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Elks Care - Elks Share

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Jim McCleary
Exalted Ruler

Is it November already? We are headed into the holidays, a time to give thanks! To the people that give of themselves for others and for our Lodge, I say a hearty "THANK YOU!" And of course, as loyal Elks and Americans, we always must give thanks for our Veterans. Our lodge will be celebrating our Veterans with a service on November 7th at noon. Please come and support those that served our country. After the service, we will have a potluck lunch, and our attendees are requested to bring a covered dish.

On the 27th, we have our car show! Please come out for this fun event, see the cars, fellowship and network with others.

Remember that Elk you sponsored as a new member a while back? If you haven't seen or heard from them in a while, let me encourage you to give them a call! Remember, sponsorship doesn't end when you fill out the application! ☺

Remember, there is no "I" in "TEAM", but I'm sure glad there's a "U" in "Volunteers!"

Fraternally,
Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

Our Elk of the Month for October is **Nelson Guggino**. Nelson gives a lot to our lodge, often unnoticed. Recently he helped on our deep clean kitchen cleaning day. He's also changed out our fry oil, which anyone who has done that knows it's not a simple task. And he volunteers to run our snack bar regularly. Nelson, I am grateful for your service, and your Lodge thanks you for your dedication. Please show your appreciation to Nelson and congratulate him when you see him for being this month's Elk of the Month!



BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

Please help defray the cost of printing and sending out our Bugle. A donation of \$5 will help a great deal.

These folks are BUGLE BOOSTERS:

Henry Ebert
Julie Ebert
Mark Fox
Ann Fox
Linda Hancock
Bernie Hiskey
Pat Hiskey
Diane League
Gerri Mann
Kim Martinez
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LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: GLENN GARVEY

Mary Lou Schreck
LODGE SECRETARY

Office Hours

MONDAY: 3pm – 5pm
WEDNESDAY: 3pm – 5pm
Or call for appointment

Nancy Price
LODGE TREASURER

Office Hours

MONDAY: 10am – 3pm
THURSDAY: 10am – 3pm
Or call for appointment

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
Dinner * Dancing * Music
OLDIES * COUNTRY * POP
Weekly PER & 50/50 Raffles
\$500 Club Drawing
9pm Absent Member Toast
Monthly Drink Specials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	2 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	3	4  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	5 Door: Marionette Music: Skip & Nancy Friday night dinner see page 4	6 District Deputy Visit –Lakeland 6pm Private Party Lounge 6-10pm
7 12:00pm Veteran's Appreciation Lunch Social & Sports	8  Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7PM	9 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	10 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	11  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	12 Door: Lou Music: Bob Prong Friday night dinner see page 4	13 Qtrly Food Drive 8am-12pm High School Reunion - lounge 6pm-10pm
14 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	15 7pm Governing Board Meeting	16 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	17 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	18 MacDill Appreciation Dinner 6pm - Hall	19 Door: Joe S Mid year conference - Music: Randy Young Friday night dinner see page 4	20 Gainesville
21 Social & Sports	22	23 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	24	25 	26 NO Friday night dinner	27 Car show & crafts 9am-3pm Private Party Hall 4pm-12am
28 Social & Sports	29	30 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open				

Save the Date

November 8th, Lodge meeting

November 17th, BLOE Dinner

November 25th, 6:00 PM
Brandon Boys

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good
Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge
issues. 2nd Monday of each month!

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

Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.

PER Meeting – 1st Monday
Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7pm
Governing Board mtg – 3rd Monday at 7pm
BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1st Monday of month at 7pm
Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify Lodge
Secretary

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast
\$7
Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners
RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
BY 10 A.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEAL.

NOVEMBER 5TH

PAT & JEFF- \$12

SALAD

ENTRÉE: BEEF STROGANOFF

SIDES: VEGGIES

DESSERT

Music: Bob Prong



NOVEMBER 12TH

TBD

Music: Skip & Nancy

NOVEMBER 19TH

\$10

ENTRÉE: LAZANGA

SIDES: SALAD, BREAD

DESSERT

Music: Randy Young



NOVEMBER 25TH

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH ALL THE FXIN'S



NOVEMBER 26TH

NO DINNER

Kitchen Manager Needed

The Elks Lodge needs a member to manage the Kitchen.
This position requires coordinating with member cooks to arrange for Friday night dinners and Tuesday and Thursday night snack bars.

Controlling the Kitchen by maintaining the cleanliness of the Kitchen and passing health inspections.



BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is November 1st at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

By: Terri Ciesla
B.L.O.E. President

Happy fall.

This month starts the beginning of the holiday season. Stores are already filled not only with Halloween decor, but also Thanksgiving and Christmas items. Let's try to take it a day at a time and enjoy the approaching cooler weather, family gatherings, friends, and holiday spirit.

October brought us a tasty German Oktoberfest dinner prepared by Mary Lou Schreck. Thank you so much, Mary Lou, for cooking for our ladies' Wednesday night dinner.

Our October event was a 'Myths, Legends, and Fairytales' Halloween party. We were fortunate to have the legendary band SMAKK perform for us that evening. The committee had marvelous theme and decorating ideas, and, to enhance the mysterious evening, a tarot card reader told us our future. I would like to thank Terrie Buntin for chairing this event and for selecting Becky Creswell to take over in her absence. Becky's ideas and her creativity were unbelievable. Thanks also go out to committee members who planned, decorated, set up, and worked many hours to ensure a fun and successful event. Thank you: Beverly Lowe, Kathy Brogli, Lynda Craft, Tracy Tirado, and Jeri Pietro. Jeri, the flyers and tickets you created are outstanding!!

Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events. The ladies do many. Next up is November 17 Wednesday night dinner where I'll be cooking, and we once again will have live music by Tommy Patrick. And November 27 car and craft show.

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." Anonymous
See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



SEPTEMBER LADY OF DISTINCTION

Our Lady of Distinction for October hit the decking a running when she joined the BPOE and BLOE. She immediately started to help at memorial services, BLOE fund raisers, casino night and even cooked for one of our monthly meetings.

She has become a familiar face at our lodge in the short time she has been a member. She just shows up and quietly starts clearing dishes, setting tables or serving meals.

She has taken on the huge task of bingo chairperson for the BPOE and we all know what a difficult job that is

Please join me in congratulating our new member and lady of distinction for October – **Carole DiAddezio**

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were: Pat Schwartz, Barbara Meyer, Monica Driscoll, Mario Petruzzilli, Donna Mathewson
– NOT SIGNED UP!!!



Lady's Events

Dec 11 Breakfast with Santa
Feb 12 Red and Black Ball

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents

Wednesday November 17th, 2021



Tommy Patrick will be playing
for your dining pleasure



Chef – Terri Ciesla

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Cost \$8

Menu: Chicken Caesar wraps, fries and dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Bingo Schedule

2704

Bingo Helpers	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Table 4 6:30	Mary Lane	Grace Weigand	Mary Lane	Grace Weigand	Mary Lane
Table 4 6:30	Barbra	Mary Lane		Mary Lane	Mary Ryan
Table 4 6:30	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45	Nicky Wells	Mark Vargo	Ron Mathews	Maggie Van.	Ron Mathews
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Nancy Price	Mary Lou Scribner	Lourdes	Lourdes	Marionette
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45				Marionette	
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Lori Underberg	Sharon H			Lori Underberg

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with Bingo - Call Carol at 484-678-3926

Brandon Elks!
Show Support of Our
Armed Forces
By Proudly Wearing
"We Honor Those Who Serve"
Patch



We Brandon Elks can take pride that wearing this Patch first started in the Brandon Lodge about 4 years ago. Because of its' success it then was adopted as a District Program for Lodge Officers and Members to wear on their Lodge and/or Veteran Red shirts. Now, this year, the Florida State Elks Organization has approved this program at state level for all lodges participation.

**You too can display support of our Veterans and Military by purchasing the
 "We Honor Those Who Serve" patch and wearing it proudly.**

See Brandon Veteran Chair Robin Rutzke (rrutzke@gmail.com / 305-498-5654) to purchase your patch. Robin will be happy to address any questions.

Patches are sold for \$6.00. All profits are donated to support our Veterans with "Parade of Heroes" and our Military with "Army of Hope".



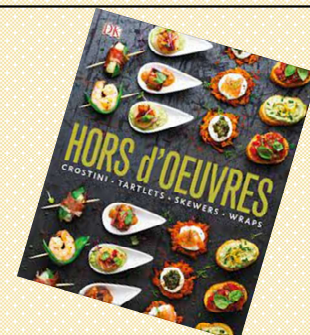
March 19th, 2022

Get your tickets early

\$50 each – comes with 2 drinks and Hors d'oeuvres

WIN up to **\$2,500**

See Marionette Sexton to purchase tickets



Annual Calendar

The annual calendar will be updated to reflect any dinners or events that will take place in the Lodge. You should also check the Brandon Elks Facebook page and Brandonelks.org for events. Please RSVP for Dinners

rsvpbrandonelks@yahoo.com

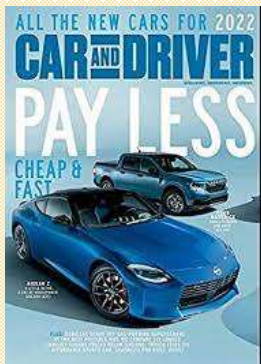


Each November the Elks observe National Veterans Remembrance Month.

Elks Pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Please join us for a Veteran's Appreciation service & luncheon
November 7, 2021
12 PM

Please bring a covered dish to share



Robin continues to collect magazines for patients at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. Automobile and outdoor activity magazines are requested and are needed. Please leave in the veteran's box in the Ante Room or in a box with my name on it.



On October 12th, the Plant City Police Department hosted a homeless outreach event with the help from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at a local area park. This event was smaller in size since it was Plant City's first outreach event. Bags of brotherly love helped supply our hygiene and food bags to 19 homeless people and also gave our bags to the following partners that we frequently supply: COVE (formerly DAACO), HCSO, Plant City Police Department, St. Vincent De Paul, and Tampa International Airport Police. A total of 69 bags were given to those organizations in their help to provide dignity back to those less fortunate. We wish to thank our lodge members, Ed Campbell and his girlfriend, Elaine, along with Sharon Hammersla for assisting with the clothing and bag disbursement. Plant City Lodge also had volunteers Heidi Hubbard and George Domedian join in this effort and they were a tremendous help with this event. Heidi was able to help with the food distribution for both breakfast and lunch and George helped by delivering the food to the sight that was donated by the Wooden Spoon restaurant in Plant City. Although a much smaller event than usual for a homeless outreach, assistance was given to those in need from several organizations. Again, Elks Care, Elks Share was seen in this great community endeavor by both our lodge and our neighboring Plant City Lodge. Both Sheriff Chronister and Chief Bradford were at the event which was a great accolade for all the participants there and showed everyone their support for this worthwhile project. As we submit this article, Plant City CARES team are already planning the next outreach. They will be looking to Brandon Elks as well as Plant City Elks for assistance. If you are interested, please contact us at the below number. In addition, if you are interested in participating with bags of brotherly love in the future in any capacity, reach out to our number below as well. Thanks to all for your continued support and donations. Without your support and care for the homeless, we would not be able to bring dignity back into the lives of those less fortunate. We are truly grateful that Elks Care, Elks Share. Hope to see you at the lodge.

Bags of Brotherly Love
Bob and Elisa Blair
813-758-8894



Bob, Elisa & Sherriff Chronister



Bob, Chief Bradford (Plant City Chief of Police), Elisa & Sharon

Snacks	Hygiene and other
Belvita Cookies	Hand Sanitizer
Slim Jim Snacks	Hand Soap
Vienna Sausages	Antibacterial Wipes
Lance Cheese Crackers	Deodorant
Snack Pack Pudding	Combs
Apple Sauce	Sunscreen Lotion
Water	Bug Repellant Wrist Bands
Nature Valley Granola Bars	Ponchos
Raisins	Socks
Chips	Shaving kits
Nutri-Grain Bars	Shampoo
	Conditioner
	Body wash
	Hand & body lotion
	Toothbrush & toothpaste
	Knitted caps
	Ball caps
	Hand warmers
	Blankets



Donations dropped off at Plant City Police Station

**VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke**

**BPOE Inner Guard
USAF (ret)
305-498-5654**



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

God Bless our Veterans.



6th Quarterly Brandon Elks Drive Thru

November 13, 2021
8am-12pm
Brandon Elks Lodge

Food Donations appreciated and will be donated to the local food bank

Contact Sharon Hammersla 813-323-1992 or Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654 with any questions or to arrange drop off before the drive-thru date.



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