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YEAR



MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



DON SCHRECK
Exalted Ruler

As we are closing this Lodge year, it is time to reflect on some of our accomplishments.

We have met our per capita for ENF and the Florida State projects. Our membership has increased. We have received grants which have enabled us to continue our Bags of Brotherly Love, provide Burnett Middle school with audio equipment and Yates elementary School with books. At the Holidays, we were able to provide 50 gift bags to the Spinal Cord Unit at James A Haley Veteran's Hospital and continue to host our Veterans for a dinner each month. We have kept our promise to never forget our Veterans.

Our ever hard working Brandon Ladies of Elks have held some fun events and have had great turnouts for their Wednesday Night Dinners. When the occasion arose, they provided refreshments and comfort for the families of our departed members. Thank you, Terri Ciesla and your Chairpersons for your continued support of our Lodge.

The installation of the incoming Lodge officers will take place on March 29th. Please come out to witness this very special ritual and show your support. Congratulations and Best wishes to Mark Vargo, and his Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

I have been proud to serve as your Exalted Ruler and thank those who have lent their guidance and support.

Fraternally, Don Schreck

Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share

February – ELK of the MONTH

Ken Muzyk

The Elk of the Month for February is one of those behind the scenes members. When he is at the Lodge and someone needs help, he is the first one to volunteer. He shows up on Tuesday night to prepare the condiments for the snack bar. He has also proposed some new members that are bringing back line dancing lessons on Thursday night. Thank you and Congratulations – Ken Muzyk

WELCOME New BPOE Members

Initiated

None

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The following members have
reached eligibility to be
considered for
LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Robert M. Casey
Bernell Hiskey, PER
Henry L. Poage, PDDGER
Douglas Taggerty

Nomination and election to **Life Member**
will take place at the Feb 24th meeting.

SAVE THE DATE
















MARCH

- 7 - Interlodge Olympics at Lakeland
Horse shoes, Need Players
- 10 - Community Homeless Outreach
8411 N. Dale Mabry, 10am-2pm
- 14 - BLOE Fashion Show
- 14 - Scouts Clay Shooting Tournament
- 24 - BLOE Officer Installation
- 29 - 2PM INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR
2020-2021; RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

APRIL

- 8 - Scout #627 Spaghetti Dinner

2019-2020 Brandon BPOE Officers

	DON SCHRECK Exalted Ruler 813-689-2155		MARK VARGO Leading Knight 813-376-8855		JIM McCLEARY Loyal Knight 813-763-9019		MARIONETTE SEXTON Lecturing Knight 813-956-3776		GERRY WESTFALL Esquire 813-363-1713
	SHARON HAMMERSLA PER Chaplain 813-323-1992		LARA McCLEARY Tiler 203-988-5089		ROBIN RUTZKE Inner Guard 305-498-5654		MARY LOU SCHRECK Secretary 813-689-2155		NANCY PRICE Treasurer 813-477-7676
	RICK WEIGAND PER 1 Year Trustee 813-748-2678		GEORGE SCRIBNER DDGER 2 Year Trustee 850-206-0577		NICKIE WELLS PER 3 Year Trustee 813-716-8051		DELORES WESTFALL PER 4 Year Trustee 813-685-7312		CHRISTINE VOGEL PER 5 Year Trustee 813-661-1852

From the Secretary's Desk

Membership dues must be received by April 1st in order to have access to the Lounge. Consider signing up for the 500 Club at the same time. \$52 for a member or \$104 for a member and spouse will cover you for the year. The deadline for signing up for the year is April 3rd if your dues are paid. In the past 44 weeks we have only had 12 names called that were "signed up" and \$2482.00 was paid out. So, many Friday nights the chorus of "not signed up" can be heard. You also have the option of signing up weekly.

It is also time for the Bugle Ads to be renewed.

I have been asked by the State Secretary to encourage our members to Support the Florida Elks State Major Projects: Florida Elks Youth Camp (FEYC) & Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services (FECS). Checks would be made payable to Brandon Lodge and in the Memo section to Florida State Major Projects. We will then send a check to FESA for our donation in order to be credited to our Lodge. We are assessed a dollar amount per member which we would have to make up from our general funds if this quota is not met. Please help us out if you can.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Mary Lou Schreck,
Lodge Secretary.

NEW

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: WALTER BROOKS

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 8-11am BLOE Breakfast Buffet \$7	2 7pm BLOE Meeting 6:30pm Social 7pm PER Monthly Meeting	3 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	4	5 BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: LINE DANCING 7-9PM	6 Steak, Potatoes, Veggies, salad & Desert (Jan & Crew) DOOR: MARY LOU SCHRECK	7 - Interlodge Olympics at Lakeland - Horse shoes, Need Players
8	9  7:30pm Lodge Meeting	10 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	11	12 BINGO Starts: 6:30 PM Snack Bar 5:30 - 6:30 PM LINE DANCING 7-9PM	13 Chicken, Pork, Salmon, Rice, Potatoes, Veggies & Desert (Don) Jukebox DJ DOOR: NANCY PRICE	14 BLOE Fashion Show Scouts Clay Shoot Tour
15 Sunday Potluck Social & Sports	16 7pm Board Members: Governing Body	17 BLOE St Patrick's day Dinner \$12.00 Cards, Pool snack bar open	18	19 BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: 5:30pm – 6:30pm Jukebox DJ DOOR: DON SCHRECK	20 Chicken Cordon Blue, Fixings, & Desert (Don) Jukebox DJ DOOR: DON SCHRECK	21
22 8-11am \$5/\$7 SCOUT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday Potluck Social & Sports	23  7pm Lodge Meeting	24 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open BLOE Officer Installation	25 6:30pm – 7:30pm VETERAN's Dinner \$8.00	26 BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: Lounge Open 4-9 LINE DANCING 7-9PM	27 Sliced Beef, Potatoes, Veggies & Desert (Jim & Lara) Jukebox DJ DOOR: ??????????	28 Hooked on Fishing kids Tournament Volunteers needed not afraid of worms. See Don Cornett
29 2:00 PM Installation of Officers 2020-2021	30			BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: 5:30pm – 6:30pm		New Line Dancing on 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday 7pm to 9pm:

SAVE THE DATE

MAR 10 – COMMUNITY HOMELESS OUTREACH
8411 N. DALE MABRY, 10AM-2PM
MAR 14 – CLAY SHOOTING TOURNAMENT
MAR 14 – BLOE FASHION SHOW
MAR 24 – BLOE OFFICER INSTALLATION
MAR 28 – HOOKED ON FISHING NOT DRUGS
MAR 29 – NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good Standing
and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge issues.

PER Meeting – 1st Monday;

Lodge Meeting 2nd & 4th Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.

Governing Body – 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

3rd Wednesday - BLOE Dinner

4th Sunday – Scout's Pancake Brkfst

4th Wednesday - VETERAN's Dinner

BINGO THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM



BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is March 2nd at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

Hello everyone. We had a fantastic February. It began with our meeting February 3rd where nominations were made for the officers for the upcoming year. Looking forward to the voting and installation. We then had a fantastic turnout for our February breakfast. 169 breakfasts were served. Word must have gotten out that our breakfast is fantastic. Thank you Nancy and everyone that helps at our monthly breakfasts.

On February 14th we held our first VALENTINE'S Day Dinner and Dance. What a huge success that was!! The hall was elegantly decorated, the romantic music filled the room, the meal was fantastic, and the crowd was abundant! Over 100 guests turned out to enjoy an outstanding Prime Rib and Shrimp dinner prepared by Don Harrison with the help of Ed Ciesla and Rick Weigand. DJ Jan did a fantastic job getting folks up and dancing. Thank you to Roxanne Hujar for hosting the event and spending all day decorating the Hall. One of our RV guests, Mary, also helped with the decorations and so did Pepper who is a friend of Roxanne. Jeri Pietro did an amazing job with the balloon arches and Lindsey Brezina set up the photo booth as well as decorated each table with helium balloons. Thank you to all that helped make this event a success. I also want to thank everyone that stays to the end and pitches in with cleanup. It makes the job go so much faster. Our next activity will be the annual fashion show on March 14th. You won't want to miss it. Our February Wednesday night dinner was a delicious veal parmesan meal prepared by Larry Kutno. If you missed it, I'm so sorry because it was fantastic!! Make note that we will be changing our March Wednesday night dinner to Tuesday, March 17 to enjoy the fabulous St. Patrick's Day dinner that Rick Weigand prepares every year. I am looking forward to that corned beef and cabbage. Bring your family and friends. Congratulations to our Lady of Distinction for February, Beth Benham. Thank you Beth for all you do for the ladies and for our lodge. One of my goals this year is to increase membership. I am happy to say that we have installed 10 new members this year! Another one of my goals was to have a different activity every month not only to make a little money for the lodge but to keep our members active and entertained. We have had a fantastic year with many activities. Thank you to those that have supported and who have attended the ladies events. I know you have not been disappointed. Stay tuned for next year's activities.

"You'll never be bored when you try something new.
There's really no limit to what you can do!" Dr. Seuss

See you at the Lodge Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks Presents



St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Dinner

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Price: \$12.50 each - advance tickets only
Tickets available from Grace Weigand, Julie Ebert, Terri Ciesla or the lounge

Menu: Corned Beef or Ham Potatoes
Cabbage, Carrots Salad & Special
Irish Dessert

Chef Rick
Weigand



Brandon Ladies of Elks

Beth Benham
February
Lady of
Distinction



Ready to help, always smiling and all-around nice lady is the best way to describe our Lady of Distinction for February. It is very appropriate for us to be celebrating this lady this month because she is just a sweetheart.

She is always helping out with all the BLOE functions and can be relied upon to step up whenever needed. She volunteers at the monthly BLOE dinners, she has been a model in several of our recent fashion shows. If she is not helping, she is attending and supports fund raising events for the BPOE and BLOE.

Her quiet facade hides a willingness to get down and dirty when it comes to making an event a success. No job is too tough or too hard for this lady. She does it all with a smile on her face and not a hair out of place.

Please join me in congratulating Beth Benham as the BLOE Lady of Distinction for February



Wear your favorite
spring hat and you
might win a fabulous
prize



A very special
surprise
presentation on
butterflies

Fashions in a Butterfly Garden



Saturday, March 14, 2020

Time: 11:30 am – 3:30 PM

Place: Brandon Elks Lodge, 800 Centennial Lodge drive, Brandon, FI 33510

Fashions: Julie's Walk-in Closet

Price: \$20.00 includes a delightful Lunch, Ice Tea, Fashion Show, Vendors to shop and Sisterhood!!!!!!

Purchase a table of 8 for \$17.00 each.

Doors open at 11:00 am. Tickets available from Julie Ebert, Teri Ciesla, or the lounge. If you are interested in being a vendor contact Beverly Messerschmidt @ notes4bev@brighthouse.com. For questions or more information contact Julie @ grammajul49@hotmail.com

Let the good times roll. . . .

Bunco, Ladies Night Out

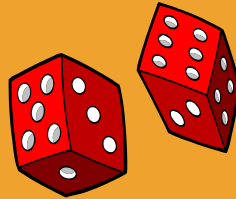
Monday, March 30th @ 6:30

\$20 per player

Dinner at 6:30, play begins at 7:00 pm.

Please RSVP your attendance to

DKRountree@gmail.com or with the bartender



Installation of BPOE Officers: Sunday March 29th 2020

The Officers elected for the 2020-2021 Elk Year will be installed at 2:00PM. Following the installation a Catered reception will be provided at the Elks Lodge. Please try to attend this very important occasion and meet and congratulate your new Officers.

Installation of BLOE Officers: March 24th 2020

All BLOE members are encouraged to attend and congratulate you new elected 2020-2021 Officers.

NEWS FROM THE LOUNGE

See Page 3 Calendar for revised Lounge hours



Line Dancing on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

Please come out and enjoy an evening of dancing and camaraderie with your fellow Elk and family members.



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**“GET HOOKED ON FISHING NOT
DRUGS”**

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

AGES 3-13

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 ,2020

Reserve the date. Applications will be
coming out soon

Contact Judy or Donald Cornett for
more information.

Brandon Lodge Notices & Announcements

Scout Pack 690 (K-5 grade)

Pancake Breakfast – 4th Sunday of the month in 2020

8am -11am; Tickets \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door

Boy Scout Troop 627

Save the date. March 14:

Clay Shooting Tournament. Detail tba.

Spaghetti Dinner – April 8:

6pm – 8pm; \$5/advance / \$7 at door

It's great to be a Scout! Even better to be a Scouting ELK!

Posted by: BSA Troup #627 Leader, Alec Brophy, 813-453-9613

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.

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“Change Service Requested”



February 12 & February 17
Flag Flying Dates

TO THE RV GUESTS

Just a few words to

Welcome you back to our RV Park

AS YOU KNOW OUR RATES ARE

- ▶ \$20 per night; 7th night FREE
- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

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IN OUR PARK**

Jack Mineo 813-681-2531



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