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Fort Collins Lodge #804

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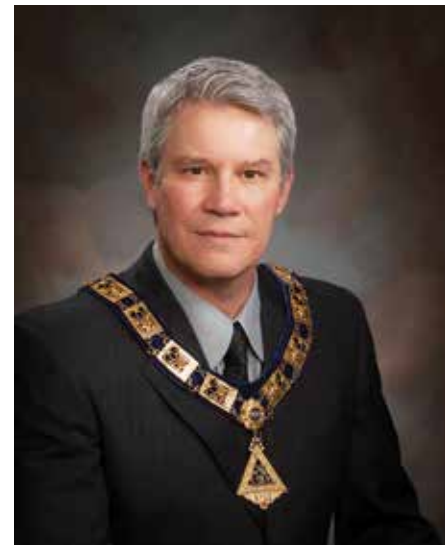


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Brothers and Sisters-

Yesterday I watched a video on YouTube that showcased members of our Order telling why they joined the Elks. It was interesting how many people I recognized from my time in Indianapolis for the Grand Lodge Session this past July. After I watched the video it caused me to sit back and think about why I joined.

I seems like I have had some type of attachment to the Elks as long as I can remember. As a young boy in Lancaster, New York I remember walking to the Elks Lodge from my grandparent's house to bowl. Later in life bowling became a big part of my life. I never had a lesson, just sort of self taught at the Elks. My high school years found me in Rochester, New York and provided me with a couple of opportunities to attend functions at their Lodge. I remember being intrigued by the history of the Lodge which was proudly displayed on the walls throughout the building. When Kodak brought me to Fort Collins in 1976, one of the first people I met



was the Exalted Ruler of the Fort Collins Lodge, Fred Frantz. My mom and dad moved into Fred's neighborhood, as did many other of the 'Kodak' transplants. The neighborhood became tight pretty quickly. The bond was obviously New York and Kodak, but between the men I heard a lot of talk about the Elks. Being 18 at the time I was too young to join, but I was interested.

When the lodge was reopened after the explosion of 1977, I was asked by my sponsor, member Ed Morphett, to join the Elks. So, at 22 years old, in February 1979, I was initiated with my class of 91 new members. Why did I join? There were many reasons, a private bar, hand/racquetball courts, a state of the art weight room, gambling and all sorts of cool 'guy stuff'. It wasn't enough, 5 years later I let my membership lapse. As the years passed I visited my old lodge many times for receptions and parties. In fact, Tammy and I held our wedding reception in the old building in December of 1995. Each visit left me considering rejoining but I kept putting it on the back burner. Then one day in 2006, as I was taking a shower, a feeling 'washed' over me. I found Tammy and told her that I had to rejoin the Elks. She asked me why? I told her that I was supposed to do something for them, although I didn't have any idea what that might be.

In the nearly 10 years that have passed I still haven't figured out what is I am supposed to do. Whatever it is, I don't believe I have done it yet, maybe I'll ever know. So, I guess I still can't tell you why I joined the Elks the second time, I do however know why I am still a member and why I always will be. It's because we matter. We touch people's lives, maybe just a little bit at a time, but we make a difference! At the end of the day, after all the meetings, after all the events, after all the dinners and games of bingo, after all the fun and the day to day struggles, we matter!

Elks Care – Elks Share

Cya at the Lodge-

Mike Sutton

Exalted Ruler

Fort Collins Elks Lodge # 804

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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| Charitable Trustee | Brad March |
| Presiding Justice | Brad March |
| 1st Rep to Grand Lodge | Hugh Shepherd |
| Club Manager | Bob Petri |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

October

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

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Richard Boxberger | 14 Ed Andrews |
| 3 Ed Morphet | 17 John Speaker |
| 3 Mike Sutton | 20 Donald LeFever |
| 6 Matt Davis | 21 Ken Burkhard |
| 7 Mark Cooper | 21 William Schoof |
| 8 Savino Barela | 22 William Hoffman |
| 8 Howard Bassett | 24 Gilbert Boyer |
| 8 Jeff Baughman | 26 Ken Forbes |
| 8 Brian White | 27 William Rumley |
| 9 Pam LePera-Miller | 28 Gene Spencer |
| 11 Paul Kipping | 30 Lloyd Pearl |
| 12 James Poole | 31 Tom Skillman |

Hello Elks!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our lodge during the summer 2015! Participation is key...the Entertainment Committee puts on these events for YOU THE MEMBERS!

It's finally here.....ELKTOBER FEST! Join us at the Lodge on Saturday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m. when we have our First Elktober Fest! If you entered a Chile, it needs to be at the lodge by 4:00 p.m. Just \$10 to get in to the Elktober Fest includes your Burrito Bar! Smother your burrito with your favorite homemade chili and let us hear Your Bugle at the Elk Bugling Contest! Bring your Voting Cash for the People’s Choice Award on Chile so that your opinion will count! Prizes will be awarded for both contests and of course, Winners will have Bragging Rights!

Saturday November 7, Our Colorado State Football team will be in Laramie for the Border War, WE will be at 804 watching the Game! Come Join Us! Time is TBD.

Mark these dates on your calendar: Saturday December 5 – Children’s Shopping Spree – we need volunteers just as last year to chaperone each child during the shopping spree.....Contact Cory or Dana Shortridge or myself. Sunday, December 6 -- Member’s Christmas Party at the lodge, it will be an Old Fashioned Potluck, and Saturday, December 12 -- Children’s Christmas Party. As always, your help and participation is always appreciated!

Lastly Bring Your Dancing Shoes and your friends to the Lodge on Thursday, December 31! Kenny Cordova and the Olde Rock Band will be here providing entertainment for New Year’s Eve! Get your tickets early, this event is open to members and their guests.

We are always in need of volunteers for our events! Please Contact Terri Lion, our new Event Volunteer Coordinator, to help out at lodge events.

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (October 27) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
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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

No report of a happy Elks this month.
Gotta get to the lodge to win!



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



Kelly Freed
Albert Summerall
Steve Rumpler
Tom Ellison
Ken Forbes
Rogers Rogers
Alan Beatty
Ed Morphet
Ken Burkhard
Joel Schwartzkopf
Ty Smith
Denise Clynes
Jim Kincaid
Bernie Maynes

Kurt Sultzman
Jeff Baughman
Bob Blanco
Dan Maloy
Larry Hulse
John Gallison
Russ Mann
Brett Richter
Andy Miller
Mike Demma
Jay Bowser
Kevin Nelson
Frank Barela

**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**

4th Annual Bowl-A-Thon Challenge with Loveland

Date/Time:

Sunday, October 11, 2015 beginning at 11AM

Location:

Chipper's Lane 217 Horsetooth Road

Cost:

\$12.00 and Includes 2 games and shoes.

Fort Collins needs to keep the Bowling Trophy & Raise money for ENF!

Fort Collins will host lunch after the bowling.

Stop by the Lodge Office and Pick Up a Pledge Sheet & Sign up to Bowl. Pledges can be by the pin, total pins or flat fee and must be Paid by September 30th.



Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton Visits with Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks

Rams Football Beer Sales

The first two CSU football games in September were outstanding contests under new head coach Mike Bobo. Although the Rams won one and lost one, Elk volunteers scored big serving fans beer and earning \$680 in tips for Elks Help Special Needs.

Our total in beer sales for two games exceeds \$10,000. Since we get a percentage of the sales for the six home games, the Lodge and our charities stand to benefit greatly from our beer concession team's efforts.

If you would like to help out we could use another person for the Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m. game against Air Force and four people for the Nov. 14, 5:00 p.m. game vs. U.N.L.V. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the bar. GO RAMS!

Volunteer Coordinator!

Terri Lion saw the appeal for someone to organize volunteers for Lodge projects and she came forward to accept the challenge. As soon as we get a few more volunteers to sign up we'll organize work teams and set a date to take care of some much needed maintenance at #804.

If you could spare a few hours of your time to help, please ask Terri to put you on her list with your interests and availability.

A big thank you to Terri for stepping up to the plate.



Carmen Mendoza Elk of the Month for July

BAR BINGO

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

The Echo deadline for November is October 13th. Please send all Echo articles and information on events to joyce.bonanno@gmail.com



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



Tony Bonanno Being Installed as Loyal Knight

Secretary Notes Echo October 2015

Thanks to our members who volunteer at our events, attend Lodge Meetings and support our Club. The average cost to run the Lodge/Club (payroll, utilities, insurance, maintenance, phones, food and liquor purchases, office supplies and a number of other items) is approximately \$21,000.00 per month. Our membership dues average roughly \$48,000.00 per year. This is just enough to cover expenses for about two months. As you can see, it is critically important for our members to support the Lodge through volunteering and support of our restaurant and bar. If you have a special occasion – celebrate it at the Lodge. If you have friends or family who are having an event, suggest they use the Elks Lodge. Of course this is not free, but we can provide a competitive price compared to other venues in the Fort Collins area. These events are how we can continue to make our Lodge profitable.

The Board of Directors has taken action to control expenses. Often times these decisions are not popular, but have to be made. We are not immune to price increases for food and liquor and utilities. We have an investment account, but we cannot continue to take money out of this account to pay our bills. The Board is looking at ways to use the Lodge property to increase revenue. However, any item which has an expense of over \$25,000.00 needs Grand Lodge Approval. Grand Lodge reviews our Auditing and Accounting report from the past several years and they will be reluctant to give approval of any type of expenditure if we are not showing we can support Lodge expenses without using money out of our reserves. We are fortunate we own our Lodge and have three very healthy charitable accounts to support our charitable giving. Hugh Shepherd has worked hard the past two years to boost our bingo account by making sure the Lodge has the opportunity to participate in the legal purchase of pickles.

Membership is important to our Lodge as well. Without members we will not exist. We will be holding an open house at the Lodge on Thursday, November 5th. The objective of this event is to show case our Lodge and all we do for our community. Invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to visit us and find out what we do. Additional information on this event will be sent out on e-mail, through our Website and our Facebook account as well as advertising around the Fort Collins area in the few weeks.

Harold Anton did not find his membership number in the September Echo and lost out on a \$10.00 Gift Certificate to be used in the Club. Be sure and read the Echo to see if you can be a lucky winner. Speaking of the Echo, I have been doing the Echo for seven years. I feel it is time to get some fresh ideas for our newsletter. If you would be interested in doing the Echo, please stop by the office and I will provide you with additional information.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce Bonanno

Secretary Fort Collins Elks Lodge 804

A Message from the Loyal Knight

This past week has been a busy one for me as I have stepped into the challenging role of Loyal Knight. I will be working with the Board of Directors and Club Staff to fulfill the many duties of the chair. The Loyal Knight's duties include seeing that members are treated in a fair manner and the motto of the station is "justice". I'm honored to serve our Lodge and will do my duty to insure and protect the rights and privileges of our 804 members.

In an effort to help cut costs the decision has been made by our Club Manager, Bob Petri, and the Board of Directors to close the kitchen on Wednesdays for lunch. This is effective on Wednesday, October 7th. The reason for this decision is because over the past several months our lunch business on Wednesday has not covered the cost of paying the wages of a bartender and cook. This was a difficult decision, but had to be made. 4396

The Lodge Office will be opened at 10:00AM on Wednesday allowing members who would like to play cards keep their regular schedule on Wednesday. However, there will be no bar or lunch service.

The bar will open at 3PM on Wednesday and a drink special of .50 cents off all drinks will run from 4-6PM. A hot dinner item (buffet style) will be provided every Wednesday and will be available from 5-7PM for \$10.00. The monthly bridge players can take advantage of this service. We encourage members who come down on Wednesdays for the dinner to bring a dessert to share.

Fraternally, Tony Bonanno

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Car Show Winners Left to Right
- Antonio Salas 2nd Place, Cory
Shortridge 1st Place, Ryan
Ferguson 3rd Place

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

October 2015

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

Fri-Oct 2 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat-Oct 3 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
 Elktober Fest/Chili Cook-off

Sun-Oct 4 Breakfast 9-11:30AM \$7.00
 Lodge Open/Football

Mon-Oct 5 Lodge Closed

Tue-Oct 6 Lodge 7PM

Wed-Oct 7 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM

Fri-Oct 9 Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM
 Prime Rib Special
 Elks Only for Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat-Oct 10 Lodge Opens at Noon, Food Available

Sun-Oct 11 Lodge Open-Football
 ENF Bowling Challenge with Loveland

Mon-Oct 12 Lodge Closed During Day
 Westerns/Lounge Open-Evening

Tue-Oct 13 BOD Meeting 5:30PM

Wed-Oct 14 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 off all drinks 4-6M

Fri-Oct 16 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat-Oct 17 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available

Sun-Oct 18 Breakfast 9-11:30AM \$7.00
 Lodge Open/Football

Mon-Oct 19 Lodge Closed/NARF Lunch

Tue-Oct 20 Lodge Meeting 7PM/DD Visit

Wed-Oct 21 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM
 Bridge Night Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM

Fri-Oct 23 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Mystery Trip (10/23 to 10/25)

Sat-Oct 24 Lodge Opens at Noon, Food Available

Sun-Oct 25 Lodge Open for Football

Mon-Oct 26 Lodge Closed

Tue-Oct 27 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

Wed-Oct 28 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM

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

Sat-Oct 31 Lodge Opens at Noon
 Food Available

November 2015

Sun-Nov 1 Breakfast 9-11:30AM/\$7.00
 Open for Football/Daylight Savings Ends

Mon-Nov 2 Lodge Closed

Tue-Nov 3 Lodge Meeting 7PM

Wed-Nov 4 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM

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

Sat-Nov 7 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
 CSU Watch Party Time TBD

Sun-Nov 8 Lodge Open For Football

Mon-Nov 9 Lodge Closed During the Day
 Westerns' Dinner/Bar Open to Members

Tue-Nov 10 Board of Directors 5:30PM

Wed-Nov 11 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
 PER Meeting 5:30PM

Fri-Nov 13 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Prime Rib Special
 Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM

Sat-Nov 14 Lodge Open at Noon/Food Available

Sun-Nov 15 Lodge Open for Football
 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
 in the Lodge Room
 \$5.00 (In place of 3rd Sunday Breakfast)

Mon-Nov 16 Lodge Closed

Tue-Nov 17 Lodge Meeting – 7PM/DD Visit

Wed-Nov 18 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
 Bridge Night/Dinner 6PM
 Bridge 7PM

Fri-Nov 20 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM

Sat-Nov 21 Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available

Sun-Nov 22 Lodge Open for Football

Mon-Nov 23 Lodge Closed

Tues-Nov 24 Bob's Turkey Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM
 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM

Wed-Nov 25 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Pool 5:30PM/Food Available
 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM

Thu-Nov 26 Thanksgiving/Lodge Closed

Fri-Nov 27 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM
 Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM

Sat-Nov 28 Lodge Opens at Noon, Food Available

Sun-Nov 29 Lodge Open for Football

Mon-Nov 30 Lodge Closed



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Hours of Operation- Fall/Winter	
Saturday - Lodge Open at 12PM	
Sunday - Lodge Open for Football- 11AM	
Breakfast 1st and 3rd Sunday 9-11:30AM	
Office Hours	Closed Monday & Friday
Tuesday to Thursday	10AM-3PM
Club	
Monday	Club Closed
Tuesday	*11:30AM -10 PM
Wednesday	*Club Opens at 3PM
Thursday	*11:30AM - 10PM
Friday	*11:30AM - 11PM
Friday - Dinner Served 5:00 - 8PM - 2 nd Friday Is Prime Rib Special	
Lunch served Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11:30AM - 1:30PM	
Saturday	Lodge Open at 12PM
Lodge Meeting	First & Third Tuesday of the Month at 7PM
*Closing of Lounge is Bartender/Manager's Discretion	

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October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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