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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

 Elks Care - Elks Share

We are in the final quarter of the year, and looking back, we had a great kickoff to the New Year with our New Year's brunch. A wonderful time was had by all. We also enjoyed our PER Dinner to close out the month with a fantastic dinner and awesome entertainment. Thank you for the PERs for hosting a great dinner. If you missed it, I hope you will catch one of our next events. On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we have our Super Bowl Party. We are going to have a terrific time while hopefully watching a great game on the big screen. There's a stellar raffle (details at the Lodge or see me or my wife Lara), and a chili cookoff with some great prizes. Come on out for the big game and fellowship with your fellow Elks. Please bring an appetizer or covered dish to share if you are able. On Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have our next Quarterly Food Drive. If you are able, consider dropping off a food donation for our local food banks we support from 8am-12pm.

There's only a couple of months left and soon we will be preparing for the next Elk year. Please consider how you might be part of shaping and contributing to our Lodge. Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share. Whatever you might be able to give of your time, there are various committees and roles you can help serve in. Please contact me or one of your Lodge Officers and we can get you started. Some ways you can help our Lodge is by serving on a committee that helps to plan and execute our Lodge programs. Committees such as our Fraternal Committee, our Lodge Activities Committee, and our Community Projects Committee. These committees promote Elkdom in our community and help plan our functions and activities in our Lodge. Our State President's motto this year is "Teamwork Makes Elkdom Shine." I believe she is right. When there are many of us striving together to make a difference, we will achieve great things! We had another great class of new Elks join our Lodge in January. Let's all welcome our new members and help them feel at home. Thank you for all you do and your support for our Lodge! I hope to see you all at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler



Jim McCleary  
Exalted Ruler

## Elk of the Month



Our Elk of the Month for January is Dennis Roberts. Always a joy to be around, Dennis recently helped us raise more than \$3000 for the Harry Anna Trust by participating with me in the "One Chip Challenge." In addition to suffering some serious spicy heat, Dennis also embarked on a more than 1600-mile round trip delivering a truckload of Christmas toys to children affected by the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky. He's our special Santa! Instead of a sleigh, he rides in a U-Haul, though. Thank you, Dennis, for being a great part of our Lodge. Please thank and congratulate Dennis for being our Elk of the Month!

Welcome  
to our  
New Members



## Brandon Lodge Officers for 2021-2022 Elk Year



Jim McCleary  
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813-763-9019



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Leading Knight  
813-956-3776



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Lodge Inner  
Guard  
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Lodge Tiler  
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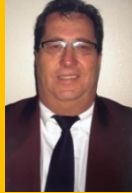
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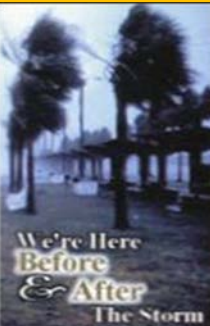


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### LOUNGE HOURS

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 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	2	3  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	4 FL Elks Quarterly - Door: Larry Oliver Music: Good Stuff Friday night dinner see page 4	5 Umatilla
6 Social & Sports	7 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	8 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	9	10  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	11 Door: Delores Music: Tony Knight & Friends Friday night steak night	12 Black & Red Ball 6pm-11pm Music: Smakk
13 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall SUPBOWL PARTY 5:30 PM	14  Lodge Meeting 7PM	15 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	16 BLOE Dinner 6:30PM See page 5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	17	18 Door: Henry Music: Tourist Bob Friday night dinner see page 4	19
20 Little League Football Banquet Hall 2pm - 6pm Social & Sports	21 7pm Governing Board Meeting	22 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	23 Member Orientation 6:30PM	24  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	25 Door: Marionette Music: Randy Young Friday night dinner see page 4	26 Quarterly Food Drive 8am-12pm
27 Social & Sports	28  Lodge Meeting 7PM					

### Save the Date

February 14<sup>th</sup>, Lodge meeting

February 16<sup>th</sup> BLOE Dinner

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
Brandon Boys

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge issues. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
Lodge Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month, 7pm  
Governing Board mtg – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm  
BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 7pm  
Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify Lodge Secretary

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday BLOE Breakfast  
\$7  
Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners  
RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

## FEBRUARY MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO [RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM)  
BY 12 PM THURSDAY

### FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

JIM McCLEARY \$14

SALAD

ENTRÉE: ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY & GRANNIES CARROTS

DESSERT

MUSIC: GOOD STUFF

### FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

PUPPET & NICKIE - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSSED

ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$14), SHRIMP OR FISH (\$12)

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO

MUSIC: TONY KNIGHT & FRIENDS

### FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

JIM McCLEARY \$12

SALAD

ENTRÉE: CHICKEN ALFREDO & GARLIC BREAD

DESSERT

MUSIC: TOURIST BOB

### FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

PAT & JEFF \$10

ENTRÉE: SLOPPY JOE'S, ROASTED POTATOES & COLESLAW

DESSERT

MUSIC: RANDY YOUNG

### 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	Charlene Hart	Jerry Brockmeier
Julie Ebert	Barbara Myer	Jan Brockmeier
Mark Fox	Ken Lamont	
Ann Fox	George Scribner	
Linda Hancock	Mary Lou Scribner	
Bernie Hiskey	Colin Cattley	
Pat Hiskey	Angela Sweeney	
Diane League	George Thomas	
Gerri Mann	Carolyn Thomas	
Kim Martinez	Joseph Zebrak	

**JOIN THE  
BOOSTER CLUB**



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**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



## BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Hoping to See You There!

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

I can't believe it is already February! Congratulations to Lynda Craft our Lady of Distinction for last month! Lynda is always available to help out when needed, is always one of the smiling volunteers at our breakfast each month, always brings fabulous food to our memorials and Sunday potlucks, always helps at our many BLOE events, and is just always helping. She also took down the lodge Christmas tree all on her own. Thank you, Lynda and congratulations.

Our next meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be nominating officers for next year and installing new members.

We had another wonderful and successful breakfast last month. Thank you, breakfast crew. Next breakfast will be on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday night dinner was a Taco Salad. It was delicious as always. Thanks to Julie and her helpers. Our February Wednesday night Dinner will be on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Come for another delicious meal or pick up a takeout.

We will be hosting a Red and Black Ball (Dinner/Dance) on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM and dinner to follow. This elegant dinner of chicken cordon bleu, roasted potatoes, vegetable, salad, and dessert will be one you don't want to miss. So instead of hard-to-get reservations at expensive restaurants to celebrate Valentines Day, pamper your sweetie at this event. We will also be dancing to music provided by SMAKK!! We are so lucky to be able to have them again. This is semi formal event so dress to impress!! Buy your tickets in advance before Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. We need to determine how much food to buy. WE WILL NOT BE SELLING TICKETS AT THE DOOR. Invite your friends. Singles are welcome to attend. Tickets are only \$25 each and can be purchased from Terri Ciesla, or at the bar.

"Whoever is patient has great understanding but one who is quick-tempered displays folly."

Proverbs 14-29 See you at the lodge, Terri

## Brandon Ladies of Elks



### JANUARY LADY OF DISTINCTION

Whether it be a catering, memorial service, Wednesday Night Dinner, Sunday Breakfast or a Fund-Raising Event you will find this lady there and ready to work. She quietly goes about her duties with little fanfare. Her and her husband never miss a Sports Sunday or Tuesday Bar Poker. If there is any type of event or celebration you can always count on their help. This lady has volunteered her time and talent to help coordinate several of the Brandon Ladies Special Events the last several years. Another one of her talents is her ability to make the best sugar cookies and awarding winning chili. Brandon Ladies are blessed to have such a great lady with her sweet personality, contagious smile and her can-do attitude. Please join me in congratulating **Lynda Craft** as our January 2022 Lady of Distinction

## 500 Club Winners

Called not signed up: Bruce Youngren, Pat Rutske & Connie Durkin  
Signed up not present: Charlene Hart & Mark Fox

### From the Secretary's Desk, Dues for 2022-2023

Our assessment from the Grand Lodge has increased by \$5. The total dues and fees for the coming Lodge Year will be \$127. You will be getting a statement from Grand Lodge instead of this office. You will be able to pay your dues online or send a check to Brandon Lodge. There is also an opportunity for you to make a yearly donation to the Florida Elks Major Projects (The Florida Elks Youth Camp and Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services) which is managed by the Harry Anna Trust Fund.

Fraternally,  
Mary Lou Schreck,  
Lodge Secretary



Brandon Ladies of Elks

**Presents**  
**Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



Chef – Nickie & Marionette

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Cost \$10

Menu: Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Veggie & Desert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

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It's time again for...the Brandon Elks Lodge Nonperishable Food Drive.

Our Elks nonperishable food drive is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th, 8:00 am to noon. All items can be dropped off in front of the lodge. If out-of-town or unable to drop off items on the 26th, please leave in the Ante Room with a note stating for quarterly food drive and your name.

The POC's will ensure it is collected for the drive.

All food collected is donated to Nativity Food Bank and then delivered to local food pantries. This quarter's goal is to meet and hopefully exceed last quarters donation of 808 pounds of food.

Contact POC's Robin Rutzke, Inner Guard at 305-498-5654 or Sharon Hammersla, DDGER and lodge member at 813-323-1992.

Thank you for your continued support with this lodge quarterly community project.

### Elks Care-Elks Share.

## BRANDON ELKS LODGE MEMBERS DONATE ITEMS FOR CARE PACKAGES

In partnership with the Florida Elks Association and 10 Tampa Bay, Brandon Elks Lodge 2383 collected \$2800.00 in toiletries and other items for the nonprofit Support the Troops. Leading Knight Marionette Sexton organized the collection of these items and asked lodge members to donate some of the five most requested items by military members serving overseas in remote areas. Lodge members and Brandon Ladies of the Elks generously donated white tube socks, toothpaste, beef jerky, gum and hard candy in the month of December. A representative from 10 Tampa Bay stopped by the lodge the first week of January to pick-up the donations and deliver them to Support the Troops. These donations will be packed in care packages and sent overseas. THANK YOU, Marionette, for your time and effort coordinating this drive and THANK YOU to all who unselfishly took the time to buy and deliver donations to the lodge to take care of our active-duty members serving overseas. Elks Care-Elks Share.

ROBIN RUTZKE, Veterans Affairs Committee Chair

**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.



### 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 by noon on Thursday at "rsvpbrandonelks@Yahoo.com"



## Gift Bags for Heroes



L to R: Connie, Donna, Jane and Millie



A thank you to all who made donations, sacrificed their time and talents to make this annual veterans' community service project a tremendous success. Also, a special thank you for the continued support from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission for approving a portion of funds from the Freedom Grant to be used for this project and the donation of playing cards from the "Playing Cards for Veterans" program.  
ROBIN RUTZKE, Inner guard, Veterans Affairs Committee Chairperson



L to R: Robin and ER Jim



L to R: Charlene, Jane, Julie & Richard

## New Years Day Brunch

Brandon Lodge rang in the New Year with 65 of its closest friends! Tourist Bob rocked the house, the Bloody Mary Bar was a BIG hit, and the food was AMAZING! Thank you to all our members that came out to celebrate!



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