

The Benevolent and  
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Fort Collins Lodge #804  
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
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Hello Fort Collins Lodge #804!!

Spring is here and we have a lot of new things growing at the Lodge; new ideas, new projects, new members and before your very eyes you see a newfound life of community, fun, volunteerism and a renewed spirit of Elkdom in Fort Collins. We have a lot to be proud of thanks to the wonderful leadership we've enjoyed over the past few years, and as we keep it up with ideas, follow-through and dedication we'll have a whole lot more to be proud of.

I want to take a moment to recognize our new officers, their passion and dedication to their roles in our Lodge. Thanks to Dana Cline we now have a Tiler again. I also want to thank Laura Salas for stepping up as our new Inner Guard and both of them for taking a serious attitude toward their responsibilities in Lodge meetings and Ritual. Both Dana and Laura also have never missed a Lodge meeting since joining our Lodge, and I'm not surprised to see them both taking active roles in our officer staff.

Tracey Callaghan is our new Esquire and is excited about learning her responsibilities. She also has sponsored 2 new members this year. Larry King is our new Lecturing Knight and has jumped in with both feet as chairperson of our Entertainment Committee. Larry's dedication to our Lodge is very encouraging and we should see some great new activities and events coming out of the Entertainment Committee. Louis VanDyke is our new Loyal Knight and has already shown tremendous value at meetings of the House Committee and Board of Directors. I'm also thankful to have Cory Shortridge as our new Leading Knight, and am also impressed with his commitment and contributions to our Lodge.

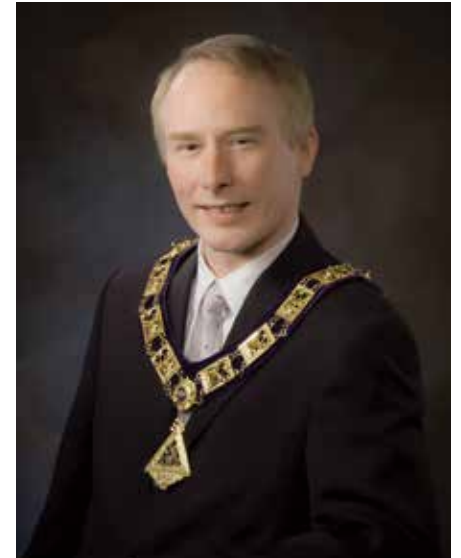
Trustees Mike Sutton, Bill Rogers and PER Joe McCarthy make up a great team as well. Mike and Bill have already shown impressive levels of dedication and contribution in the past as Trustees, and now that Joe has added his experience and wisdom as a Trustee I can only see things moving even more smoothly at Board meetings.

I also want to thank Treasurer Charlie Thomas and Chaplain Harold Anton for their years of continued service and support. These gentlemen have been mainstays of our officer staff for many years and I am humbled by their continuous dedication to our Lodge.

Last and certainly not least I want to thank Secretary and PER Joyce Bonanno. I'm sure anyone that knows Joyce would agree that she works way too hard as Secretary and were it not for her tireless commitment over the past few years our Lodge would not be nearly as strong as it is today.

If you haven't had a chance to meet and get to know some of these folks I invite you to come down to the Lodge and meet your current officer staff. They're truly some of the Best People On Earth, and I think you would be as impressed as I am with the direction our Lodge is now going in thanks to these fine individuals.

Christopher Smith  
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804



## MAY 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, May 5th – Breakfast Buffet

9AM-Noon \$6.00 Elk Members and their guests welcome. Bar Open

### Every Wednesday – 5:30PM – Horseshoes

### Sunday, May 12th – Mother's Day Brunch

11AM-2PM. Elk Members and their guests welcome. Adults - \$16.00, Children 6-12 - \$8.00, Children under 5 free.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, May 8th from the Lodge Office.

### Saturday, May 18th – Veterans Pancake Breakfast

8-11AM. Free to all Veterans and Active Military. \$6.00 for all others – 8 and under free.

# 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.

## Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2013-2014

Exalted Ruler  
Leading Knight  
Loyal Knight  
Lecturing Knight  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Esquire  
Inner Guard  
Tiler  
Chaplin  
Head Trustee  
2nd Year Trustee  
1st Year Trustee  
Trustee Emeritus  
Charitable Trustee  
Charitable Trustee  
Charitable Trustee  
Presiding Justice  
1st Rep to Grand Lodge  
2nd Rep to Grand Lodge

Christopher Smith  
Cory Shortridge  
Louis VanDyke  
Larry King  
Joyce Bonanno  
Charlie Thomas  
Tracey Callaghan  
Laura Salas  
Dana Cline  
Harold Anton  
Mike Sutton  
Bill Rogers  
Joe McCarthy  
Larry Hulse  
Josh Lehman  
Brad March  
Larry Hulse  
Brad March  
Skip Walker  
Randy Kettenhofen

FROM LECTURING KNIGHT  
LARRY KING

## Just So You Know

We want to find the best way to inform you of upcoming events at the lodge. We are looking at a variety of new methods of communicating with you that include additional e-mails, personal phone calls, text messages, and recorded calls. While one of these methods might appeal to some of you they may not work for everyone.

Our goal is to increase participation and use of the lodge. We have a lot of great activities and events planned in the coming months and want to keep you informed. So, we would like to hear from you regarding your preference or any other suggestions you might have. You can respond by sending an e-mail to [fcelks@fortcollinselks.org](mailto:fcelks@fortcollinselks.org), stop by the lodge and see one of the officers or send a letter letting us know your ideas.

## 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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## 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 \$1000.00

### 804 Attendance Drawing

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to Win)

Current Balance is \$150.00

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

## HAPPY ELKS

**Tomas Gonzales won  
\$215.00**

**Tony Bonanno won \$50.00  
Both Bean Pot Winners!!**



## SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!

Sylvia Portales  
John Watson  
Dale Erickson  
John Kissock  
Earl Hoff  
Joe Curby  
Mark Mekelburg  
Richard Haynes  
Gerald Schilling  
Tom Nix Jr.  
Reinhold Stoll  
Gary Ball  
Ed Andrews

Ted McNeese  
George VanArsdale  
David Roeder  
Mike Zaloudek  
Laura Salas  
Howard Jones  
Skip Walker  
Wes Sargent  
John Schmidt  
Willis Smith  
Charles Vessey  
Paul Kohler  
Ken Burkhard

## SECRETARY NOTES – May 2013

If you have not paid your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. We have already paid our per-capita to Grand Lodge and the Colorado State Elks which was \$7,200.00. We need your dues payment to recover these funds. If you cannot pay your dues in full, we accept ½ year payment. Please contact me for information on the amount which needs to be paid.

Thanks to the members and their wives who participated in the recent Flying Pig Run to benefit Foothills Gateway – Pam Miller, Ron Zais, Larry King, Dana Cline, Dana and Cory Shortridge, Laryl Laetsch, Skip Walker and Joyce and Tony Bonanno. This is an important community event and it was great to have the above Elks represent our lodge.

Longtime member of our Lodge, Phil White, recently received a special award from the Historical Society for his contributions to the restoration and operation of the trolley and his stories about growing up in Fort Collins – congratulations Phil!

If you have a new address, phone number or e-mail please let me know so I can update your records on our data base. If you know of any sickness or distress, please let me know so I can send a card from the lodge. Starting May 1, my office hours will be Tuesday through Thursday – 10AM-3PM. Remember there is only one Lodge Meeting in June, July and August. The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

### May

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

4 Ron Malara	15 Bert McCaffey
5 Alice Anton	16 Dennis Marion
5 Joann Frick	18 Charles Hoffman
7 Frank Leydens	18 Jesse Rodriguez
9 Rita Besser	18 Jack Unger
9 Ron Gareis	20 Sylvia Portales
9 Judy Neckel	21 William Durica
10 Alan Beatty	21 Tom Nix Jr.
10 Jim McIver	22 Ken Hernandez
10 Robert Wingert	25 Ted Schilling
11 Don Blanchard	25 Sheri Walker
11 David Roeder	27 Lee Thompson
12 Elmer Schneider	28 A.J. Glaser
13 Jeff Inama	30 Terry Walsh
14 Ernest Wimmer	

**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**



**Our Departed Members**  
Their virtues are written upon  
The Tablets of Love and Memory.

John J. Miller  
December 06, 1933 - April 14, 2013  
54 Year Member  
Roy (Dick) Herbst  
September 07, 1933 - April 17, 2013  
3 Year Member



## Special Awards

Mike Demma - Citizen of the Year  
Lee Skrdlant - Elk of the Year  
Tony Bonanno - Elks Appreciation Award  
Joyce Bonanno - Officer of the Year  
Hugh Sheperd - Elks Appreciation Award

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The Echo deadline for June is May 13th.  
Please send all Echo articles and information  
on events to [joyce.bonanno@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.bonanno@gmail.com)

## 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 May 28th – 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**

# Installation of Officers 2013-2014



## Flying Pig 5K



## St. Patty's Parade



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### May 2013

Wed May 01 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  
 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri May 10 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM  
 Sat May 11 Lodge Open/Food Available  
 Sun May 12 Lodge Open Mother's Day Buffet  
 11AM-2PM Tickets Must Be  
 Purchased In Advance  
 Mon May 13 Lodge Open (Club)  
 Private Function  
 Wed May 15 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  
 Veterans Pancake Breakfast  
 8-11AM (Armed Forces Day)  
 Sun May 19 Lodge Closed  
 Mon May 20 Lodge Closed  
 Tue May 21 Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Wed May 22 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 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri May 31 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Elk Members Only Texas Hold-Em

### June 2013

Sun Jun 02 Lodge Closed  
 Mon Jun 03 Lodge Closed  
 Tue Jun 04 Lodge Meeting 7PM  
 Only Meeting in June  
 Wed Jun 05 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri Jun 07 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Sat Jun 08 Lodge Open/Food Available  
 Ritual Contest/Greeley  
 Sun Jun 09 Buffet Breakfast 9AM-Noon  
 Bar Open  
 Mon Jun 10 Lodge Open (Club)  
 Private Party  
 Tue Jun 11 Flag Day Ceremony  
 Dinner 5:30PM/Ceremony 7PM  
 Wed Jun 12 Board of Directors 5PM  
 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri Jun 14 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM  
 Sat Jun 15 Lodge Open/Food Available  
 Sun Jun 16 Lodge Closed/Father's Day  
 Mon Jun 17 Lodge Closed  
 Tue Jun 18 No Lodge Meeting Only  
 One Meeting in June  
 Wed Jun 19 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri Jun 21 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Bar Bingo 6PM  
 Sat Jun 22 American Legion State Convention  
 Sun Jun 23 Lodge Closed  
 Mon Jun 24 Lodge Closed  
 Tue Jun 25 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM  
 Wed Jun 26 Horseshoes 5:30PM  
 Fri Jun 28 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
 Elk Members Only Texas Hold-EM  
 Sat Jun 29 Lodge Open/Food Available  
 Sun Jun 30 Lodge Closed



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**LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
 Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM  
 Sunday/Monday – Lodge Closed  
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 Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM  
 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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 Your e-mail address: E-mail us at:  
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# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Lodge Closed		Horseshoes 5:30PM		Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Buffet Breakfast 9:00AM-Noon	Lodge Closed	Lodge Meeting 7PM Scholarship Awards	Board of Directors 5PM Horseshoes 5:30PM		Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lodge Open Mother's Day Buffet 11AM-2PM Tickets Must Be Purchased In Advance	<b>ECHO DEADLINE</b> Lodge Open (Club) Private Function		Horseshoes 5:30PM Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM		Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	Lodge Open Veterans Pancake Breakfast 8-11AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Meeting 7PM	Horseshoes 5:30PM		Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM	Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	Horseshoes 5:30PM		Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold-em 7PM	