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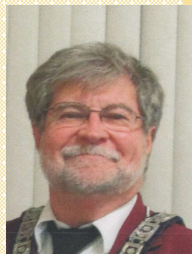
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Ed Ciesla
Exalted
Ruler

Mid-Year Already Here!

It's already October. We are halfway through our Lodge year, and I would like to say, it has been a busy 6 months. Let's recap. We started the year with a rather large and fun Installation Ceremony and celebration. In April, we supported The Willis Peters School For Exceptional Children by contributing to their Prom. Our team of Elks prepared and served the food, while Elroy mingled with the students. We also had a face-lift of our building's entrance and front yard with some new plants and some good old-fashioned weed pulling and tree pruning. I wanted to open a line of communication between our members and our leadership, so I established an e-mail address for you to communicate directly with me, EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com . We also added a new column to our Bugle known as the Hostess Corner. Next, I developed and introduced a new recognition program for acknowledging service to our Lodge by either our members or their spouses. I also redefined our Officer of the Quarter award, renaming it the Elk Of The Quarter, to honor our members who contribute their time and energy not just within our Lodge, but into our community as well, exemplifying the true heart of Elkdom. Our Lodge also honored two outstanding JROTC Cadets, one from Brandon High School and another from Middleton High. In May, I represented our Lodge at the State Elks Convention where we received two awards: One for our contribution to Harry-Anna, and another for Best Orientation. Also in May, we celebrated Memorial Day with our annual picnic and cake auction. And we had our quarterly food drive and magazine drive. In June we hosted the Interlodge Olympics where we swept the Brownie category, took first place in Chicken Wings, and took first AND second place in the Pellet Gun competition (didn't do so well in pool). For your entertainment, Terri and I hosted a Comedy Night with dinner. And to honor our Nation's Flag, we held our annual Flag Day ceremony, In July, I represented our Lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN (I even shook hands with our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Randy Shook). The Lodge held our annual 4 th of July picnic and cake auction while I was away. When I returned, I represented our Lodge at the DD Clinic held in Plant City. Our Lodge also hosted Operation Outreach, a Veterans outreach program that provides backpacks and other school supplies to the children of Veterans. We wrapped up the July activities with our always well-received Trivia Night. In August, I represented our Lodge in Arcadia for their Lodge's re-opening. The Arcadia Lodge was severely damaged by hurricane Ian and needed substantial repairs. They re-built and re-opened, and Brandon was there to support them. Next, we held the Latin Gala fundraising event, raising over \$3700.00 for the ENF. The following week we participated in the second phase of our Interlodge Olympics, held at the Lakeland Lodge. We took 1 st place in horseshoes, and 3rd place for cobbler. The next week we had our annual Lodge inspection, followed that evening by the DD/VP visitation dinner at the Plant City Lodge. We finished the month with a bus trip to Tropicana Field for ELK's Day At The Rays. In September, Our Lodge participated in the SWCD Reverse Raffle event at the Arcadia Lodge. That following Monday we initiated 15 new members. Next, we assisted the Willis Peters School with their Fall Festival. I finished the month with a DD Clinic that was held at the Lake Placid Lodge. Yes, it has been a busy 6 months. But it has also been fun. There have been a lot of folks stepping up to support your Lodge, and to help me get things done. Thank-you to everyone that has served. ~ Your Exalted Ruler, Ed Ciesla ~ EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com

Elk of the Quarter

It is time to recognize our second Elk of the Quarter for this year. This member has jumped into volunteering as soon as he became a member. He started helping me in the kitchen with both the Tuesday night and Thursday night snack bars. He has also stepped up to be our liaison to our local high schools, and to be the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He is also my co-chair for our Harry-Anna fundraising event! His service to the community outside of Elkdom is described by his participation in Meals On Wheels. In this, he has committed to helping several homebound members of our community each week. In addition, he mows the lawn for one of his friends who are unable to do so for herself. Help me to congratulate Woody Summerlin, our newest Elk of the Quarter.



Volunteer of the Month

So far this Lodge year I have selected 5 VOMs. I hope you agree all have been worthy. Our 6th VOM is someone who has been helping in the kitchen with both the Tuesday night and Thursday night snack bars. She is also there when her husband Alan has prepared Friday night dinners for us. And, she has stepped in at the last minute (more than once) to do the dishes when none of our paid dishwashers were able to do so. Help me to congratulate **Wendy Smith**, our newest volunteer of the month.

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ENF: TBD (Could be You!)

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Youth Activity - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

Next Meeting is OCTOBER 2ND at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

BLOE BITS

As summer passes by, we will be entering the part of the year full of holidays.

Grace Weigand and Diane League have started making our raffle baskets, They are always beautiful, and they bring in lots of money. Have you donated to the baskets? There is still time.

Have you made plans for our Halloween party? We will have tickets on sale soon. Please buy your tickets early so we can plan ahead.

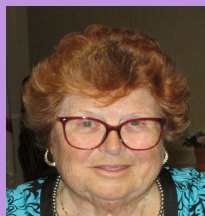
Due to very poor ticket sales, I had to postpone our Casino night until February 3, 2024. We must have tickets purchased in advance to make sure we will be able to cover expenses and possibly make a profit.

Our Bake Sale at the Labor Day picnic was a success, we raised \$500. Thank you to all the ladies that donated the bake goods.

We have many catering events in the next 3 months, and this requires many volunteers. If you haven't signed up yet to volunteer, please contact Terri Ciesla.

I look forward to making more memories at the Lodge.

Jane Gilblair
B. L. O. E.
Lady President



Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction SEPTEMBER



Our September Lady of Distinction is an example of Elkdome at its best. She is a member of both the BLOE and BPOE. She is always busy making the Brandon Elks the best. She is a member of the FLOE Florida Ladies of Elks and keeps us updated on all things Elk at our meetings. She took charge recently and helped revise and bring our By-Laws, Standing Rules and List of Protocol up to date including making an outline of the changes which made it very easy to vote on. She can be found in the kitchen cooking for catering and can be counted on to bring food for memorial services or other events when food is needed. She is our "go to" person when we need something done because when she is tasked with a challenge or job, she gets it done timely and complete. She has been an officer in the BPOE and was chosen as the Exalted Ruler for her work ethic and love of the Brandon Elks. She and her husband have become world travelers since her retirement and provide us a day-by-day photo journal of her adventures on Facebook. Please join me in congratulating **Mary Lou Scribner** our September Lady of Distinction.

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Thank You A Message of Appreciation

Ladies, you caught me totally off guard at the BLOE meeting! Thank you very much for the honor of being awarded the Lady of Distinction title for September. We have a fantastic ladies organization and I am happy to be a part of it. I regret that I am not able to attend all our meetings due to a conflict with the PER meetings, but please know I am there in spirit. Thank you all again. I'll do my best to be worthy of this recognition. ~ Mary Lou Scribner

Hostess Corner

Please check your schedule to see if you can volunteer to do the snack bar on Tues or Thurs evening. We need your help. It's easy and it's fun. Let me know. I'm also looking for Friday night cooks
~ Terri

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\$500 Club Drawing

OCTOBER

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

500 Club Winners

Called, signed up, not present: Annie Fox
Called, NOT signed up: Richard Cheek,
Richard Green, Lara McCleary, Betty
Hayden, David Rodriguez, Rene Tresorras
Joseph Ciccarello, Christina Johnson

Door Duty

October 6th – Ed Ciesla
October 13th – Larry O
October 20th – Jim M
October 27th – Lou V

BLOE BREAKFAST

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10
2nd Sunday
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Lounge Rental

ONLY Elk members can rent the lounge for themselves or immediate family (children, parents, siblings, aunts or uncles).

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge issues. 2nd Monday of each month, May-January! February-April, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month!

Dress code for meetings is long pants and collared shirt for men.

Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.

PER Meeting – 1st Monday, 7pm

Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7pm

Governing Board mtg – 3rd Monday at 7pm

BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1st Monday of month at 6:30pm

01 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	02 BLOE Meeting 6:30PM	03 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	04 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$8	05 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	06 Music: Tony Knight Friday night dinner see page 5	07 6PM RENTAL HALL & LOUNGE
08 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM 8-11AM BLOE Breakfast Hall	09  Lodge Meeting 7PM	10 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	11	12 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	13 Music: 5 th Gear Friday night dinner see page 5	14 8AM – 12PM Qrtly Food & Magazine Drive 1pm Lodge Olympics – Plant City 7PM – 11PM Hall Rental
15 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	16 7pm Governing Board Meeting	17 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	18 BLOE Dinner Hall 6:30PM	19 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN BRANDON BOYS LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	20 Music: Kris Pierce Friday night dinner see page 5	21 DD/VP Visitation Lakeland
22 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	23	24 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	25  Veterans Dinner Member Orientation 6:30PM	26 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	27 Music: 3 Dom Band BLOE Halloween Party – Dinner served	28
29 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	30	31 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	01	02	03	04

Brandon Lodge supports our Veterans

Lodge Veterans please come out every 4th Wednesday of the month to enjoy free dinner and visit with other local Vets! Prepared by Nancy and friends.

Please RSVP for Dinners

RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Save the Date

LODGE MEETING, OCTOBER 9TH
BLOE MEETING, OCTOBER 2ND
FRATERNAL COMMITTEE, 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: JANE GILBLAIR

OCTOBER MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP
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BY 12 PM THURSDAY



OCTOBER 4TH

TERRI & ED \$8
ENTREE: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
SALAD & DESSERT



OCTOBER 27TH – HALLOWEEN PARTY
"RICK'S SPOOKTACULAR SURPRISE DINNER"
MUSIC: 3 DOM BAND

OCTOBER 6TH

BEV LAUNDY & FRIENDS \$15
ENTRÉE: PORK CHOPS
SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, PEAS
SALAD & DESSERT
MUSIC: TONY KNIGHT



OCTOBER 13TH

TERRI CIESLA & FRIENDS \$15
ENTRÉE: PARMESAN CRUSTED CHICKEN
SIDES: ROSEMARY ROASTED POTATOES, BROCCOLI,
SALAD & DESSERT
MUSIC: 5TH GEAR



OCTOBER 18TH

BLOE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER \$12
MARY LOU SCHRECK
OKTOBERFEST FEAST:
BRATS, MASHED POTATOES OR GERMAN POTATO SALAD
SAUERKRAUT, APPLESAUCE & DESSERT



OCTOBER 20TH

NICKI & FRIENDS
SALAD: TOSSED
ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15), SHRIMP (\$13)
GRILLED CHICKEN (\$12) OR FISH (\$13)
SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO
MUSIC: KRIS PIERCE



OCTOBER 25TH

VETERAN'S DINNER
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ENTRÉE: MEATLOAF
SIDES: SALAD & DESSERT



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- Diane League

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- Barbara Myer
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- Karen McArthur
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- Pat & Bernie Hiskey
- Gerri Mann
- Mary Lou & George Scribner

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Any questions or concerns about the Veterans that the Elks Lodge serves, or other note worthy Veteran events, please address them with Robin.

God Bless our Veterans!



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Saturday October 14th

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