

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

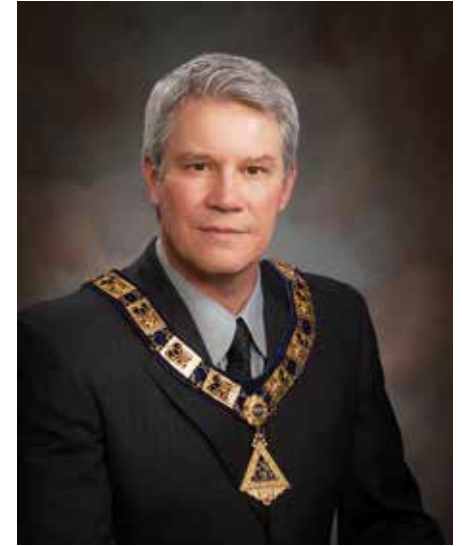
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
and Fidelity



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Brothers and Sisters-

As April comes to a close, along with the first month of our lodge year, it gives me pause to consider the membership and overall strength of Lodge #804. No lodge, in this great Order of Elks, can survive the test of time without the strength and support of its membership. It is a testament to each and every one of our members that the Fort Collins Lodge continues to thrive. Each year as our Trustees present our budget for the upcoming year, we are faced with the prospect of our lodge, hopefully, 'breaking even' for the fiscal year. Yet, because of the financial strength of our charitable accounts, we continue to be able to support our neighbors and community in a most benevolent fashion. Each year we donate Tens of Thousands of dollars in the form of scholarships, support for other Non Profit and Local Organizations, support of our Veterans, our local Boy Scout Troop, and those who have fallen on hard times, just to name a few. And I couldn't begin to try to quantify the number of volunteer hours put in each year by our members in support of our Lodge and of our community. We should all be proud to be part of an organization that quietly helps and supports so many. Still, I sometimes wonder if we shouldn't be able to do even more.



With our current membership at approximately 400, I wonder how many of us know, or remember, that our Lodge had in the past voted to limit the membership to 804 members? Or, that in 1950, the membership exceeded 1000 for the first time. Did you know our bylaws once restricted new memberships to 60 per year? Or that we surpassed 2000 members in the early 1980's, this at a time when the population of Fort Collins was only 60,000 and our membership was restricted to men only.

I wonder how much stronger our Lodge could be if our membership could reach 800 once again. A little more than double where we are today. On the surface this seems like a lofty goal, one that would take years to achieve. However, what if each of us made a commitment to sponsor just one member before the years end? We could once again hit the 800 mark before 2016! I believe the time is right. I believe we are all fortunate to live in this beautiful and vibrant community of Fort Collins. I believe that the people of our community, young and old, appreciate this as well and are beginning to look for ways to 'give back'. What better, or simpler way, than becoming a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks? We have been giving back to our community for over 110 years and will continue to do so long into the future.

I urge each of you to reach out to one family member, friend, neighbor or coworker. Please encourage them to join us and together we will push Fort Collins Lodge #804 to heights not seen in many years.

Remember and always practice the virtues of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally-
Mike Sutton

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! MAY

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

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Ron Malara | 16 Dennis Marion |
| 5 Alice Anton | 17 James Herning |
| 5 Joann Fick | 18 Charles Hoffman |
| 7 John Dixon | 18 Jesse Rodriguez |
| 7 Frank Leydens | 18 Jack Unger |
| 9 Richard Gareis | 20 Sylvia Portales |
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| 10 Bob Wingert | 25 Tedd Schilling |
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| 11 Dave Roeder | 27 Lee Thompson |
| 13 Jeff Inama | 28 A.J. Glaser |
| 14 Ernest Wimmer | 30 Gary Fiffe |
| 15 Bert McCaffery | 30 Terry Walsh |

BAR BINGO

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

The Echo deadline for June is May 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

Ralph Jordan won \$140.00 on the Bean Pot Drawing

Richard Rein won the Friday Night Queen of Hearts Drawing and donated \$190.00 to the Hadley Trust Fund.
Congratulations to Richard and Ralph



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Brian White
Steve Vessey
Eric Lea
Jerry Brown
Ed Morphet
Rob Gilmour
Tom Skillman
Nick Yobbagy
Al Dillman

Andrew Gest
Jay Bowser
Ken Clark
Alice Anton
Mike Peters
Ken Rodriguez
Roger Rogers
Larry Hulse
Jack Sigmund

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 the Lecturing Knight

Hello Elks!

This Spring and Summer is filling up with great activities at our Lodge!

If you missed Comedy Night on April 18, then you really missed out on a great time! Don't be left out in May!

Come join us in the fun on Saturday, May 2, as we celebrate the Kentucky Derby with great food, drinks and races! Our Lodge will open at 3:30, the Kentucky Derby race will be at 4:24 p.m. Southern Potluck from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and then We're Off to the Member Racing! Get your silks and horses ready because YOU might be in one of the races! Get noticed and voted for with Your Derby Hat! Prizes will be awarded! We are still looking for volunteers to help, please contact me to do so. We always love extra help as well!

Sunday, June 14th is Flag Day! Come join us for our Flag Day Ceremony and burgers. We always love to see your smiling faces supporting our Lodge!

Saturday, June 27 will be our Annual Luau - If you missed out last year, then you better be ready for a great time this year! Bob always provides a great meal and we promise you a great time as well!

We've got lots more in store for the Summer and Fall..... our Car Show and Family Picnic, just to name a couple. Also look for details on our Upcoming Elktember Fest!

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (May 26) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight

Jim Chance

Broker Associate/Partner

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FROM THE STATION OF THE LOYAL KNIGHT

As I start my second month as Loyal Knight I would like to thank all of the members who support our bar and restaurant facilities as well as attending events at the Lodge. Much of the revenue we use to pay our bills is done through the profits we receive from our bar, restaurant and banquet business.

Bob Petri, our Club Manager, has recently assigned Ashley Emery as the Bar Manager. This will enable Bob to concentrate on our banquets and the many other business and restaurant related activities he is required to do on a daily basis. I would like to thank Bob for his 20 years of service to our Club. If you have not met Ashley, stop by during the day as she will continue as the daytime Steward. Bob has also hired an additional bar/wait person, Jill Eisenberg. Be sure and introduce yourself to Jill and make her feel welcome. If you have any feedback on the Club please contact either me or Bob.

You may have notices that we have installed cameras at the bar. Rest assured, this is not to spy on our members. The purpose is for Insurance Liability and to help control our cost of goods sold. Many Lodges in Colorado and around the United States have camera for protection of their members and the Lodge property.

May is turning out to be the "Breakfast Month". Our regular first Sunday of the Month breakfast is scheduled for May 3rd, a Mother's Day Breakfast will be held on May 10th with mothers eating free – members and guests welcome. Additional information is located in this issue of the Echo. Joe McCarthy will be hosting free breakfast on Saturday, May 16th for all Active Military and Veterans to celebrate Armed Forces Day. If you can help Joe with this event, let him know. Sunday, May 17th will be our regular 3rd Sunday of the month breakfast.

Faternally,
Kenny Burkhard
Loyal Knight

IMPORTANT LODGE/CLUB INFORMATION

Board of Directors Meeting Date Change

Starting in May, the Board of Directors Meetings will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month Starting at 5:30PM.

Pool/Horseshoes

"Drop in" pool will be on Wednesday's at 5:30PM. Horseshoes will start when the weather permits. Come down and enjoy the evening with your Brother and Sister Elks.

Lodge Meetings – June, July & August

During the summer we have one Lodge Meeting a month. The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 2nd. Because the Grand Lodge Session is being held the first week of July, the July meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21st. The August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4th.

We are looking for a Lodge Organist

The Board of Directors would like to resume using music during our Lodge Meetings. The Organist is considered a Lodge officer and must be a member. If you play the organ and would be interested in playing during our Lodge Meetings get in touch with Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton.

Saturday, May 16th Armed Forces Day Breakfast

The Lodge will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday, May 16th 9:30-11:30AM in honor of Armed Forces Day. All active duty military and Veterans are invited to attend a free breakfast. The cost of breakfast for other members and guests is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 8 and under. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice will be served under the Veteran's Pavilion. If you can help with this event please contact Head Trustee Joe McCarthy.

Summer Issue of Echo – Published in June

The summer issue of the Echo will be published in June and will include June and July.

Help Needed at Friday Night Dinners

If you can help make and serve salads and bus tables on Friday nights from 5-7PM there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Club Room. We are looking for two good men or women each Friday night to help our staff. If you have any questions see Ashley.



Installation of
Officers
March 2015

Secretary Notes

May 2015



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.

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"I will support the Constitution, and obey the Statutes, rules and regulations of this Order, and the By-Laws of Fort Collins Lodge 804 and those of any other Lodge of which I may hereafter become a Member."

Every member repeated the above phrase when they took the Obligation to become an Elk. The purpose of having a Constitution, Statutes and By Laws of the Order is to ensure all members are treated as fairly as possible and give them an opportunity to have, in writing, the expectations of our order as they related to Membership and the operation of our Club and Lodge. The officers of the Lodge took the Obligation to conform with and carry out the rules of the Order. The Obligation we take as members or officers in the Order of Elks should never be taken lightly. Often times decisions will be made or rules enforced which may seem unpopular, but they are based on the Statutes of our Order. These documents are in the office and available for any Elk Member to review.

Several of our Lodge Members participated in the Flying Pig Run to benefit Foothills Gateway. Our Lodge donated \$2,500.00 to this very deserving project. Thank you Pam Miller – Lodge Member and Chair of the Flying Pig Event, Cory, Dana and Delaney Shortridge and Delaney's friend Bergen Hermanson, Larry King, Skip and Linda Walker, Chris and Terry Lion and Tony Bonanno. These Elks donating their time to attend and participate in this event is positive publicity for our Lodge and the Elks Organization.

Congratulations to Ralph Jordan, Elk of the Year and Bill Rogers, Officer of the Year. These two individuals went above and beyond in their support of our Lodge and they deserved this honor. Tony Bonanno was awarded Citizen of the Year for his continued involvement in our Community. Member Brett Richter had the winning bid on the Wounded Warrior Quilt. Brett's bid was \$650.00 which will be donated to the wounded Warrior project in his name. I asked Brett what he was going to do with the Quilt. He said "I'm giving it to my father-in-law who is a Vietnam Veteran."

Remember, we will only have one Lodge Meeting in June, July and August. They are on the first Tuesday of the month. Also, there is only one Echo for June and July (Summer Issue). 7800

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary
Fort Collins Elks



2015 Flying Pig Event



Mother's Day Breakfast - Sunday May 10th

Members and Guests Welcome

Mothers are Free – Other Adults \$8.00 – Children 8 and under \$4.00

Served – 9:30AM to Noon in the Lodge Room (Open Seating)

Tickets Must Be Purchased by May 7th (at the bar) – Please Provide Number of Mothers in your party when purchasing tickets for other people attending the breakfast

Free tickets will be provided for Mothers.

Menu: Biscuits and gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Pancakes, Toast, Coffee, Juice

Our Departed Member

His virtues are written upon The Tablets of Love and Memory

Robert (Bob) Toomey
August 11, 1932 – March 25, 2015
Member 36 Years



Elk of the Year - Ralph Jordan



Officer of the Year - Bill Rogers



Citizen of the Year - Tony Bonanno

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

May 2015

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

Fri May 01 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat May 02 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available
Kentucky Derby Event

Sun May 03 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon May 04 Lodge Closed

Tue May 05 Lodge Meeting 7PM
Scholarship Awards

Wed May 06 "Drop In" Pool or Horseshoes
Weather Permitting

Fri May 08 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Prime Rib Special
Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat May 09 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 10 Mother's Day Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon
Mothers Eat Free

Mon May 11 Lodge Closed

Tue May 12 Board of Directors 5:30PM

Wed May 13 "Drop In" Pool or Horseshoes
Weather Permitting
Dinner Bridge 6PM

Fri May 15 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat May 16 Breakfast In Honor of Armed Forces
9:30-11:30AM Under the Pavilion
Day & Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 17 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon May 18 Lodge Closed

Tue May 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Fri May 22 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM

Sat May 23 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 24 Lodge Closed

Mon May 25 Lodge Closed

Tue May 26 Entertainment Committee Meeting 5:30PM

Fri May 29 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Elk Members Only Texas-Hold Em

Sat May 30 Lodge Opens at Noon
Food Available

Sun May 31 Lodge Closed

June 2015

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

Mon Jun 01 Lodge Closed

Tue Jun 02 Lodge Meeting 7PM/
Only Meeting in June

Wed Jun 03 Horseshoes/ 5:30PM

Fri Jun 05 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat Jun 06 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available

Sun Jun 07 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon Jun 08 Lodge Closed

Tue Jun 09 Board of Directors 5:30PM

Wed Jun 10 Horseshoes 5:30PM

Fri Jun 12 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Prime Rib Special
Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat Jun 13 Lodge Open/Food Available

Sun Jun 14 Lodge Open for Flag Day
Ceremony 1PM

Mon Jun 15 Lodge Closed

Wed Jun 17 Horseshoes/ 5:30PM
Dinner Bridge 6PM

Fri Jun 19 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-7:30PM
Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat Jun 20 Lodge Open/Food Available

Sun Jun 21 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon

Mon Jun 22 Lodge Closed

Tue Jun 23 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

Wed Jun 24 Horseshoes/ 5:30PM

Fri Jun 26 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
Elk Members Only Texas Hold-EM 7PM

Sat Jun 27 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available

Sun Jun 28 Lodge Closed

Mon Jun 29 Lodge Closed



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION
 Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM
 Sunday – Lodge Closed
 Monday – Lodge Closed
 Office Open Tuesday-Thursday 10AM-3PM
 Lunch Available Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM
 Friday Night Dinners 5:00-7:30PM
 Lounge Open Tuesday-Friday 11:30AM-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.w

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May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:30PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	2 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Kentucky Derby Event
3 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Meeting 7PM Scholarship Awards	6 "Drop In" Pool or Horseshoes Weather Permitting	7	8 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:30 - 7:30PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	9 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
10 Mother's Day Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon Mothers Eat Free	11 Lodge Closed	12 Board Meeting 5:30PM	13 "Drop In" Pool or Horseshoes Weather Permitting Dinner Bridge 6PM	14	15 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 M Bar Bingo 6:30PM	16 Breakfast In Honor of Armed Forces 9:30-11:30AM Under the Pavilion Day & Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
17 Breakfast 9:30AM-Noon	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lodge Meeting 7PM	20	21	22 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 M Bar Bingo 6:30PM	23 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
24 Lodge Closed Both dates 31	25 Lodge Closed	26 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	27	28	29 Friday Night Dinners 5:30 to 7:30 pm Elks Only for Texas Hold em 7PM	30 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available