

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love  
and Fidelity



**Volume 51 Issue 2 February 2015**

February is an important month for our Lodge. Work begins on budgets for 2015-2016, new officers are elected and committee members are assigned. Nomination of officers will be on Tuesday, February 3rd and elections will be held on Tuesday, February 17th. Make sure you attend the Lodge Meetings in February so you can participate in the selection of the Officers for the coming year. Installation of new officers will be on Saturday, March 28th. Additional details will be in the March Echo.

As I'm nearing the end of my term as Exalted Ruler I want to express my thanks to all of the members who have supported our current officers and the Lodge over the past year. Many of you volunteer your time, participate in Lodge Meetings and activities and sponsor new members. You are the members who continue to make our Lodge one of the best in Colorado!

Talking about membership, as I have communicated many times in the past year, membership is the life blood of our Order. We need members to make our Lodge and the Order of Elks successful. If you have a guest at the Lodge several times a month it is time to have them join the Lodge. Also, if you bring in a guest, you must stay with the person the entire time they are at the Lodge. By the Statutes of our Order, you cannot bring in a guest then leave them at the Lodge by themselves.

As a reminder, only Elks in good standing are allowed to play cards at the Lodge. You cannot bring in a guest to play cards. This is a Colorado Department of Revenue Liquor and Gaming Code Law. This is another situation where if a person wants to play cards at the Lodge, just sponsor them for membership. I'm sure there are also other activities at the Lodge they will find enjoyable.

I'd like to thank the Entertainment Committee for the very successful New Year's Eve event. On February 14th they are planning a Valentine Dinner which will be limited to 50 members and will be a "sit down – pampered event" in the Fire Place Dining Room. Be sure and get your reservations in as soon as possible. There is more information in this edition of the Echo.

Other important activities we have coming up are the Americanism Essay contest. Ron Zais is the Chairman this year and he and his committee will be selecting the top three Essays. Joyce Bonanno and her committee will be selecting the scholarship recipients for 2015.

Remember to pay your membership dues prior to April 1st. In her article this month Lodge Secretary Joyce has additional information.

Remember and always practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Elks Care – Elks Share!

Fraternally,  
Cory Shortridge  
Exalted Ruler



# 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.



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## Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804 Officers 2014 - 2015

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

Cory Shortridge  
Mike Sutton  
Larry King  
Hugh Shepherd  
Joyce Bonanno  
Charlie Thomas  
Tracey Callaghan  
Laura Salas  
Dana Cline  
Leslie Barela  
Bill Rogers  
Joe McCarthy  
Ron Hefner  
Josh Lehman  
Brad March  
Brad March  
Randy Kettenhofen  
Bob Petri

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! February

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

- |                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Kelly Freed      | 13 Steve Vesey          |
| 1 William Smith    | 15 Scott Cumings        |
| 2 Dana Geyer       | 16 Eugene Wanner        |
| 2 Kenneth Horne    | 17 Joel Schwartzkopf    |
| 2 Irvin Trout      | 18 David Bishop         |
| 4 Michael Campbell | 18 Clare Foote          |
| 4 Don Svedman      | 18 Steve Rumpier        |
| 5 Larry Hulse      | 20 Richard Hammond      |
| 8 Bob Brawand      | 20 Richard Witey        |
| 8 Joe McCarthy     | 21 Lawrence Oligmueller |
| 10 Robert Blanco   | 22 Dave Van Lanen       |
| 10 Laura Salas     | 27 Carmen Mendoza       |
| 11 Rick Vodden     | 27 Gina Serrano         |
| 13 Robert Ellis    | 29 George Krueger       |

## BAR BINGO

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month  
Starting At 6:30PM  
\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

## KARAOKE

2nd & 4th Friday of the Month  
Starting at 6:30PM  
Hosted by Joe and Kathy Lucero

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



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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

There are no Happy Elks for January



## SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



Stan Schilling  
Gary Ross  
Greg Dyer  
Lewis Garton  
Alice Anton  
Ken Roach  
Richard Gareis  
Ken Clark  
Cary Bott  
Richard Deines  
Kurt Sultzman

Lyle Beaumont  
Ted McNeese  
Mark Naber  
Diane Hlavacek  
Robert P. Rogers  
Don Heineman  
Richard Schott  
Lee Thompson  
Kent Hendricks  
Bert McCaffrey  
Mike Grounds

All couples and singles Bridge is the third Wednesday of each month.  
Dinner at 6PM, Bridge at 7PM  
For more information.  
Call Don Svedman at 482 6941

## Chair of Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Whew, the New Year came in with a blast. Thank you to the 170 plus that made the dance a blinding success.

Now all you that love to dine, it is time to lock and load for the Valentine's Dinner. What a great way to dine with your dinner already ordered and paid for. Then dining by the fire place and NO Buffet line. **SEE AD ELSEWHERE.** This event limited to 50 diners!

If you have not heard yet, the Officer nominations begin this month and there is little secret that my name is one not to be mentioned. I will be happy to assist anyone who needs it, but, I can only assist!

There is one more thing in the bag and planning stages; a Comedy Night in April – more to follow.

In closing, do something successful with yourself be an Officer and help the charitable cause of Our Organization continue on.

Also there will be a meeting for the Entertainment Committee on February 10th to finalize the 14th dinner and plan any March activities someone might want to have.

Play Happy, smile a lot and use Your Lodge, Hugh Shepherd

## OUR DEPARTED MEMBER

His virtues are written upon The Tablets of Love and Memory.



Fred Menke  
04/12/1927-01/10/2015  
Member 34 Years

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

## Children's Christmas Party 2014



### WHAT IT TAKES/MEANS TO BE AN OFFICER

From Leading Knight Mike Sutton

With election of officers in February, I feel this is an appropriate time to provide information on "what it takes/means to be an officer of the Lodge".

How are officers selected and how much time does it take to be an officer? These are two of the most frequently asked question from members. To answer this, there are two methods of choosing an officer. First is to self-select by making it known to the Exalted Ruler you are interested. Second is by observation from other members and officers. Both of these methods assume you have sufficient back ground in the Order of Elks and it history especially if you are interested in becoming a Trustee or Chair Officer.

Each officer has well defined committees and responsibilities. Being an officer does not mean you are simply seen twice a month during Lodge Meetings. An officer's time commitment at the Elks can affect family, church, job and recreation. A spouse or significant other must be fully supportive of your commitment to the Elks. Most officers are not paid with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer who have daily hours and expectations of certain duties. Most officers will have "out of pocket" travel and food expenses. The exception to this is the Lodge is required to pay for the Exalted Ruler to attend the Elks National Convention which is held yearly in a large city in the United States. 6832

Officers are required to learn when and how to apply Rules, Regulations and By-laws of their local Lodge. They must have a working knowledge of the political structure of the Elks, State and National, as well as being familiar with "Elks Protocol". An excellent way to obtain this information is by attending an Elks Leadership Seminar. The next one is scheduled for March 6-8th in Fort Collins.

"An officer must have Predictability, Punctuality and Dependability". These three words describe exactly what is expected of an officer in the Order of Elks. The motives for being an Elk or Officer of the Lodge are personal and you are always welcome to volunteer in any capacity. Each member must decide on the contribution they will make.

During the past year I have appreciated the support and encouragement I have received from our current officers as well as the Lodge Membership.

Fraternally,

Mike Sutton - Leading Knight

Where is this for February?



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

### Lodge Activities



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# Secretary Notes

## February 2015

The new Lodge Year will start on April 1st and membership due notices will be sent out the first week of February. The new cards for the 2015-2016 Lodge Year will be yellow and the card readers will be changed on April 1, 2015. You must have a new membership card by Tuesday, April 1, 2015 for entry into the Lodge. The membership dues are .50 cents less than last year. Regular membership is \$168.00 and Life Membership is \$93.00. Associate Membership remains the same at \$50.00, and a spouse card is \$5.00. If you cannot pay your dues in full, we do accept half payments for regular and life membership. If you are a regular member half of your dues are \$93.00 by April 1st with remainder of \$75.00 payable on October 1, 2015. If you are a life member, half of your dues are \$56.00 by April 1st and the remainder of \$37.00 due on October 1, 2015.

On March 6-8th The Leadership Development Seminar will be held at the Fort Collins Lodge. This is an excellent seminar which provides information on Business Practices, Financial Planning, and information on Protocol, Lodge Risk Management as well as other subjects specifically related to the Order of Elks. The cost of the Seminar is only \$20.00 per person and I strongly suggest if you are thinking about becoming an Officer or just want to learn more about the Elks this is a seminar you should attend. It will also give you the opportunity to meet and interact with other Elk Members from Colorado. If you are interested in attending make your \$20.00 check out to Colorado Elks Association, Inc. and have it to me by Friday, February 13th. I have attended four of these seminars and at each one I've learned something important and interesting about our Order.

Gene Barker – Member Number 5808 - did not find his number in the January Echo and lost out on a \$10.00 Gift Certificate for Lunch or Dinner at the Lodge. Be sure and look for your membership number in this issue of the Echo. Cory Shortridge had the highest bid (\$300.00) for the beautiful quilt made and donated by Jan and Jay Bowser as a fund raiser for the Lodge. A special thanks to Jan and Jay for their support of the Lodge.

In closing, Tony and I would like to thank all of our Brother and Sister Elks for their cards and words of condolences on the recent loss of Tony's Brother Andrew. Knowing so many of you were thinking of us at the very difficult time was a comfort.

Joyce Bonanno  
Secretary, Fort Collins Elks 804

### CHECK CASHING POLICY CHANGE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2015

Effective March 1, 2015 the Elks Lodge will be implementing a check cashing fee of \$5.00 per check on check transactions which are being used for return of cash only (Check Cashing Bank). Checks written for food, drinks, dues, or Lodge Merchandise will not be required to pay the \$5.00 transaction fee.

As a reminder, per House Rules, checks will be honored for a maximum of \$200.00 per day.

Fraternally,  
Board of Directors

## Valentines dinner

FEBRAURY 14, 2015 6:00  
(NO HOST COCKTAILS)

6:45 DINNER

**PRIME RIB**

\$21

**BAKED COD**

\$18

**LASAGNA**

\$18

**DESSERT**

Assorted Dessert Table

\*Reservation with order pre - paid.

A Sit Down, be pampered affair.  
There will be easy listening live music to dine to.  
Dinner in the Fire Place Dining Room



## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

#### February 2015

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

Sun Feb 1	Breakfast 9:30-Noon Super Bowl Party/Food Available @ 3PM
Mon Feb 2	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 3	Lodge Meeting 7PM 1st Nominations of Officers
Fri Feb 6	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Prime Rib Special Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 7	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 8	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 9	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 10	Special Meeting Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Feb 11	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Fri Feb 13	Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Feb 14	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 15	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 16	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 17	Lodge Meeting Vote Officers/Final Nomination
Wed Feb 18	Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri Feb 20	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 21	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 22	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 23	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 24	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Fri Feb 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM

#### March 2015

**(Closing of Lounge is at Bartender/Manager  
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Sun Mar 1	Breakfast 9:30-Noon
Mon Mar 2	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 3	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Fri Feb 6	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 7	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 8	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 9	Lodge Closed
Wed Mar 11	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Fri Mar 13	Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Mar 14	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 15	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 16	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 17	Lodge Meeting
Wed Mar 18	Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Fri Mar 20	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 21	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 22	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 23	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 24	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Fri Feb 27	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em
Sat Mar 28	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available Installation of Officers/Dinner
Sun Mar 29	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 30	Lodge Closed



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 Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM  
 Sunday – Lodge Open 11AM (During Football Season)  
 Monday – Lodge Closed  
 Office Open Tuesday Friday 10:00AM 3:00PM  
 Lunch Available Tuesday Friday 11:30AM 1:30PM  
 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:  
 Your e mail address: E mail us at:  
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 970 493 3787  
 or Call 493 3777  
 The ECHO is online at  
[www.fortcollinselks.org](http://www.fortcollinselks.org)

# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Breakfast 9:30-Noon Super Bowl Party/Food Available @ 3PM	<b>2</b> Lodge Closed	<b>3</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM 1st Nominations of Officers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>7</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>8</b> Lodge Closed	<b>9</b> Lodge Closed	<b>10</b> Special Metting Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	<b>11</b> Board Meeting 5:30PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:30 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	<b>14</b> <i>Valentines dinner</i> 6:00 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>15</b> Lodge Closed	<b>16</b> Lodge Closed	<b>17</b> Lodge Meeting 7PM Vote Officers/Final Nomination	<b>18</b> Bridge Night Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	<b>21</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
<b>22</b> Lodge Closed	<b>23</b> Lodge Closed	<b>24</b> Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 8:00 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold em 7PM	<b>28</b> Lodge Open at Noon Food Available