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Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

Summer is passing quickly, and I think we all are ready for some cooler weather. As hot as it's been with our long string of ninety degree plus days, I was sure glad to return to Fort Collins from the Grand Lodge Convention in hot and humid Houston. The hotel and convention center were very comfortable, but a step outside reminded us quickly how much Colorado's "dry" heat was to be appreciated.

September has always been one of my favorite months, not only for the cooler weather it brings, but because I associate it with new beginnings. As a boy I always looked forward to going back to school. It was a fresh start with new clothes, school supplies, and seeing old friends. I see September as a new start for us at #804 as well. We're back to having two Lodge meetings each month, the first and third Sunday breakfasts, and new CSU and Denver Bronco football seasons. However, what I'm really looking forward to is seeing those of you who have been away traveling, camping, and spending time with family. We've missed you! I hope you'll make an effort to come down for Sunday breakfast, lunch, a Wednesday night buffet or Friday night supper. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you at the Lodge for a meal or for one of our entertainment activities. The Bronco "Watch Party," Casino Night, and the PER Silent Auction are some of the events planned for this month.

Our club manager, Bob, has put together a menu that includes some new offerings and some "Kid Friendly" items as well. As an incentive, look for a coupon in this month's Echo for a discounted lunch entree. Take advantage of this great offer, and maybe invite that individual you've been trying to get to join. Buy them a meal, and show them what our Lodge has to offer.

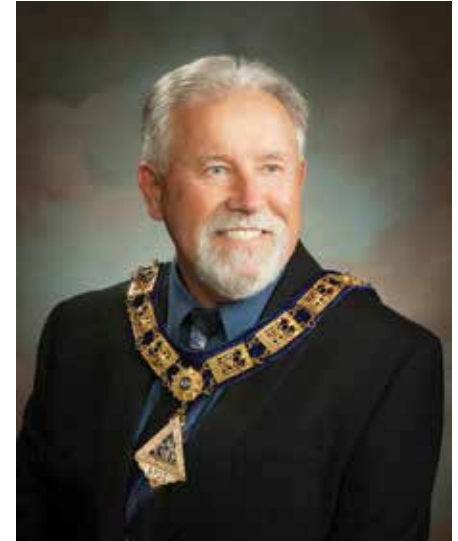
We all know that membership is the lifeblood of our organization. It's no secret that we rely on members' dues and their patronage of our bar and restaurant to help keep our club up and running. We have a wonderful facility where members can come together to share a meal, have good conversation, play cards or participate in any number of activities. We've had to increase some prices on food and beverages, and we've asked that some members contribute a little for their special activities. The reality is that having our own club to enjoy being with like-minded members comes with a price. The Board of Directors only makes decisions about prices and costs after a lot of input and deliberation.

While we sincerely appreciate the input and suggestions of members, what we really need is your active participation in the process. Get involved and help us find solutions.

"Say and do something positive that will help the situation; it doesn't take any brains to complain." Robert Cook

And as always, continue to practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Fraternally,
Larry King
Exalted Ruler



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From The Station of the Leading Knight

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters of Lodge 804.

August has been a busy month for your Leading Knight. As many of you have already noticed, Matt Snodderly is no longer our Bar Manager. Heidi Blasenak, one of our shift bartenders, warranted an opportunity to fill that assignment. To date, Heidi has made strides in meeting the many responsibilities required for filling that position. She will work with Bob Petri, our Food Service Manager, to get continued training in coordinating our banquet and beverage services at 804. Please acknowledge Heidi in her new position and show her a warm Elks welcome. Also, welcome Chris "CAP" Caplan our new shift bartender to Lodge 804.

Another August project was working with Brother Joe McCarthy to complete the Tablets of Love and Memory in recognition of our departed members. You can view the Tablets in the Lodge room. This was a coordinated project with added contributions from Brothers Hugh Shepherd and Gary Riedel and Sisters Jean Rogers and Joyce Bonanno. The completion of the Tablets is a significant accomplishment for Lodge 804 after moving to our new Lodge Home since displaying them in the local Lodge is mandated by Grand Lodge.

August also included attending the District Deputy Clinic in Fort Morgan with the ten other North District lodges present. ER Larry, Secretary Joyce, Trustee Al, and I proudly represented Fort Collins Lodge 804 and enjoyed several comments and points of recognition given to 804 during the presentations. While some presentations are repetitive and mundane, I am often impressed by the sincere, bright, and dedicated people I meet at Elks conventions, clinics, and workshops. They truly strive to serve their communities in positive ways. Next up will be the Colorado State Elks Association in September.

Closing Notes: Great Family Picnic (80+ Folks - Great Food and Good Company). And a round of applause is deserved for all those involved in the Car Show.

Fraternally,
Tony Bonanno

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Tiler Jim Chance Receiving Officer of the Quarter

From The Station of the Loyal Knight

Brother and Sister Elks-

Last month, I wrote about my mom, and how she calls our Lodge "The Place Where Everyone Treats Me Really Nice." Sometimes, I find that I open my mouth and my mom comes out. This was true again as I was pondering what to write my Echo Article about. My mom has always told me, "When you give of yourself, you may not realize it, but it will come back to you tenfold." We experience that right here at our lodge:

*By giving to ENF, we are eligible to apply for grants to support our charities - the amounts we receive far outweigh what we've put into ENF.

*By purchasing a Pizza Pal good at Old Chicago's for \$11, you can turn it in to a pizza valued up to \$25!

Those are just two examples of how giving comes back to you. But giving isn't always in a monetary way, it is also of time and self. By volunteering your time at the Lodge, be it in your trade or at an event, it allows 804 to not only use its funds toward charitable causes, but it also allows us to do more in the community. 804 can always use an extra hand, so don't be afraid to join in! You will find it is good for your mind, your body and your spirit! Give yourself a happy heart by giving of yourself.

And now for all of you Bunco Gals! Our Next Bunco will be Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be Vegetable Lasagna, Salad and Garlic Bread. Cost is \$16/person and includes both dinner and even a little prize cash! We must play in groups of 12 - so there is room for 12 or 24 ladies! Sign up is on the bulletin board across from the bar. Payment must be made at time of sign-up. See you on the 29th!

Leslie Barela
Loyal Knight



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From The Station of the Lecturing Knight

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I am sure all of you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a glorious fall. I am back as a Lodge Officer. I will work to meet my Obligation and help our Lodge continue to be successful and prosperous.

The Entertainment Committee's hard work has given us the many great events we've enjoyed in the past few months. The Entertainment Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. If you're interested in being a part of the group that has the most fun in creating activities in our Lodge – come to this meeting!

The following events are planned in September and October. Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m., we will host a watch party for the Denver Broncos vs. Carolina Panthers game. Food will be available for purchase and we ask members to bring a dessert to share. Another event you do not want to miss is the Casino Night and PER Auction on September 24th. We need help with the casino night for a number of things. Contact Terri Lion at 219-4970 to volunteer. A flyer with additional information is included in this issue of the Echo. On Saturday, October 15th the Entertainment Committee is planning a Chili Cook-Off and CSU watch party. Additional details will be emailed and also posted at the Lodge. I hope to see you at Lodge Meetings, our events and on Friday nights. Participation is one of the key components of a successful Lodge.

Fraternally
 Joe McCarthy
 PER/Lecturing Knight



Joe McCarthy Being Installed as Lecturing Knight



Larry Beverly receiving an Elks belt buckle for attending 10 consecutive meetings since his Initiation



Reinstated Member Ken Betchel and New Member Valeria Feltz



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Secretary Notes – September 2016

To coin a phrase, “ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but what you can do for your Lodge.” To the members who support our Friday and Wednesday night dinners, members who stop down in the afternoon to have a beverage and visit with your fellow brother and sister Elks, members who attend Lodge meetings and events - thank you. To the members who rent our facilities for events, participate in our Entertainment Committee, prepare the Echo for mailing, take care of our building maintenance, lawn, parking lot and Pavilion area – you contribute to the success of our Lodge. To the members who contribute to the Elks National Foundation, Laradon Hall and Elks Help Special Needs, you make it possible to do the work to which our Order is dedicated: Charity. Thanks to the members who take their time to run bingo, help with Sunday breakfast, cook at Lodge meeting nights, support Veterans and disabled adults and children in our community. To the members who see something which needs to be done in the Lodge and just get it done, thank you! Thanks to our dedicated officers who spend countless hours at the Lodge, attend meetings and work hard to make sure our Lodge will be here for another 116 years. This is what being an Elk is about. I hope you are as proud as I am to say “I’m an Elk.”

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When we moved from our downtown location, our Tables of Love and Memory were not treated with the respect they deserved. Consequently, the name plates were stuck together and were out of date order. Several members were instrumental in helping to finally get the information together and the Tables are now hanging in our Lodge Room. They contain a tremendous amount of history on our departed members. Joe McCarthy built the frames from reclaimed wood previously the bar in our downtown location. This enables us to have a little “piece” of our previous and well-loved Lodge. Hugh Shepherd worked hours unsticking the plaques and putting them in order. Jean Rogers then typed all of the names and dates on a spread sheet so Gary Riedel could print them on the beautiful large sheets of paper. Tony Bonanno and Joe McCarthy spent an entire day hanging them in the Lodge Room. Please thank these individuals for helping us keep and display an important part of our history.

Friendly reminder: with school starting, be aware of children walking and biking to and from school.

Fraternally,
Joyce Bonanno
Secretary Lodge 804

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



Joe McCarthy, Joyce Bonanno, Jean Rogers, Hugh Shepherd and Tony Bonanno in front of the Tablets of Love and Memory. Gary Riedel not pictured.



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**Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Zellen**

Henry Ford once said: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." A successful Lodge is one whose Officers, Committees and Members work together and participate in Grand Lodge, State Association and Local Lodge programs.



Officers of the Lodge should lead by example, but not attempt to do everything by themselves. Show enthusiasm, and encourage the entire membership to become more involved in your Lodge programs. Delegate responsibility to your Committee Members and other Lodge Members who would welcome the opportunity to become more involved. Many hands make light work!

As the old saying goes, two heads are better than one, and with a team, even more so. Resolutions to problems and fresh ideas are generated by the brainstorming and friendship that teamwork fosters. Teams allow skills, knowledge, opinions and experiences to be pooled together for the benefit of the Lodge as a whole. This leads to better productivity for every Member of the team, and every task completed by each Member leads to one noticeable outcome that the whole team and Lodge can take pride in.

Lodges that conduct successful and highly publicized community programs heighten pride in their Members. This not only leads to fewer Members dropping their membership, it creates interest in others to join our Order.

In addition, you must continue to reach out to your inactive Members and constantly remind them of the community programs and good works that your Lodge accomplishes every day. Your Lodge bulletin is an effective tool to rekindle the pride that every Member had when they joined the Order. I am certain that your Lodge has scheduled many activities to benefit the youth of our nation, our veterans and other community programs and demonstrate that "Elks" continue "Leading the Way."

As you know October is Elks National Foundation Month. Perhaps create a team to fashion and implement an event that will help your Lodge meet this year's goal of \$4.65 per Member. This will be a great exercise in team building and camaraderie, and will support the Great Heart of Elkdom as well.

Thank you for being an Elk and for Caring and Sharing.



Bob Rodgers Receiving Elk of the Month for May 2016

Grocery Gift Cards News Bulletin

Extra, Extra, Read All About It: Safeway Gift Cards are now accepted at Albertsons! Member Ron Zais recently found when he visited Albertsons that he could use his Safeway Gift Card there. He reported this to Lodge members at our last meeting in August. We recently received another check from King Soopers in the amount of \$401.50, bringing our total dollars earned to \$1,499.97. That's because members did their shopping for food, household supplies, medications, and gasoline using their gift card. It's so simple and brings a 5% kickback that benefits our Lodge.

We've only received one rebate from Safeway in the amount of \$258.50, because not as many of our members shop there. Now, with Albertsons and Safeway becoming one, we have another option. So Albertson shoppers, make sure you have a Safeway Gift Card and use it every time you shop there. Supporting our Lodge financially could not be easier. King Soopers Shoppers keep up the good work.

See Larry King or Joyce Bonanno if you would like a Safeway or King Soopers Gift Card.

Club/Lodge Information – September 2016 Echo

The dining room will not be available from Tuesday, October 18th through Wednesday, November 9th. We are a designated polling place and no one will have access to the dining room. We need volunteers for Casino night – contact Terri Lion, Volunteer Coordinator, at 970-219-4970 or e-mail bikers2lion@msn.com. **Don't forget to send the Lodge Secretary your approval to receive the Echo electronically. Send your approval to fcelks@fortcolinselks.org stating your name and listing your e-mail address. This will save the Lodge money in printing and postage.** The Lodge received three ENF grants totaling \$6,000.00. We will be using these grants for Veterans, abused women and children and to support our children's shopping spree. Thanks to the members who support the Elks National Foundation. Thanks to Shari Walker for repairing the Lodge's Ritual Jewels. George Kruger did not see his membership number in the August Echo and lost out on a \$10.00 gift certificate. ENF Bowling Challenge with Loveland is scheduled for Sunday, October 23rd. Dust off your bowling balls and get ready – they are out to win this year!



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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!

Mary Corcoran
Russ Mann
Ruben Vigil
Alice Anton
Gene Barker
Ken Doty
Mike Brown
Bonnie Walker
Steve Dailey
Jerry McDonnell
Charlie Hoffman
Bob Farmer
Kim Slack

Gary Ross
Dave Swinehart
Art Meyer
Kay Rios
Andy Miller
Jack Unger
Ken Roach
Gary Perman
Laura Salas
Bill Gibbens
Tracey Callaghan
Steve Hall


BAR BINGO

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! September


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

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Riedel | 16 Bernie Maynes |
| 1 Joe Sullivan | 17 Gene Fischer |
| 5 Bill Boltz | 17 Kenny Rodriguez |
| 5 Ken Roach | 20 Raymond Olick |
| 5 Edward Seitz | 21 David Wilkerson |
| 6 Keely Garren | 24 Paul O. McDonald |
| 9 William Button | 24 Bob Petri |
| 9 Jerry McDonnell | 26 Cindy Long |
| 10 John Medlin | 26 Melvin Saltz |
| 11 Freda (Fritz) Elliott | 27 Ron Hefner |
| 11 Ed Lucia | 28 Terri Lion |
| 12 Thomas Ellison | 28 Vern Schilling |
| 14 John Merritt | 29 William Brennan |
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Thu Sep 1	Lodge Open
Fri Sep 2	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM CSU vs CU/Time TBA
Sat Sep 3	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available
Sun Sep 4	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
Mon Sep 5	Lodge Closed – Labor Day
Tue Sep 6	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Sep 7	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM
Thu Sep 8	Bronco Watch Party 6:30PM Denver vs. New England Taco Bar/Bring Dessert to Share Colorado State Convention Begins
Fri Sep 9	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Sep 10	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available CSU vs. UTSA 2PM MST
Sun Sep 11	Lodge Opens at 11AM/Football
Mon Sep 12	Lodge Closed
Tue Sep 13	Board of Directors Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Sep 14	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off all Drinks 4-6PM
Thu Sep 15	State Campout Starts
Fri Sep 16	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM 6:30PM Bingo
Sat Sep 17	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available CSU vs. Northern Colorado 2PM MST
Sun Sep 18	Breakfast 9-11:30AM
Mon Sep 19	Lodge Closed
Tue Sep 20	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Sep 21	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM .50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM
Fri Sep 23	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM
Sat Sep 24	Lodge Opens at Noon Food Available Casino Night/PER Auction
Sun Sep 25	Lodge Opens at 11AM/Football
Mon Sep 26	Lodge Closed
Tue Sep 27	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Sep 28	Lodge Opens at 3PM
Thu Sep 29	Bunco-Dinner 6:30PM Bunco 7PM
Fri Sep 30	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM

OCTOBER 2016

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Discretion on Saturday/Sunday)**

Sat Oct 1	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available CSU vs. Wyoming/Time TBA
Sun Oct 2	Breakfast 9-11:30AM Lodge Open for Football
Mon Oct 3	Lodge Closed
Tue Oct 4	Lodge Meeting 7PM
Wed Oct 5	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM/.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM
Fri Oct 7	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Oct 8	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available CSU vs. Utah State 8PM
Sun Oct 9	Lodge Open at 11AM/Football
Mon Oct 10	Lodge Closed
Tue Oct 11	Board Meeting 5PM
Wed Oct 12	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM/.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM
Fri Oct 14	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Prime Rib Special Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM
Sat Oct 15	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available Chili Cook-off CSU Watch Party Time TBA
Sun Oct 16	Breakfast 9-11:30AM Lodge Open for Football
Mon Oct 17	Lodge Closed
Tue Oct 18	Lodge Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Oct 19	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM/.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM Dinner Bridge-Dinner 6PM, Bridge 7PM
Fri Oct 21	Friday Night Dinner 5-8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM
Sat Oct 22	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available CSU at UNLV 3:30PM
Sun Oct 23	Lodge Open at 11AM/Football Bowl-A-Thon With Loveland
Mon Oct 24	Lodge Closed
Tue Oct 25	Entertainment Meeting 5:30PM
Wed Oct 26	Lodge Opens at 3PM Dinner 5-7PM/.50 Off All Drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM
Fri Oct 28	Friday Night Diner 5-8PM Elks Only Texas Hold em 7PM
Sat Oct 29	Lodge Opens at Noon/Food Available
Sun Oct 30	Lodge Opens at 11AM/Football
Mon Oct 31	Lodge Closed



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 Wednesday 2:00PM-4:00PM

CLUB:
 Monday Lodge/Club Closed
 Tuesday *11:00AM-10:00PM
 Wednesday *Club Opens at 3:00PM
 Thursday *11:00AM-10:00PM
 Friday *11:00 - 10:00PM

Friday dinner served 5:00-8:00PM – 2nd Friday is Prime Rib Special
 Lunch served Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:30AM-1:30PM

Saturday *Open at Noon
 Sunday *Open at 11AM for Football through Super Bowl Sunday

Breakfast 1st and 3rd Sunday – Served 9-11:30AM

Lodge Meeting First & Third Tuesday of the Month at 7PM

*Closing of Lounge is Bartenders Discretion

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September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lodge Open	2 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Bar Bingo 6:30PM CSU vs CU Time TBD	3 Lodge Open at Noon Food Available
4 Breakfast 9AM-11:30	5 Lodge Closed Labor day	6 Lodge Meeting 7PM	7 Lodge Opens at 3PM DINNER 5-7PM .50 off all drinks 4-6PM Cribbage 7PM	8 Denver vs. New England Watch Party 6:30PM Taco Bar/Bring Dessert to Share Colorado State Convention Begins	9 Friday Night Dinner Prime Rib Special 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Omaha Poker 7PM	10 Lodge open Food Available District CSU vs. UTSA 2PM MST
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25 Lodge Opens at 11AM/ Football	26 Lodge Closed	27 Entertainment Committee 5:30PM	28 Lodge Opens at 3PM	29	30 Dinner 5:00 - 8PM Elks Only Texas Hold-em	