

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

# THE ELKHO

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Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Here we are at the beginning of a new year and a new lease on life. If you are reading this then the Mayans were wrong and the world didn't end on December 21st - a new invigoration! Winter may have just started but it feels like it is already past its zenith.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year's Eve. Soon we will be putting the lights and ornaments away for another year, but let's keep the Spirit of Christmas in our hearts and minds for the entire year ahead.

Now I would like to talk about the proposed Bylaw changes on our yearly dues. The first proposal is to increase regular member dues from \$120 to \$150 per year which would raise an additional \$10,000 for the Lodge. This is only \$2.50 more a month, the price of a beer. Couldn't we all afford to contribute that much to our Lodge?

The second proposal would raise our Life Membership dues from \$25 to half the regular members' dues. If we remain at \$120 than that would increase their dues to \$60 (\$35 increase) or if \$150 to \$75 (\$50 increase). If we raise the dues to \$60 that would raise our revenue an additional \$3745.00, if raised to \$75 than it would increase it by \$5035.00. This plus increasing the regular membership dues would be a big step in getting us from being in the red to the black. If this proposal does not pass than the potential loss of revenue from those 57 members eligible for Life Member would be \$5500.00 a year. That would just put us farther and farther into the red. After the Memorial Service on December 4th, I talked to some of our older members, those already Life Members or eligible to become a Life Member and the consensus was this is a fair proposal and a needed one. Is \$35 or even \$50 that much of a hardship, I don't know; only you the membership can answer this question. .

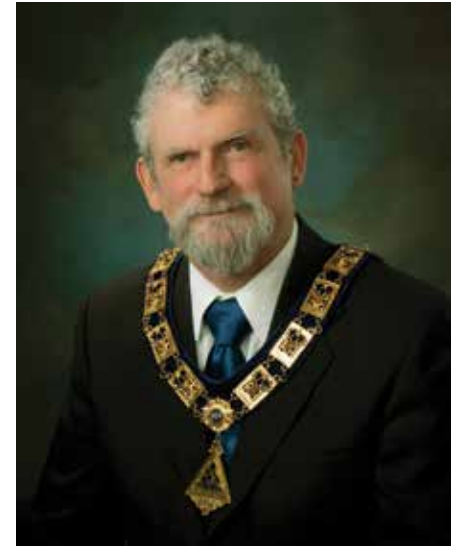
As for the third proposal, I think this should only be considered if the first two fail to pass. Maybe we should table it till after the vote on proposal 1&2.

These proposals will be discussed and voted on during our next meeting on January 15th. Please, all members come to this meeting. This is an important decision which affects all of us and your vote is important.

It is my sad duty to inform you that we lost another brother. Keith Holcomb passed away on December 6th. May we keep his memory always in our hearts.

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



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**Support Laradon Hall (State Major Project)  
Come To Dinner At The Lodge On Friday January 11Th. Regular  
Menu Available Our Lodge Will Donate The Same Amount Of  
Proceeds We Receive From Food Sales On Friday, January 11Th  
To Laradon Hall  
This Is A State Association Sponsored Event**

# 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.



Secretary Joyce Presenting \$1,500.00 check to Nancy Remington



Trustee Mike Sutton, Exalted Ruler Joe McCarthy and Trustee Bill Rogers Presenting \$1,245.00 check to Bill Sears President Board of Directors for Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District

The Echo deadline for February is January 14. Please send all Echo articles and information on events to [joyce.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.bonanno@gmail.com)

## Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2012-2013

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Exalted Ruler          | Joe McCarthy      |
| Leading Knight         | Chris Smith       |
| Loyal Knight           | Cory Shortridge   |
| Lecturing Knight       | Chris Lion        |
| Secretary              | Joyce Bonanno     |
| Treasurer              | Charlie Thomas    |
| Trustee                | Larry Hulse       |
| Trustee                | Mike Sutton       |
| Trustee                | Bill Rogers       |
| Trustee Emeritus       | Brad March        |
| Esquire                | Lee Skrdlant      |
| Inner Guard            | Terri Lion        |
| Tiler                  | TBD               |
| Rep to Grand Lodge     | Randy Kettenhofen |
| Alt Rep to Grand Lodge | Skip Walker       |
| Charitable Trustee     | Joyce Bonanno     |
| Presiding Justice      | Brad March        |
| Chaplin                | Harold Anton      |



**OUR DEPARTED MEMBER**  
His virtues are written upon The Tablets of Love and Memory  
**Dr. Keith Holcomb**

## ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

### The Bean Pot

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

Currently is \$50.00. 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 \$720.00

### 804 Attendance Drawing

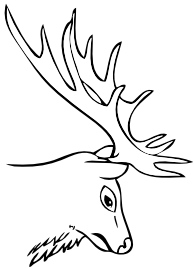
(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$500.00

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

### HAPPY ELKS

Bob Petri, he won the  
bean pot which was  
\$375.00



### SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!

William Cofer  
Randy Reider  
Frank Barela  
Mark Naber  
David Blomberg  
Gerald Hoff  
Larry Howell  
Tom Elison  
John I. Boxberger  
Mark Mekelburg  
Ronald Amoraso  
Art Meyer

Gayle Watkinson  
Don Barrett  
Dana Gayer  
Paul Kohler  
Kerri Farren  
Robbin Clary  
Gene Fischer  
Robert Strnot  
Terry Keating  
Cherly Beckett  
Joe Lucero

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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Shelly Castillon and Tony Bonanno Taking Bikes to Santa Cops

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**January**

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

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2 Al Minatta          | 22 Mike Maney    |
| 3 Stan Cole           | 23 Gerald Hoff   |
| 3 Bob Matney          | 24 Al Gebhardt   |
| 5 Edwin Cudyk         | 26 Ed Heinze     |
| 5 Clayton Gray        | 26 Eric Lee      |
| 5 Skip Young          | 26 Brian Muse    |
| 6 Richard Olson       | 26 James Rhoades |
| 10 Don Heineman       | 27 Mark Habel    |
| 10 Donald Weinmeister | 28 Larry Houston |
| 12 John Darrow Clark  | 29 Robert Becker |
| 13 Randy Kettenhofen  |                  |
| 13 John W. Schmidt    |                  |
| 15 Eugene Markley     |                  |
| 16 Robert Coulter     |                  |
| 18 Paul Kohler        |                  |
| 19 Scott Addington    |                  |
| 19 Dean Gebhardt      |                  |
| 20 Mark Naber         |                  |



Member Christmas Party



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



**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 – JANUARY 2013

Happy New Year – it is hard to believe 2012 is over. From January to April 1, we have important business in preparation for the new lodge year. Thanks to all of the members who have supported Lodge 804 and the great Order of Elks in 2012. The Board of Directors are busy working on the budget for 2013-2014 and it will be presented at a lodge meeting in March. Be sure and attend lodge meetings – the lodge floor is where decisions are made and voted on. We are looking at an increase in our dues and the vote will take place on Tuesday, January 15th. Details of this proposal were presented at the November 20th Lodge Meeting and sent to you in December. Copies of the proposal are also posted in the lodge.

In February officers for 2013-2014 will be nominated and elected. Installation of the 2013-2014 officers will take place in late March. Watch the Echo for more information. If you would like to be an officer contact Chris Smith – Esteemed Leading Knight. Being an officer is a commitment, but also very fulfilling and an excellent way to meet new people and participate in shaping the future of our lodge. Membership due notices will be sent out in late February and payment is expected by April 1. If you cannot pay the entire amount we will accept half year's dues plus the Grand Lodge and State assessment of \$18.50 (assessment to Grand Lodge was increased to \$16.00, but the State assessment of \$2.50 did not change). The remainder of your payment is due on October 1st. The lodge is required by Statutes to pay our assessment to State and Grand Lodge by June 1st so we cannot defer this portion of your payment. Membership is the key to our organization. It allows us to continue with our charitable work as well as maintain our beautiful lodge. Help your lodge by paying your dues promptly and participating in lodge and charitable events.

During December we provided several needy families with gift baskets, donated bikes to Santa Cops, and supported Toys for Kids. Thanks to Tony Bonanno, Shelly Castillon and George VanArsdel for helping with these activities. Our Children's Christmas Party was a big success thanks to Janell Barker, Fritz Elliott, Linda Garton, Glen and Sheila Doughty, Chris and Terri Lion, Dana, Delaney and Cory Shortridge, Frank Barela, Joan and Mike Demma, Tony Bonanno, Jay and Laryl Laetsch (Wendy's), Rita Besser, Deanna Kerscher, Bob Petri, Shelly and April Castillon, the daily card players, Darrell Clark, Charlie Thomas, Skip Walker, Joe Lucero, Dr. Kent Obermann, Qdoba Mexican Grill, TCBY Treats and Dr. Cary Sanders.

The next Leadership Development is being held in Westminster – Lodge #2227 on March 2-3. I have attended three of these sessions and at each one I learn something new about the Order of Elks. I encourage all members to attend, If you are interested please see me.

I wish you, your family and friends the very best in 2014.  
Joyce Bonanno – Secretary Elks Lodge 804

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### JANUARY 2013

Tue Jan 01 Lodge Closed  
No Lodge Meeting

Fri Jan 04 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Jan 05 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Jan 06 Lodge Open  
Food Available-Noon-3PM

Mon Jan 07 Lodge Closed

Wed Jan 09 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  
Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs

Sat Jan 26 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available  
Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs

Sun Jan 27 Lodge Open  
Food Available-Noon-3PM  
Winter Quarterly/Colorado Springs

Mon Jan 28 Lodge Closed

### FEBRUARY 2013

Fri Feb 01 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Feb 02 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Feb 03 Super Bowl Sunday  
Lodge Opens at 3PM  
Food Available

Mon Feb 04 Lodge Closed

Tue Feb 05 Lodge Meeting 7PM  
Nomination of Officers

Fri Feb 08 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat Feb 09 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Feb 10 Lodge Closed

Mon Feb 11 Lodge Closed

Wed Feb 13 Board of Directors 5PM

Fri Feb 15 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Feb 16 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Feb 17 Lodge Closed

Mon Feb 18 Lodge Closed

Tue Feb 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM  
Vote on Officers

Wed Feb 20 Dinner Bridge Dinner 6PM  
Bridge 7PM

Fri Feb 22 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Elk Members Only Texas Hold-Em 7PM

Sat Feb 23 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Feb 24 Lodge Closed

Mon Feb 25 Lodge Closed

Tue Feb 26 Entertainment Committee Meeting 5:30PM



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 Sunday – Lodge Open 11AM  
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 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:00AM-10:00PM  
 (Closing of Lounge Bartender/Manger Discretion)  
 At times, the lodge may be opened for special events  
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 The ECHO is online at  
[www.fortcollinseks.org](http://www.fortcollinseks.org)

# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lodge Closed No Meeting	2	3	4 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	5 Lodge Open Food Available
6 Lodge Opens Noon-3 Food Available	7 Lodge Closed	8	9 Board of Directors 5PM	10	11 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elk Members Only For Omaha Poker 7PM	12 Lodge Open Food Available
13 Lodge Opened Food Available Noon-3PM	14 <b>ECHO DEADLINE</b> Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Meeting 7PM Only Lodge Meeting in January	16 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM PR Meeting 6PM	17	18 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	19 Lodge Open Food Available
20 Lodge Opens Noon Food Available	21 Lodge Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	23	24	25 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	26 Lodge Open Food Available Winter Quarterly/ Colorado Springs
27 Lodge Opens Noon Food Available Winter Quarterly/ Colorado Springs	28 Lodge Closed	29	30	31		