

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,

I am sad to say this is my final letter to you as my time as Exalted Ruler is coming to a close. It has been a challenging year. I have had some success and some failures, but all in all I managed to survive. I hope you all enjoyed the past year I know I did.

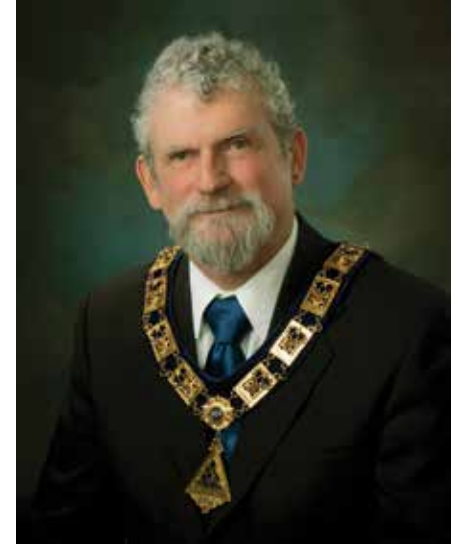
I was looking through Echoes of the past year reflecting on the events and fundraisers the Lodge put together. The St Patrick's Day Parade and Dinner, Veterans Pancake Breakfasts, Our Open House, Gulley 's Greenhouse Gift Cards (we should do that again this year - anyone want to chair this?), Pasta Nights, Beer and Burger Nights, Flag Day Ceremony, Family Movie Night Lodge Family Picnic, Chef's Choice Pizza Night, Members Thanksgiving Dinner, Members Christmas Party, Members Memorial Service, ENF Bowling Challenge, Children's Christmas Party ( a great success), Christmas Baskets for the needy, Bronco Sundays and the Super Bowl Party and the Laradon Hall Fundraiser. I am sure there are a dozen things I am forgetting,

but it has been a busy year and it is not over yet. Coming up this month is the St. Patrick Day Parade and Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 16th. The Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is coming to DIA on the 29th, 30th and 31st (incoming) and April 5th, 6th and 7th (outgoing). Volunteers are needed to help with the incoming and the outgoing veterans to transfer them from the airplanes. Everyone I have talked to about helping with this project says "it is an experience of a lifetime working with these wounded warriors, one you will never forget!" The signup sheet is on the bulletin Board by the Bean Pot. Sign up must be completed and turned into Joyce by March 7th. There is a letter next to the signup sheet explaining all of the particulars. Last, but not least, the Installation of Officers is on Saturday, March 23rd. Installation begins at 5PM with a buffet dinner from 6:30-7:30PM and a dance to follow beginning around 7:45PM. Let's all come out and give the new officers a show of support and dance the night away.

I have every confidence that Chris Smith and his officer core will do an outstanding job in the year to come, especially with his knowledge of social media I'm sure he will make it an electrifying year under his leadership. Good Luck to you Chris and all of your officers. With this I will close my final missive to one and all.

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

Fraternally, Joe McCarthy  
Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge 804



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**UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH 16th AND MARCH 23rd**  
**Saturday, March 16th – Saint Patrick's Day Event**  
**See Details In Entertainment Committee News**  
**Saturday, March 23rd – Installation of New Officers**  
**See Details In Entertainment Committee News**

# 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.



Please Welcome our New Members  
Don LeFever and Ron Zais  
Initiated on February 19, 2013

The Echo deadline for April is March 14th.  
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	Josh Lehman
Charitable Trustee	Brad March
Charitable Trustee	Larry Hulse
Presiding Justice	Brad March
Chaplin	Harold Anton

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

## March

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

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gilbert Paben    | 22 Mike Demma       |
| 3 Larry Cox        | 22 Josh Lehman      |
| 5 A.R. Oesterle    | 22 Daniel Maloy     |
| 7 Gary Ball        | 24 Tracey Callaghan |
| 8 Deanna Kerscher  | 24 Ralph Will       |
| 8 Sarah Lion       | 25 Joe A. Lucero    |
| 9 John Beckett     | 25 Jerry Summers    |
| 10 April Castillon | 26 Michael Peters   |
| 14 Doran Beaman    | 27 Joseph E. LaSala |
| 15 Steve Ryan      | 27 Larry Scheinost  |
| 16 Steven Hall     | 28 Joe O. Gonzales  |
| 19 Lee Fotsch      | 28 Ray martinez     |
| 19 Lawrence Griess | 28 Victor Meline    |
| 20 Milo Bohlender  | 30 Joyce Bonanno    |
| 21 Tom Metcalf     | 31 Jerry Rice       |
| 21 Leonard Wilson  | 31 Wes Sargent      |
| 22 John Arnolfo    | 31 Jerry Williams   |

## ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

### The Bean Pot

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

Currently is \$95.00. 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 \$700.00

### 804 Attendance Drawing

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$650.00

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

## HAPPY ELKS

No Happy Elks



## SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!

Richard Hammond  
Ralph Will  
Cory Shortridge  
Gil Boyer  
Gene Barker  
Ray Griffen  
Lyle Beaumont  
Lloyd Pearl  
Brad March  
Robert Coulter  
Bob Swerer

Larry Howe  
Steve Ryan  
John Roberts  
Bert McCaffrey  
Skip Walker  
Willis Smith  
Josh Lehman  
Chris Smith  
Richard Withey  
Paula Farmer  
John Arnolfo

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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# COMMENTS FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity are the corner stones of our Order and should be practiced at all times. The Ritual states "Brotherly Love finds its perfect expression; and it is best exemplified by practicing the teachings of our motto – "The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." The obligation you took is "I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families; and I will always respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides." As a reminder bad language being used

at the bar and inappropriate jokes are not behavior becoming of an Elk. At all times, respect the feelings and opinions of our members and employees. Also, remember, decisions about the Lodge are not made at the bar; they are made through the Board of Directors and on the lodge floor. The Board of Director Meetings is always the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 5:00PM. If you have an issue or idea you would like to share with the Board, please see Secretary Joyce so she can add you to the agenda for the meeting. Let's all work to make our lodge the best in the state!

We want to thank all of the members who support our lodge at the Friday night Dinners. In order to help keep our labor expenses low we will continue to have one bartender and one waitress working on Friday nights. Keep in mind; they do their best to get your food and drinks to you as quickly as possible. Our staff is here to serve you and make your evening fun – let's all help them be able to accomplish this goal by being patient.

**Lee Fotsch**  
Financial Advisor

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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 – March 2013

With the new lodge year starting in April it is important for all members to pay their dues prior to April 1. You will not have access to the lodge starting April 1st if you have not paid your dues and received a new card (Red). The card locks will be changed on all doors April 1. Membership due notices were sent on February 12th so you should have received it by now. As a reminder, if a current member does not pay their dues they cannot come into the lodge as a guest of another member. If you cannot pay your full dues, we will accept half year payment plus the \$18.50 for Grand Lodge and State assessment. The final half of your dues can be paid on October 1st. Normal dues for regular members are \$150.00 plus \$18.50 for Grand Lodge and State assessment – total of \$168.50. Life member dues are \$75.00 plus \$18.50 for Grand Lodge and State assessment – total of \$93.50. To qualify for life membership you must have been a member for 30 years and be at least 65 years old. It is necessary for you to request life membership and it requires an affirmative vote of the lodge at a lodge meeting. If you have questions concerning life membership or the process to apply call or stop by the office and I will be glad to answer your questions.

On the subject of membership, remember it is the life blood of our Order. Why should I be an Elk? This question is asked frequently by current members as well as new candidates. We all have different reasons for joining. Socially we provide a friendly safe gathering place for members to have delicious and reasonable Friday night dinners or to stop by and have a drink and for some of you – play a game of cards or pool. We have social functions at Christmas, during football season and on special holiday occasions. Most important, we provide scholarships, support drug awareness, veterans, and special needs children in our community to mention a few of the charitable activities of our lodge. Also, since our organization is nationwide you can visit any Elks Lodge and feel welcome. Each of you have a reason for joining the Elks. Your participation at the lodge and sponsorship of new members is key to our success. Thank you for your support of our lodge this past year.

Important events at the lodge in March are the Americanism awards which will be presented prior to the March 5th lodge meeting, on Saturday, March 16th we will be serving Bob's famous Corned Beef and Cabbage, and at the March 19th lodge meeting we will be presenting the budget for 2013-2014 as well as announcing special awards for the 2012-2013 lodge year. Installation is planned for Saturday, March 23rd. The lodge has a strong core of officers this year and I know we will have a productive and fun year!

Did you know the Elks Birthday was on February 16th? PER Jim Cooper shared an article with me and I would like to share an excerpt from it with you. "A group of actors and performers, led by a young Englishman, banded together to form what they called "The Jolly Corks." They were a convivial group, dedicated only to having a good time among men of like backgrounds and professions, but it wasn't to be just a fun group for very long. The founder, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian, the son of a clergyman, was born October 22, 1842 in Exeter, Devonshire, England. He came to the United States in November, 1867 and was an almost immediate success in the theatre. Following his debut that same month, he gathered together a group of sixteen other player-folk and they formed the "Jolly Corks," with Vivian holding the top office as "Imperial Cork." A similar organization existed in England. The group got its name, not from the popping of corks or from the burnt cork used by comedians of the day, but from a "cork trick" Vivian pulled on his new American associates." Read the article and find out what the trick was! A copy of the entire article is posted in the Club Room.

The past year has been busy for me, but I have once again made new friends and met some wonderful people - thank you for your support of our Lodge.

# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### MARCH 2013

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

Sat Mar 02 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Mar 03 Buffet Breakfast 8:30AM-Noon

Mon Mar 04 Lodge Closed

Tue Mar 05 Lodge Meeting 7PM  
Americanism Contest Presentation

Wed Mar 06 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM

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

Sat Mar 09 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Mar 10 Lodge Closed  
**Daylight Savings Begins**

Mon Mar 11 Private Dinner Lodge Open

Wed Mar 13 Board of Directors 5PM  
Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM

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

Sat Mar 16 Lodge Open/**St. Pat's Day**  
Bob's Famous Corned Beef Special

Sun Mar 17 Lodge Closed

Mon Mar 18 Lodge Closed

Tue Mar 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Wed Mar 20 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM  
Bridge/Dinner 6PM  
Bridge 7PM

Fri Mar 22 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM

Sat Mar 23 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available  
Installation of Officers 5PM  
Dinner 6:30PM

Sun Mar 24 Lodge Closed/**Palm Sunday**

Mon Mar 25 Lodge Closed

Tue Mar 26 Entertainment Committee Meeting 5:30PM

Fri Mar 29 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Elk Members Only Texas-Hold Em  
**Good Friday**

Sat Mar 30 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun Mar 31 Lodge Closed/**Easter**

### April 2013

Mon Apr 01 Lodge Closed

Tue Apr 02 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Wed Apr 03 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM

Fri Apr 05 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Apr 06 District Deputy Clinic 8:30AM  
District Initiation  
Lodge Open/Food Available  
Buffet Breakfast 8:30AM-Noon

Sun Apr 07

Mon Apr 08 Lodge Closed

Wed Apr 10 Board of Directors 5PM  
Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM

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  
Bridge/Dinner 6PM  
Bridge 7PM

Fri Apr 19 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat Apr 20 Lodge Opens At Noon  
Food Available

Sun Apr 21 Lodge Closed

Mon Apr 22 Lodge Closed

Tue Apr 23 Entertainment Committee 5PM

Wed Apr 24 Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM

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



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 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11AM-10PM  
 (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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# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	2 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
3 <b>NEW</b> Buffet Breakfast 8:30AM-Noon	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Meeting Americanism Contest Presentation	6 <b>NEW</b> Wednesday Night Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM	7	8 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elk Members Only For Omaha Poker 7PM	9 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
10 Lodge Closed Daylight Savings Begins	11 Private Dinner Lodge Open	12	13 <b>NEW</b> Wednesday Night Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM Board of Directors 5PM	14 <b>ECHO DEADLINE</b>	15 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	16 <b>St. Pat's Day</b> Lodge Open at Noon Bob's Famous Corned Beef Special
17 Lodge Closed	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lodge Meeting 7PM	20 <b>NEW</b> Wednesday Night Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM	21	22 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM	23 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Installation of Officers 5PM Dinner 6:30PM
24 Lodge Closed Palm Sunday <b>Easter</b> 31 Lodge Closed	25 Lodge Closed	26 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	27 <b>NEW</b> Wednesday Night Dinner From Menu 5:30-7PM	28	29 Good Friday Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	30 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available