

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



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Hello and thank you, my fellow Elks, for selecting me as your next Exalted Ruler of the BPOE Lodge 804 in Fort Collins. As a Lodge we've come a long way in the past few years, and are still moving forward as one of the strongest Elks Lodges in our region, and I think that is something to be proud of. I want to thank our previous Exalted Rulers and their leadership, as well as those who have stepped up and volunteered, those who have sponsored new members, and those who have contributed to our efforts toward the sustainable condition of our Lodge as it has been handed to me, and I intend to continue this period growth and stability into 2014 and beyond.

We have overcome some significant obstacles: Letting go of our old building on Oak Street, letting go of many trusted, active and endearing members, suffering and overcoming financial difficulties. We have dealt with significant challenges concerning our finances, our declining membership, declining volunteerism and declining faith in the Elks from some of our members. Recently I spoke with one of our members and they confided in me that they are in an "Elks Funk". They feel that no matter what new ideas, new plans, new initiatives are tried, they always seem to be ignored or otherwise beaten down by negative comments, negative perspectives and negative attitudes from fellow Elks unwilling to entertain new ideas, new plans or new initiatives. I myself have experienced this many times in my relatively short time with the Elks, and I found myself many times on the brink of giving up, cancelling my membership and redirecting my efforts elsewhere.

But I decided not to give up, not to give up hope and not to abandon my brotherhood with the Elks. There is an opportunity for each of us with BPOE 804. We have an opportunity to reestablish our connections with the local community, local benevolent organizations and local government. We have an opportunity to increase volunteerism, increase our ranks, increase our presence in Fort Collins and rekindle the influence our Lodge once had in our community. We have an opportunity to once again become a well known and respected organization in our community, and we have an opportunity to reach out to other local Lodges to help them rise above similar challenges. Most of all we always have opportunities to provide substantial benefits for our community, and that is what Elkdom is about. We have an opportunity to remind Fort Collins what Elkdom is about. We have an opportunity to remind Colorado what Elkdom is about. We can become strong again, but that all depends upon you.

It is you, the reader of this article, as a member of BPOE 804, as a member of the Elks, to grasp this opportunity to uplift our Lodge and help regain the status it once had in our community. It will require entertaining new ideas and new plans for our organization. It will require every member of BPOE 804 to step up and lend a hand. Seek out members of your family, members of your community, your workplace and your church. Explain to them the tremendous work the Elks do for the community and invite them to become a part. Invite your fellow Elks to come to meetings, encourage them to take a more active role in the good works we do. Most of all, it is up to you to find time in your busy schedules to contribute, volunteer and support your Elks Lodge. This is YOUR Elks Lodge.

Only you, as a member of BPOE 804, can help in its survival and growth. Make an effort to attend Lodge meetings. Make an effort to devote just an hour or two of your time toward your Lodge. Volunteer. Sponsor your neighbor, your brother, your sister, your son, your daughter, your friend or your coworker. Invite friends to lunch - bring them to our club and explain why it is great to be an Elk. Attend and support our events and functions, and bring a guest. Bring a guest as often as you can. Take the time to contribute your talents to your Elks Lodge and volunteer. These are very simple things you can do to help your Lodge. We have nearly 400 members in our organization. Imagine if every member spent an hour of their time to help our Lodge and you would see the power of strength in numbers, but the numbers must be willing to contribute in order to realize that strength. If every member of BPOE 804 spent an hour of their time to help build our organization, most of our problems would be solved and our organization would grow into our community without restraint nor abandon. All of this is possible if you, a humble, honorable Elk, would take a small amount of your time to contribute and to help your Lodge grow.

So I invite you, a respected member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Lodge 804 of Fort Collins, to step forward and do your part to ensure the continued growth and expansion of one of the greatest Lodges in Colorado. All of us have it within us to turn this tide of apathy within the organization toward a new and exciting era of Elkdom. We can reclaim our position as a recognized and respected organization in the local community. We can provide so much more to our local veterans, children and disabled Americans. We all can do this together. We can lay down the foundation for an era of strength for our Lodge, for our state Elks Association and for all of Elkdom nationwide. But it must start with you.

Thank you again for your faith in my abilities to occupy the office of Exalted Ruler in the coming year. I look forward to my challenges and to all of the opportunities our Lodge will enjoy within our community. But again remember that the strength of our Lodge truly begins with you. Please, add to our strength.

Christopher Smith
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804



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.



Frank Barela in Hawaii

The Echo deadline for May is April 12th.
 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 | Chrisopher Smith |
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| 2nd Rep to Grand Lodge | Randy Kettenhofen |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

April

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

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Willis Smith | 15 Lyle Beaumont |
| 3 Mike Vergara | 15 Naveed Rizvi |
| 3 Williard Wood | 16 Bill Tiley |
| 4 Larry Howell | 17 William Gibbens |
| 4 Cecil Jacobs | 17 Donald Kelly |
| 5 Richard Miller | 18 Gayle Watkinson |
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| 11 Bonnie Walker | 24 Robert Schmick |
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| 12 Fred Menke | 28 Tracy Ochsner |
| 12 Dean Rydholm | 29 Andrew Rodriguez |
| 12 Don Weinland | 29 Leland Skrdlant |
| 13 Ralph Claxton | 30 Thomas Graff |
| 14 Flory Peterson | |
| 14 Reinhold Stoll | |

ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

The Bean Pot

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

Currently is \$150.00. 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 \$900.00

804 Attendance Drawing

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$750.00

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

HAPPY ELKS

No Happy Elks



SAD ELKS

You missed your
opportunity!

Cory Shortridge
Dean Gebhardt
Robert Schmick
Ron Malara
Gene Spenser
Steve Vessey
Ken Hernandez
Sheila Doughty
Bob Brawand
Jack Hale
Larry Hawe

Robert Strnot
Gary Pfipsen
Bill Brennan
Richard Gareis
Jerry Williams
Gene Fischer
Bill Miller
Flory Peterson

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.

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and enjoy a fun night of
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The Tablets of Love and Memory.**

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May 06, 1920 – October 05, 2012
Don Ciancio
August 08, 1926 – February 23, 2013
James DuBose
October 05, 1936 – March 04, 2013

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Communication from the Board of Directors

The Board of Director's meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month starting promptly at 5PM. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. If you have anything you would like on the agenda, please let Joyce know. The Board of Director's for 2013-2014 are Mike Sutton, Head Trustee, Bill Rogers, Second Year Trustee, Joe McCarthy, First Year Trustee, Christopher Smith, Exalted Ruler, Cory Shortridge, Leading Knight, Louis VanDyke, Loyal Knight, Larry King, Lecturing Knight and Larry Hulse, Trustee Emeritus.

It has come to our attention some of our members are bringing drinks and food into the lodge. By doing this you are jeopardizing our liquor license and food service license. It does not matter what kind of drink or food or what kind of container. It cannot be brought into the lodge. This is no different than any other restaurant or bar in Fort Collins – they will not let you carry containers with drinks or food into their establishments for your consumption on their premises. Feel free to share any suggestions you have with the Board of Directors.

Entertainment Committee

The Entertainment Committee meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month. They start at 5:30PM and last approximately an hour. Larry King - Lecturing Knight is the Entertainment Committee Chairman for 2013-2014 and is looking for members to help plan events at the lodge. The next meeting is April 23rd – be sure and attend!



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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 – April 2013

Thanks to all of the members who have already paid their 2013-2014 dues. It is important dues be paid as promptly as possible. The key card locks will be changed on the doors the morning of April 1st. You will not have access to the lodge if you have not paid your dues for 2013-2014 – Red Card. The Lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge and State Assessment on all 2013 active members. This amount is around \$5,000.00 for both Grand Lodge and State. Prompt payment of your dues helps us to meet this commitment.

By the time you receive this new officer for 2013-2014 will be in place. Be sure and come to lodge meetings so you can get to know the members who have taken the obligation to represent you and our lodge.

The next breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, April 7th from 9:00AM-Noon for only \$6.00. The menu for this month is scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown potatoes, pan cakes, juice and coffee. Leading Knight – Cory Shortridge and Loyal Knight Louis VanDyke will be hosting! The bar will be open for Ralph's special Bloody Mary's. Remember the lodge is serving dinner (from the lunch menu) every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00PM.

Upcoming events include the District Deputy Clinic and District Initiation on Saturday, April 20th. The clinic starts at 9:00AM and will be followed by lunch and Initiation. This clinic is a good way to learn about the Order of Elks and meet Elks from other North District Lodges. Any active member is welcome to attend.

The scholarship selection committee has started working on the 80 applications we received. Scholarships will be awarded at the May 7th Lodge Meeting. Thanks to Skip and Linda Walker and Pam Miller who will be helping me with this important selection.

There is a process we must follow for new membership proposals. An application is filled out and submitted to me with a \$25.00 Initiation Fee. The candidate's name is read on the lodge floor and members vote on acceptance of the candidate. If the candidate is approved on the lodge floor then I am required to do a background check. Once this is done, I will schedule the candidate for Indoctrination and Initiation. There is no exception to this process. It is mandated by Grand Lodge and if not followed it could put our charter in jeopardy. Thanks to all of the members who have proposed a new member this year. Membership is the life blood of our Order.

Remember the lodge has one meeting in June, July and August. These meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month and will be June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th.



Americanism Contest Winners Kylie Hahn, Ethan Sherman, Ginger Jacobs



Americanism Contest Winners with Chairman Mike Demma and PER Randy Kettenhofen

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

April 2013

Mon Apr 01 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 02 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Wed Apr 03 Dinner from
 Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri Apr 05 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM
 Sat Apr 06 Lodge Open/Food Available
 Sun Apr 07 Buffet Breakfast 9AM-Noon
 Mon Apr 08 Lodge Closed
 Wed Apr 10 Board of Directors 5PM
 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri Apr 12 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
 Sat Apr 13 Lodge Open at Noon
 Food Available
 Sun Apr 14 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 15 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 16 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Wed Apr 17 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Bridge/Dinner 6PM/Bridge 7PM
 Fri Apr 19 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM
 Sat Apr 20 District Deputy Clinic 9AM
 District Initiation
 Lodge Open/Food Available
 Sun Apr 21 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 22 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 23 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
 Wed Apr 24 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri Apr 26 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only Texas Hold-Em
 Sat Apr 27 Lodge opens At Noon
 Food Available
 Sun Apr 28 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 29 Lodge Closed

May 2013

Wed May 01 Dinner from
 Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri May 03 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM
 Sat May 04 Lodge Open/Food Available
 Sun May 05 Buffet Breakfast 9AM-Noon
 Mon May 06 Lodge Closed
 Tue May 07 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Scholarship Awards
 Wed May 08 Board of Directors 5PM
 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri May 10 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
 Sat May 11 Lodge Open at Noon
 Food Available
 Sun May 12 Lodge Closed/Mother's Day
 Mon May 13 Lodge Closed
 Wed May 15 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Bridge/Dinner 6PM/Bridge 7PM
 Fri May 17 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6PM
 Sat May 18 Lodge Open/Food Available
 Sun May 19 Lodge Closed
 Mon May 20 Lodge Closed
 Tue May 21 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Wed May 22 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri May 24 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Sat May 25 Lodge opens At Noon
 Food Available
 Sun May 26 Lodge Closed
 Mon May 27 Lodge Closed/Memorial Day
 Tue May 28 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
 Wed May 29 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM
 Horseshoes 5:30PM
 Fri May 31 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only Texas Hold-Em



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 (Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager Discretion)
 At times, the lodge may be opened for special events
 Elk Members are welcome in the lounge area.

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 or Call 493-3777
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April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lodge Closed	2 Lodge Meeting 7PM	3 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM	4	5 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	6 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
7 Buffet Breakfast 8:30AM-Noon	8 Lodge Closed	9	10 Board of Directors 5PM Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM	11	12 ECHO DEADLINE Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	13 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
14 Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Closed	16 Lodge Meeting 7PM	17 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM	18	19 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	20 District Deputy Clinic 9AM District Initiation Lodge Open at Noon
21 Lodge Closed	22 Lodge Closed	23 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	24 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM	25	26 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	27 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
28 Lodge Closed	29 Lodge Closed	30	31 Dinner from Menu 5:30-7PM Horseshoes 5:30PM			