonable cost. Information about the 9 Health Fair is on the radio, TV, and many other publications in and around Fort Collins. The Lodge has had a flyer posted on our bulletin board in the Club Room for several weeks about the 9 Health Fair. The Echo is only 8 pages with many “Elk” related issues to communicate. It is not always possible to advertise community events in our Echo especially if there are other ways our members can receive the information, which is the case with the 9 Health Fair.

To address “your” question “Why do you bother to have a calendar when you don't list important dates?” Last year one of the comments I received from many members was they did not know about upcoming events. At that time the “Events At A Glance” was born. It is on the next to the last page, usually page 7, and is a listing of activities and meetings for a three month period. There is a calendar of the current month on the last page, usually page 8. It may not include every activity which is in “Events At A Glance”, but will have Lodge meetings, Board of Director meetings, and other “Lodge” related activities listed which are important. Yes, there is redundancy, but the current format These two pages will remain the same, with all events listed in the calendar also listed in “Events At A Glance”. However, there is one small change - “Events At A Glance” will now be called “Upcoming Events”.

The question was posed “I wonder how many times I could have had a drink at the Elks WHEN IT WAS SUPPOSEDLY CLOSED. Gee, I wonder how much money I would have spent...and maybe others?” This comment was concerning the fact the “Westerners Event” was not listed in the calendar. The Echo is not a daily newspaper. The deadline for information is the 15th of the previous month. (Example - information for the June Echo is due by May 15th). If we receive a call on the 25th of the month to book an event it is impossible to publish that event in the next month's Echo. In cases like this we post information in the club room that the Lodge will be open with a bartender and as always members are welcome.

The process and timeline for publication of the Echo follows. On the 15th of the month information is compiled on birthdays, deaths, Bean Pot, Sad/Happy Elks, articles, etc. This information is then sent to Nick Leonard to be formatted for the Echo. It takes several days for Nick to complete this activity because he is doing this as a volunteer and in his spare time. Once the Echo is formatted, a proof is sent to the Lodge for final approval. At that time, if we know of any additional information we will add it to the Echo. Any additional changes are sent back to Nick. Nick then sends the final to The Business Card Factory for printing and also to Chris Slider to be posed on our web site. The process to write, proof, publish and print the Echo takes 2 weeks.

Nick Leonard is helping the Lodge compile a “group” listing of e-mail addresses. In May, we hope to “push” the Echo to members who have provided us with their e-mail. This group mailing list will also help us inform members of last minute events at the Lodge.

If anyone would like to help with the Echo or volunteer with anything at the Lodge, it would be appreciated – we can always use volunteers. I welcome comments from members, please feel free to talk to me in person at any time.

Grand Lodge Advisory Committee Proposals For Passage At The Phoenix Grand Lodge Session – July, 2011

There are a variety of changes – some requiring Statutory Changes – and others not which have been proposed by the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is asking that everyone keep an open mind and positive mind set that some changes MUST be made for the Good of the Order. Some may not require any change in the present Laws of the Order and some will require Statute changes.

It is important as your representative at Grand Lodge I have a good sense of how you want me to vote on these proposals. Following are the changes. The changes will be discussed at the Lodge Meeting on June 7th. If you cannot attend the meeting, but have input you would like to share, please leave the information with either Stan or myself by June 6th.

Note: The (Passed & Effective 20XX) means if the proposal is passed at Grand Lodge, it will become effect in the year specified.

GRAND LODGE:

1. Change the name of the Grand Lodge to “National Lodge” (Passed & Effective 2011)
2. Modernize titles of “National Lodge” Officers: (Passed & Effective 2012)
 - a. National President from Grand Exalted Ruler
 - b. National Vice President from Endorsed Candidate for GER. (Elected National Vice President will be elected a year earlier and will automatically become National President the following GL year.)
 - c. Sergeant At Arms replaces Grand Esquire, Grand Inner Guard and Grand Tiler.
 - d. National Chaplain from Grand Chaplain
 - e. National Trustee(s) from GL Trustee(s)
3. Eliminate Elks Training Program (annual review of Statutes) (Passed & Effective 2011)
4. Eliminate Membership Benefits Program. (Effective when present contract expires)
5. Eliminate the printing of GER Acceptance Speech for audience opening night and not in the daily Convention newsletter. The Elks Magazine will keep it in a later issue. (Passed & Effective 2011)
6. Eliminate the spouses’ entertainment on Tuesday morning. (Passed & Effective 2011)
7. Eliminate the “bull pen” roped off area for PGERs at the Exalted Ruler Ball on Wednesday evening of the Convention. Attending PGERs will still be introduced. (Passed & Effective 2012)
8. Eliminate all “Honorable” titles for all Grand Lodge Officers. (Passed & Effective 2011)
9. Sunday evening GER Dinner to start at 4:00PM until completion (approximately 6-6:30PM, thus allowing for State Associations to conduct Sunday evening parties. (Passed & Effective 2012)
10. Restructure Grand Lodge Committee as follows: (Passed & Effective 2012)
 - Activities Committee
 - Community Project
 - Public Relations
 - Youth Activities
 - Hoop Shoot Program
 - Fraternal Committee
 - Americanism
 - Elks National Foundation
 - Flag Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Membership
 - Lodge Activities
 - Veterans
 - Auditing & Accounting Committee
 - Committee on Judiciary
 - Ritualistic

Eliminate virtually ALL current Committees, including Government Relations, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Veterans Commission, etc. Only Auditing & Accounting, Committee on Judiciary and Ritualistic survive!

11. Grand Secretary will develop a bank of Elk Building Plans for purpose & use of and by Local Lodges in rebuilding

- actions. (Passed & Effective 2011)
12. A uniform job description for Special Deputies duties and responsibilities to be created in Grand Lodge. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 13. More Meetings by Grand Lodge will be electronic (along this line, teleconferencing is being considered where it may be practical in costs) (Passed & Effective 2011)
 14. After February 2012, the February GL Advisory meetings and Grand Trustees Meetings will be held in Chicago Headquarters without spouses attending. (Passed & Effective 2012)
 15. Amend Statutes to provide where Lodges may collect dues annually or semi-annually. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 16. Remove all references to Communist Party. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 17. Repeat Accident Prevention State Chairpersons attend their national seminar every other year. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 18. Standard Elk Stationary for all. Personalizing is okay. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 19. Create an Elks Web Leadership School on internet for access by Elks in local Lodges. (Passed and Effective TBD)
 20. Allow Local Lodges (optional), by By-Law, to collect dues and be credited and/or grant other suitable rewards for members who recruit other members that remain "paid up" members for one full year, plus. (Passed & Effective 2011)
 21. Reduce the GL convention by one full day. (Passed & Effective dependent upon hotel contracts-TBD)
 22. For Phoenix – For Committee Chairpersons to have their written reports to be published on the Web site. Chairperson introduces the Committee members and thanks Lodges for their support and participation. All awards will be published in the Daily Convention newsletter and received at the booth. On Tuesday morning the majority of the Session will be devoted to the discussions of aspects, presented by the Future of Elkdom Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge Advisory for the Lodges and their representatives. (Passed & Approved for Phoenix Convention)
 23. Grand Lodge personnel spouses may wait until the weekend for the actual Convention beginning to come and attend the Convention. (Passed & Optional by Ladies)

CHANGES AFFECTING THE DDGER:

1. No longer required for the DDGER to witness and grade the Initiatory Ritual at the official Lodge visit made by the DDGER, DDGER Report still sent. No GER response will be made. State Sponsor may still comment and make recommendations to the Lodge. (Passed & Effective 2011)
2. DDGER will no longer receive Business Cards and is no longer an allowed expense by DDGER. (Passed & Effective 2011)
3. Will no longer conduct a January DDGER Clinic. (Passed & Effective 2012)
4. No longer DDGER Indoctrination in Chicago. All DD Indoctrination would be arranged by State Sponsor within the State. Budget funds for the State Sponsor's indoctrination would be applicably made for DD Designates. (Passed & Effective 2012) Apparently DD would no longer attend Grand Lodge Session!
5. Lodge Officers memorization of the Ritual parts would no longer be required. (Passed & Effective 2012)

SUBORDINATE LODGE:

1. Change the Name of "Subordinate Lodge" to Local Lodge" (Passed & Effective 2011)
2. Lodge Meeting may be held once per month, or more often at the Lodge decision (Lodge altar already be set up and remains set up as the ER closes the Lodge)
3. The Local Lodge may opt to shorten the Lodge Opening & Closing rituals by By-Law Change.
4. Local Lodge change in Officer Titles – (Passed & Effective 2012)
 - President..... from Exalted ruler
 - 1st Vice President from Esteemed Leading Knight
 - 2nd Vice President..... from Esteemed Loyal Knight
 - 3rd Vice President..... from Esteemed Lecturing Knight
 - Sergeant At Arms from Lodge Esquire, Inner Guard & Tiler
 - Secretary from Lodge Secretary & Treasurer combined
 - Trustee(s) retain name of Trustee(s) & one of who would be Signatory on checks & provide for paper trail
 - Inner Guard & Tiler..... would be eliminated – See Sergeant At Arms
5. Allow for one community program to be solely identified as the Elks sponsored Lodge in each community. This

would answer the question in the Community as to what the Elks are known for in that community. (Passed & Effective 2011)

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY FUTURE OF ELKDOM COMMITTEE WERE NO LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED:

1. Local Lodges encouraged to make facilities available for use by civic groups so long as all laws are obeyed. (Passed & Effective 2011)
2. Local Lodges establish Mentoring Program for Lodge Officers. (Passed & Effective 2011)
3. If not already existing, local Lodges to establish an Activities/Entertainment Committee. (Passed & Effective 2011)
4. A New Member Welcoming Committee for Local Lodges is seriously recommended. (Passed & Effective 2011)
5. Installation and use of electronic games (i.e. Wi-Fi) and other games in Game Room of Lodges (for members and children) (Passed & Effective 2011)
6. Place the Membership application on the GL Web site. (This would be a Grand Lodge action) (Passed & Effective 2011)
7. Create a suggested format for State Association's meetings and conventions with emphasis on less reporting and more training of Elks. (Passed & Effective 2011)
8. Suggested dress code for GL Advisory Committee after Sunday be optional for business casual. (Passed & Effective 2011)

MEMORIAL FOR ANN WASGATT

The following article about donations of toys to Laradon Hall was submitted by Ann shortly before her death. I would like you to consider this as a memorial article in her memory. Ann passed away at home on April 9th after a lengthy illness. Ann was initiated in our Order on May 6, 2006. Ann's great spirit of helping others will continue in our hearts. Our thoughts are with Ann's family and her special friend Arlys Wagner. Ann, Arlys and their friend, Sherry Decker, spent 33 hours working on 26 Barbie Dolls, with two sets of cloths and 4 sets of shoes for each and 5 sets of Ken and Barbie Dolls. Also donated were various toys and 25 Matchbox cars for boys. Approximate value of this donation was \$245.00.

**Barbie Easter 2011 Project
for Laradon Hall
Submitted by Ann Wasgatt**

"This was a fun project. You first need someone with computer knowledge. This is so you could watch e-Bay to get in on some chances with doll clothes, shoes and accessories for the dolls. You would be surprised what people are willing to part with on

e-Bay. We didn't go into this with a lot of money. The dolls we received had to be cleaned and their hair style changed (many needed a steel comb to get the knots out). Some hair had to be cut because the knots would not come out. We had the first bunch of dolls to see what was washable (most were fine), but some were not, so we washed them in Woolite and cold water then dried them on a towel. Some "finer" items were left alone. Then colors were matched, suits with tops and bottoms. We had a wonderful fashion person to set up outfits. We were ready to dress the dolls only to find out there are two different sizes for Barbie's. We only needed 26 dolls so we had a lot to choose from."



**Preparing for
Installation of Officers**



A Word from the Lodge Secretary

In the past decade the term “transparency” has become a by word at all levels of government be it Federal, State, local politics or churches, non profits, fraternal organizations, in short virtually every level of human activity.

It is nothing more than a desire to have activities carried out on behalf of a group, entirely visible to all those affected by those decisions. This, of course, is perfectly reasonable and it certainly must apply in Elks 804.

Therefore, any member of 804 in good standing has access to any and all records in our Lodge. These records may include (but are not limited to) minutes of any past meeting, by-laws and any changes there to, expenditures, receipts of all sessions, vendors, payroll and all charity donations.

The single exception to this transparency is personnel decisions which are available on a need to know basis or are subject to certain legal requirements and restrictions.

If, at any time, a member wishes to examine or discuss any documents that we have as custodians of records, please feel free to come to the office during regular working hours (9:00 to 5:00 including noon hour) Tuesday through Friday and talk to Stan, Shelly, Deanna or Exalted Ruler Joyce. If we can't answer your questions we can certainly find someone that can!

This discussion has been brought about by some questions growing out of the by-laws amendments to establish a Board of Directors. First let me assure you that there is nothing sinister or threatening behind this change. Since our Incorporation in 1976 we have supposedly been governed by such a Board. In fact, we functioned very well with 3 and then 5 Trustees for over 35 years. So why change? The answer is simple. Every 5 years we are forced to rewrite the by-laws of our Lodge. It was at this juncture that a lawyer on the Grand Lodge Judiciary noted that we were in noncompliance with both the Grand Lodge Statutes and the corporate laws of the State of Colorado. We knew this as recently as 2008 that we needed to amend our by-laws, when a memo arrive stating, “the club shall be managed, supervised and controlled by the Trustees of the Lodge” (which is how our by-laws are written) IS OF NO LEGAL EFFECT (Emphasis Added). Dated this date December 16, 2008.

What does this mean for our Lodge? Operationally you will see very little change. A Board of Directors consisting of 3 Trustees, 4 Chair Officers and 2 members at large will have supervision and oversight of the Lodge and Club.

Let me put to rest the idea of a “power grab” by some unnamed individuals. The idea that “power” rests with the Trustees, Exalted Ruler, House Committee or anyone else is a useless exercise. Ultimate decisions on policy ALWAYS rest with the membership on the Lodge floor during a regularly scheduled Lodge session. Every Elk member in good standing has a voice and a vote on issues that affect them. It is my greatest hope that the leadership by the Officers and Board can influence the vote on sound policy development but there is a vast difference between influencing and an outcome and the power to force an outcome.

What does this mean to us as members? It simply means come to Lodge, make your voice and vote count on issues that matter to you.

Fraternally, Stan



Officers Taking The Oath



**The
Installation
Altar**

From the House Committee

To The Elks Mug Club:

To all those who still have their Beer Mugs (with personal logo) at the lodge. Please come and pick them up. We can no longer store them and we can no longer use them due to increase in cost of beer. Please come and pick them up by June 1st, 2011, after that they will be gone.

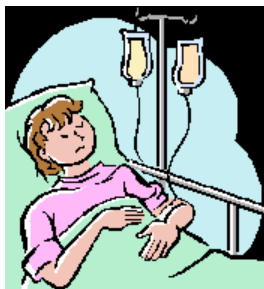
Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe McCarthy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! MAY

Enjoy A FREE Dinner During Your Birthday Month On A Lodge Night

2	Ricardo Torres	13	Jeff Inama
4	Ron Malara	14	Ernest Wimmer
5	Joann Frick	15	Bert McCaffrey
6	Henry Lichtenwaldt	16	Dennis Marion
7	Frank Leydens	18	Charles Hoffman
9	LaRita Besser	18	Jesse Rodriguez
9	Richard Gareis	18	Jack Unger
9	Judy Neckel	21	William Durica
10	Alan Beatty	21	Thomas Nix Jr.
10	James Mciver	27	Bradford Allin
10	Robert Wingert	27	Lee Thompson
11	Don Blanchard	28	AJ Glaser
11	David Roeder	30	Terry Walsh

THANKS SO MUCH!!!!



To all the members who gave us blessings
And well wishes while
My husband was in the hospital the month of
March.
He is home and doing well,
Although he has a long road
of recovery ahead.
Thanks again!
Anna Fronek

DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTER

Cleon Swain on 3/18/2011 - Life Member
Lloyd Lair on 4/8/2011 - Life Member & PER
Jack Moad on 4/12/2011 - Life Member
Ann Wasgatt on 4/9/2011 - Initiated 5/6/2006

ON THE TABLETS OF LOVE
AND MEMORY

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:

Howard Bassett	Nick Leonard	Mike Sutton
Tony Bonanno	Brad March	Charlie Thomas
Mary Ann Brawand	Joe McCarthy	Larry Thyfault
Shelly Castillon	Gary Michels	George Van Arsdale
Stan Cole	Mike Murrell	Arlys Wagner
Mike Demma	Don Oppie	Skip Walker
Al Dillman	Richard Rein	Gayle Watkinson
Larry Hulse	Skip Young	Cheryl Shepherd
Connie Woodard	Bill Smith	Randy Kettenhofen
Cory Shortridge & Employees		Deanna Kerscher

Note: If you have volunteered and are not listed here please let me know. Your name will be listed in the June Echo.

Fraternally, Joyce

MEMBER APRIL CASTILLON – VOLUNTEERS HELP FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

April is the owner of Spa 4 Paws and has created a pantry of sorts. It's actually a pet pantry. In November, April decided that with families in Northern Colorado experiencing difficult times with the economy that family pets shouldn't suffer. That's when April created the pet pantry, a place those in need for pet food could come and pick up some for free. Since November, April says she's received hundreds of calls from families seeking pet food assistance, but she's not been able to fulfill all of their requests. April has received donations from Poudre Pet Supply and Wal-Mart. She is always in need of food and shelving for storage. If you can help with donations to April's pet pantry please contact her at Sap 4 Paws – 484-7297. April says to date, the 4 Paws Pet Pantry has been able to help more than 100 families in Northern Colorado. Individuals requesting help have to supply some sort of identification that assistance is needed.



BESTOWING THE GAVEL OF
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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

MAY

Tue May 3rd Lodge Meeting 7PM
Scholarship Presentation

Fri May 6th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
*Mexican Special -
Beef Tostadas*

Mon May 9 **Lodge Open**

Wed May 11th Board of Directors Meeting
(4:45-7PM)

Fri May 13th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
*Mexican Special -
Chicken Enchiladas*
Omaha Poker 7PM
(Elk Members Only)
**Payment Deadline for
Deadwood Trip**

Tue May 17th Lodge Meeting 7PM

Wed May 18th Bridge Night
(Dinner-6PM/Bridge-7PM)

Fri May 20th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
*Mexican Special -
Pork Carne Asada*
Karaoke 7:15PM

Sat May 21st Inaugural Elks Garage Sale
& Pancake Breakfast
(8AM-3PM)

Fri May 27th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
*Mexican Special -
Chicken Chimichangas*
Texas Hold 'Em 7PM
(Elk Members Only)

Sat May 28th **Lodge Open**

Mon May 30th Memorial Day
Lodge Closed

JUNE

Fri June 3rd Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)

Tue June 7th Lodge Meeting 7PM
(ONLY 1 Lodge Meeting in June)

Wed June 8th Board of Directors Meeting
(4:45-7PM)

Fri June 10th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
Omaha Poker 7PM
(Elk Members Only)

Tue June 14th Flag Day Ceremony
Hosted by Gayle Watkinson

Wed June 15th Bridge Night
(Dinner-6PM/Bridge-7PM)

Fri June 17th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
Karaoke 7:15PM

Fri June 24th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
Texas Hold 'Em 7PM
(Elk Members Only)

JULY

Mon July 4th Independence Day

Tue July 5th Lodge Meeting 7PM
(ONLY 1 Lodge Meeting in July)

Fri July 8th Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
Omaha Poker 7PM
(Elk Members Only)

Wed July 13th Board of Directors Meeting
(4:45-7PM)

Wed July 20th Bridge Night
(Dinner-6PM/Bridge-7PM)

Fri July 22nd Friday Night Dinner
(5:30PM-8:00PM)
Karaoke 7:15PM



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 11:00AM – 10:00PM
 (Bartender/Manager’s Discretion)
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 for updates
 At times, the Lodge may be open for Special
 Events and Fort Collins Members are welcome to
 come in and use the Lounge

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Important Lodge Meetings & Special Events from Upcoming Events Listing

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Lodge Meeting & Scholarship Presentation	4	5	6 Friday Night Dinner- <i>Mexican Special</i> <i>Beef Tostadas</i>	7
8 Mothers' Day Buffet	9 Lodge Open 5P-10P	10	11 Board of Directors Meeting	12	13 Omaha Poker Friday Night Dinner- <i>Mexican Special</i> <i>Chicken Enchiladas</i>	14
15	16 ECHO DEADLINE	17 Lodge Meeting	18 Bridge	19	20 Karaoke Friday Night Dinner- <i>Mexican Special</i> <i>Pork Carne Asada</i>	21 Garage Sale & Pancake Breakfast
22	23	24	25	26	27 Texas Hold 'Em Friday Night Dinner- <i>Mexican Special</i> <i>Chicken Chimichangas</i>	28 Lodge Open 5P-10P
29	30 Memorial Day LODGE CLOSED	31				