

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Hello Brothers and Sisters:

It is December and Christmas will be here soon. What a wonderful time of year. The Christmas lights making downtown and neighborhoods bright and cheerful. Christmas carols being sung and families gathering together in renewal and celebration. It is a time to reach out and touch old friends near and far, but most important it is a time to practice, Charity, the cornerstone of our Order. This is the true spirit of Christmas. I don't know about you, but I always find it much easier to give a little more and dig a little deeper this time of year. Look around at your neighbors, family, and friends, those you meet on the street and people in shelters; if you see a need try and help however you can.

We have the member Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6th – 5:30-7:00PM. It is a buffet and only \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under. Please RSVP so we know how much food to cook. Be sure and bring a dessert to share and make it a sweet evening. Now this is not just a Christmas Party, but it is also Bronco Time. We are playing the “hated” Raiders that night. So come on down and cheer our Broncos on! Sunday, December 16th is our annual Children's Christmas Party. This will be held from 11AM-1PM. Bring your kids, grand kids, great grand kids, friends of kids, kids of friends, neighbor kids and kids of neighbors. Bring one and all – just remember 11 and younger. Please tell everyone to RSVP by December 13th (493-3777) so we know how many gifts Santa needs to bring. If you can help out – contact Joyce at the lodge. Last year we had a hundred children – let's see if we can break that record.

At the November 6th Lodge Meeting Hugh Shepherd was presented with Elk of the Month for September, Randy Kettenhofen for October and Lee Skrdlant for November. Thank you all for your continued support of Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804 and the great Order of Elks.

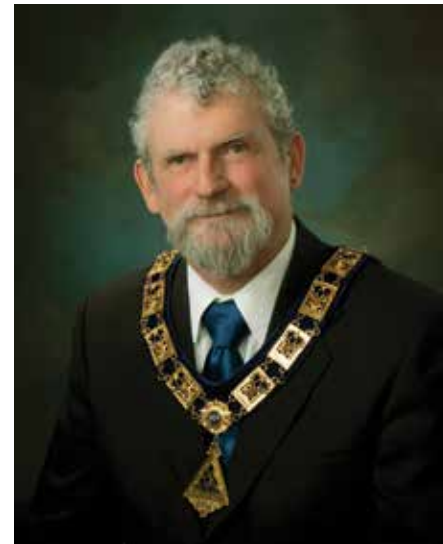
On November 11th we had our Veterans Pancake Breakfast. We served over 45 meals with about half being veterans – God Bless Them. After the Bronco game (which we dominated) we opened the time capsule from our old building. Joyce's article lists all the items which were placed inside 30+ years ago. All in all it was a very busy day.

At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers who stood out in the cold to sell beer at the CSU football games especially Leading Knight Chris Smith (Chairman), Mike Sutton, Larry King, Brad March, Laura Salas, Rita Besser, Peg Moore, Chris and Terri Lions and Joyce for donating Tony. If I forgot to mention anyone, please forgive me as my memory is not what it once was.

The Memorial Service for Our Departed Brothers and Sisters will be held at our Lodge meeting on December 4th. Come and say goodbye to our fellow members who have gone into the Light. Since my last article, we have lost Raymond Ford, Ronald Hovey and Gary MacKey. Let us say a prayer for them.

Don't forget the Elks National Foundation! It is a great investment in our Order and Our Lodge. Always remember and practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally, Joe McCarthy – Exalted Ruler



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Thursday - December 6th **Member Christmas Party 5:30PM**

Friday - December 14th **Rocky Mountain Oyster Special 5:30-7:30PM for only \$7.25!**

Sunday - December 16th **Children's Christmas Party 11:00AM-1:00PM**

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 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.

The current cost for inclusion of a named member is \$100.00 per brick with all donations designated for Lodge 804 general expenses. Contact Joyce Bonanno at the lodge to order a brick.



Jared Powers presenting Joyce Bonanno with one of the 13 Flag Cases he made for his Eagle Scout Service Project. If you have a family member’s casket flag that lacks a prominent place, the lodge would be proud to display the flag and to provide recognition of the family member to who it was awarded. It is intended that all flags would be placed in the flag display boxes. Any flags provided for display would be subject to being reclaimed on request. See Joyce Bonanno if you would like to have a flag displayed.

The Echo deadline for January is December 13. Please send all Echo articles and information on events to joyce.bonanno@gmail.com

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2012-2013

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| Exalted Ruler | Joe McCarthy |
| Leading Knight | Chris Smith |
| Loyal Knight | Cory Shortridge |
| Lecturing Knight | Chris Lion |
| Secretary | Joyce Bonanno |
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| Trustee | Mike Sutton |
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| Charitable Trustee | Joyce Bonanno |
| Presiding Justice | Brad March |
| Chaplin | Harold Anton |

NEW MEMBERS



Please welcome Scott Cumings and Sean Schlueter Initiated on November 6th

ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

The Bean Pot

(Fort Collins Elk Members and Elk Member Widows/
Widowers Only)

Currently is \$280.00. When you are in the Lodge,
drop a dollar or coins into the clear box, sign the
book for current day only and please no pennies.

You could be our next big winner!

804 Drawing

(Friday Nights - Elk Members Only)

Current Balance is \$500.00

804 Attendance Drawing

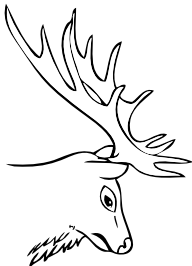
(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$450.00

NOTE: Amount of drawings will change
depending the number of winners.

HAPPY ELKS

**Kent Hendrick Won 804
Drawing for \$438.00
and Donated \$147.00 to
Charitable Trust**



SAD ELKS

You missed your
opportunity!

Clarence Streit
Bernie Maynes
Larry Caho
Brad March
Sylvia Portales
Don Heineman
Don Hahn
Michael Abram
Ed Yonker
Milo Bohlender
Jim Michalka
Kenneth Horne
Skip Young
Thomas Graff

Cory Shortridge
Howard Bassett
Matt Davis
Victor Meline
Clare Foote
Gerald Delaney
Fred Menke
Michael Zaloudek
Dean Rydholm
Terry Keating
Sarah Lion
Kim Slack

**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

BAR BINGO

1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month starting
at 6:00PM. Come out, have dinner and
enjoy a fun night of bar bingo.
\$1.00 - Regular game per card.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

December

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

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| 1 Joseph Curby | 18 Duane Hanson |
| 1 Duane Jansen | 20 Kenneth Doty |
| 5 William Brier | 20 Ronald Hengl |
| 6 John Miller | 21 Howard Jones |
| 7 Donald Barrett | 22 Milo Ohlsen |
| 7 Charles Hagemeister | 23 Cary Rick Bott |
| 7 Donald Kirkland | 23 Dwight Ghent |
| 7 Gerald Schilling | 23 Robert Mansfield |
| 8 Richard Thompson | 25 Ed Nix |
| 10 Steve Diltz | 26 Thomas Kasari |
| 11 Danial Larsen | 28 Drexel Cloos |
| 12 Mike Braskich | 28 Paul Harder |
| 12 Jess Hall | 28 George Van Arsdale |
| 12 James Weisser | 29 Jack Hall |
| 13 John Morrison Jr. | 29 Donald Wenzel |
| 13 John Watson | 30 Shelly Castillon |
| 15 Havyn Bradley | |
| 15 Albert Sumerall | |
| 16 Cheryl Beckett | |
| 18 Mike Grounds | |

TIME CAPSULE CONTENTS



The time capsule was opened on Sunday, November 11th. Many Elk Members were in attendance and they enjoyed the excitement of getting to see what the capsule contained. Contents of the capsule included: Colorado State Elks Directory 1978-1979, 804 Echo/February 1978, 804 Echo/December 1978-January 1979, 804 Echo, April 1979, Article "Explosion Lifts Elks Building", program from P.E.R. Night on February 1, 1979, program from Old Timer's Night February 22, 1979, By-Laws and Rules of the Order – Edition of 1976, "Colorado's Calling" Words and Music by Walter B. Cooper, Membership Card from 1978-1979 and Business Card of Stewart G. Case – District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Colorado North.



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WHERE IS THIS?

If you think you know where this photo was taken, come to the lodge and fill out an entry form and deposit it in the “Where Is This” photo box for a chance to win dinner for two at the lodge. The contest will close on the last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM and the winner will be drawn from all correct entries received. Dinner coupons are good for two entrée’s off the menu and will be honored as long as this contest runs. Ala carte items, beverages and gratuity are not included. Please present coupon to server when ordering.

NOTE: All photos will be taken in Fort Collins

SECRETARY NOTES:

Loyal Knight Cory Shortridge and his wife Dana and Members Glen and Sheila Doughty recently visited lodges in Hawaii – not together. However, they all had a great time and commented “how nice it was having the lodge(s) located right on the beach!”

We recently received an anonymous donation of \$4,000.00. Because of this donation we were able to fulfill a request from the Larimer County Sheriff’s Department for \$1,500.00 to purchase two defibrillators. One will be placed at Stove Prairie Elementary



and the other one at Cache La Poudre Middle and Senior High School.

Some of these donated funds will be used toward the contribution to the Fire Fighters who fought the High Park Fire. Poudre Canyon Fire Department, Glacier View Fire Department and Rist Canyon Fire Department will each receive \$1,245.00. Thanks to all of the members who attended the benefit

dance on October 27th. Also, thanks to Bill Rogers for his fund raising event and to those who donated additional money.

The Veterans Breakfast which was held on Sunday, November 11th was a great success. We had over 20 Veterans attend. Member Phil White was the oldest Veteran attending. Phil served in WWII. He attended the breakfast with



his son-in-law John Merritt, 804 former Trustee, and a Marine Veteran. Thanks to Louis Van Dyke, Tony Bonanno, Joe McCarthy, Bob Petri, Peg Moore, Skip Walker and Larry King for helping at the breakfast.

Upcoming activities at the lodge include the **Member Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 6th. A buffet dinner will be served from 5:30-7:00PM. The menu includes artichoke dip with assorted crackers, roast turkey, carved pit ham, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad and dinner rolls for only \$10.00 per adult, children 6-12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Bring a dessert to share. Come out and enjoy an evening with your fellow Brother and Sister Elks and cheer the Broncos on to another win! Reservations and payment are required by Tuesday, December 4th.

The lodge will have a **Rocky Mountain Oyster Dinner** on Friday, December 14th for only \$7.25 and will include (of course Rocky Mountain Oysters, fries and cole-slaw).

The **Children’s Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 16th from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Children under twelve are welcome. Please RSVP to the lodge by December 13th (493-3777) if you have children who are attending. You must RSVP so Santa will have gifts for everyone.

The only Lodge meeting in January will be on Tuesday, January 15th. New Year’s Days (January 1) is the first Tuesday of the month so we will not have a lodge meeting that night.



EVENTS AT A GLANCE
YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

DECEMBER 2012

Sat-Dec 1 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun-Dec 2 Lodge Opened
 Food Available – Noon-3PM

Mon-Dec 3 Lodge Closed

Tues-Dec 4 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
 Memorial Service
 Only Lodge Meeting in December

Thur-Dec 6 Member Christmas Party 5:30PM

Fri-Dec 7 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo

Sat-Dec 8 Lodge Opened
 Food Available

Sun-Dec 9 Lodge Opened
 Food Available – Noon-3PM

Mon-Dec 10 Lodge Closed

Wed-Dec 12 Board of Directors 5PM

Fri-Dec 14 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Rocky Mountain Oyster Special;
 Elk Members Only for Omaha Poker

Sat-Dec 15 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun-Dec 16 Lodge Opened
 Food Available – Noon-3PM
 Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM

Mon-Dec 17 Lodge Closed

Tue-Dec 18 No Lodge Meeting

Wed-Dec 19 Bridge Night-Dinner 6PM
 Bridge 7PM
 PR Meeting 6PM

Fri-Dec 21 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 No Bar Bingo

Sat-Dec 22 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun-Dec 23 Lodge Opens at 11AM
 Food Available – Noon-3:00PM

Mon-Dec 24 Lodge Closed/Christmas Eve

Tue-Dec 25 Lodge Closed/Christmas Day

Fri-Dec 28 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only for Texas Hold-Em

JANUARY 2013

Tue Jan 1 Lodge Closed
 No Lodge Meeting

Fri Jan 4 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Jan 5 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun Jan 6 Lodge Open
 Food Available-Noon-3PM

Mon Jan 7 Lodge Closed

Wed Jan 9 Board Of Directors 5PM

Fri Jan 11 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat Jan 12 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun Jan 13 Lodge Open
 Food Available-Noon-3PM

Mon Jan 14 Lodge Closed

Tue Jan 15 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Only Lodge Meeting in January

Wed Jan 16 Bridge Night 6PM Dinner
 Bridge 7PM
 PR Meeting 6PM

Fri Jan 18 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Jan 19 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun Jan 20 Lodge Open
 Food Available-Noon-3PM

Mon Jan 21 Lodge Closed
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tue Jan 22 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

Fri Jan 25 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only for Texas Hold-Em

Sat Jan 26 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

Sun Jan 27 Lodge Open
 Food Available-Noon-3PM

Mon Jan 28 Lodge Closed

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December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lodge Open Food Available
2 Lodge Opens Noon-3 Food Available	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lodge Meeting 7PM Memorial Service Only Lodge Meeting in December	5	6 Member Christmas Party 5:30PM	7 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	8 Lodge Open Food Available
9 Lodge Opened Food Available Noon-3PM	10 Lodge Closed	11	12 Board of Directors 5PM	13 ECHO DEADLINE	14 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Rocky Mtn Oster Spec. Elk Members Only For Omaha Poker 7PM	15 Lodge Open Food Available
16 Lodge Opens Noon Food Available Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM	17 Lodge Closed	18 NO Lodge Meeting	19 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM PR Meeting 6PM	20	21 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM No Bar Bingo	22 Lodge Open Food Available
23 Lodge Opens Noon Food Available 30	24 Lodge Closed Christmas Eve 31	25 Lodge Closed Christmas Day	26	27	28 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	29