

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
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Brothers and Sisters-

As I realized this is my second to last article for the Echo. I reflected on how February is always kind of a dreary month. It's generally cold and grey with not much promise of anything changing very soon. You just have to tough it out and try to get to spring. At least it's only 28 days, although this year with "Leap Day", the wait is prolonged, knocking the rest of the year of balance by one day.

Several times in my life significant events happened in February. In February 1979, I was initiated into Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804. My dad's birthday is in February; he'll be 82 this year. When I was younger I enjoyed going up to Steamboat Springs for their Winter Carnival. Skiing was usually at its best and it was fun to watch the local cowboys do crazy things on skis. In February 28 years ago, I left the Eastman Kodak Company and went to work for Anheuser-Bush. It seems I didn't have much impact on either company. One is virtually gone and the other is foreign owned. For the last 12 years or so the Super Bowl has been in February. That's always something to look forward to, although, as a Raider fan, I haven't enjoyed one all that much since 1984. Both my sons were born in years the Raiders won their last two Championships. I hoped the birth of my grandsons would have the same effect, but no such luck. (By the way, if you haven't yet bought a square for the Super Bowl pool you may be out of luck, since it may be sold out by the time this issue goes to print. Check the board at the Lodge.)

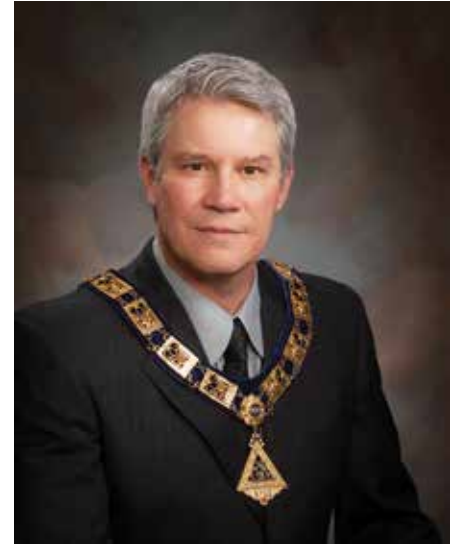
Our Lodge is open in February and I can't think of a better place to get out of the cold and enjoy some good food and drinks with friends and fellow Elk members. This month offers some good possibilities. The Entertainment Committee has planned a wonderful dinner to celebrate Valentine's Day. It's a lot easier to get reservations than some of the downtown restaurants and the price is much more reasonable. As always, we have our Lodge meeting on the first and third Tuesdays. Lodge meeting night dinners have been very good lately and, with new members and many old timers attending meetings regularly, it's a nice way to have a good time on a cold winter evening. Don't forget the Wednesday and Friday night dinners. And, on Fridays, good food and drinks are supplemented with either Bar Bingo or Poker. 804 is the place to be on the first and third Sunday for a nice breakfast.

I have been running the "Where Is this" feature in the Echo for the past several years, but its time has come to end. I have enjoyed trying to stump you every month and hope you had fun exploring Fort Collins and maybe discovering local landmarks you have overlooked. I know I did. Watch for the "Elks Activity Bingo" to replace it in April.

I hope to see you all at the Lodge soon!

Mike Sutton

Exalted Ruler 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
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1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Hugh Shepherd
Club Manager	Bob Petri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

February

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

1 William Feldman	13 Robert Ellis
1 Kelly Freed	13 Stephen Vessey
1 Bill Smith	15 Scott Cumings
2 Dana Geyer	17 Joel Schwartzkopf
2 Ken Horne	18 David Bishop
2 Irvin Trout	18 Steve Rumpler
4 Michael Campbell	20 Mike Cova
4 Donald Svedman	20 Richard Hammond
5 Larry Hulse	20 Michael Mucci
8 Robert Brawand	20 Richard Withey
8 Joe McCarthy	21 Lawrence Oligmueller
10 Robert Blanco	22 Timothy Burge
10 Timothy Romshek	27 Carmen Mendoza
10 Laura Salas	27 Virginia (Gina) Serano
11 Rick Vodden	29 George Krueger



New Members
Carolyn Goodwin and Mary Corcoran



Treasurer Charlie Thomas Receiving Officer Of the Quarter

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

Happy Elk Joyce Bonanno
- Won \$50.00 on the Bean Pot.



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Jack Schreiner
Jeff Baughman
Naveed Rizvi
Josh Lehman
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Ethan Unger
Larry Hulse
Lee Skrdlant
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Kim Slack
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Greg Dyer
Mike Zaloudek
Jim Mclver
Sean Shrotridge
Eric Lea
Skip Walker

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

From the Station of the Leading Knight

There's a New Kid on the Block

We've all experienced it at one time in our lives. Whether moving to a new neighborhood, changing jobs, joining a new church, or becoming a new member of an organization such as the Elks. You feel a little uncomfortable, out of place, a bit awkward maybe.

I remember the first time I walked into #804 alone. I was greeted in a very welcoming and friend manner by Brother Ralph, who was tending bar. He made me feel at ease right away by asking a few questions and telling me a bit about himself. I thought, wow, I think I'm going to like it here. Fortunately for me, I knew a few of the members already, and that also relieved some of my anxiety about joining a new group.

Some of our newest members; who may only know their sponsor, might be going through those same awkward, apprehensive feelings the few times they visit the Lodge. Those of us who have been members for a while are usually aware of new faces in our midst. Whether a visiting member from another Lodge, a guest of one of our own members, or a new member, we need to remember show them that we are "The Best People on Earth" by greeting and immediately welcoming them to #804. Who knows? That new kid on the block might just become a good friend.

Larry King – Leading Knight

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From the Station of Loyal Knight

The Loyal Knight and the House Committee wish the members of Lodge 804 and their families a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to an active and fun filled 2016 at our Lodge home.

Although you may notice a chill in the weather outside you will see our new warming stations activated in the lodge room and lounge area inside. The new warming stations have already proven to be an efficient and effective way for our staff to better serve our members and banquet guests for Lodge events.

Another agenda item for the House Committee in 2016 is to create coordinated dress code for our servers, bar, and kitchen staff. Bob and Matt will be working with our staff to select the appropriate work apparel that will create a team look. Please compliment your server and let them know you recognize their new apparel.

An added agenda item for this coming spring is to have the Loyal Knight coordinate with other lodge committees to sponsor a Deadwood, South Dakota trip with visitation to Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument. Interested members should stay tuned for details and sign-up for this popular trip.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno – Loyal Knight



Where is this for February 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

BAR BINGO

1st & 3rd Friday of the Month

Starting At 6:30PM

\$1.00 Regular Game per Card

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From the Station of Lecturing Knight

Hello Everybody!

February sure got here fast! We have a Plated Valentine’s Day Dinner planned for Saturday, February 13, 2016. 5:30-6:00 Cocktails, We will seat around 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this event! You do not need a Valentine to come, WE ♥ ELKS! *10oz Choice Sirloin Steak - Broiled to Order - Topped with Fresh Mushrooms, Served with Baked Potato *OR*Center Cut Pork Chop - Stuffed with Wild Rice and Fresh Mushrooms Baked in a Light Cream Sauce, Served with Baked Potato *OR*Broiled Cod - Topped with Herb Lemon Cream Sauce, Served with Wild RiceChoose your favorite when you buy your tickets at the bar! All items served with fresh fruit garnish, tossed salad, vegetable and dinner rolls. Make sure you save room, because you’ll also have your Choice of Strawberry or Peach Short Cake with Whipped Topping for dessert! All Menu Items will be \$18.00 Plus Tax and Tip.

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (February 23) at 5:30, if you’d like to be involved with planning our events, we’d love to have you!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela – Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight

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

Our Departed Members

Their Virtues are written upon the
Tablets of Love and Memory

A.T. Ship Young III
01/05/1944 – 10/19/2015
50 Year Member

Mike D. Morgan
06/30/1948 – 10/29/2016
8 Year Member

Thomas Herring
07/05/1944 – 12/18/2015
53 Year Member

Phillip White – Veteran World War II
11/25/1925 – 12/23/2015
51 Year Member





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Secretary Notes –February 2016

February is a busy month at the Lodge. This is when we prepare our budget for the coming year, start preparations for our audit and, most important, nominate and elect Lodge Officers. A successful Lodge needs dedicated, energetic leaders. Being an Officer is more than simply showing up twice a month for Lodge Meetings. An officer’s time commitment can affect family, church, job and recreation. Officers have “out of pocket” travel and food expenses. They must have a strong working knowledge of the Elks on State and National levels, as well as being familiar with regulations and the by-laws of their local Lodge and understand how to apply the Statutes of the Order. Predictability, punctuality, dependability, participation and a positive attitude describe attributes of an Officer. Becoming an officer carries an obligation to follow through on commitments. This is essential since Lodge members and fellow officers count on you. While this may seem like a big undertaking, it is also a very rewarding experience. Through the role of an officer, you form the path we take and you help reinforce the foundation that makes the Elks such a great organization. The Order of Elks is a great Organization. It is a place where neighbors come together, meals are shared and our children grow up around people who support the community through charitable work. This is passed on generation to generation and will make our communities strong. Nominations will be made at the Tuesday, February 2nd meeting. Plan to attend. 6761

Side Notes:

- Rick Vodden did not find his membership number in the January Echo and lost out on \$10.00 gift certificate for food or drinks.
- Membership dues need to be paid by March 31, 2016. The key card locks will be changed early on April 1st. If you do not have a 2016-2017 (green card) you will not be allowed to use the Club or Lodge.
- The Lodge needs volunteer help with events: set up, working events and cleaning up after the event. If you have special skills such as electrical, plumbing, construction or general maintenance we could use you. Contact Terri Lion, Volunteer Coordinator, at biker2lion@msn.com
- Associate Members – you must provide proof of Membership in your “Home Lodge” – 2016-2017 before an Associate Card can be issued. Annotated Statutes XIV, Sec. 14.130-07 & 09 “An associate Member of a Lodge has the right to use the social quarters as prescribed by the Lodge allowing such membership. The associate Member has no right to vote, hold office or become a member of a committee in the Lodge in which he or she is an associate Member.” “The membership of the Lodge shall have ultimate control over who is granted Associated Membership privileges”

Fraternally ,

Joyce Bonanno

Secretary, Fort Collins Elks 804

Dinner Event Saturday, February 13, 2016

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner Service Begins

*10oz Choice Sirloin Steak - Broiled to Order - Topped with Fresh Mushrooms, Served with Baked Potato

*Center Cut Pork Chop - Stuffed with Wild Rice and Fresh Mushrooms Baked in a Light Cream Sauce, Served with Baked Potato

*Broiled Cod - Topped with Herb Lemon Cream Sauce, Served with Wild Rice

All items served with fresh fruit garnish, tossed salad, vegetable and dinner rolls. Dessert: Choice of Strawberry or Peach Short Cake with Whipped Topping.

\$18.00/Plate Plus Tax and Tip

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the bar

XOXOXO

We  Elks!



No Valentine Necessary!



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

February 2016

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

Mon Feb 1	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 2	Lodge Meeting 7PM
	Nomination of Officers 2016-2017
Wed Feb 3	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Fri Feb 5	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 6	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 7	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
	Super Bowl 50 Lodge Open
Mon Feb 8	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 9	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Feb 10	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
Fri Feb 12	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Prime Rib Special
	Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Feb 13	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
	Valentine Dinner Party
Sun Feb 14	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 15	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 16	Lodge Meeting 7PM
	Vote for Officers 2016-2017
Wed Feb 17	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
	Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM- Bridge 7PM
Fri Feb 19	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 20	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 21	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
Mon Feb 22	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 23	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Feb 24	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Fri Feb 26	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM
	Elks Only Texas Hold-em
Sat Feb 27	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 28	Lodge Closed
Mon Feb 29	Lodge Closed

March 2016

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

Tue Mar 1	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Mar 2	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Fri Mar 4	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 5	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 6	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
Mon Mar 7	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 8	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Mar 9	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
Fri Mar 11	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Prime Rib Special
	Elks Only Omaha Poker
Sat Mar 12	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 13	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 14	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 15	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Mar 16	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
	Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM-Bridge 7PM
Fri Mar 18	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
	Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Mar 19	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 20	Lodge Closed
Mon Mar 21	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 22	Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
Wed Mar 23	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Fri Mar 25	Good Friday- Dinner 5-8PM
	Elks Only Texas Hold-em
Sat Mar 26	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Mar 27	Easter
Mon Mar 28	Lodge Closed
Tue Mar 29	Lodge Open
Wed Mar 30	Lodge Opens at 3PM
	Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
	.50 Off all drinks 4-6PM



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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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February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lodge Closed	2 Lodge Meeting 7PM Nomination of Officers 2016-2017	3 Lodge Opens at 3PM DINNER 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM	4	5 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	6 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
7 Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Super Bowl 50 Lodge Open	8 Lodge Closed	9 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM	10 Lodge Opens at 3PM DINNER 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM	11	12 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	13 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available Valentines Dinner Party
14 Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Closed	16 Lodge Meeting 7PM Vote for Officers 2016-2017	17 Lodge Opens at 3PM DINNER 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Dinner Bridge- Dinner 6PM- Bridge 7PM	18	19 Friday Night Dinners 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	20 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
21 Sunday Breakfast 9-11:30AM	22 Lodge Closed	23 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	24 Lodge Opens at 3PM DINNER 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM	25	26 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em Lodge Room 7PM	27 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
28 Lodge Closed	29 Lodge Closed					