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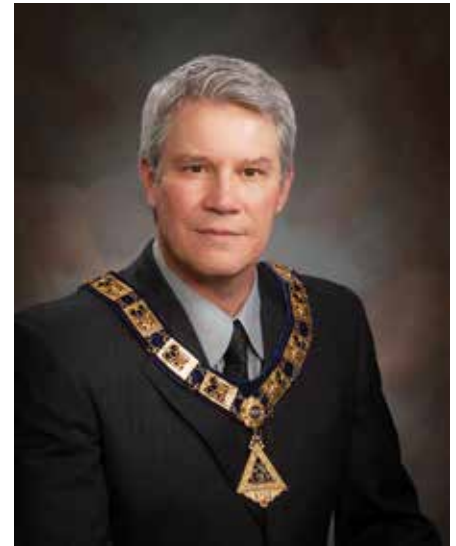
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Fort Collins Lodge #804

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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Brothers and Sisters-

The month of March brings us Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick's Day, the Spring Equinox, Easter Sunday and, of course, March Madness. It will also bring me to the end of my term as Exalted Ruler of Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804. I would like to thank each of you for your part in making this past year an enjoyable and memorable experience. I count myself lucky to have met and bonded with so many of you during my 5 years as an Officer of the Lodge. I truly consider you part of my extended family and I thank each of you for your support. To my immediate family at home, Tammy and Taylor, thank you for your support and understanding during my many absences from the dinner table these past few years. I have been fortunate to have a wonderful team of Officers: thank you for your commitment and hard work. It has been a privilege to serve with each of you. To the many members who serve on committees and those who are always willing to lend a hand when needed, you are the heart and soul of our Lodge. To Club Manager, Bob Petri and his staff, you are a big reason our Lodge is thriving. We couldn't do it without you. And finally, a special thanks to our Secretary, Joyce Bonanno, the successes our Lodge celebrated during my term would not have been possible without your guidance and support. Again, my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you!



The Fort Collins Elks Lodge is truly a success story. As the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nears its 150th anniversary in February of 2018, Lodge #804 is celebrating its 114th year. Our membership is now over 400 strong for the first time in many years. Our ENF per Capita donation is among the leaders of Colorado Lodges. We are being recognized more often in the local newspaper and publications for the contributions we make to our community. Our charitable events and functions, such as the Scholarship Program, the Americanism Essay Contest, our support of Veterans, the Flag Day Ceremony, the Children's Shopping Spree, Elks Help Special Needs, our booth at CSU home football games and the many other efforts, define us as an organization. We are strong and growing but, we could be stronger. Participation is the key. I encourage all members to be more active: attend a Lodge Meeting, serve on a committee, attend one of the many events put on by our Entertainment Committee or sponsor a new member. Drop in for lunch, a Sunday breakfast or a Wednesday night buffet. Our Friday night dinners are being very well attended, but we can always accommodate a few more. We should all be proud to be part of the great brotherhood of Elks and members of a local Lodge that is growing and doing so much for our community. But, we can only continue to grow and thrive through the active participation of our members at every level.

In closing, I feel it has been both an honor and a pleasure serving as the 111th Exalted Ruler of Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804. I appreciate the trust you put in me in allowing me to serve. Also, in the coming year please be equally supportive of our incoming Exalted Ruler, Larry King and his team of Officers. With their hard work and our support, we will continue to push Lodge #804 to new heights.

See you at the Lodge soon-

Respectively and Fraternally

Mike Sutton

Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge 804

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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Keep Using Those Grocery Gift Cards

Who would have thought that just through regular grocery shopping our members would earn \$451.97 for our Lodge charities? Last week we received our first rebate from King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards program. Jointly, we hit the \$5000 mark in purchases which brought us our first check. Here are a few tips to help make the check-out process easy:

- Know how much remains on your card by writing down the remaining amount printed on your receipt from your last shopping trip and keeping it in your wallet.
• If you need to add money, have your cash, check, or debit card ready to give the cashier along with your gift card before she/he begins processing your order.
• If your monthly shopping costs are pretty consistent, consider loading that amount at the beginning of the month. That eliminates having to reload your card each time you shop.
• Pay with the gift card after you have swiped your regular store rewards card.
• Save your receipt so you can write down your new gift card balance.

Remember, just about all of your purchases qualify for the 5% rebate including gasoline and prescriptions. So load and use those cards to benefit a great cause – Lodge #804's charitable work.

Leading Knight
Larry King

Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804
Officers 2015 - 2016

Table listing officers for Fort Collins Elks Lodge #804: 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), 2nd Year Trustee (Ron Hefner), 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).

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.

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

We have had a busy month at Lodge #804 with more than 100 members and guests attending our Friday night activities these past several weeks. I hope everyone has enjoyed the food and atmosphere at the Lodge as we continue to upgrade our menu items and adjust our staffing to the increased participation.

Our Deadwood, South Dakota trip to the Gulch Resort and Casino for May 13th, 14th, and 15th has started to fill with paid reservations. We have 21 rooms reserved and 42 spaces on the bus (\$200.00 per person Double Occupancy). Some singles are available at a higher rate. Call the Lodge or see Tony Bonanno or Hugh Shephard for further details. As of this writing (2/15/16)14 rooms are still available. Our past trips to Deadwood have sold out and this one appears to shaping up to be a good time for everyone involved.

Our new staff apparel is on order and the bar, service, and kitchen team should be outfitted soon. If you like the new look a friendly comment would be appreciated. Our single motivation is to make your experience at Lodge 804 increasingly enjoyable. Several Elks officers and members from other state lodges visited 804 this past week and commented on our great facility, participation, and the quality of food offerings and service. We should all be proud of that type of recognition.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno
Loyal Knight #804



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

Hello Fellow Elks!

We had a wonderful time at our Valentine's Dinner on February 13. Great food, great conversation, and GREAT ELKS! Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed. With this being our last month of the fiscal year, we are coming to a close on what was a wonderful year! Thanks to every Elk in 804 who made a commitment to being a 'true and loyal member among us.' We are lucky to have you!

Sunday, March 28th is Easter and we will be hosting an Easter Brunch. We will release more details as it gets closer.

I am really excited to announce that I have a *NEW EVENT* Coming in April! I am planning a Bunco Night for Ladies! There will be a \$12 buy-in amount that will include dinner for everyone and prizes for Most Buncos, Most Wins, Most Baby Buncos and Most Losses. For those that don't know, Bunco is a simple dice game that necessitates 12 people to play. Everyone is welcome, Experienced and *NEW* Players alike! If need be, we will have room for 24 players (2 games). Anyone is welcome, come on down and learn to play Bunco! The Bunco Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board. Our first Bunco will be Thursday, April 21, 2016, payment must be made to me by April 7th. Please remember we need everyone who signs up to come! I am so excited for this event and, if it is a success, we will continue to host Ladies' Bunco Nights!

Our Entertainment Committee meets the Fourth Tuesday of the Month (March 22) at 5:30, if you'd like to be involved with planning our events, we'd love to have you!

Fraternally,
Leslie Barela
Lecturing Knight



New Members Tim Cumings, Jim Eisaman & Jim Ivory



New Members Front Row Mike Terhaggen, Jacqelin Terhaggen, Janet Estes & Larry Beverly. Back Row Ray Mullins, Tyler Shurigar, Dusty Kiggins & Steve Purdy



Kay Rios Elks of the Month for December with Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton

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



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Secretary Notes – March 2016

Member dues must be paid by March 31, 2016. If you have not received your 2016-2017 Membership statement, please contact me at 493-3777. For the members who have sent in their dues - thank you. Your membership card will be mailed to you by the first week of March.

With Lodge year 2015-2016 ending, I thank all of the members who have strengthened our Lodge by attending entertainment activities, charitable events, Lodge meetings and by sponsoring new members. Membership is the life blood of our Organization. A big thanks to Bob Petri and his staff for the incredible job they do in the bar and restaurant. We do not say it enough, but your efforts are really appreciated. Exalted Ruler, Mike Sutton, you had an outstanding term leading our Lodge to many successes. To Mike's Officers – thank you for your time and work over the past year in support of the Lodge.

As always, remember that our mission statement is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs demonstrating that "Elks Care Elks Share."

Other Notes:

- If you drive a large truck please park in the north parking lot or toward the front of the building. Because of the foyer entrance on the North Side, the space is limited on the drive way and it is hard for vehicles to pass the building if there is also large truck parked in the parking space(s).

- Join us for Easter Breakfast Brunch 10:00AM-1:00PM on Sunday, March 27th for \$10.00 (Tax Included) Reservations not required. Menu: Biscuits and sausage gravy, bacon, enchilada casserole, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pastries, toast, coffee and juice.

- Officer Installation will be on Saturday, April 2nd. Beginning with Installation at 5:00PM, Cocktails (cash bar) 5:45PM, dinner 6:30PM. (\$15.00) Menu: Sliced Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Red Potatoes, Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Celebration Cake. Reservations and Payment are required in advance for dinner. Join the celebration and welcome our new officers.

Fraternally, Joyce Bonanno
Secretary Fort Collins Lodge 804

The Echo deadline for April is March 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

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Volunteer Activities



Joel Schwartzkopf Receiving Elks National Foundation's Bronze Cumulative giving level, having donated a total of \$5,000.00 or more to the foundation.

Thumbs Up to members of the local Elks Lodge #804, Realities for Children, Bike Coop and Kohl's for making the Elk's annual Children's Shopping Spree a success. Referrals from Realities for Children provided the names for the Shopping Spree and Lodge members were matched with the kids to help facilitate the event. At Kohl's, each child was provided \$100 to spend on clothing. In addition, Kohl's provided a 25 percent discount on all items which brought that amount closer to \$130 for spending. Funding was provided by a \$2000 grant from the Elks National Foundation and \$1000 from the local Lodge. After shopping, the children and their parents/guardians returned to the Lodge where each child received an age appropriate bike. Ten of the bikes were supplied by the Bike Coop and the remainder purchased by the Lodge for an additional \$1500.

Run on 2/7/16 Fort Collins Coloradoan

**B.P.O.E. #804
is a proud sponsor of
Boy Scout Troop 87**

8th Annual Flying Pig 5K Run/Walk

Sunday – April 10th, 2016
8:30AM

Spring Canyon Park

Benefit for The Foothills Gateway, Inc.
Family Support Services Program

If you can help at the 804 table handing out water, contact Tony Bonanno. If you would like to participate in the run/walk registration forms are available in the Lodge Office.

Moving a Veteran!

On Saturday, January 30th members Hugh Hiigel, Fed Frantz, Roger Rogers, Cory Shortridge, Dusty Kiggins, Al Dillman and Lee Thompson, as well as Mike Demma, Jr., spent a total of 50 man hours to move a Veteran out of his current apartment to a larger residence. Thanks for your support of a Veteran in our community who needed help.

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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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 posted 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 Happy Elks To Report

SAD ELKS

You missed your opportunity!

Deanna Kerscher
Kevin Nelson
Jim Cooper
Dean Rydholm
Paul Kohler
Ron Hefner
Alice Anton
Robert Becker
Matt Davis
Lee Thompson
Josh Lehman

Ed Nix
Jerry Schott
Dan Bailey
Bruce Potter
Mike Cova
Janell Barker
Charles Irvin
Bob Wingert
Tree Roecker
Joe Lucero



Tony Bonanno Receiving Award for 1st Place Loyal Knight Chair Challenge at the Winter Quarterly Presented by Exalted Ruler Mike Sutton



VALENTINES DINNER



BAR BINGO

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March

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

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Gilbert Paben | 22 | Mike Demma |
| 4 | Suzanne Tjalkens | 22 | Josh Lehman |
| 5 | A.R. Oesterle | 24 | Tracey Callaghan |
| 6 | Owen Ahern | 24 | Lloyd Golden |
| 7 | Lucie Tran | 24 | Ralph Will |
| 8 | Deanna Kerscher | 25 | Joe Lucero |
| 10 | April Castillon | 26 | Mike Peters |
| 14 | Jason Tomsic | 27 | Larry Scheinost |
| 15 | Steve Ryan | 28 | Joe Gonzales |
| 16 | Steven Hall | 28 | Victor Meline |
| 19 | Lee Fotsch | 30 | Joyce Bonanno |
| 19 | Lawrence Griess | 30 | Trista Roecker |
| 20 | Milo Bohlender | 31 | Jerry Rice |
| 21 | Tom Metcalf | 31 | Wes Sargent |
| 21 | Leonard Wilson | 31 | Jerry Williams |

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

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 Open Breakfast 9-11:30AM
 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 Lodge Open
 Breakfast Brunch 10AM-1PM
 Mon Mar 28 Lodge Closed
 Tues Mar 29 Lodge Open
 Wed Mar 30 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM

APRIL 2016

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

Fri Apr 1 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM
 Sat Apr 2 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
 Installation of Officers 5PM
 Dinner 6:45PM
 Sun Apr 3 Breakfast 9-11:30AM
 Mon Apr 4 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 5 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
 Wed Apr 6 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
 Fri Apr 8 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Prime Rib Special
 Elks Only Omaha Poker
 Sat Apr 9 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
 Sun Apr 10 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 11 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 12 Board Meeting 5:30PM
 Wed Apr 13 Lodge Opens at 3PM, Dinner 5-7PM \$10
 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
 Fri Apr 15 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Bar Bingo 6:30PM
 Sat Apr 16 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
 Sun Apr 17 Breakfast 9-11:30AM
 Mon Apr 18 Lodge Closed
 Tue Apr 19 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
 Wed Apr 20 Lodge Opens at 3PM
 Dinner 5-7PM \$10.00
 .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
 Bridge – Dinner 6PM & Bridge 7PM
 Thu Apr 21 Bunco-Dinner 6:30PM & Bunco 7:00PM
 Fri Apr 22 Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
 Sat Apr 23 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
 Sun Apr 24 Lodge Closed
 Mon Apr 25 Lodge Closed
 Tues Apr 26 Lodge Open
 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM
 Wed Apr 27 Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM \$10
 .50 Off all drinks 4-6PM
 Fri Apr 29 Dinner 5-8PM
 Elks Only Texas Hold-em
 Spring Quarterly 4/28-5/01
 Denver Marriott
 Sat Apr 30 Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available



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Hours of Operation- Spring/Summer
Saturday - Lodge Open at 12PM
Sunday - Lodge Opened for Breakfast
on 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

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March 2016

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