

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

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and Fidelity



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Brothers and Sisters-

In just 3 short weeks summer will be behind us! Of course fall brings the start of the NFL season. Don't forget the lodge will be open for football on Sundays. Also, don't forget to get your square for the Super Bowl pool. There will be a winner each quarter this year plus 16 good neighbors and another great party on Super Bowl Sunday for all participants. Details are available in the lounge area of the lodge.

The first week in August was the 75th Annual Black Hills Motor Classic in Sturgis, SD. I put 1200 miles on the Harley, 500 of it touring around the Black Hills for 3 days. What a beautiful place to ride! While I was on the road I was able to see 4 Elks lodges. Torrington, WY #1726, Lusk, WY #1797, Hot Springs, SD #1751 and Deadwood, SD #508. The problem was, with the exception of Hot Springs, I could only see them from the outside because they were closed, even though I visited at times 804 would be open. And, the only reason I saw the inside of Hot Springs

was because it was inside a local restaurant, they no longer have their own building. What a shame. 2 years ago on a ride to the west coast I had similar experiences at Vernal, UT #2375, Ely, NV #1469 and Susanville, CA #1487. I believe these are all stark examples of why member participation is so vital to our future. I shudder to think of the day when 804 no longer serves lunch, has a single special on Friday nights with no menu to order from, is only open on the nights of Lodge meetings, or the worst case scenario, meeting in someone else's facility because we no longer have one of our own. Unfortunately these situations are a reality for many lodges across the country.

I urge all members, especially those who haven't visited the lodge in some time, to make a commitment to attend an event in the coming months. As summer comes to a close we usually find ourselves with a little more free time. Fall would be a perfect time to stop in for Sunday breakfast, a nice lunch or a Friday night dinner, or even just a beer or cocktail at the bar. Consider attending the Family Picnic August 30th, Bronco Watch Party on Thursday, September 17th, the Elktoberfest October 3rd, or the New Year's Eve Party w/Kenny Cordova & the Olde Rock Band.

My term as Exalted Ruler is nearing the half way point. There are many of you that I know only by name, having seen it on our membership roster, in the Happy Birthday section of the Echo or maybe I've heard your name announced as missing out on your opportunity to win the Bean Pot or 804 Drawing. I would consider it both an honor and a privilege if at the end of my term I could say I met and shook hands with each and every member of Fort Collins Lodge #804. That achievement is not attainable without your help. Drop in, say hello, bring a friend, or maybe you'll run into an old one or make a new one. Every single membership is vital to the long term health of our Lodge, but without your participation, it will not be able to thrive! I hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally-

Mike Sutton

Exalted Ruler

Fort Collins 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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Loyal Knight	Open
Lecturing Knight	Leslie Barela
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Esquire	Tracey Callaghan
Inner Guard	Laura Salas
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplin	John Gallison
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1st Year Trustee	Cory Shortridge
Charitable Trustee	Josh Lehman
Charitable Trustee	Brad March
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Club Manager	Bob Petri

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

September

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

1 Gary Riedel	16 Bernie Maynes
5 Bill Botlz	17 Gene Fischer
5 Ken Roach	17 Ken Rodriguez
5 Edward Seitz	21 David Wilkerson
6 Keely Garren	24 Paul McDonald
9 William Button	24 Bob Petri
9 Jerry McDonnell	24 Jack Schreiner
11 Fritz Elliott	27 Ron Hefner
12 Tom Ellison	28 Terri Lion
14 John Merritt	28 Vern Schilling
15 Lynn Anduss	29 William Brenan
15 Fred Frantz	29 Clarence Streit
16 Robert Hoffner	30 Leslie Barela

Get Your Cold Beer Here!

Who would have thought that selling beer at CSU home games is not only financially rewarding but fun? Last season, Elk volunteers brought in over \$4000 dollars, benefitting the Lodge and charities we support.

Our booth is a popular one, and we do a very brisk business serving enthusiastic Ram football fans. It takes four to six people to efficiently pour, serve, and support the operation.

Although we had adequate help last year, we are hoping to increase the number of volunteers this season to allow our helpers a break between games.

There is a sign up sheet near the bar with the scheduled games and number of volunteers needed for each. If you would like to have a good time while contributing to our charitable work, sign up for a game or two. See Larry King or Mike Sutton for more details.

We have less than two months before the start of the season. We need to get the schedule organized soon. GO RAMS!

Fraternally yours,
Larry King
Leading Knight



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

Joyce Bonanno

Won Queen of Hearts Drawing and Donated \$300.00 to Elks Help Special Needs.



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Deanna Kerscher
Gary Perman
Paul Marrick
Fred Frantz
Kenny Burkhard
Dennis Marion
Rob Gilmour
Pam Miller
Richard Withey
Dave VanLanen
William Button
Rick Voden

Al Dillman
Jan Barela-Smith
Phil Riedesel
Ed Nix
Stan Schilling
Hal West
Ray Gefroh
Chris Slider
Kevin Nelson
Terri Lion
John Rinne
Tom Metcalf

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

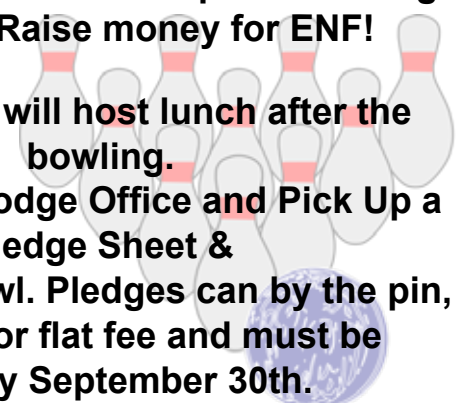
Cost:

\$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.



Invest in your community.



Consider a gift to the Elks National Foundation when reviewing your dues statement. Your gift supports the ENF's mission to help Elks build stronger communities, and you'll assist us in reaching our Lodge's per-capita goal.

You invest. You give back. You help Elks build stronger communities. To learn more about the Elks National Foundation, its grants, giving options or recognition opportunities, visit www.elks.org/enf.

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Lodge To Do List:

Maybe I needed to be more specific about my call last month for volunteers for projects that need to be completed around the lodge.

1. Install lights in bar area.
 2. Replace carpeting in front card room.
 3. Install lighting in front card room.
 4. Interior touch-up painting around the lodge.
 5. Help organize storerooms.
- If you can help with any of these projects please contact Larry King at 691-6847.

Wanted: Volunteer Coordinator!

Your Lodge is looking for an enthusiastic member to work with the Entertainment Committee, Lodge Secretary and Officers in organizing volunteers for lodge events and projects.

The successful candidate will review members' applications and contact those that have expressed a desire to volunteer in various capacities.

Please contact Leslie Barela, Joyce Bonnano, or any officer if you think you have the qualifications to meet this need.



Bill Rogers - Elk of the Month for June.

BAR BINGO

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

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



Where is this
for September Issue?

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

Handy With Tools?

As any homeowner or business owner knows, upkeep of the physical property is a never-ending necessity.

If you have experience as an electrician, carpenter, plumber, or any other trade and wouldn't mind giving a little of your time and expertise, our lodge could use your help. We have a number of projects and repairs that need to be taken care of right away.

Please contact Larry King or any Lodge officer for details.

From the chair of the Lecturing Knight

Hello Elks!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our lodge through the Summer months!

Football Season is here! Come to the lodge on Thursday, September 17 and cheer on your Denver Broncos as they play the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City! Bring your appetite, Hot Dogs and Brats will be served!

Can you Bugel Yet? There's been plenty of time for practice! How's your Chile Recipe coming along? Make sure you perfect them both for Saturday, October 3 when we have our First Elktober Fest! \$10 to enter your Chile, Free to Bugel! Deadline for Chile Entry payment is September 25. Chile Entries must be at the lodge no later than 4:00 pm on October 3rd. Please make sure you pick up the Chile Rules when you enter! Prizes will be awarded for both contests! Let's make this one of the best events yet! Just \$10 to get in to the Elktober Fest includes your Burrito Bar! Smother your burrito with your favorite homemade chile! Check at the lodge for Chile Entry Rules and Sign-up and most to get your ELKTOBER TICKETS!

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!

Keep these dates in mind: Saturday December 5 – Children's Shopping Spree – we need volunteers just as last year to chaperone each child during the shopping spree....Contact Cory and Dana Shorridge or myself. Sunday December 6 will be the Member's Christmas Party at the lodge, and Saturday, December 12 will be the Children's Christmas Party. As always, we need help to put on all of our events!

Lastly Bring Your Dancing Shoes to the Lodge on Thursday, December 31! Kenny Cordova and the Olde Rock Band will be here providing entertainment for New Year's Eve!

We always need volunteers for our events! Contact me or any member of the Entertainment Committee for more information.

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (September 22) at 5:30, come join us and bring your great ideas!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight

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Secretary's Notes

Echo September 2015

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Ron Hicks, has as his theme this year "Elks Pride-Community Focus". "It speaks to our responsibility to each other and to our obligation to the communities we serve." As Elks we need to always keep in mind how we want the community to view our Organization and strive to serve those in need.

Membership in our Order is important to allow us to continue the charitable work in our community. Participation at the Lodge by attending events, Lodge Meetings and supporting our Club will help maintain our facility. 4766 Without participation and membership we will cease to exist. Even if you cannot come down for every meeting or every event or every Friday night for dinner or help with every Charitable Event, make a point to stop by a few times a month. This is how to get to know other members and find out how you can help the Lodge be successful.

With the start of school – please be aware there will be children walking or riding their bikes to and from school.

With summer ending we are back to our regular schedule of Lodge Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the Month. We will be open on Sunday's during football season and Ralph will be bartending. Stop in and watch the game and visit with Ralph!

Thanks to all of the members who support our events, charitable work, volunteer at the Lodge and attend Lodge Meetings. Congratulations to Bill Rogers for being selected as Elk of the Month for June. Congratulations to Esquire Tracey Callaghan, Exalted Ruler, Mike Sutton and Trustee Cory Shortridge. Along with me, we sponsored three or more new members or reinstatements. Tiler Jim Chance is Chairman of the Hoop Shoot again this year. If you can help with this activity, let Jim know.

Welcome to three new members Tree Roecker, Annette Hoyt and Michael Mucci. Former member Bob Romine recently reinstated. I look forward to seeing these members at the Lodge Meetings and at our events. If you see someone "new" at the Lodge take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Kent Hendricks did not see his Membership Number is the August Echo and Lost out on a \$10.00 Gift Card.

Respectfully,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary/PER



New Members Annette Hoyt,
Michael Mucci & Tree Roecker



Cory Shortridge, Tracey
Callaghan, Joyce Bonanno &
Mike Sutton Received Awards
for Sponsoring 3 or more New
Members

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

September 2015

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

Tue-Sep 1	Lodge 7PM
Wed-Sep 2	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Fri-Sep 4	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30pm Colorado State Convention
Sat-Sep 5	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Colorado State Convention
Sun-Sep 6	Breakfast 9-11:30AM/Labor Day Weekend
Mon-Sep 7	Lodge Closed/Labor Day
Tue-Sep 8	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed-Sep 9	Horseshoes 5:30PM
Thu-Sep 10	Indoctrination New Candidates
Fri-Sep 11	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat-Sep 12	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Sep 13	Lodge Open/Football
Mon-Sep 14	Lodge Closed During Day Westerns Dinner/Lounge Open-Evening
Tue-Sep 15	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Wed-Sep 16	Horseshoes 5:30PM Food Available Bridge Night/Dinner 6PM Bridge 7PM
Thu-Sep 15	Bronco Watch Party Brats and Hot Dogs
Fri-Sep 18	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat-Sep 19	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun-Sep 20	Breakfast 9-11:30AM Lodge Open/Football
Mon-Sep 21	Lodge Closed/NARF Lunch
Tue-Sep 22	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed-Sep 23	Pool 5:30PM
Fri-Sep 25	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Sep 26	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Elktember Fest
Sun-Sep 27	Lodge Open/Football
Mon-Sep 28	Lodge Closed
Wed-Sep 30	Pool 5:30PM

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	Pool 5:30PM
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	Pool 5:30PM
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 Meeting
Wed-Oct 21	Pool 5:30PM 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	Pool 5:30PM
Fri-Oct 30	Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em 7PM
Sat-Oct 31	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available



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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION
 Saturday – Lodge Open 12PM
 Sunday – Lodge Open for Football
 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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September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lodge Meeting 7PM	2 Horseshoes / 5:30 Weather Permitting	3	4 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Colorado State Convention	5 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Colorado State Convention
6 Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Labor Day Weekend	7 Lodge Closed Labor Day	8 Board Meeting 5:30PM	9 Horseshoes / 5:30 Weather Permitting	10 Indoctrination New Candidates	11 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	12 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
13 Lodge Open/Football	14 Lodge Closed during the day Westerns Dinner/ Lounge Open-Evening	15 Lodge Meeting 7PM	16 Horseshoes / 5:30 Weather Permitting Dinner Bridge 6PM Bridge 7PM	17 Bronco Watch Party Brats and Hot Dogs	18 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	19 Lodge Open Food Available
20 Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Lodge Open/Football	21 Lodge Closed NARF Lunch	22 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	23 Pool 5:30PM	24	25 Friday Night Dinners 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only for Texas Hold em 7PM	26 Lodge Open Food Available Elktember Fest
27 Lodge Open/Football	28 Lodge Closed	29	30 Pool 5:30PM	31		