

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
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Happy December! We're in full swing for the holidays and as always there is a lot going on at Your Lodge.

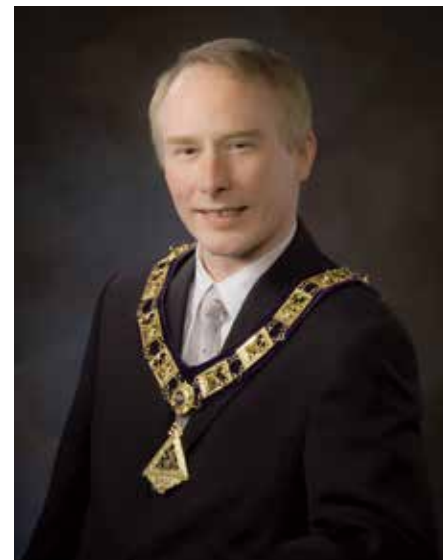
Our Children's Christmas Party on December 7th is right around the corner! The fun will start promptly at 11:00 am and will end at 1:00 pm. For those kids that we'll be entertaining there will be gifts, prizes, lots of fun games and Santa Claus has graciously agreed to listen to holiday wishes again this year. We still need volunteer help for this event so contact the Lodge to find out how!

For you pool sharks out there, we're still hosting Wednesday night pool nights at the Lodge and we need more participation for this weekly event. If you can handle a cue or even if you can't be sure to make it down to the Lodge to shoot some stick with your fellow Elks!

Did you know that Fort Collins Lodge 804 has a Facebook fan page? Did you know that our page was the first Elks Lodge fan page to show up on Facebook? In the first few years since it was created our Lodge's fan page was fairly meager and didn't have many "likes", but in the past year it is seeing a lot more traffic now and we have dedicated volunteers to thank for keeping it fresh and up to date, and we are now sporting 81 likes! A big thank you to Dana Shortridge for putting the time and effort in to keep it going and keep it growing! If you are on Facebook, make sure you look us up and become a fan. The more fans we have the more exposure we get, and I think we all want that.

Lodge attendance has been good this year, and I want to thank each of you who have taken the time and commitment to attend Lodge regularly. As the year is winding down, the weather is getting colder and the holidays are warming up we expect attendance to drop slightly, but remember that there is still a lot going on and important decisions being made. But if you've been coming to Lodge regularly you already knew that! If you haven't been to Lodge in a while make it a point to attend a meeting this month. Get caught up with your fellow Elks and find out what's new at 804!

Christopher Smith
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804



Events in December Mark Your Calendar!

Pool – Every Wednesday – Starting at 5:30PM

Sunday – December 1 – Breakfast 9AM-Noon \$6.50

Tuesday – December 3rd – Memorial Service 7:00PM – Regular Lodge Dinner Served

Saturday – December 7th Children's Christmas Party 11AM-1PM – Open to all children 0-11 Years of Age. Call the Lodge to RSVP.

Sunday – December 15th – Member Christmas Party 1PM – Buffet \$10.00 Members and Their Guests. Call the Lodge to RSVP.

Tuesday – December 31st – New Year's Party – Members and Their Guests

Saturday – February 15th – Valentine Dance

Remember we have the NFL Package – so we get all of the games on Sunday!

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.

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.

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2013-2014

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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 | 15 Albert Summerall |
| 1 Duane Jansen | 18 Mike Grounds |
| 5 William Brier | 18 Duane Hanson |
| 7 Donald Barrett | 20 Ronald Hengl |
| 7 Charles Hagemeister | 21 Howard Jones |
| 7 Donald Kirkland | 22 Milo Ohlsen |
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ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

Because the amount of the Bean Pot, Friday Night 804 and 804 Attendance Drawings change frequently, starting in December the amounts will not be listed in the Echo. They will continue to be posed by the Bean Pot, On the 804 "Drawing" Board and reported in Lodge Meetings.

The Bean Pot

Sign up for current day only. You must be an 804 Elk Member in good standing to play.

804 Drawing

Drawing Every Friday Night at 7:30PM. You must be an Elk Member in good standing to play.

804 Attendance Drawing

You must be present in Lodge Meeting to win.

HAPPY ELKS

Charlie Thomas won the Bean Pot.

Tammy Sutton won the Friday Night 804 Drawing. The charity of choice was 804 Elks Help Special Needs.

Congratulations to Charlie and Tammy!



Barry Shuler
Gene Barker
Lewis Garton
Tom Metcalf
Bert McCaffrey
Larry Thyfault
Laurie Hart
Shelly Castillon
Terry Keating
Arnold Gonzales
Katherine Cece
Mike Peters

SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Hal West
Skip Walker
Frank Currie
Jay Laetsch
Ron Malara
John Watson
Rita Besser
Gary Michaels
Thomas Gonzales
William Brennan
Al Minatta
John Speaker
Chris Smith

Holiday Message From Leading Knight Cory Shortridge

Charity – Help or relief given to others; tolerance and leniency in judging others. During the upcoming holiday season keep in mind the Order of Elks was founded on Charity. Our Lodge does many charitable activities during the year, but it is especially important during this time of year to extend our good fortune to others. As we have done for many years we will be providing Holiday Baskets to needy families in the community and our Children's Christmas Party will be attended by children from disadvantaged families. We will make donations to Toys for Tots and have already contributed to Toys for Kids. I know many of you do charitable work through your church as well as donate your time and talents to many of the charitable organizations in our community. From the Officers of Lodge 804 we thank you for serving our community and wish you, your family and friends a blessed holiday season.

Fraternally, Cory Shortridge – Leading Knight

Veterans Breakfast

We served over 40 breakfasts on Saturday, 16th. Thirty were for Veterans. We made \$95.00 in sales and donations, not bad for a Saturday morning. I would like to thank the members who came down to help - Bob Petri, Dean Rydholm, Skip Walker, Dana Cline, George VanArsdale, Fred Frantz, John Dixon and Laurie Hart. Most of all I would like to thank all Veterans for their service to our country!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Joe McCarthy - Trustee

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



Past Exhaulted Ruler
Breakfast Fund Raiser



Bowling Tournament for Elks
National Foundation Fund Raiser




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W E L C O M E

TO THE *Fabulous*

CASINO
NIGHT

Join us New Year's Eve. for casino style games,,
Appetizers, Drink Specials and a full cash bar .

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

7:30 COCKTAILS | GAMING & APPETIZERS

Watch the Ball Drop in Times Square at 10:00 p.m. then party on 'til midnight!

**\$12 in advance | or \$15 at the door. Tickets
include admission,, appetizers and
gaming. Guests welcome!**

All games will be played with "Elks Casino Cash" and a
portion of ticket sales will be donated to an Elks
charity..



Where is this
for December



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

MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members and their guest welcome.

Sunday – December 15th 1:00PM

Buffet Lunch - Adults - \$10.00

Children Under 8 Years of Age - \$5.00

MENU

Pit Ham

Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Sauce

Tossed Salad – Your Choice of Dressing

Green Bean Casserole

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Rolls

Dessert

Stay after lunch and watch the football games.

Please RSVP to Joyce at the Lodge 493-3777.

Secretary Notes

December 2013

This year has flown by – not sure if it is my age or all the activities at the Lodge. We still have a lot to accomplish in the remaining four months of the 2013-2014 Lodge Year. The Board of Directors will be working on budgets for 2014-2015 and Lodge Officers will be selected. We have the Children's Christmas Party, Member Christmas Party and New Year's Eve celebration and the Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 15th – many fun activities and business obligations in a short time.

From personal experience, as a Past Exalted Ruler, I would like to express not only the importance and work involved in being an officer of the Lodge, but also the many rewards. If you think you would be interested in becoming an officer – stop by the office and I will happy to provide you with information on the roles, responsibilities and expectations of each Officer.

Keep in mind the significance of how key membership and participation is to the success of our Order. Invite your family and friends to join the Elks. Bring them down for Friday night dinners and remember most of our events are open to Members and their guests.

PER Randy Kettenhofen reported we had a good turnout for 3rd Annual Bowling Challenge with the Loveland Elks. Loveland had 37 bowlers and we had 35. Loveland beat us by 208 pins, but we were able to raise \$180.00 for Elks National Foundation. Thanks to all of the members who participated in this event. I heard many positive comments. I want to thank Mike, Tammy and Taylor Sutton for raking the leaves in the back lawn. Mike has spent a considerable amount of time this year making sure the lawn is in good condition. Bill Rogers has cleaned up around the outside of the Lodge several times – just cannot keep up with all of those leaves this time of year. The PER Breakfast was a success. I was representing our Lodge at the Quarterly Meeting in Grand Junction so I could not attend the breakfast.

I recently received a letter from the family of our long time member John Foote. John was a 25 year member of our Lodge and passed into the Valley of the Everlasting Light on January 10, 2006. "John was a camp ground host for many winters at Lyman Lake State Park. John was always curious why there was no dedicated play area for small children so after he died the family chose to use memorial money to fund a playground for the park." The park was recently completed and dedicated thanks to the efforts of the Foote family especially John Jr. I've posted the letter on the bulletin board in the Club Room. This is a fitting memorial in memory of John.

The Lodge will be closed Sunday December 22nd through Thursday, December 26th so our employees can enjoy the Holidays with their families. We will open up for regular business on Friday December 27th. I wish all of you, your families and friends a great holiday season. Remember there are so many people less fortunate than us – do whatever you can to make someone's life better. Elks Care – Elks Share

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno – Secretary

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

December 2013

**(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager
Discretion on Saturday/Sunday)**

Sun-Dec 1	Breakfast \$6.50 9AM-Noon Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Dec 2	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 3	Lodge 7PM/Memorial Service Only Meeting in December
Wed-Dec 4	Pool – 5:30PM –Food Available
Fri-Dec 6	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Dec 7	Children's Christmas Party 11:00AM-1:00PM
Sun-Dec 8	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available During Football Game
Mon-Dec 9	Westerners Lounge Open for Members
Wed-Dec 11	Board Meeting 6-7:30PM Pool – 5:30PM
Fri-Dec 13	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only for Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat-Dec 14	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Dec 15	Lodge Opens at 11AM Member Christmas Party 1:00PM \$10.00 – Open to Members and their Guests
Mon-Dec 16	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 17	No Lodge Meeting
Wed-Dec 18	Bridge Night - Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM Pool – 5:30PM
Fri-Dec 20	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Special Rocky Mountain Oysters \$7.50 Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat-Dec 21	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sunday, December 22 through Thursday, December 26th	
Lodge Is Closed for Christmas Holiday	
Fri-Dec 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Dec 28	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Dec 29	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available
Mon-Dec 30	Lodge Closed
Tue-Dec 31	New Years Eve Party Members and Their Guests

January 2013

**(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager
Discretion on Saturday/Sunday)**

Wed Jan 01	Lodge Closed
Fri Jan 03	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jan 04	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jan 05	Lodge Open 11AM Food Available
Mon Jan 06	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 07	Lodge Meeting
Wed Jan 08	Pool 5:30PM Board Meeting 5:30PM
Fri Jan 10	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elk Members Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jan 11	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available
Sun Jan 12	Lodge Open at 11AM Food Available
Mon Jan 13	Lodge Closed
Wed Jan 15	Bridge Night 6PM Dinner Bridge 7PM Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 17	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6PM
Sat Jan 18	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available
Sun Jan 19	Lodge Open at 11AM Food Available
Mon Jan 20	Lodge Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tue Jan 21	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 22	Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 24	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elk Members Only for Texas Hold-Em Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs
Sat Jan 25	Lodge Opens at 11AM Food Available Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs
Sun Jan 26	Lodge Open 11AM Food Available Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs
Mon Jan 27	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 28	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Jan 29	Pool 5:30PM
Fri Jan 31	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM



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 Sunday – Lodge Open 11AM (During Football Season)
 Monday – Lodge Closed
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 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-10:00PM
 Friday Night Dinners 5:30-8PM
 (Closing of Lounge Bartender/Manger Discretion)
 At times, the lodge may be opened for special events
 Elk Members are welcome in the lounge.

Needed from Members:
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December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lodge Opens For Breakfast 9AM \$6.50	2 Lodge Closed	3 Lodge Meeting 7PM Memorial Service Only Meeting in December	4 Pool – 5:30PM Food Available	5	6 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	7 Children's Christmas Party 11:00AM-1:00PM
8 Lodge Opens at 11:00 AM For Football Games	9 Western's Dinner/ Lounge Will Be Open for Members	10	11 Board of Directors 6-7:30PM Pool – 5:30PM Food Available	12	13 ECHO DEADLINE Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	14 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
15 Lodge Opens at 11:00 AM Member Christmas Party 1:00PM \$10.00 Open to Members and their Guests	16 Lodge Closed	17 No Lodge Meeting	18 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM	19	20 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Special Rocky Mountain Oysters \$7.50 Bar Bingo 6PM	21 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
22 Lodge Closed	23 Lodge Closed	24 Lodge Closed	25 CHRISTMAS Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed	27 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	28 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
29 Lodge Opens at 11:00 AM For Football Games	30 Lodge Closed	31 New Years Eve Party Members and Their Guests				