

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

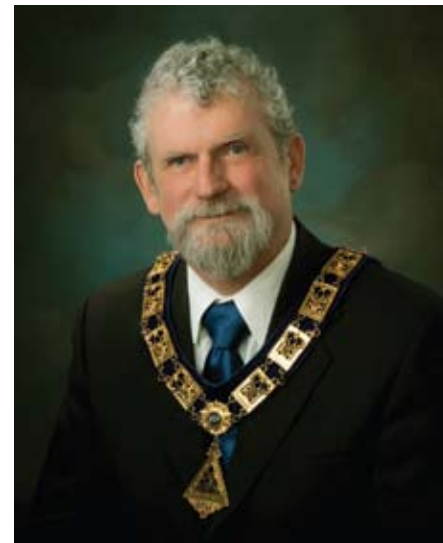
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
and Fidelity



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Hello Dear Brothers & Sisters, first I would like to thank you for your trust and support in electing myself and the rest of the officers for the coming year 2012 – 2013. I pray that we will have an exemplary year ahead.

Second, I want to thank our past Exalted Ruler Joyce Bonanno for all the hard work and timeless effort she has put in the last two years. Under her leadership we have taken our lodge from one that had talk of having its charter pulled to one of the strongest in Colorado, from not meeting its per capita ENF in over 30 years to almost doubling it in just this last year. She has guided us in the rebuilding of the pavilion, the installing of the Elk in front of the lodge and the Legacy Bricks, which have made the new lodge a home. Joyce has also initiated or overseen our affiliation with the boy scouts and entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, all the while increasing our new membership by over 100. These are extremely large shoes to fill and I pray with your help I can achieve as much. Thank you Joyce.



Now let's talk about the future. Some of the things I want to work on is the Library Park Projects (retaining wall/sitting area for the Story Tree, life size chess board and possibly a Learning Kiosk of the trees of the park), and Club Tico. Both of these will take money but also sweat equity. So Brothers and Sisters get ready to roll up your sleeves! Another project that is closer to home is Solar Power. We paid over \$14,000 this past year for electricity and it's only going to go up. This past year we had a short fall of \$26,000, to make this up we had to take from the proceeds of the sale of the building. We cannot continue to do this if we want to survive, eventually we will run out of money. A capitol investment now could greatly reduce or eliminate a major expenditure in our yearly budget for years to come.

And lastly I just want to remind everyone that by making our per capita for the Elks National Foundation we then become eligible for almost \$10,000 in grants from the National Foundation so let's keep up the good work Joyce has started.

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

Fraternally,  
Joe McCarthy – Exalted Ruler

## Cripple Creek Gambling Trip

April 28-29, call the Lodge if you are interested in going.

Watch your email for additional information.

# 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 2012-2013

Exalted Ruler  
Leading Knight  
Loyal Knight  
Lecturing Knight  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Trustee Emeritus  
Esquire  
Inner Guard  
Tiler  
Rep to Grand Lodge  
Alt Rep to Grand Lodge  
Charitable Trustee  
Presiding Justice

Joe McCarthy  
Chris Smith  
Cory Shortridge  
Chris Lion  
Joyce Bonanno  
Charlie Thomas  
Larry Hulse  
Mike Sutton  
Bill Rogers  
Brad March  
Lee Skrdlant  
Terri Lion  
Mark Naber  
Randy Kettenhofen  
Skip Walker  
Cheryl Shepherd  
Brad March

The Echo deadline for May is April 13.  
Please send all Echo articles and information  
on events to [joyce.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.bonanno@gmail.com)

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 \$175, when you are in the Lodge, drop a dollar or coins, no pennies!

**\*\*Sign the Book\*\***

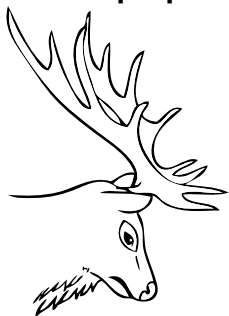
Please sign for the current day only!

804 Drawing (Friday Nights)  
Current Balance Is \$575.00

804 Attendance Drawing  
Currently at \$100  
Must be present at  
Lodge Meeting to win!

### HAPPY ELKS

Joe McCarthy - 804  
Attendance Drawing \$250 "It  
pays to attend lodge!"  
Gina Serrano - 804 Drawing  
(Friday Night) \$780 Gina  
donated \$260.00 To Elks  
Help Special Needs



### SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!

Victor Mercado  
John Miller  
Stephen Vessey  
Richard Withey  
James Pflipsen  
Bill Hoffman Jr  
Larry Caho  
Ed Tempalski  
Joe Griess  
Matt Davis  
Dick Chinn  
Mike Kochan

Judy Neckel  
Scott Addington  
Jesse Lyman  
Cheryl Shepherd  
Laura Salas  
Jerry Brown  
Bernie Maynes  
William Cofer  
Ron Hefner  
Rose Crouse  
Sidney Clark

All couples and singles Bridge is  
the third Wednesday of each month.  
Dinner at 6PM, Bridge at 7PM

Call Tom Nix at 223-8518 for more information



### 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. \$1.00 – Regular game Per Card



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## NEW THIS MONTH

**Do you need to sell or are you looking to buy something?**

**Advertise it in the Echo for \$5.00 per month.**

**Contact Joyce Bonanno at 493-3777 or stop by the lodge to place the ad.**

**Space is limited and the deadline is the 15th of the month for publication in the following month Echo (no exceptions).**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! March

*Please Enjoy a FREE Dinner during your Birthday Month on a Lodge Night*

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Samuel Cabaong     | 15 Lyle Beaumont     |
| 2 Willis E. Smith    | 15 Susan Fowler      |
| 3 Michael Vergara    | 15 S Naveed Rizvi    |
| 3 Willard Wood       | 16 K. Bill Tiley     |
| 4 Cecil Jacobs       | 17 Brett Autler      |
| 4 Michael Kochan     | 17 William Gibbens   |
| 5 Richard D. Miller  | 17 Donald Kelly      |
| 6 David Bruning      | 18 Gayle Watkinson   |
| 6 Jay Laetsch        | 20 James Brown       |
| 10 Richard L. Schott | 20 Rhinnie Whitman   |
| 11 Anthony Bonanno   | 20 Charles Wilkins   |
| 11 Ray Gefroh        | 21 William Miller    |
| 11 Freddy Lozano     | 21 Michael P. Wilson |
| 11 Larry Thyfault    | 22 Jerry Applebee    |
| 11 Bonnie Walker     | 22 Stanley Schilling |
| 12 Robert Deakin     | 24 Robert Schmick    |
| 12 Arnold Gonzales   | 24 Charles Thomas    |
| 12 A Taylor Hall     | 26 Fritz Kitowski    |
| 12 Kent Hendricks    | 28 William Button    |
| 12 Fred Menke        | 28 Frank Currie      |
| 12 Dean Rydholm      | 28 Tracy Ochsner     |
| 12 Donald Weinland   | 29 Leland Skrdlant   |
| 13 Ralph Claxton     | 30 Thomas Graff      |
| 14 Flory Peterson    |                      |
| 14 Reinhold Stoll    |                      |

**IMPORTANT!  
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Remember dues must be paid promptly. The card readers will be changed early morning on April 1st. The new cards are blue and you must have a blue card for lodge year 2012-2013. You will not have access to the lodge if you do not have a current card. If you can not pay your full dues, you have the option of paying \$76.50 now and the remaining \$60.00 by October 1st. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Bonanno at 493-3777.

If you want to receive the Echo by e-mail, Contact the office at 493-3777 or by sending a request to [joyce.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.bonanno@gmail.com)



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

## First Place Essay – I Am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to our Flag

By: Lauren Martis

Our flag isn't just a flag in our country. It is a worldwide symbol that represents our freedom and equal rights between all people. It represents the soldiers, brave, patriotic, and willing to risk their lives for us. Our flag is an emblem of our liberty and freedom to do what we want to do.

Freedom is a privilege that we should not take for granted. It is our pennant of stars and stripes that is a sign of the equal rights between both men and women in our country. People are treated as they should be treated, and it should always stay that way.

That flag is a representation of our honored soldiers who were fearless and powerful, who stood up for what was right, and put their lives on the line just for us. It stands for all those fighters who are now resting in peace, who sacrificed themselves for the protection of our hopeful realm.

Those stars are symbols of all fifty states that have worked together for all these years as a unified country. The stripes are the original thirteen colonies who came together as one to make this country a reality.

When people see that flag of glory, they think of all of those things that we, Americans, are proud of as a unit. That flag has decades of history behind it, such as civil rights, the struggle of the thirteen original colonies, The Declaration of Independence, and the War of 1812.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag" doesn't mean you're just pledging to our flag, but to our country too. It means that I am proud to be a true American. I am proud to pledge allegiance to our flag, of the United States of American.



1st Place Winner Lauren Martis with Guest Speaker Mark Korb and ER Joyce Bonanno



Ethan Tanner 3rd Place Winner, Elizabeth Gueck 2nd Place Winner, Lauren Martis 1st Place winner with Guest Speaker Mark Korb



# SECRETARY NOTES

Most of you know I have been elected as your lodge Secretary for 2012-2013. I have some apprehension about filling Stan's shoes, but he has promised he would be available and at the lodge often.

My plan is to have the Lodge Office open and available for business Tuesday through Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM. If I can not be at the lodge during these times, I will attempt to give members adequate notice.

There have been questions concerning how the salary of the lodge secretary is determined. Information concerning the duties and the salary of the secretary are in our By-Laws Page 6 Section – 4. This lists specific duties as well as the statement "For the faithful performance of his/her duties, he/she shall receive as compensation \$8,003.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly.

This amount was set by the trustees in 1997-1998 and will remain the same until the Board of Directors/Lodge Members make a change. The compensation to the Lodge Secretary is not determined by how many hours they work or by the number of members in the lodge. It is predetermined by the Lodge Trustees and can only be changed by the Trustees and a vote of the members. Other paid members of the Lodge include the book keeper and Treasurer. All other positions (officers) in the lodge are voluntary and they do not receive any compensation. Please keep in mind, there is a difference between the lodge and the club. The employees of our club are paid

If you have not paid your dues yet, please make sure you pay them as soon as possible. Our lodge is responsible for paying per-capita for the Grand Lodge and the State Elks Association if you are listed as an active member on April 1st. Remember we have an option where you can pay \$76.50 now and \$60.00 in October.

I know I can count on everyone of you to support the core of new officers. In order to make our lodge successful all members need to participate in events, lodge meetings and sponsorship of new members into the Order of Elks.

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno – Secretary



Peg Moore, Sheila Doughty, Chris Smith



Deanna Kerscher



Mike Sutton



Members hard at work making decorations for the St. Patty Day Float



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

### April 2012

Sun Apr 1st **Palm Sunday** Lodge closed  
 Mon Apr 2nd Lodge closed  
 Tue Apr 3rd Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Fri Apr 6th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Sat Apr 7th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun Apr 8th **Easter**, Lodge closed  
 Mon Apr 9th Westerners/Lodge open 5PM  
 Wed Apr 11th Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM  
 (House Committee & Trustees)  
 Fri Apr 13th Friday Night Dinner 5:30- 8PM/  
 Omaha Poker 7PM  
 Elk Members Only for Poker  
 Sat Apr 14th District Deputy Meeting 8AM  
 Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun Apr 15th Lodge closed  
 Mon Apr 16th Lodge closed  
 Tue Apr 17th Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Wed Apr 18th Bridge Night  
 (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)  
 Fri Apr 20th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Karaoke 7:30PM  
 Sat Apr 21st Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun Apr 22nd Lodge closed  
 Mon Apr 23rd Lodge closed  
 Fri Apr 27th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/  
 Texas Hold-Em 7 PM  
 Elk Members Only for Poker  
 Spring Quarterly/Denver  
 Sat Apr 28th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Cripple Creek Gambling Trip  
 Sun Apr 29th Lodge closed  
 Mon Apr 30th Lodge Closed

### May 2012

Tue May 1st Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Wed May 2nd Entertainment Committee 6:00PM  
 Fri May 4th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Sat May 5th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 Close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun May 6th Lodge Closed  
 Wed May 9th Board of Directors Meeting 5-6:30PM  
 (House Committee & Trustees)  
 Fri May 11th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/  
 Omaha Poker 7PM  
 Elk Members Only for Poker

Sat May 12th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun May 13th Mother's Day, Lodge closed  
 Mon May 14th Westerners/Lodge open 5PM  
 Tue May 15th Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Wed May 16th Bridge Night  
 (Dinner 6 PM / Bridge 7PM)  
 Fri May 18th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Karaoke 7:30PM  
 Sat May 19th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun May 20th Lodge closed  
 Sun May 21st Lodge closed  
 Fri May 25th Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM/  
 Texas Hold-Em 7 PM  
 Elk Members Only for Poker  
 Sat May 26th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available,  
 close by bartenders discretion  
 Sun May 27th Lodge closed  
 Mon May 28th **Memorial Day/** Lodge closed

### June 2012

Fri June 1st Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6:00PM  
 Sat June 2nd Lodge Open at 12PM, food available  
 closed by bartenders discretion  
 Lodge Closed  
 Sun June 3rd Lodge Closed  
 Mon June 4th Lodge Closed  
 Tue June 5th **Lodge Meeting 7PM**  
**(Only Meeting In June)**  
 Wed June 6th Lodge Open/Entertainment Committee  
 Meeting 6PM  
 Thu June 7th Lodge Open  
 Fri June 8th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Omaha Poker 7PM  
 Members Only For Poker  
 Sat June 9th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available  
 closed by bartenders discretion  
 Lodge Closed  
 Sun June 10th Lodge Closed  
 Mon June 11th Lodge Closed  
 Tue June 12th Lodge Open  
 Wed June 13th Board of Directors 5-6:30PM  
 (House Committee & Trustees)  
 Thu June 14th Lodge Open/**Flag Day**  
 Fri June 15th Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Sat June 16th Lodge Open at 12PM, food available  
 closed by bartenders discretion  
 Lodge Closed  
 Sun June 17th Lodge Closed  
 Mon June 18th Lodge Closed



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**LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
 Saturday – Lodge Open 12:00PM  
 Sunday & Monday – Closed  
 Office Open Tuesday-Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM  
 Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM  
 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:00AM-10:00PM  
 (Closing of Lounge Bartender/Manager Discretion)  
 At times, the lodge may be opened for special Events  
 & Fort Collins Members are welcome to come in  
 & use the Lounge.  
 LODGE BEING OPEN ON SATURDAY  
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON  
 MEMBER PARTICIPATION

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

*April 2012*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Lodge closed	2 Lodge closed	3 Lodge Meeting 7PM	4	5	6 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	7 Lodge Open at 12PM, close by bartenders discretion
8 <b>Easter</b> Lodge closed	9 Westerners/ Lodge opens at 5PM	10	11 Board of Directors (House Committee & Trustees) 5-6:30pm	12	13 <b>ECHO DEADLINE</b> Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only	14 District Deputy Meeting 8AM Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion
15 Lodge closed	16 Lodge closed	17 Lodge Meeting 7PM	18	19	20 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM Karaoke 7:30PM	21 Lodge open at 1PM food available Close by bartenders discretion
22 Lodge closed	23 Lodge closed	24	25 Bridge Night Dinner 6 PM Bridge 7PM	26 Charitable Trust Meeting 5PM	27 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Omaha Poker 7PM Elk Members Only Spring Quarterly/Denver	28 Lodge Open at 12PM, food available, close by bartenders discretion Cripple Creek Gambling Trip
29 Lodge closed	30 Lodge closed					