

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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There is one month left in my term as Exalted Ruler and this will be my last official E.R. Echo Article. Looking back at the past year, it went by quickly and the Lodge had many accomplishments. These included exceeding the Grand Exalted Ruler's Per-Capita Goal of \$4.60 per member. Our contribution this year to Elks National Foundation is \$10.09 per member. Thanks to all of the members who have made this possible by purchasing raffle tickets and making personal donations to the Elks National Foundation. We were awarded two Grants from the ENF and we used these for a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner and a Christmas shopping spree for 30 needy children in our community. We have initiated 27 new members and had 8 reinstatements.

The Entertainment Committee organized many outstanding functions this year and we had good participation from our membership. I would like to thank Lecturing Knight Hugh Shepherd and his committee members for all of the work they did to make our Lodge events successful. We had an outstanding Flag Day Ceremony organized by Hugh and an impressive Memorial Service organized by Leading Knight Mike Sutton. Loyal Knight Larry King worked diligently on a project to have all LED Lights installed in the Lodge – this has saved the Lodge money on our electric bills. Larry worked with Club Manger, Bob Petri, and they were able to make improvements in our Club Room. Mike Sutton was the Chairman of the CSU Concession Stand this year with Tony Bonanno as his co-chair. The Lodge and our Elks Help Special Needs Program benefitted from this activity. Thanks to all of the members who worked the concession stand. Once again this year we sponsored Boy Scout Troop 87, provided \$12,000.00 in scholarship, and we had a successful Americanism Essay Contest headed up by Ron Zais. We made donations to Team Fort Collins, Larimer County Food Bank, Disabled Resources, Foothills Gateway and numerous other charities and individuals in our community. This is what Elkdom is about! We participated in the State Ritual Contest under the Leadership of PER Randy Kettenhofen. Our outside area was maintained by Head Trustee Bill Rogers and his wife Jean with the help of Jerry Rice, Bob and Paul Matney with Joe McCarthy cleaning up the trees and shrubs. Trustee Joe McCarthy also organized our Veteran's appreciation breakfasts again this year with Ron Hefner and Jerry Rice cooking. "As long as there are Veterans, they will never be forgotten." Our Indoctrination program is outstanding because of John Merritt, Skip Walker and Hugh Shepherd. Members know what is happening in the Lodge because of the work Joyce Bonanno and Gary Riedel (Business Card Factory) do on the Echo. Helping with the mailings are Carmen Mendoza, Jean Rogers and Terri Lion. Our officers volunteered their time to help with the monthly Sunday breakfasts. Thanks to the members and their spouses who work on Lodge nights cooking and serving dinner. We can always count on Charlie Thomas and Al Dillman to sell tickets for the Queen of Hearts drawing and Gary Michels and Larry Thyfault for selling raffle tickets for Laradon Hall and ENF on Lodge Nights. Our Lodge Year 2014-2015 was successful thanks to so many of our members. If I missed mentioning you by name it is not because I do not appreciate your efforts. I appreciate each and everyone one of our members and anything you can do to help make our Lodge successful.



We have an outstanding core of officers for the coming year and with the leadership of our new Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton – Lodge Year 2015-2016 will be successful! I encourage all of you to support Mike by sponsoring new members, attending Lodge Meetings and attending events. Thanks to all of you who did so much to make my term as your Exalted Ruler fun and productive.

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

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Lecturing Knight
Secretary
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Esquire
Inner Guard
Tiler
Chaplin
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2nd Year Trustee
1st Year Trustee
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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!! March

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

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gilbert Paben | 21 Leonard Wilson |
| 5 A.R. Oesterle | 22 Mike Demma |
| 6 Owen Ahern | 22 Josh Lehman |
| 7 Richard Shortridge | 22 Daniel Maloy |
| 7 Lucie Tran | 24 Tracey Callaghan |
| 8 Deanna Kerscher | 24 Lloyd Golden |
| 10 April Castillon | 24 Ralph Will |
| 10 Mary Patricia Walter | 25 Joe Lucero |
| 14 Michael Craft | 26 Mike Peters |
| 14 Jason Tomsic | 27 Larry Scheinost |
| 15 Steve Ryan | 28 Joe O. Gonzales |
| 16 Steven O. Hall | 28 Victor Meline |
| 19 Lee Fotsch | 30 Joyce Bonanno |
| 19 Lawrence J. Griess | 31 Jerry Rice |
| 20 Milo Bohlender | 31 Wes Sargent |
| 21 Tom Metcalf | 31 Jerry Williams |

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 April is March 13th.
Please send all Echo articles and information
on events to 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 February**



SAD ELKS

**You missed your
opportunity!**



Gil Boyer
Charlie Hoffman
Rita Besser
Dick Chinn
Jeff Baughman
Taylor Hall
Victor Mercado
Ken Roach
JoAn Frick
Mike Chalek

Reinhardt Stoll
Lee Thompson
Kent Hendricks
Bob Blanco
Jerry Brown
Ed Andrews
Stan Cole
Mike Demma
Mike Campbell
John Merritt

**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

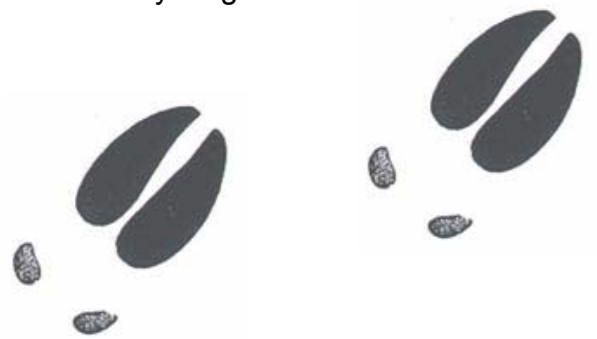
This is not the end but, merely the changing of the guard. Next month Leslie Barela will be taking over this position. I sincerely hope you will continue to give her your support you gave me and Our Lodge. March has few activities but one is the Sunday breakfast on the 1st. St. Patrick's Lunch on Saturday 14th is another function. Note: it will be plated out of the kitchen so all will have a chance of getting their share.

April has one event so far and that is Comedy Night. This group is coming from Long Beach, CA and they will perform Saturday 18th at 7:00 pm. This is a \$12 event and I challenge you to beat this price. In closing I have two trains of thought:

A) I cannot thank all the people that helped this year; naming each of you would be impossible and I would certainly miss someone. You were also great to work with! Those who attended the events, I thank you also. We as a committee did it for you.

B) If you feel you have a valid comment that will help the Committee please share it. Otherwise keep it to yourself. Now the first opportunity for all to participate will be Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30 pm when the out-going and in-coming be people will be meeting for the monthly planning session.

Respectfully Submitted
Hugh
Past Almost Everything



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Bob's Bistro
A Great Value in Dining!

You have many choices in Fort Collins to spend your dining out dollars, but where can you find a friendlier, more relaxing and affordable place to have lunch (Tues. – Fri.) or dinner on Friday night?

In addition to a great menu featuring burgers, steaks, wings, fish and chips and a variety of sandwiches, Bob also prepares tasty specials every Friday night.

To give an idea of the great offerings and reasonable prices, listed below are a few of the many items on our Lunch and Dinner Menu:

Lunch		Friday Night Dinner	
Elks Lodge Burger	\$7.95	Sirloin Steak	\$12.45
Fish and Chips	\$7.95	Deep Fried Shrimp	\$9.45
Chicken Green Chili	\$3.95	Prime Rib	\$14.95
Ruben Sandwich -	\$8.45	(2nd Friday of the month)	
		Beef Braciolo	\$12.50
		(March Special)	

For the complete menu go to <http://www.fortcollinselks.org>, or better yet, come join us for lunch or dinner and see for yourself what a wonderful dining option you have in your Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804.

Loyal Knight
 Larry King

SUPER BOWL PARTY



EVERYBODY
 NEEDS TO
 LAUGH!

THE FIRST
 BIG EVENT
 OF THE NEW
 YEAR

ELKS LODGE
 1424 Mulberry
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A Great show for Members and Guests.

7:00 P.M.
SAT. APRIL 18

COMEDY EXTRAVAGANZA

Andy Kern and Friends

Andy has performed in Comedy Clubs, Colleges, Military Bases and Casinos from Canada to California. Andy has appeared on VH1 and Comedy Central.

\$12 PER PERSON

PRE-PAID / TABLES CAN BE RESERVED!

CASH BAR





**Where is this
for March?**

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

Welcome our New Members

Front Row Jason Tomsic, Manual

Martinez, Lucie Tran, Brett Richter

Back Row Kevin Frazir, Doug Trembly,

Johnny Cash, John Rudnicki, William

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Secretary Notes

March 2015

Congratulations to the new 2015-2016 elected Lodge Officers. Nominations were held at the Lodge Meeting on February 3rd. Following are the new officers for the coming year – Mike Sutton – Exalted Ruler, Larry King – Leading Knight, Kenny Burkhard – Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight – Leslie Barela, Cory Shortridge – 1st Year Trustee, Joyce Bonanno – Secretary and Charlie Thomas – Treasurer. Joe McCarthy will be completing his term as 3rd year Trustee and will be the incoming Head Trustee. Ron Hefner will be starting his second term as a Trustee. Mike has appointed Tracey Callaghan as his Esquire, Laura Salas as Inner Guard, John Gallison as Chaplain and Jim Chance as Tiler. After serving as Tiler for several years Dana Cline has decided to take a break. Please thank Dana for his service as Lodge Tiler. 7892 Serving as an officer of the Lodge is a time commitment and takes dedication as well as patience and humor – plus many other qualities. We are fortunate to have these outstanding individuals as officers of our Lodge. Hugh Shepherd, PER, who has served as Lecturing Knight and Loyal Knight over the past two year will still be around and is our Bingo Manager. Be sure and thank Hugh for making sure we had a full core of officers the past two years. Because of the time and effort he spent working with our Club and Entertainment Committee they were very successful. Bill Rogers will be completing his term as a Trustee. Bill also will be around; he promised he would continue to take care of the lawn! Thank Bill for his service to our Lodge.

Installation of the new officers will take place on Saturday, March 28th beginning at 5:00PM. This event is open to members and their guests. A dinner will follow the Installation. Additional information is included in this issue of the Echo.

I appreciate the members who have already sent in their dues. You will be receiving your 2015-2016 Membership Card in the next 2 weeks. Remember the “blue” card is good until March 31, 2015. The key locks will be changed on April 1st and at that time you will need to start using the new “yellow” card. Be sure and sign your Membership Card. You must be a member in good standing to use the Club Room and attend Lodge Meetings. **Annotated Statutes XIV, Sec 14.130 – Opinions 02 – “Only Members who are not delinquent in the payment of dues are entitled to the privileges of membership in the Order. A Member who is delinquent in the payment of dues is not entitled to use the Club facilities or to attend meetings of the Lodge.” If your dues are not paid by April 1, 2015 you are delinquent. If you cannot pay your dues in full, please see me to make arrangements for payment.**

We will be starting breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month as well as the 1st Sunday. Come out and support the Lodge. On Easter Sunday, Bob will be doing a few additions to the menu for a breakfast buffet. It will be 11AM-1PM – the cost will be \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 8.

Keep in mind, the three activities which will help sustain the Order of Elks and Fort Collins Lodge 804 is volunteering, participation and sponsoring new members. Thanks to all of the members who have worked to make our Lodge successful.

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

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

March 2015

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

Sun Mar 1 Breakfast 9:30-Noon
 Mon Mar 2 Lodge Closed
 Tue Mar 3 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Americanism Awards
 Fri Mar 6 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Dinner Special
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM
 Sat Mar 7 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available
 Leadership Conference 8AM-5PM
 Sun Mar 8 Leadership Conference 8AM-Noon
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 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 11AM
 Bob's Corned Beef & Cabbage \$10.00
 Served 11:30AM Until Gone
 Sun Mar 15 Breakfast 9:30-Noon
 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 Mar 27 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
 Sat Mar 28 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
 Installation of Officers/Dinner
 Sun Mar 29 Lodge Closed
 Mon Mar 30 Lodge Closed

April 2015

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

Fri Apr 03 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM
 Sat Apr 04 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available
 Sun Apr 05 Breakfast Buffet/Easter
 11AM-1PM
 Mon Apr 06 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 07 Lodge Meeting
 Wed Apr 08 Board Meeting 5:30PM
 Fri Apr 10 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Prime Rib Special
 Elk Members Only Omaha Poker 7PM
 Sat Apr 11 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available
 Sun Apr 12 Foothills Gateway
 Flying Pig Run/Walk
 Mon Apr 13 Lodge Closed
 Wed Apr 15 Bridge Night 6PM Dinner
 Bridge 7PM
 Fri Apr 17 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM
 Sat Apr 18 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available
 Sun Apr 19 Breakfast 9AM-Noon
 Mon Apr 20 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 21 Lodge Meeting 7PM
 Fri Apr 24 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elk Members Only for Texas Hold-Em
 Spring Quarterly Denver Marriott South
 Sat Apr 25 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available
 Spring Quarterly/DD Meeting Denver
 Marriott South
 Sun Apr 26 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 27 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 28 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION
 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:
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 970 493 3787
 or Call 493 3777
 The ECHO is online at
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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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