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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

WE'RE OPEN!!!!



I sincerely hope that all of our members are still healthy and chasing away this virus. Our Lodge will open on Friday, June 5, 2020, at 4:00 P.M. All activities will resume with social distancing guidelines. Friday night dinners will begin on June 12, 2020. Our first Lodge meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. We still have our annual Flag Day Ceremony scheduled in the Lodge Hall for Sunday, June 14, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. Please come out to support Americanism and our love for this Country and our Flag. Our State Elks Convention is still going to be held June 18-21 in Orlando but, our National Elks Convention in Baltimore, MD in July has been canceled. Even though Brandon is not having its annual 4th of July parade doesn't mean our Lodge won't be celebrating our Country's Birthday. We are still planning on having our annual 4th of July Picnic starting at 11:00 A.M. We will be having food, games for the kids inside and a waterslide outside and plenty of adult beverages. Our Tuesday night games in the lounge will have to be modified, somehow, because of the distancing at the bar. We are working on another alternative to playing cards. Come on out and see what we come up with or better yet, suggest something that gets everyone there involved.

Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler

As excited as we all are with the re-opening, there will be adjustments that we will have to make to stay in compliance with governmental guidelines. The major adjustments will be in our Lounge. As we understand the guidelines, we can sit people at the bar but, with social distancing. Which means 6' between bar stools. This will probably be about 1/3 of what we normally seat at the bar. You cannot stand at the bar and socialize. If you do, our bartenders have been instructed to politely ask you to move away from the bar. We have a large lounge seating area for you to enjoy. So, please do. If you are not sitting at the bar, you must order from the ordering station. No orders will be taken from standing at the bar. It may be frustrating at times but, we just ask for your patience and understanding while we make these adjustments to better serve our members and guests. Please DO NOT take it out on our bartenders. These girls do a FANTASTIC job serving our members and are following orders from your Board. Please check our Annual Calendar (on our website) for events that will still be happening at our Lodge. All activities are available to start back up again. We will be making adjustments to conform to current guidelines and will inform our membership whenever changes occur. Our Lodge has been thoroughly cleaned, scrubbed and disinfected. We will have hand sanitizers in the front foyer, inside the lounge entrance door, outside the restrooms and at the end of the bar. Face masks are optional. We want you to feel comfortable coming back into your Lodge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Officer. Thank you and WELCOME back to your Lodge.

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR May

With not much going on at the Lodge, I thought it might be difficult to decide on Elk of the Month. Not so! We have had a fearless and energetic work crew at the Lodge for the past two months and one of the tireless ones has been Lou Valencia. He and Rick have been at the Lodge almost every day working to refurbish and renovate our Lodge. When I stop by, Lou is always smiling and (of course) working on something. If you see Lou, please thank him for his dedication and faithfulness to our Lodge. Congratulations Lou on Elk of the Month.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



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Notes from the Exalted Ruler

Brandon Lodge Officer's, welcome back!

We have our first meeting scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. We NEED to schedule several Ritual Practices before then. Can everyone make it to the Lodge on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 2:00 P.M.? (Drinks on me). We all will be learning the original longer version opening and closing and go over Initiation since we have several applicants waiting. That's only 3 days away, so please let me know. Face masks are optional. Thanks.

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler



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 BLOE Meeting Cancelled PER Monthly Cancelled	2 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	3 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	4 BINGO CANCELLED SNACK BAR:	5 Lodge reopens following Covid 19 Social guidelines	6 Memorial service for Donald Schreck 2PM
7 Lodge Officers Ritual Practice 2PM Social & Sports	8  Lodge Meeting cancelled	9 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	10	11 BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	12 Friday night dinner TBA	13
14 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Flag day celebration Social & Sports	15 7pm Board Members: Governing Body	16 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	17 6:30pm BLOE Dinner – Lodge Hall	18 Florida State Elks Convention. Rosen Centre, Orlando BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	19 Florida State Elks Convention. Rosen Centre, Orlando Friday night dinner TBA	20 Florida State Elks Convention. Rosen Centre, Orlando
21 Florida State Elks Convention. Rosen Centre, Orlando Social & Sports	22	23 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	24 Veterans Dinner	25 BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	26 Friday night dinner TBA	27 7:00am-5:00pm Brandon Coin Club - Lodge 9:00am-2:00pm Boy Scouts Leader Training
28 8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports	29	30				<u>New Line</u> Dancing on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Thursday 7pm to 9pm:

SAVE THE DATE

- June 5th Lodge reopens with Social distancing.
- June 6th 2PM Don Schreck Memorial
- July 4th Picnic
- July 13 Next Lodge Meeting
- June 18th 6:00pm Brandon Boys Get-Together Dinner - Lounge

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 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



BLOE BITS

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

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

Greetings!

Another month of social distancing has passed. The good news is that the lodge will be looking different when we return. Fresh paint, new bar area, thoroughly cleaned and other changes as well. I am really excited to see it and to spend time reconnecting with friends.

Not sure if we will be open for our next scheduled meeting on June 1st. I'll send an email to let you know. Remember though to bring your dues and your secret pal reveal gift to the next meeting. We have 50 paid members so far so there are still many outstanding.

So many folks are ready to get out and have fun. Invite a friend to our next meeting. You will receive a gift for each person that you get to join!! Let's increase our membership this year.

Hopefully we will be able to have our June breakfast. How I miss those breakfasts. Our next one is scheduled for June 14. That is also flag day so we are asking for a covered dish at 2 pm for our flag day celebration.

I am cooking the Wednesday night dinner on June 17. We will have a beef French Dip sandwich with French fries and dessert. To change it up a bit, we'll show a movie (Wild Hogs) on a big screen. If you haven't seen this movie, you are in for a treat because it is hilarious!! I am looking forward to this fun filled night.

I hope to have a special BLOE hosted event on a June 26. Details to be announced soon.

Hang in there...we will be together soon
See you at the lodge!

Brandon Ladies of Elks

We have not chosen a May Lady of Distinction due to the Carona Virus Pandemic and the lack of Lodge activities during the month of April.



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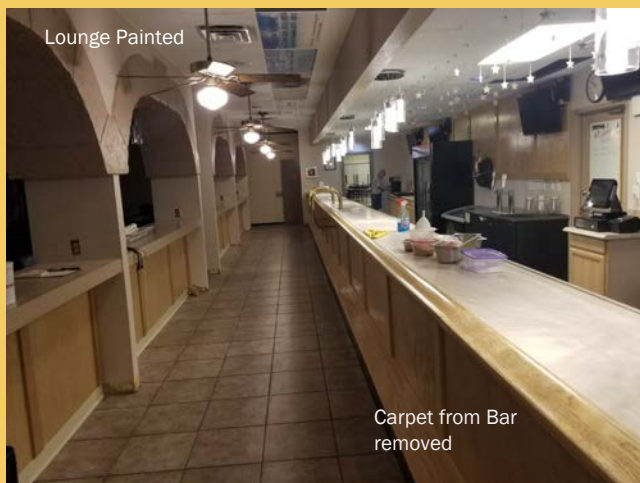
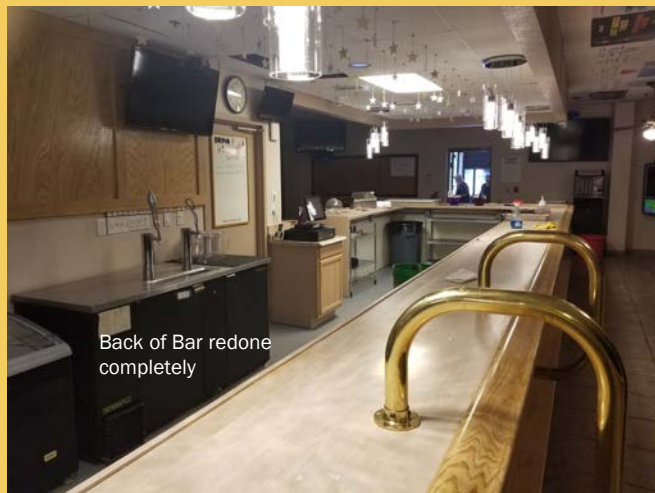
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Lodge Improvement Project Results



Annual Calendar

The annual calendar will be updated to reflect any dinners or events that will take place if we can reopen the Lodge. You should also check the Brandon Elks Facebook page and Brandoneelks.org for events.

Bugle Editor

We need a lodge member to step up and take over the publishing of the monthly Bugle News Letter. If interested. Please contact the Exalted Ruler or Gerry Westfall at 813-363-1713. Training will be provided and requires only a basic knowledge of Power Point and email.

**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.

Flag Day

June 14th is Flag day. Each year the Elks celebrate Flag day with a ceremony and Elks are requested to please attend and plan to bring a covered dish to share with your fellow elks,

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