

# BUGLE

## Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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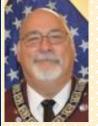






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Mark Vargo Exalted Ruler

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Well, we've had a busy January at the Lodge. We were able to finally have our 2019-2020 Awards Presentations. We want to congratulate these Elks that were chosen by Donald Schreck before he passed away. Citizen of the Year – Bob Blair; Officer of the Year – Rick Weigand and Elk of the Year – Edward Campbell. We are rapidly coming to the end of our 2020-2021 Elk year. We will be having two meetings per month until April, due to nominations and elections. We will also have initiation the second Monday in February. We had a small outbreak of Covid cases at the Lodge, so we have fumigated the Lodge and will do so every other week. The County has required that we tighten up our face mask/shield protocols while in the Lodge/Lounge. Please follow the rules and politely remind anyone that may not be following the new protocols. The safety and welfare of our members and guests is our utmost concern. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally, Mark C. Vargo, Sr. Exalted Ruler



#### Elk of the Month

Ever since this person became an Elk, he has worked diligently to move our Lodge forward not only in members but in getting our Lodge noticed more out in the community and what we have to offer as a facility. He took the reins of Hall Manager and has gone full steam ahead in booking our facility for various public events. There is hardly a month that he hasn't booked an event in the Hall. He has even spruced up the Lodge Hall with new lighting and chair covers for the events. Please congratulate Jan Czajkowski as our Elk of the Month.



## Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sorry this is a little late in coming but time has slipped away from me. I wanted to thank all Dad's friends and extended family for the love and support to our family during this difficult time. I know so many of you would have attended his service if possible but in the times we are living in it is very scary to be out in a crowd. If it would not have been his service I would not have let him attend. He was a very special man not only because he was my father, but he was my friend. I miss him so much. Thank you all for the beautiful cards and phone calls and keeping in touch. My brother Mike and his wife Kate and myself appreciate your kindness. We can still use your prayers. Kim Martinez, PER

#### From the Secretary's Desk,

It is that time of year......

Dues must be paid by April 1st.

There is a coupon on Page ### with specific information.

#### The 500 Club

To be eligible to win, you must have paid your dues and be signed up!

You may sign up for the year by paying \$52 for you (and \$52 for your spouse) by the first drawing of the new Lodge year which is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you miss that deadline, you may pay \$26 for you (and \$26 for your spouse) by the first drawing in Oct which is Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you choose, you can come in and sign up \$1 per week any day in the Lounge. You may sign up after 8 o'clock on any Friday through the next Friday to be eligible for the following Friday's drawing.

So far, during the 2020-2021 Lodge year we have had only 6 names drawn that were signed up!

Fraternally, Mary Lou Schreck, Lodge Secretary

## Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



Mark Vargo Exalted Ruler 813-376-8855



Jim McCleary Leading Knight 813-763-9019



Marionette Sexton Loyal Knight 813-956-3776



Donald Harrison Lecturing Knight 813-376-8949



Ed Campbell Lodge Esquire 813-245-0827



Carolyn Greeson Lodge Chaplain 813-436-0704



Robin Rutkze Lodge Inner Guard 305-498-5654



Lara McCleary Lodge Tiler 203-988-5089



Mary Lou Schreck Secretary 813-689-2155



Nancy Price Treasurer 813-477-7676



George Scribner 1 Year Trustee 850-206-0577



Nickie Wells 2 Year Trustee 813-716-8051





Larry Oliver 4 Year Trustee 813-767-0870



Ed Ciesla 5 Year Trustee 813-684-0122

## PURPOSE OF THE B.P.O.E. #2383 PAST EXALTED RULER ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Past Exalted Rulers Association (PER) is to foster the spirit of good fellowship between the members of the Lodge, and to render experienced counsel and assistance to the Lodge thereby keeping the Administration of the Lodge in safe and capable hands, and to make the Lodge a credit to the community and the Order.

The purpose of this PER Association, organized under authority of the Grand Lodge, shall be to stand ready, at all times, to give counsel, advise and to aid this Lodge and the Officers In-Charge; to maintain the high standards of the Lodge and to nourish the spirit of good fellowship among the Officers and Members.

An Executive Committee of three PER's shall be selected at the beginning of each Lodge year. This Committee shall meet with Lodge Officers at least once a month to determine Lodge needs, problems, or service that the Association may assist with. This Committee will report at the regular monthly meeting.

In addition, a Committee may be appointed by the PER President, or by the Association if they so elect, for any situation, problem, or needs of Lodge Officers and/or in general, that the Association should take action on.

#### **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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Line Dancing on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7pm to 9pm:	1 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	2 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	3 February Birthday Dinner	BING D STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	5 Door: Don Harrison Friday night dinner see page 4	6
7 Social & Sports	Lodge Meeting 7PM	9 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	10 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG Hall	STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Ed Campbell Friday night dinner see page 4	13 Car & Vendor show 9am – 2pm Brandon Lodge
14 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	7pm Governing Board Meeting	16 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5	BLNG D STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	19 Door: Lara McCleary Friday night dinner see page 4	20 State Hoop Shoot @ Umatilla
21 Social & Sports	Lodge Meeting 7PM	5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	Veteran's Dinner	BING 0 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	26 Door: Robin Rutzke Friday night dinner see page 4	27
8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports						

### **Save the Date**

February 8th & 22nd ,Lodge meeting

February 17th BLOE Dinner

February 18<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.

PER Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday;

Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.
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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday BLOE Breakfast \$7

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Scout's Pancake Brkfst

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - VETERAN's Dinner

Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners Brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com THE BUGLE • February 2021 • Page 4

## February MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO <u>BRANDONELKSRSVP@YAHOO.COM</u>
BY 10 A.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEAL.

#### FEBRUARY 3RD

HARRISON AND GANG - HAPPY BIRTHDAY DINNER -\$8.00 - FREE TO THE MEMBER WITH A BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

SALAD

ENTREE ( PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): CHICKEN MARSALA, COUNTRY FRIED STEAK or NEW ORLEANS

SEAFOOD (Tilapia, covered with shrimp and Alfredo sauce)

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, CORN AND GREEN BEANS

DESSERT: BIRTHDAY CAKE

#### **FEBRUARY 5TH**

HARRISON AND GANG \$12

SALAD AND SOUP: CAESAR & CLAM CHOWDER

ENTREE ( PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): PAN SEARED SCALLOPS(6 oz) IN A WINE/BUTTER/CAPER SAUCE

BOURBON GLAZED SALMON or FRIED SHRIMP(8) ON A BED OF JASMINE

SIDES: VEGGIES

**DESSERT** 

#### **FEBRUARY 12TH**

JAN AND CREW -\$11

SALAD

ENTRÉE: POT ROAST AND GRAVY

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES & VEGGIES

DESSERT

#### **FEBRUARY 17TH**

THE LADIES DINNER (see page 5)

#### **FEBRUARY 19TH**

MARIONETTE AND FRIENDS - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSS

ENTREE (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): \$14 STEAK COOKED TO ORDER, \$12 SHRIMP(8) \$12 FISH

SIDES: VEGGIES & BAKED POTATO

#### **FEBRUARY 26TH**

Harrison and Gang - \$11

SALAD

PASTA BAR

PENNE, LINGUINE or SPAGHETTI

ALFREDO, MEATLESS or RED

MEATBALL, CHICKEN or SHRIMP



## **BLOE BITS**

Next Meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM Hoping to See You There! By: Terri Ciesla B.L.O.E. President

It's hard to believe that another year is almost over. We will be nominating new officers and voting the next couple of meetings. Turnout for our ladies meetings have been really good considering how a lot of folks are still staying isolated. Some of our members came down with COVID mid-January. Prayers that their illness isn't bad for them and it doesn't last too long.

Congratulations to Jan Jacobson who is our Lady of Distinction for January. As a new member she has really stepped up to the plate. Thank you Jan.

Our Wednesday night dinners have been successful. I think the take-out option has encouraged more folks to buy dinners. February 17 Wednesday night dinner falls on Ash Wednesday. Nancy Price will be cooking a Cuban pork meal and also a fish option. Please RSVP brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com And don't forget to bring your valentine out to breakfast on February 1.4th

At this month's meeting, on February 1, we will be nominating officers and we will vote on new officers at our March meeting. Mark your calendars for March 23 officer installation dinner 6:30 PM.

"Don't stop until you are proud."-Lauren N. Colorado See you at the lodge, Terri

#### To our Absent member

Norman VanDame: Date of Birth 11-14-1949

Date of Death 12-13-2020

Date of Initiation 6-23-2008

## Brandon Ladies of Elks



#### JANUARY LADY OF DISTINCTION

The Brandon Ladies have been incredibly lucky with our new members. They hit the road running and help wherever they are needed and our lady for this month fits this to a tee.

She has only been a member for a short time and has already helped at several memorial services, breakfast and can be seen at Wednesday Night Dinners. She volunteers with a smile and works alongside BLOE veterans like she has been around for years. Show her once and she goes to work with no further direction. An added benefit is her dancing expertise. She is so good that her and her partner started line dance classes and haven't stopped.

We Brandon Ladies are happy she became a part of our sisterhood. Please join me in congratulating **Jan Jacobson** our Lady of Distinction for January.

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## 500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were: F Halisy, M Plant, S Beesting, L Scodari NOT SIGNED UP!

Larry Harris SIGNED UP!



**Brandon Elks Ladies** 



Cuban Dinner Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**Menu**: Salad, Cuban pork, black beans & rice Fish will be available for those observing Ash Wednesday

Special dessert Price: \$8.00

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Prepared by Guest Chef Nancy Price

Advance tickets available @ the bar or R.S.V.P at

brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com

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## Kitchen Manager Needed

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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.

Bingo Schedule for February
Week 2
Week 3
Week 4

Bingo Helpers	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Table 4 6:30	Barbra	Grace Weigand	Barbra Myers	Grace Weigand	Bob
Table 4 6:30	Sandy/Jim	Mary Ryan	Barbra	Sandy/Jim	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	Jane Moon	Ron Mathews
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Nancy Price	Mary Lou Scribner		Rick Weigand	Marionette
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45	Jeannie Barfield	Jeannie Barfield	Jeannie Barfield	Don Moon	Jeannie Barfield
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Lori Underberg	Sharon H	Beth Benham	Jeannie Barfield	

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with Bingo - Call marionette at 813-956-3776

#### These awards were presented on Saturday January 9th for the 2020 Lodge Year

#### Elk of the Year

This Elk is one of the "behind the scene" members. No need to point out what needs to be done at any particular time. He seems to sense the situation and just gets it done whether it be clearing or setting up tables or helping out at the Homeless Coalition and Bags of Brotherly Love events. He is a mainstay in the kitchen on Friday nights. He sees the need and jumps right in. He is a gentleman in every sense and has truly been an asset to Brandon Lodge 2383. He personifies the spirit of Elkdom.

Please congratulate Ed Campbell as Elk of the year.

#### Officer of the Year

This officer has been a member our Lodge for most of his adult life and has been a member of the Board of Trustees for over 10 years. His knowledge of Grand Lodge Statutes is outstanding and as such has been a tremendous help to me. His common sense approach to what seemed to be extreme issues was solved with very little controversy. His loyalty to Elkdom is unending. He is no stranger to our kitchen, planning and cooking for our Military Thanksgiving Dinner, or stepping up when snack bars need a quick fill in. He is always ready to help our BLOE with special functions (with a gentle nudge from his wife, Grace) and whatever else may need his culinary expertise. There is very little in this building that has not been repaired, installed or maintained by him. "I'll take care of that" seems to be the most common phrase in his vocabulary.

It is my honor to name Rick Weigand as Officer of the Lodge Year 2019-2020.

#### Citizen of the Year

This Elk came into our Lodge as a guest for a Wednesday Night dinner, and said "I like what you do here". His application for membership was completed that night and after he was initiated, he quickly started to volunteer in the kitchen with caterings, Wednesday night dinners and special events. For this coming Lodge year he has volunteered as the buyer for the kitchen supplies.

His compassion for his fellow man is exemplified by the program he initiated to aid those fellow citizens who are in need of a hand up both in mind and body. Along with his wife, Elisa, he brings dignity to our homeless through his Chairmanship of our Lodge program "Bags of Brotherly Love".

Please congratulate Bob Blair as the Citizen of the Lodge Year 2019-2020



## ENDOR SHOW

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800 Centennial Lodge Di When:





Food & Drinks

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baby" out for everyone to enjoy! No entry fee for car showing!

Vendor fee:

\$20 for inside

\$15 for outside

Tables are provided if needed

For information contact Nancy Price at npriceaccounting@yahoo Application available on https://www.brandonelks.org

#### Attention RV Storage Users

It was brought to our attention that a license plate was stolen from the RV Storage area. Because of this incident, we request that you periodically check on your RV's to make sure everything is ok. The Elks lodge is not responsible for any damage or loss as indicated in your signed agreement.

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#### **Bugle updates**

Please submit all Bugle entries to Ireintz@gmail.com by the 15th of each month in an editable format, no PDFs. Time is needed to develop, proofread and send for printing before the 1st of the month

#### **MONTHLY LODGE MEETING**

We will have our regular Lodge meeting on Monday, January 11, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. If you feel comfortable attending, please do. Don't forget your signed 2020-2021 Dues card. Face masks are still optional. Hand sanitizers are still available.

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

Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.

## Scrappin' for Jesus

To benefit those in need

James Deputy 813-486-6161

Anything metal will be picked up for free. All scrap metal big or small including aluminum, Steel, copper, brass, scrap appliances, parts etc.

"...whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Proverbs 14:31



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#### Brandon Elks "Bags of Brotherly Love" recognized for outstanding work in their community!

The bags of brotherly love continue to administer our hygiene and food products to the homeless via Homeless Initiative Partners in Hillsborough County. In January, we were able to give out 30 bags to Gracepoint and DAACO received 25 bags. Both agencies continue to help the homeless on a daily basis with specific assistance for housing and immediate needs of food and shelter. We continue to give thanks to all our lodge members who have donated clothes, hygiene products, and food through either online ordering or the donation bin set up in the lounge. As the new year begins, we along with the help from Sharon Hammersla, have completed the paperwork necessary to help garnish us an Impact Grant from ENF for 2021. It is with their generous support and the support of our lodge members that enables us to continue our mission of bringing dignity back to the lives of those less fortunate. Elks Care, Elks Share is the motto known around the lodges of Elkdom, but now known through our own Hillsborough County and the Homeless Coalition we are engaged. Our virtual monthly meeting in January with our Homeless Partners, unfortunately, did not give favorable reviews for continuing homeless outreaches in the county due to the positivity rate of Covid. With this said, we will continue to assemble our bags of brotherly love as we have been doing since March and administer these bags to partners that come in direct contact with these clients. Thanks again to all our fellow lodge members for your continued support and may our request for an Impact Grant from ENF come to fruition shortly. Please let us know if you need any items picked up and we appreciate any travel size hygiene items and shelf stable food you continue to donate. May everyone be vigilant in their safety during this pandemic and will see you at the lodge when we can.

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

#### A Sweet Treat Can Say "Thank You!"

Our Brandon Lodge honored our Law Enforcement recently by presenting a gift of close to \$2,000 in gift cards for their use. You might ask what can we do for our Firefighters?

The Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Station 11, located at 117 Ridgewood Avenue, is merely 0.4 of a mile from our lodge.

If you would like to do something to recognize their service, to say thank you and show appreciation, all you need do is drop off a dessert of any kind. You would be amazed at the impact this small gesture of gratitude means to them.

To be involved in this "Brandon Elks Thank You" to our local Firefighters, merely bake any type of a dessert and deliver directly to the Fire House. When dropping your dessert off, just let them know it is from their Elk neighbor as our way to say thank you and we appreciate their service. A little kindness in our world of chaos goes such a long way. Feel free to cut out the message below and include with your dessert. I dropped off a cake the other day, and I was taken back by how much my little boxed cake meant to them.

A Little something From your neighbors Brandon Elks #2383 To say "Thank You!" You are appreciated!



Elks Lodge Members,

This is a reminder that your Lodge dues must be paid by April 1st.

Life Member dues are \$42.00. (Life members must be voted in)

Regular Member dues are \$122.00.

Dues can be paid by check, cash, or credit card.

Credit card payments may be made during Lounge hours.

Checks can be mailed or dropped off and cash can be dropped off in the office or the Lounge.

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NOTICE

NAME	Member #

### **Brandon Lodge Notices & Announcements**

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.





The Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on our country, our community, our lodge and our families. There are many heroes who have stepped forward to turn a tragic situation into something positive. At our lodge we have plenty of folks who came forward for intensive cleaning, sanitizing, replacement of equipment, painting and remodeling of our facilities, donation of funds, along with drive-by food, magazine and toiletry donations to help our community. A lot of Elks and B.L.O.E members did what they could. Thank you for making a difference while keeping yourself safe. We look forward to having everyone back at the lodge.

Our lodge has a couple who when faced with having to cancel a big vacation they had really been looking forward to, decided to do what they could to serve our lodge. Our members, our State Tiler and PDDGER George Scribner and PER Mary Lou Scribner decided to make a donation that would bring joy and awe to each of us.



When approaching the lodge, you will now be greeted by an austere Elk, donated to our lodge by the Scribner's. In the evenings the light shining on this Elk reminds us of the oath we took and our dedication to those we serve.

George and Mary Lou, please accept our humble thank you for this wonderful gift to our lodge.





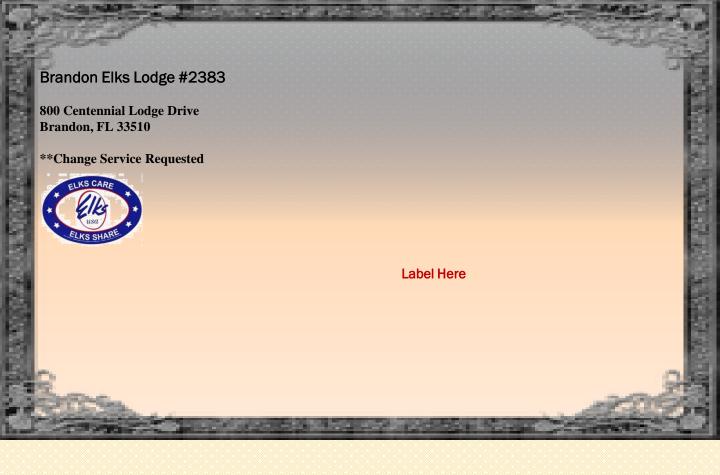
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## TO THE RV GUESTS

Just a few words to

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▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

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