

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

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love
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Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters!

I pray that 2016 brings health, happiness and success in all endeavors to each of you and your families.

As we begin the new year, it is a time to reflect on the year that has passed and look forward with anticipation to the year that lies ahead. I am sure that many of you, like myself, consider our Lodge membership to be an extension of our own families. And, like any family, we have celebrated successes, struggled through pitfalls, paid our respects to departed members, worried about those that had fallen on hard times and welcomed new members with open arms. Through it all, the Fort Collins Elks Lodge built on its solid foundation and grew stronger in the past year. I thank each of you for your continued commitment and contributions. Our strong core of officers, active members and volunteers looked at the past and improved on our future. Many of our long standing and signature events continue to improve. This past year our scholarship presentations and the Americanism program were at their best. The Flag Day ceremony continues to improve and is well attended. We continue to make significant contributions to the community and are getting better at being in the public eye and receiving recognition for the good work we do. Our Veterans programs are strong and well appreciated. And, this year, thanks to our members who hunt and support wildlife conservation, we donated 3 hides to the leather program which provides gloves to the disabled Veterans in wheelchairs for the first time in several years. The entertainment committee provided us with several events through the year that keep improving on the previous year and the membership that attends these events recognize and appreciate your effort. Boy Scout Troop #87 held their annual breakfast at our lodge and paid us special recognition for our continued support. The Mystery trip to Glenwood Springs by train, which I sadly couldn't attend, was by all reports, outstanding! Our 'Elks Helps Special Needs' fund benefitted once again from our members who volunteered at our beer booth at the CSU home football games. The Children's Shopping Spree, which this year included bikes for each of the children, has become an event for which this Lodge will garner praise from our community for years to come. And finally, at year's end, our Memorial Service which honors the members we lost during the year, was dignified by the heartfelt performance of our officers, members and spouses performing the ceremony.

Personally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your friendship, help and support during this past year. As I move into the closing months of my term as Exalted Ruler of your Lodge, be assured that I will continue to be honored and proud of the confidence you have bestowed upon me and that I will work hard to merit your approval in the months ahead.

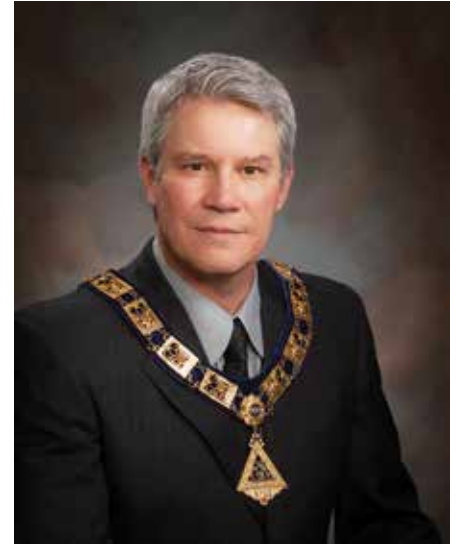
All the Best in the New Year!

I hope to see you all at the Lodge!

Fraternally-

Mike Sutton

Exalted Ruler, Fort Collins Lodge #804



**Welcome
New Employee
Andrea Moncayo**



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 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Mike Sutton
Leading Knight	Larry King
Loyal Knight	Tony Bonanno
Lecturing Knight	Leslie Barela
Secretary	Joyce Bonanno
Treasurer	Charlie Thomas
Esquire	Tracey Callaghan
Inner Guard	Laura Salas
Tiler	Jim Chance
Chaplin	John Gallison
Head Trustee	Joe McCarthy
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1st Year Trustee	Cory Shortridge
Charitable Trustee	Josh Lehman
Charitable Trustee	Brad March
Presiding Justice	Brad March
1st Rep to Grand Lodge	Hugh Shepherd
Club Manager	Bob Petri

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

January

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

1 Annete Hoyt	18 John Rudnicki
2 Al Minatta	19 Dean Gebhardt
3 Stan Cole	20 Mark Naber
3 Bob Matney	21 Brett Richter
5 Edwin Cudyk	23 Katherine Callaghan
10 Don Heineman	24 Albert Gebhardt
12 Darrow Clark	26 Edward Heinze
13 Randy Kettenhofen	26 Eric Lea
13 John Schmidt	26 Brian Muse
15 Gene Markley	26 James Rhoades
16 Bob Coulter	27 Mark Habel
16 Kevin Frazier	28 Travis Morrison
16 Tim Stulz	29 Robert Becker
16 Doug Trembly	29 Bob Romine
18 Paul Kohler	



New Members

Doug Stevens, Mike Cova, Tom Griesel, Travis Morrison, Tim Burge & Kristen Coley

Quality Meat for a Great Price

A few smart folks took advantage of the great price on the Sirloin trimmings offered by Club Manger, Bob Petri, last month. He still has a number of these lean and tender cuts available for you to purchase at \$4.50 per pound.

These four to five pound packages are great for stew, chili, stroganoff, fajitas, etc. Stop in and see Bob during the week to take advantage of this great bargain.



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

Bob Coulter Won \$400.00 - 804 Attendance Drawing at Lodge Meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. It pays to come to Lodge!
Richard Rein won \$160.00 - On the Bean Pot Drawing. Richard's Name was Drawn on Sunday, December 13th.



SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!



Peter Callaghan
Gene Fischer
Brian Zick
Flory Peterson
Skip Walker
Mike Brown
Donald Wenzel
Ralph Schledewitz
Hugh Hiigel
Dave Swinehart
Terri Lion

Mike Demma
John Rinne
Brett Richter
Frank Barela
Steve Diltz
Lloyd Pearl
Ed Nix
Cecil Jacobs
Jay Bowser
Denise Clynes
Matt Davis
Brian Muse

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 Loyal Knight

We have had a busy month at 804 hosting several large banquets and parties and working to improve our facility. I would like to extend a much deserved thanks to Ken Clark, Tom Griesel, John Rudnicki, Dominic Hedinger and Rob Gilmour for doing the necessary electrical work to hook up our new warmers in the lodge room and lounge area. Once Bob puts the finishing touches on the units we can say good-bye to carting hot water and lighting sterno pots to keep our food warm.

Our second order of business was to begin using a generous pour of 1.5 ounce jiggers for mixed drinks at the bar. Our use of the jiggers allows for responsible monitoring of our pours for are members and helps staff in keeping an inventory of our products.

Finally, on behalf of all of the officers, staff, and members I would like to thank Brother Ralph Jordan for his 30 plus years of service to Elks Lodge 804. While Ralph has decided to retire from bartending, we hope to share many hours with him cheering on the Broncos and sharing good times at the lodge.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Loyal Knight - Lodge 804

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From the Lecturing Knight

Happy New Year Brother and Sister Elks!

Wow! Happy 2016! We had an amazing ending to 2015!

We started out our month with the Children's Shopping Spree and Bike Give Away on December 5! We had more than 40 Volunteers for this event and that is what made it GREAT! Give yourselves a pat on the back, this Elks Lodge did wonders for 28 children that day. Each child shopped at Kohl's and had \$100 to spend courtesy of our lodge as well as a grant we received from Grand Lodge that was written by our Secretary Joyce; they were then invited back to the lodge for cookies and hot cocoa as another crew of members had each child's bike ready to go. Thank you to everyone who participated, it was amazing! There were so many thankful parents and children, as well as lots of Elks with happy hearts.

We then then celebrated our Brother and Sisterhood with a Christmas pot luck and a Bronco game, it was a Win, Win!

The Children's Christmas party was a hit with a both a balloon artist and face painter. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for that event as well, we couldn't have done it without you!

A special thanks to Mike Demma for volunteering to come to our Christmas party as Santa Claus himself.

We ended the year at 804 with a wonderful night of dancing and great music for New Year's Eve! Thanks to everyone, we are looking forward to a Prosperous 2016!

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

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

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight

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



Chris and Terri Lion Receiving Elk of the Month for November



Where is this for January 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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is a proud sponsor of
Boy Scout Troop 87



DDGER Sheril Wynne Presentng PER Cory Shortridge with a Merit Award for Achieving A Plus Membership during his Term.

King Soopers and Safeway Gift Cards

Wow, what a great response our members showed by purchasing grocery store gift cards in December. Sales of King Soopers and Safeway Reloadable cards has totalled thirty-five so far. I have ordered ten additional cards for those members who haven't had the chance to buy one.

Remember, **five percent** of every dollar you spend on groceries will come directly to our lodge to help with the charities we support. Individually that may not sound like a big deal, but if say 50 members spent an average of **\$200 per month** on groceries it would mean **\$500 per month** deposited in our Lodge account.

It is a very simple process to take advantage of the program and I will be happy to explain how it works if you would like to participate. There is no cost to you, and you still earn and can use all of the rewards points you normally get when you use your store card.

Many thanks to all who have already purchased and are using the cards. Next month I hope to be able to report on the money deposited to the Lodge account due to this great program.

Please contact Joyce Bonanno or Larry King for more information.

Leading Knight
Larry King



2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Members Who Participated In the Shopping Spree.
Thanks to each of you!



BINGO

Hello Bingo lovers! Our Friday night Bar Bingo games are very popular, however we are in need of more volunteers to call and circle numbers. Hugh puts in a lot of evenings calling Bingo for us, but he would probably like a break once in a while.

It's time for some new faces up there in front of those bright lights! For those of you that enjoy playing, why not let your friend or spouse play your Bingo card for the evening while you enjoy your one and a half hour of fame!

Just one evening every few months or so is all we ask. Grab a friend and get signed up for one heck of a good time.

If we don't get enough volunteers, we may have to resort to extreme measures, such as, Larry King calling and Peter Callahan circling.

A bit scary, no?

Seriously now,

Barb King

Guest Columnist



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Secretary Notes – January 2016 Echo

Membership due notices will be sent out in late January. Cards for the 2016-2017 Lodge year will be green. The card readers will change on April 1, 2016. You must have a new membership card by Friday, April 1st for entry into the Lodge. Only members in good standing (dues paid) are allowed to use the Club and attend Lodge Meetings. Regular Member dues are \$168.00, Life Member Dues are \$93.00, Associate Dues are \$50.00 and a spouse card is \$5.00. If you cannot pay your dues in full, we do accept half year dues – the first half for Regular Members is \$93.00 – must be paid prior to April 1, 2016. The remainder of \$75.00 must be paid by October 1, 2016. The first half for Life Members is \$50.50 – must be paid prior to April 1, 2016. The remainder of \$42.50 must be paid by October 1, 2016.

Brett Richter did not find his membership number in the December Echo and lost out on a \$10.00 Gift Certificate. 8102

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the Lodge in the coming months.
Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary, Fort Collins Elks 804

Fran Black Celebrating 93rd Birthday



Boy Scout Leaf Clean Up Day



The Memorial Service



Candle Lighters Kathy Novosad and Ralph Williams



Memorial Service Leading Knight Larry King

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

January 2016

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

Fri Jan 01	New Year's Day/Lodge Closed
Sat Jan 02	Lodge Opens at Noon, Food Available
Sun Jan 03	Breakfast 9:00-11:30AM Bronco's VS Chargers @ 2:25PM
Mon Jan 04	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 05	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 06	Lodge Opens at 3PM Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
Fri Jan 08	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Jan 09	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Wild Card Round
Sun Jan 10	Lodge Open/Wild Card Round
Mon Jan 11	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 12	Board of Directors 5:30PM
Wed Jan 13	Lodge Opens at 3PM Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
Fri Jan 15	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Jan 16	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Divisional Round
Sun Jan 17	Breakfast 9-11:30AM Divisional Round
Mon Jan 18	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 19	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Jan 20	Lodge Opens at 3PM Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage Bridge @ 7PM
Fri Jan 22	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat Jan 23	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Jan 24	Lodge Open/Conference Championships
Mon Jan 25	Lodge Closed
Tue Jan 26	Entertainment Committee Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Jan 27	Lodge Opens at 3PM Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off All drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
Fri Jan 29	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elk Members Only Texas-Hold Em Winter Quarterly Colorado Springs
Sat Jan 30	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Winter Quarterly Colorado Springs
Sun Jan 31	Lodge Closed Winter Quarterly Colorado Springs

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 Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
Fri Feb 5	Friday Night Dinner 5:00-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Feb 6	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Feb 7	Breakfast 9:00-11:30AM Super Bowl 50 – Lodge Open
Mon Feb 8	Lodge Closed
Tue Feb 9	Board Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Feb 10	Lodge Opens at 3PM Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
Fri Feb 12	Friday Night Dinner 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 Buffet 5-7PM \$10.00 .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 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 Buffet 5-&PM \$10.00 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage
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



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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 - 2nd 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

Needed from Members:
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January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	2 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
3 Breakfast 9AM-11:30 Broncos vs Chargers 2:25 PM	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Meeting 7PM	6 Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	7	8 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	9 Lodge Open at Noon Wild Card Round Food Available
10 Lodge Open/Wild Card Round	11 Lodge Closed	12 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM	13 Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	14	15 Friday Night Dinners 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM	16 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
17 Sunday Breakfast 9-11:30AM Divisional Round	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lodge Meeting 7PM	20 Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	21	22 Friday Night Dinners 5:00 - 8PM	23 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
24 31	25 Lodge Closed	26 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM Lodge Open	27 Lodge Opens at 3PM BUFFET 5-7PM \$10 .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage	28	29 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em Lodge Room 7PM	30