

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Even in times of challenge I believe Elks are generous. With the holidays approaching we need to keep in mind our motto "Elks Care Elks Share". The lodge will be supporting the Toys for Tots Program again this year. I was disappointed last year we did not have more members donate toys for needy children in our community. This year we will have our lodge collection box out earlier. It will be located in the lounge area and I hope you will make an effort to support this activity. We will also be donating Christmas Baskets to needy families in December. The holidays are a time of cheer, sharing and celebrating. To me, sharing is the most important. "The dream of a better world becomes reality when shaped by enough willing hearts and hands."

Once again, I need to stress the fact each of you must make an effort to participate in lodge meetings, events and support our restaurant. Membership and participation is the life blood of all organizations and without your participation our lodge will not be successful.

The Open House was a positive event because we were able to showcase to the community the noble work of the Elks. I sincerely thank Kay Rios, Wes Sargent and Jamie Moyer (daughter of Jack and Dixy Schreiner) for donating their time and talent to help make this event successful. Deanna Kerscher did an outstanding job preparing and displaying information about our order. Thanks to Bob Petri and our bar staff for all of their hard work. Thanks to the members who took their time to be hosts at the Open House.

The lodge has been opened on Saturdays and Sundays for football. The participation has not been what The House Committee expected. If you want the lodge to remain open on the weekend, you need to participate. For those of you who do support the lodge on the weekend – thank you. Secretary Stan recently received a letter from one of our members. Following is a short portion of the letter. "Stan, I have loved being an Elk member and wish the best for the Elks and my friends there. Last year the only time I went to the Elks it was for football. Half of those games I was the only guy to keep Ralph company. I didn't want Ralph to have to open for a couple of people, that is not right." I feel exactly the same way this member does. We must have support of our membership on Saturday and Sunday to keep the lodge open. Several members requested the lodge be open for football on the weekends, I have yet to see many of these members at the lodge on the weekends.

There are several events scheduled over the next few months and I hope to see you at the lodge. Saturday, November 5th is our Elks National Foundation Poker Tournament Fund Raiser beginning at 5:00PM (Members and Spouse with Elks Card Only). On Tuesday, November 15th District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Shirley Brunelli and her officers will be visiting. The District Deputy Visitation is an important event for our lodge and I need support from our members to attend the lodge meeting. Sunday, November 20th we will be decorating the lodge for the holiday season (1PM-3PM) – come out and help - we always have a fun time. Sunday, December 4th is the Members Christmas Party (members and their guests are welcome). A full course turkey and Ham luncheon will be served 11:30-1:30 for only \$10.00- Saturday, December 10th is our Children's Christmas Party 1PM-3PM. Santa will be here, there will entertainment, food for the kids and age appropriate gift. Call the lodge at 493-3777 and let us know how many children you will be bringing and their age.



Tony and I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno – Exalted Ruler

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

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

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Charlie Thomas
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Mike Sutton
Cory Shortridge
Peg Moore
Harold Anton
Peg Moore
Skip Walker
Randy Kettenhofen
Cheryl Shepherd

The Echo deadline for December is November 15. Please send all Echo articles and information on events to 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 or Fax to
970-493-3787
or Call 493-3777
Vist our new website!
www.fortcollinselks.org

THE BEAN POT

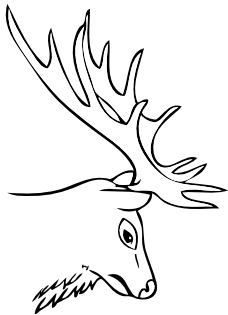
Currently is \$50, when you are in the Lodge, drop a dollar or coins
 Sign the book
 Please sign for the current day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)
 Currently at \$ 1300 as of 10/13/2011

804 Attendance Drawing
 Currently at \$400
 Must be present at
 Lodge Meeting to win!

HAPPY ELKS

Bob Brawand
 won the Bean Pot
 on Friday Oct. 7th



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

- Ed Nix
- Lyle Beaumont
- Cheryl Caho
- Joe Gonzales
- Gil Ellergy
- Bill Button
- Charles Vessey
- Drexel Cloos
- Dean Gebhardt
- Jack Unger
- John Rinne
- Ray Martinez
- Bob Moore Sr

- Ray Griffin
- Bob Hoffner
- Gene Barker
- Ed Yonker
- Gilbert Boyer
- Matt Davis
- Richard Thompson
- Mike Demma
- Michel Livens
- Milo Bohlender
- Josh Lehman
- Ron Brown
- David Blomberg



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 November 11th, get your singing voices ready, check calendar for dates!

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

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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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| Harold Anton | Tom & Marilyn Nix |
| Howard Bassett | Bob Petri |
| Alan Beatty | Richard Rein |
| Tony Bonanno | Gary Riedel |
| Kenny & Misti Burkhard | Kay Rios |
| Shelly Castillon | Dean Rydholm |
| Dana Cline | Wes Sargent |
| Stan Cole | Cheryl Shepherd |
| Mark Cooper | Lee Skrdlant |
| Mike Demma | Chris Slider |
| Al Dillman | Bill Smith |
| Fritz Elliott | Chris Smith |
| Rueben Gonzales | Mike Sutton |
| Larry Hulse | Randy & Mary Swain |
| Deanna Kerscher | Charlie Thomas |
| Randy Kettenhofen | Lee Thompson |
| Brad March | Larry Thyfault |
| Joe McCarthy | George Van Arsdale |
| Shantal McCarthy | Arlys Wagner |
| John Merritt | Bonnie Walker |
| Gary Michels | Skip Walker |
| Peg Moore | Bob & Kathy Wingert |
| Jamie Moyer | |

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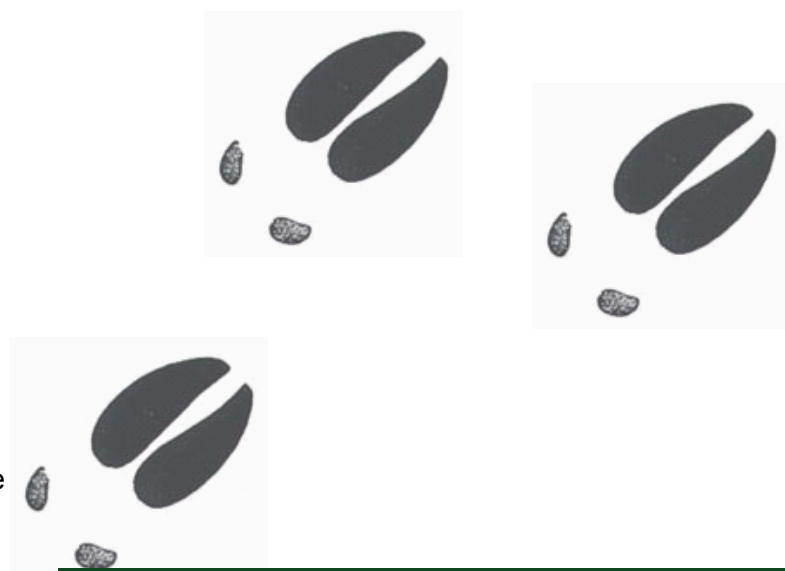
Don Svedman, Elk Member for 37 Years was recently presented with the Colorado State University Distinguished Alumni Extension Service Award

The Cole family would like to express our gratitude for the cards, letters and support during this very difficult time in our life. The prayers and contributions to "Jims Garden" were very touching to our family. Gods Blessing to all of you.
Stan for the Cole Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

November

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 Ronald Amoroso | 19 Joseph Coyte |
| 3 John Jay Bowser | 19 Richard Haynes |
| 3 Dana Cline | 20 Eugene Barker |
| 4 Gary Perman | 20 Michael Livens |
| 5 Larry Hawe | 20 Richard 'Sean' Shortridge |
| 7 Kenneth Carson | 20 Nicholas Yobbagy |
| 7 Paul Marrick | 21 Harold Anton |
| 7 Robert Swerer | 21 Frank Barela |
| 8 Roger Rogers | 22 Darwin Stengaard |
| 11 Kenneth Reynolds | 23 Victor Mercado |
| 13 Ronald Brown | 25 Terry Keating |
| 14 Randolph Reider | 25 Philip White |
| 15 Cheryl Caho | 27 David Blomberg |
| 16 Richard Deines | 27 Chad Nordtvedt |
| 16 Edwin Hanson | 27 Cheryl Shepherd |
| 16 Skip Walker | 30 Matthew Doyle |
| 17 Scott Golden | 30 Barry Shuler |
| 18 Gil Ellerby | |



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

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 is a proud supporter of Peter Cosmas

Peter Cosmas began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in 1st grade. He progressed through all of the Cub Scout ranks: Wolf, Bear, Junior Webelo, and Senior Webelo. He bridged to Boy Scout Troop 282 when he was in 5th grade. He began working through the Boy Scout ranks: Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class. When Peter and his family moved to Colorado in 2006, he had already achieved his 1st Class rank. In Colorado he joined Troop 87, and, within a year, he had achieved his Star rank as well as being inducted into the Order of the Arrow, an elite service organization within scouting that involves a weekend "ordeal" at the Boy Scout Ranch in Red Feather Lakes. Peter achieved his Life rank in 2009 and is currently completing his Eagle rank.

Peter has spent hundreds of hours devoted to service projects and assisting other scouts obtain their Eagle designation, as well as camping, hiking, fishing, climbing, caving, and maintaining outdoor areas. Peter's Eagle project for the Fort Collins Elks Lodge was completed in two sections: In May 2011, he built a rustic backdrop for mounting 2 plaques, and, in September 2011, he built outdoor furniture that can be used for years to come. Peter exemplifies the example of commitment to Scouting and I'm pleased to say our lodge had the opportunity to help Peter achieve his Eagle Scout designation.

Submitted by: Joyce Bonanno – Exalted Ruler



“These are the best of times; these are the worst of times”

Reflections of a Holiday Inn – errr... I mean of Elks Lodge 804. It was Charles Dickens who wrote “these are the best of times; these are the worst of times” in his famous Tale of Two Cities. He wasn’t talking about Lodge 804, but it certainly fits our situation today.

First, the best of times. Our facility is one of the nicest Elk Buildings in all of Colorado. In the beginning, I was opposed to the sale of our old building. There were just too many memories and sentimental attachments to it, but dollars trump memories every time and we had to move on. My first impression was we bought a Holiday Inn. I felt like walking up to the “trustees” and asking if my room was ready yet. Now I’m pleased to say it feels like home. We added the Elk and Legacy Brick Project in the front, and the Veterans Pavilion in the back. We are making better use of the Lodge Room space. Now, all we need is our members to use it!

The lodge has made other significant progress the last two years. We have, for the first time in many years, made our per-capita of \$4.50 per member to the Elks National Foundation. A large part of this success was the brain child of Exalted Ruler Joyce, Larry Thyfault and Gary Michels. They have been working every Lodge night selling the ENF one shot and Laradon Hall tickets. The generous participation of the “hard core” lodge attendees has helped us to meet our quota. Exalted Ruler Joyce has also stressed the importance of our lodge’s support of the Elks National Foundation encouraging members to donate to this worthy foundation.

We support Youth Baseball teams, a Boy Scout troop, our Charitable Trust Scholarship Program, after prom parties, The Elks Children’s Christmas Party, Toys for Tots and Christmas Baskets. We donated to “The Simply Red Event” in support of Team Fort Collins (an organization providing alcohol and drug prevention services to the Fort Collins Community); we donated money to the disabled veterans winter sports held in Aspen, donated playing cards and books to the Cheyenne Veteran’s Hospital, donated to Respite Care and the Larimer County Food Bank. We had a successful Hoop-Shoot, Americanism Program and formal dedication of our building. With the help of a number of long time supporters of Elkdom, the Charitable Trust trustees were able to raise approximately \$17,000.00 in contributions to pay the costs of the architect for improvements to Club Tico.

Now the worst of times. A lot of these donations have been possible by using the Charitable Trust, Hadley Trust and fund raisers, but this does not help our bottom line. Our Charitable Trust and Hadley Trust cannot be used for the Lodge and Club operating expenses because of restrictions by the IRS and provisions of how the trust funds can be used. So where does that leave us in support for our lodge and club? First just a few facts:

Revenue from dues to-date:	\$32,375.00
Grand Lodge Per Capita Charge:	\$ 5,558.00
Colorado State Elks Association:	\$ 992.00
Insurance Costs on Facility	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
Funds Left To Operate Lodge for a Year	\$21,825.00

One does not have to be a math genius to know \$21,825.00 will not be able to pay the other lodge bills for more than 2 months of operation. The other 10 months of expenses will have to be raised by the lodge from sources such as food sales, bar sales, fund raisers, donations, increase in membership and events. Unfortunately, none of these sources of income are a stable or a guaranteed amount. The question then becomes where do we go from here? Some of the suggestions have been bingo, but we have not been able to get enough volunteers to run bingo. Others have suggested social gaming of various kinds (poker and gin) and other legal (emphasize legal) card games. Increased participation by our members in support of our restaurant and Elk sponsored fund raisers (i.e. Legacy Brick Project), increase and retention of membership will help.

For those of you who do make an effort to support the lodge – thank you. Not everyone can be here every day of the week, but a visits twice a month to have lunch or dinner, attending lodge meetings, volunteering a few hours a month, attending events and sponsoring new members as well as making all our members feel welcome will make a difference. What are your ideas? Please share them with any lodge officers or someone in the office. No idea will be ignored.

Submitted by: Stan Cole - Secretary

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

November

Tue Nov 1st	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Nov 2nd	Indoctrination of New Member 5:30PM
Fri Nov 4th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Sat Nov 5th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sat Nov 5th	ENF Poker Tournament (Self- Dealt) Register 5-6PM, Cards fly 6PM Benefitting ENF (Elks and Spouses only)
Sun Nov 6th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Wed Nov 9th	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Nov 11th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/Fish Fry Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only for Poker Karaoke 7:30PM
Sat Nov 12th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Nov 13th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Tue Nov 15th	Lodge Meeting 7PM/DD Visit
Wed Nov 16th	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri Nov 18th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Sat Nov 19th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Nov 20th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Sun Nov 20th	Decorate lodge for Holidays 1-3PM
Wed Nov 23rd	Luncheon special: Turkey and the works 11:30AM -1:30PM
Thu Nov 24th	Thanksgiving (Lodge closed)
Fri Nov 25th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat Nov 26th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Nov 27th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM

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 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 Childrens Christmas Party 1PM - 3PM

Sat Dec 10th	Hoop Shoot
Sun Dec 11th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Wed Dec 14th	Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM (House Committee & Trustees)
Fri Dec 16th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
Sat Dec 17th	Lodge open for College Football 11AM
Sun Dec 18th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Wed Dec 21st	Bridge Night (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)
Fri Dec 23rd	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Texas Hold-Em 7 PM Elk Members Only for Poker
Sat Dec 24th	Lodge Closed Christmas Eve
Sun Dec 25th	Lodge Closed Christmas

January

Tues Jan 3rd	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri Jan 6th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
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
Sun Jan 15th	Lodge open for NFL Football 11AM
Tues Jan 17th	Lodge Meeting 7PM First Nomination of Officers
Thu Jan 19th	Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM
Fri Jan 20th	Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM
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



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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
 or Fax to
 970-493-3787
 or Call 493-3777
 The ECHO is online at
www.fortcollinselks.org

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lodge Meeting 7PM	2 Indoctrination of New Member 5:30PM	3	4 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	5 ENF Poker Tournament (Self- Dealt) see at a glance for details Open for College Football 11AM
6 Open for NFL Football 11AM	7	8	9 Board of Directors (House Committee & Trustees)	10	11 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only Karaoke 7:30	12 Open for College Football 11AM
13 Open for NFL Football 11AM	14	15 Lodge Meeting 7PM/DD visit ECHO DEADLINE	16 Bridge	17	18 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm	19 Open for College Football 11AM
20 Open for NFL Football 11AM Decorate lodge for Holidays 1-3PM	21	22	23 Luncheon special: Turkey and the works 11:30AM -1:30PM	24 Thanksgiving (Lodge closed)	25 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm 7:30PM: Texas Hold-em Elk Members Only	26 Open for College Football 11AM
27 Open for NFL Football 11AM	28	29	30			