

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
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Our main event for October was our first annual chili cook off and horse races, and it was an outstanding success. Thank you to everyone who turned out for this event to show support for your Lodge and enjoy some good food, good times and lots of laughs with your fellow Elk members. I also want to thank the Entertainment Committee for all of their hard work putting together such a fun and successful event for our Lodge. If you couldn't make it be sure to look for pictures of the event in The Echo to see what you missed!

Speaking of entertainment and events at our Lodge, I want to take a moment to recognize the efforts of Lecturing Knight Larry King, who is also the Chair of our Entertainment Committee, and the other dedicated members of the Entertainment Committee for the great regular activities and special events that they have put together so far this year. Our membership turnout at most of these events has been better than I've seen in a long time, and I'm sure this is mainly due to the quality of planning, promotion and implementation performed by Larry and the great team he has working with him. If you are a newer member of Fort Collins 804 and are interested in becoming more involved, it is a great way to get started with volunteerism at your Lodge, and with our annual Children's Christmas Party and Member's Christmas Dinner coming up soon, I'm sure The Entertainment Committee would appreciate some extra help. Contact Larry or another officer for more information about how you can help.



Friday night dinners and Friday night bingo are still a hit with many members and we've developed quite a following of regular members coming down to enjoy the fun and great food. As always, bingo is held on the first and third Fridays of each month at 6:00pm, and at only a dollar a game it's a great way to hang out with your friends at the Lodge or meet some of our new members!

Proceeds this year from our volunteer efforts at the CSU home football games have been great so far, and with three more home games in November our Lodge stands to generate some much needed extra revenue this season. Volunteerism for this annual fund raising project of Fort Collins 804 has been very good, and I appreciate everyone who has come out to work our beer concession stand so far. We still need additional volunteers to work the second half of the season, however, so if you would like to help serve beer and raise some money for your Lodge, please let me or another officer know that you are interested. Remember also that we raise roughly \$1500 - \$2000 each season in tips from the stadium patrons that we then donate directly to Elks Helps Special Needs.

As always I am very pleased to see the size of our membership, our volunteerism, our finances and the quality of our members grow and gain momentum this year. I see it at our events, I see it in our officer staff, I see it at Lodge meetings and I hear it in conversations with members of other Lodges in our district. Our Lodge is steadily growing stronger all the time and it is because of you and your support that any of this is possible. Thank you all, my brother and sister Elks, for your participation and education to our Lodge. I look forward to seeing and hearing signs that we are continuing to gain in strength. Thank you.

Christopher Smith  
Exalted Ruler, BPOE 804

## Events in November Mark Your Calendar!

**Sunday – November 3rd 9AM-Noon – Past Exalted Ruler Hosted Breakfast \$6.50. Members & Guests.**

**Friday – November 22nd 7:30-8:30PM – Free Dance Lessons in the Lodge Room. Members & Guests**

**Tuesday, November 26th 11:30AM-1:30PM – Bob's Thanksgiving Lunch – Members & Spouses Only**

**Tuesday, November 26th 5:30-6:30PM – Entertainment Committee Meeting**

# 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**

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Exalted Ruler          | Christopher Smith |
| Leading Knight         | Cory Shortridge   |
| Loyal Knight           | Hugh Shepherd     |
| Lecturing Knight       | Larry King        |
| Secretary              | Joyce Bonanno     |
| Treasurer              | Charlie Thomas    |
| Esquire                | Tracey Callaghan  |
| Inner Guard            | Laura Salas       |
| Tiler                  | Dana Cline        |
| Chaplin                | Harold Anton      |
| Head Trustee           | Mike Sutton       |
| 2nd Year Trustee       | Bill Rogers       |
| 1st Year Trustee       | Joe McCarthy      |
| Trustee Emeritus       | Larry Hulse       |
| Charitable Trustee     | Josh Lehman       |
| Charitable Trustee     | Brad March        |
| Charitable Trustee     | Larry Hulse       |
| Presiding Justice      | Brad March        |
| 1st Rep to Grand Lodge | Skip Walker       |
| 2nd Rep to Grand Lodge | Randy Kettenhofen |

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! November

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

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Dana Cline        | 20 Sean Shortridge  |
| 4 Gary Perman       | 20 Nicholas Yobbagy |
| 5 Larry Hawe        | 21 Harold Anton     |
| 7 Kenneth Carson    | 21 Frank Barela     |
| 7 Paul Marrick      | 21 Justine Barela   |
| 7 David Parrish     | 22 Darwin Stengaard |
| 7 Robert Swerer     | 23 Victor Mercado   |
| 8 Roger Rogers      | 25 Terry Keating    |
| 11 William Conner   | 25 Philip White     |
| 11 Kenneth Reynolds | 27 David Blomberg   |
| 13 Ronald Brown     | 27 Chad Nordtvedt   |
| 14 Randolph Reider  | 28 Rose Crouse      |
| 16 Kenneth Clark    | 29 Tomas Gonzales   |
| 16 Skip Walker      | 30 Matthew Doyle    |
| 16 Richard Deines   | 30 Laurie Hart      |
| 19 Richard Haynes   | 30 Mark Mekelburg   |
| 20 Eugene Barker    | 30 Barry Shuler     |

## Our Departed Members,

Their virtues are written upon  
 The Tablets of Love and Memory

### Wayne Linton

September 10, 1925 – September 12, 2013  
 23 Year Member

### Don Mullison

July 04, 1924 – September 14, 2013  
 61 Year Member

### Maxie Gene Johnson

October 09, 1927 – October 08, 2013  
 44 Year Member



## ELKS 804 DRAWINGS

### The Bean Pot

THE BEAN POT IS NOW \$50.00  
(Sign up for current day only.)

### 804 Drawing

FRIDAY NIGHT 804 DRAWING IS NOW \$500.00  
(Elk Members Only)

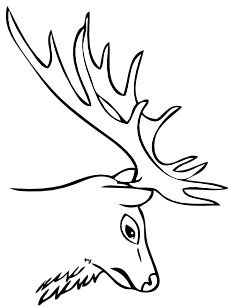
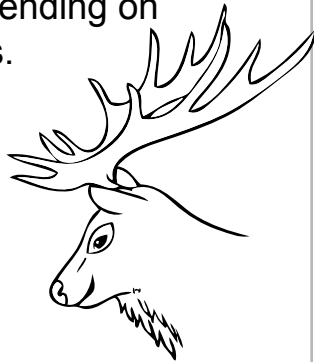
### 804 Attendance Drawing

804 ATTENDANCE DRAWING IS NOW  
\$600.00

(Must be present at Lodge Meeting to win.)  
Amount(s) can change depending on  
number of winners.

## HAPPY ELKS

Brad March



## SAD ELKS

You missed your  
opportunity!

Cory Shortridge  
Paulette Haley  
Jay Laetsch  
Bonnie Walker  
William Durica  
Dick Chinn  
Bob Wingert  
Flory Peterson  
Don Heineman  
Gary Perman  
Alan Beatty

Gary Michels  
Al Minatta  
Lloyd Pearl  
Alice Anton  
Ron Brown  
Fritz Kitowski  
Mike Vergara  
Ed Cudyk  
Ron Hefner  
Bob Coulter  
John Dixon  
Kelly Freed

**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**

## Community Update

### By Leading Knight Cory Shortridge

The third annual Bowl-A-thon Challenge with Loveland is on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00PM at Chipper Lanes (formerly Horsetooth Lanes in Fort Collins.) Entry fee for bowlers is \$10.00 and includes 2 games and shoes. Bowler sponsors pledge is by the pin or a flat dollar amount – your choice. Signup sheets are on the Lodge bulletin boards. For additional information contact Randy Kettenhofen – Fort Collins Lodge 804. Food will be provided for the people bowling at the Fort Collins Lodge after the “challenge” – with a cash bar. This is a fund raiser for Elks National Foundation come out and support ENF, have fun and let's beat Loveland this year! This is a members and guests event.

We will be holding our annual Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 9th from 8:30-11AM. Breakfast is free for Veterans and active military personnel. There will be a \$6.50 charge for others attending the event – children under 6 are free. Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. The breakfast will be served in the Club Room and is hosted by Trustee Joe McCarthy. Please contact Joe if you can help at the breakfast.

## INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open to the Public versus Members and Their Guests

Being open to the public means anyone can come into the Lodge. In order to be open to the public we have to apply and pay for a special permit. This is due to the type of liquor license we have, because we are an incorporated organization and are not for profit. We have 12 permits per year, they cost \$120.00 per permit and we have to apply for them 4 weeks in advance of the event. We typically like to save these “special permits/open to the public” for large events which outside organizations book to use the Lodge. This is one of the vehicles we use to increase revenue for the Lodge and Club.

When you see information for an event being held at the Lodge for members and guests a member in good standing can invite family and friends to attend the event who are not Elks. However, they must know each other outside of the Lodge and members must be present at all times when the guest is in the Lodge. Most of the events we have are for members and their guests. Under no circumstances are non-Elks permitted to participate in card games.

If you have any questions concerning these policies, please see our Lodge Secretary. She can provide you with information from the Colorado Liquor Division – Licensing and Enforcement and Grand Lodge Statutes which govern these rules and regulations.

# New Members!



Paul Richmann and Jessica Plum

**Lee Fotsch**  
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# The Horse Races





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**

## Let’s make the switch to LED

Did you know LED Lights use 85% less energy and last up to 20 years longer than incandescent bulbs?



Ongoing developments in LED lighting and recent reductions in price now make it practical to consider their use in many common fixtures in our lodge, including accent lighting, track lighting, room lighting and outdoor spotlights. Dimmable LED bulbs are now available as well. While LED lighting may require a higher initial investment, their longevity, low maintenance and significant cost savings make LED bulbs a purchase that can pay for itself over time.

Brother Kevin Nelson recently suggested a plan to start replacing the lights in the lodge with LED bulbs. His idea is to have members “Adopt a Light”. Members would purchase a bulb to replace an existing bulb in the lodge. Current prices range from approximately \$8 - \$30 each, depending on the type of bulb. Also, Lecturing Knight, Larry King is looking into energy grants and rebates which are currently being offered by Fort Collins Utilities. Grants up to \$5000 per customer are available for eligible efficiency improvement projects which includes lighting. This grant would be a great way for us to get started with a bulb replacement program for our lodge.

Watch the bulletin boards in the Lodge and the Echo in the coming months for additional information regarding the “Adopt a Light” program and the FC Utilities grants.

*Mike Sutton*

# Secretary Notes

## November 2013

Members attend Lodge Meetings – this is where important decisions about the Lodge and Club are made and voted on. I want to remind everyone we will have one meeting in December. It will be on Tuesday, December 3rd and we will be holding our annual Memorial Service. For our new members, this is a service where our Order has decreed for Elks to gather and pay respect to our departed members. Past Exalted Ruler Stan Cole is the chairman of this ceremony and it is always touching and meaningful.

Congratulations to Ralph Jordan – Elk of the Month for October. Ralph is a long time member of our Lodge and continues to volunteer his time and talent to our Order.

The Children's Christmas Party for Children 0-11 years old is on Saturday, December 7th 11:00AM to 1:00PM. If you have or know children in this age group they are invited to attend. However, everyone must RSVP by November 22nd so we will have enough gifts and food for all of the children. Call the Lodge at 493-3777 and ask for Joyce or leave a message with the bartender. We need the name, age, gender of the child and a phone number. Gifts, games, visit with Santa and food will be provided. This event is growing larger each year and we do not want to turn any child away or not have a gift for them – please RSVP.

Help Elect John Amen as Grand Exalted Ruler! There will be an Elks Caribbean Cruise Saturday, April 5, 2014 through Saturday, April 12, 2014 on Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas" which is being sponsored by the Colorado Elect A Grand Exalted Ruler Committee. Non-Elk Guests are welcome – bring a friend. You must have a passport and final payment is due by January 10, 2014. Ports of call include Fort Lauderdale, Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin. Balcony cabin is \$1,468.00, ocean view cabin is \$1,378.00 and inside cabin is \$1,138.00 (all prices are per person). Information is posted on the bulletin board in the club room or you can call Smith World Travel at 303-427-6700/1-800-633-3026.

I would like to thank Hugh Shepherd, Skip Walker, Mike Sutton, Mike and Michelle Jones, Ron Hefner, Bill Rogers (our official photographer), Deanna Kerscher, Larry King and Tony Bonanno for all of the work they did to organize and set up the Chili Cook-Off and Horse Races. Barb King, Bob Petri, Laura Salas, Al Dillman and Ron Zais were our official judges. In the green category 1st place - Joe & Kathy Lucero, 2nd – Tomas & Lina Gonzales and 3rd place Joyce Bonanno. In the red category 1st place – Shari Walker, 2nd place – Dave Smyser and 3rd place - Ty Smith. Dave donated the 2nd place winnings back to the Lodge. The winner of the people's choice award was Joe Lucero with Dana Shortridge a close second. We made \$482.00 for our Lodge Charities. \$241.00 was donated to the Charitable Trust and \$241.00 was donated to Elks Help Special Needs. We also made \$135.00 for the Lodge. This was a fun and successful event! Gary Riedel (Business Card Factory) did an excellent job designing our posters –thanks Gary for your continued contributions to our event advertising.

Yours truly has been on a mission to clean up the back storage room. With the help of the Boy Scout Troop we sponsor, Tony Bonanno, Ron Zais, Joe McCarthy, Joe Lucero and Steve Rumpler it is done. Steve put the finish touches on by building storage shelves this week. Thanks to all of these members for their help. Mike Sutton did a great job keeping our back lawn looking good this summer. Skip Walker and Ron Hefner organized the Horse Shoes on Wednesday nights and everyone seemed to enjoy this activity. Mark Cooper and Richard Rein have made the Football Season more interesting by organizing and running the Pick 4 and NFL 31 Pool. John Merritt has put together a first class presentation for our Indoctrination program and PER Skip Walker does an excellent job presenting the information. Thanks for the time you both spend on this very important activity.

As I look back on the past 6 months we have accomplished a lot, had fun and made closer bonds with our fellow Brother and Sister Elks. If you have not been at the Lodge recently, stop by after work, on a Friday night for dinner or on a Sunday to cheer on the Broncos – it is always a good time.



# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

### November 2013

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

Fri-Nov 1 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Bar Bingo 6PM

Sat-Nov 2 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun-Nov 3 PER Breakfast and Fund Raiser for the Charitable Trust 9AM-Noon  
Food Available During Football Game

Mon-Nov 4 Lodge Closed

Tue-Nov 5 Lodge 7PM

Fri-Nov 8 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Prime Rib Special  
Elks Only for Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat-Nov 9 Veterans Breakfast 8:30-11AM  
Lodge Open Until 6:00PM

Sun-Nov 10 Lodge Opens at 11AM  
Food Available During Football Game

Mon-Nov 11 Westerners/Lounge Open for Members

Wed-Nov 13 Board Meeting 6-7:30PM

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

Sat-Nov 16 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun-Nov 17 Lodge Opens at 11AM  
Food Available During Football Game

Mon-Nov 18 Lodge Closed

Tue-Nov 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Wed-Nov 20 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM  
Bridge 7PM

Fri-Nov 22 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Dinner Special To Be Announced  
Free Dance Lessons 7:30-8:30PM  
Open Dancing 8:30-9:30PM

Sat-Nov 23 Lodge Opens at Noon  
Food Available

Sun-Nov 24 Lodge Opens at 11AM  
Food Available During Football Game

Mon-Nov 25 Lodge Closed

Tue-Nov 26 Bob's Thanksgiving Lunch  
11:30AM-1:30PM  
Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

Thur-Nov 28 Lodge Closed/Thanksgiving

Fri-Nov 29 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM

Sat-Nov 30 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available

### 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

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

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

Fri-Dec 20 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
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  
Holiday**

Fri-Dec 27 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM  
Dinner Special to Be Announced  
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



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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  
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 The ECHO is online at  
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# November 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 Lodge Open PER Breakfast 9AM-Noon	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Meeting 7PM	6	7	8 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	9 Veterans Breakfast 8:30-11AM/Veterans & Active Military Free
10 Lodge Opens at 11:00 AM For Football Games	11 Western's Dinner/ Lounge Will Be Open for Members	12	13 ECHO DEADLINE Board of Directors 6-7:30PM	14	15 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6PM	16 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
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