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Message From Your Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share

Marionette Sexton
Exalted Ruler

Happy Thanksgiving month to everyone! And for the most part, we truly have much to be thankful for. We certainly are blessed to have dodged the bullet with Hurricane IAN. I pray that all our members, their families and friends are well, safe and did not incur much damage. This was certainly a time to help each other. I am sure many of you had some damage and clutter to deal with; others were busy helping family, friends and neighbors. I am sure some of you took trips with supplies to loved ones in need from this horrific tragedy. Our lodge also suffered damage with many, many downed tries. Unfortunately, out of 455 members, only 12 of our members heeded the call for help tending to our lodge. Five of our members showed up Friday with their chain saws to cut the tree's that were leaning on our building. Thank you! Seven members came Saturday and Sunday to help clean up the parking lot of all the limbs. Thank you! I want to publicly acknowledge my and our lodge's appreciation and thank you to the following members who gave of their time and came to the lodge to cut trees, pick up branches and got our lodge property back in order. Thank you to: PER Rick Weigand, Trustee Ed Ciesla and son Eddie Ceisla, Donald Harrison, PER Jim McCleary, Lodge Officer Lou Valencia, PER Nickie Wells, Bar Manager Glenn Garvey, Ken Muzac, Richard Clark, Carol Diaddezio and B.L.O.E. Carolyn Thomas. A heartfelt thank you to these members who were so generous with their time. I pray that we never have to experience this again.

Robin Rutzke and Sharon Hammersla, PDDGER once again organized and volunteered their time for the quarterly food drive. Thank you to our members who took the time to drive by with their generous donations. Nativity Food Bank is so thankful for our partnership in helping tend to the needs of our community.

We hope you will come out and support all the upcoming events that our members have scheduled for us in November. Our Brandon Lodge of Elks will be putting on their Spaghetti Dinner on the 2nd and the Brandon Ladies of Elks will have their dinner on the 16th. And, if you haven't tried their "all-you-can-eat" breakfast, make it a point to try it on November 13th. Everything is cooked by our ladies. You cannot beat the quality, quantity and price! Feel free to bring your family and friends. On Wednesday, November 23rd, our lodge will be putting on a delicious dinner. If you are a Veteran, make sure you come out for a free dinner; our way to honor you for your service. Everyone is invited for a great meal at a fair price.

Thursday, November 24th our lodge will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, so all members can enjoy their blessings with their family, friends and loved ones. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for.

You will want to mark your calendars now for December 2nd. We will once again put on a "Members Appreciation Dinner" from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. This is a free dinner for all Elk members. Please come out and enjoy the time to socialize with your friends and other members. A great opportunity to introduce yourself to some of our newer members and make new friends.

As a reminder, stay in the know for all events for our lodge by logging into https://www.BrandonElks.org. And by logging on to https://www.floridaelks.gov you can stay informed about all District, State and National Elk events and information.

Your Exalted Ruler, Marionette Sexton

Elk of the Month

It gives me great pleasure to announce **Lee Harvey** as Elk of The Month. Lee has been a driver for James A. Haley for several years and would bring our veterans in for our Wednesday Vet's night dinner. Hope we can have him do this again in the furfure. He has also stepped up and helps out in the kitchen for snack bar on the Thursday and Tuesday of every month. So please congratulate Lee Harvey as Elk of the Month.

Front row from left to right:
Karen McArthur, Trish Mazur, Kristina Gray Korina Hamilton, Tom Depinto, Ramon Correa
Back row left to right:
Steven Landers II, Joe Zavesky, Larry Hester

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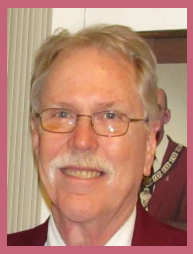

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LOUNGE HOURS
Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: GLENN GARVEY

Mary Lou Schreck
LODGE SECRETARY
Office Hours
MONDAY: 3pm – 5pm
WEDNESDAY: 3pm – 5pm
Or call for appointment

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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	2 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM $8	3 BINGO IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	4 State President's Lodge Music: Skip & Nancy Door: Kelly Friday night dinner see page 4	5 Visit- Lakeland Lounge Rental 1PM – 5PM
6 Social & Sports	7 BLOE Meeting 6:30pm	8 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	9	10 Mid-Year Convention – St. Petersburg BINGO IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	11 Veteran's Ceremony Music: Good Stuff Door: Nancy Friday night dinner see page 4	12 Lodge Hall Rental 6PM - 11PM
13 8AM - 11AM BLOE Breakfast – Hall Wedding Shower - Hall 1PM-3PM Social & Sports	14 Lodge Meeting 7PM	15 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	16 Member Orientation 6:30PM BLOE Dinner - Hall 6:30PM	17 MacDill Thanksgiving Dinner Hall 6PM-8PM	18 Music: Bob Prong Door: Mary Lou Friday night dinner see page 4	19 Lodge Hall Rental 6:30PM
20 Social & Sports	21 7pm Governing Board Meeting	22 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	23	24 LODGE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	25 Door: Mark Fox Friday night dinner see page 4	26
27 Social & Sports	28	29 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	30			

Save the Date
NOVEMBER 14TH, Lodge Meeting

BLOE Meeting NOVEMBER 7TH

NOT OCCURRING THIS MONTH, 6:00 PM Brandon Boys

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast
$10
Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners
RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

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 6:30pm
Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify Lodge Secretary

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

NOVEMBER MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
BY **12 PM THURSDAY**

NOVEMBER 2ND
GLENN & CREW $8
ENTRÉE: SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS
DESSERT

NOVEMBER 4TH
PAT & JEFF LaVoie $12
ENTRÉE: SLOPPY JOE'S
SIDES: OVEN ROASTED POTATOES, CORN
DESSERT
MUSIC: SKIP & NANCY

NOVEMBER 11TH
JAN & CREW $13
ENTRÉE: PORK LOIN W/ LEMON; FETTUCCINI ALFREDO
SIDES: VEGGIES, APPLESAUCE, SALAD & DESSERT
MUSIC: GOOD STUFF

NOVEMBER 18TH
TERRI CIESLA & FRIENDS $12
ENTRÉE: CHICKEN CACCIATORE
SIDES: ITALIAN SALAD, PASTA & ITAZLIAN DESSERT
MUSIC: BOB PRONG

NOVEMBER 25TH
PAT & JEFF LaVoie $8
ENTRÉE: SOUP, GRILLED CHEESE
DESSERT

PLEASE READ: When using anything in the kitchen it is your responsibility to put everything back. Please do not leave your clean dishes in the dish drainer. ANY food placed in the freezer or refrigerator needs to be labeled with the date and what is in the bag,

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BLOE BITS

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

By: Ann Fox
B.L.O.E. President

At the lady's convention in September, The Brandon Ladies of the Elks won awards for contributing $2000.00 to the Florida Youth Camp and $2045 towards the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. We won 3rd place in the scrapbook category, and we had the 3rd highest boosters. A lot of hard work but we had fun and enjoyed each other's company and even cleaning up was fun, just ask our president.

October 19th Ladies dinner was delicious. Lasagna, salad, and dessert. Thank you, Ann Fox and friends, so much for volunteering to help. What a fine job!

November 16th, come have chili with Mary Lou Scribner.

Breakfast was wonderful! Thank you to everyone that has helped out with cooking, serving and cleaning for this to be a continued success. Please come out and enjoy breakfast and eat all you can for just $10.00 each. Next one is on November 13th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Our Lady of Distinction for October was postponed, due to Hurricane Ian.

Remember our next meeting is November 7th, come join and enjoy.

The Halloween Bash on October 22nd was a huge success. DJ and contests, and a lot of fun. Please look to join the next adventure we put on.

Ann Fox

Brandon Ladies of Elks

None for this past 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:

Diane League
Gerri Mann
Kim Martinez
Jeff & Pat Lavoie
Frank & Lynda Craft
David & Kathleen Zilka
Terry & Nina Rickett
Julie & Hank Ebert
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Barbara Myer
George & Carolyn Thomas
Joseph Zebrak
Kenneth League
Richard Clark
Karen McArthur
Bernie & Pat Hiskey
Donna & Michael Fultz

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB

500 Club Winners

NOT SIGNED UP: Lisa Boone, Ed Townsend, Bev Laundy, Margaret Mantzel, Christine Nowak, Katherine Scheuermann

WINNER: signed up; not present - David Jones

Our poster board is up for our families for Christmas. Please pick a child or you can donate to help with there Christmas dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Marionette at 813-956-3776.

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents
Wednesday NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022

Chef – Mary Lou Scribner

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm Cost $10

Menu: Chili, salad bar & dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

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

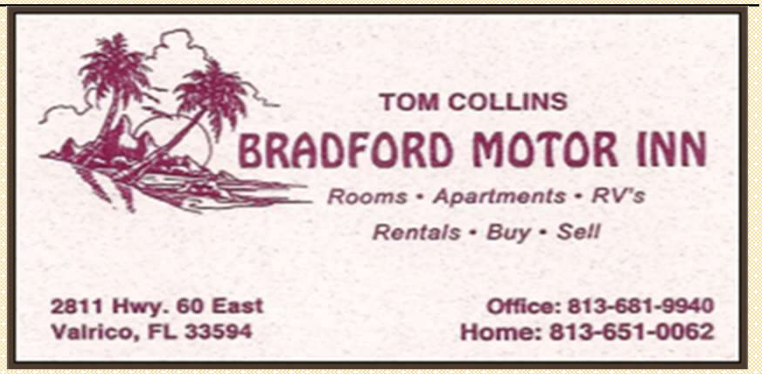
God Bless our Veterans.

Please come out on Friday November 11, 2022, to participate in our Veteran's Day ceremony and stay to have dinner with our Veteran's!

Greetings Florida Elks:
A reminder that this year's veterans will be returning from our Parade of Heroes event to Tampa Airport Sunday afternoon after our Midyear Convention and we are asking for your support.
We would like a rowdy, loud crowd with signs and USA flags to welcome our veteran's home. The veterans love the welcome home, and this is especially true for our Viet Nam War veterans who are deeply moved. We return to Tampa on November 13, American Airlines Flight # AA2899 at 2:44PM.

Thank you very much!
Rudy Masi, Sr., PSP/Historic Programs Liaison, FSEA

Brandon Lodge Participants:
Edward Fox, Larry Lane, PER Jim McCleary, Gordon Christensen



MENU FOR THANKSGIVING 2022

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO BRANDONELKSRSVP@YAHOO.COM WITH YOUR NUMBER OF MEALS.

$10

Thanksgiving Day!
2PM dinner
1:30PM-5PM Bar Open

SALAD
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SIDES
MASH POTATOES SWEET POTATOES
BROCCOLI CASSEROLE CRANBERRY SAUCE
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CORN

DESSERT
PUMPKIN PIE
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Left to right: PDDGER Sharon Hammersla, Elk Members Linda Craft and Sandie Pelkey, Per Mary Lou Scribner

Left to right: Elk member and volunteer at Nativity Food Bank Charlene Hart, PDDGER Sharon Hammersla

Brandon Lodge #2383 Helps Feed the Community

Each quarter the Brandon Lodge does a drive-by food drive, organized by Robin Rutzke/Veteran Chair and PDDGER Sharon Hammersla. On Saturday, August 27th, Robin, Sharon, lodge members Linda Craft and Sandie Pelkey along with PER Mary Lou Scribner showed up at 8:00 a.m. to accept donations from drive-by members. Twenty-two Elk members and 7 non-Elk members dropped off bags and boxes of food donations. One member generously gave a cash donation of $204.11 which Sharon used to shop for additional food. In total, Brandon Lodge was able to donated 507# of non-perishable food to the Nativity Local Food Bank. Elk member Charlene Hart volunteers at the food bank and was happy to accept this generous donation of food that Sharon delivered. The donation of food was valued at over $1,000. Nativity Food Bank was thrilled to receive as their shelves were getting dangerously low on supplies.

A member also dropped off a trunk full of National Geographic and other magazines which Robin will donate to the James A. Haley Hospital for the Veterans at the hospital.

The lodge has been holding quarterly drive-by food donations for the past two plus years, and it continues to be a great success and easy way for their members to support their community. Thank you to Robin and Sharon for their continued support and dedication!

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