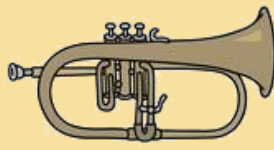




MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



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"WELCOME BACK LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS"

We've had a slow and steady increase in members coming back into the Lodge. I appreciate our members maintaining the social distancing at the bar and cooperating with our bartenders in enforcing these required guidelines.

Our Friday night dinners are back in full swing and our Thursday night BINGO started back up with a great crowd. Since we cannot do any games at the bar, for our Tuesday night crowd, we will start on Tuesday, June 23rd, with Tuesday Night Trivia (with prizes for each game winner), 50/50 and Queen of Diamonds. We have started back with BLOE Wednesday night dinners and our Ladies Sunday breakfast was fantastic and well attended. Be sure to check our annual calendar on our website for what is happening at your Lodge. Our Kitchen Manager has set-up an email to confirm your reservations for any dinner we are having at the Lodge. This will help them immensely with how many people to expect for the dinner. It will help to save your Lodge money in ordering too much. If you plan to attend any dinner we are having at the Lodge, please email the Lodge at BrandonElksRSVP@yahoo.com or call the Lodge at (813) 685-6469. We are trying new ways to improve our Lodge and being financially prudent with our Lodge funds. Our first Lodge meeting is Monday, July 13, at 7:00 P.M. Please come to support your Officer's and Lodge. I hope to see some familiar faces back in the Lodge.

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

Even though our Lodge was closed through most of our first quarter year, we still had some of our Officer's keeping our Lodge going. Our secretary, Mary Lou Schreck, was here at the Lodge most of those days keeping our paperwork moving through District and Grand Lodge. She has been invaluable to me, as Exalted Ruler, by keeping me focused on Lodge matters. Thank you Mary Lou Schreck and congratulations on being Officer of the Quarter.



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

This Elk's member has been one of the quiet workers at our Lodge. He has been invaluable to me as Exalted Ruler. If you have ever gone to our website (if you haven't, you should), you have seen his handywork. Ray helped design and maintains our website for Brandon Lodge and is always ready to make changes or additions to our website so you can be well informed of the happenings of our Lodge. He is another of our unseen but active member that does so much for our Lodge. Congratulations Ray Bilinski on being named our June "Elk of the Month".

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler
813-376-8855



Jim McCleary
Leading Knight
813-689-2155



MARIONETTE
SEXTON
Loyal
Knight
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Donald Harrison
Lecturing Knight
813-376-8949



Ed Campbell
Lodge Esquire
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Lara McCleary
Lodge Tiler
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Schreck
Secretary
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813-477-7676



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Schribner
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Trustee
850-206-0577



Nickie Wells
2 Year
Trustee
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Delores
Westfall
3 Year
Trustee
813-363-1562



Christine
Vogel
4 Year
Trustee
813-661-1852



Ed Ciesla
5 Year
Trustee
813-

LODGE DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

ALL Lodge members, since we were not able to have our Installation Dinner in March, we have rescheduled another dinner for Saturday, August 15, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Our BLOE will be catering and serving our dinners for the night. Main entrees will be Roast or Baked Fish. Mary Lou Schreck and her son, Joe, will be making the presentations that PER Don would have made (i.e., Elk of the Quarter and Year). This dinner is FREE to our members and guests. You MUST make your reservations by Thursday, August 13, 2020, by emailing BrandonElksRSVP@yahoo.com, calling the Lodge at (813) 685-6469 or picking up your tickets at the bar. You MUST have a ticket to attend. Your ticket will determine which entrée you want. We need to know how many meals we will need to provide. Please make your reservations and attend this great event. Thank you.

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

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
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Weekly PER & 50/50 Raffles
\$500 Club Drawing
9pm Absent Member Toast
Monthly Drink Specials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	2  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	3 Door: Marionette Sexton Friday night dinner TBA	4 July 4 th Picnic Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Beans and fixings
5 Lodge Officers Ritual Practice 2PM Social & Sports	6 BLOE Meeting PER Monthly	7 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	8	9  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	10 Door: Donald Harrison Friday night dinner TBA	11
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19 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	20 7pm Board Members: Governing Body	21 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	22	23  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	24 Door Robin Rutzke Friday night dinner TBA	25
26 8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports	27	28 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	29 Veterans Dinner	30	31 Door: Lara McCleary Friday night dinner TBA	New Line Dancing on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Thursday 7pm to 9pm:

SAVE THE DATE

July 4th Picnic
July 13 Next Lodge Meeting
July 18th 6:00pm Brandon Boys
Aug 15 Awards Dinner

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 July 6th at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

July is here. So glad to be back at the lodge catching up with friends. Our ladies group was able to have Sunday breakfast again on June 14th. We celebrated Father's Day and gave fathers their breakfast for half price. We had a wonderful turnout as folks are to return to their normal routines. Then on June 17, we had our First Ladies Wednesday night dinner after the lockdown. The meal was outstanding. The meat in the French dip sandwich was the most tender I've had! We served 23 folks and showed a movie afterward. Thank you to those who made it out that evening.

The ladies will be hosting a cake auction at the lodge July 4th picnic. Please bring a covered cake for auction and try join us for this event. Our meetings will resume on a July 6th. At this meeting we will have a mini installation of our officers, reveal our Lady of the Year, and exchange our final Secret Pal reveal gifts. Hope all will be able to attend. Please bring your dues if you have not yet paid.

Looking forward to getting back to you ladies and planning our events for the remainder of the year.

See you at the lodge,
Terri

Thank you for your kindness shown to my family. The many cards, calls and thoughtfulness during our most difficult time have been appreciated beyond words. Our Elk Family brought comfort to us as only you can do.

The Donald Schreck Family,
Mary Lou, Joe, Christine, Diem and Dominic

Brandon Ladies of Elks

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



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Bags of Brotherly Love for May and June

Again, we were not able to reach out to the homeless with our Bags of Brotherly Love for the May roving outreach. However, we were still able to help the homeless sheltered in 2 hotels. LaQuinta Inns in Tampa and Brandon are housing about 60 homeless through grants from Hillsborough County Homeless Initiative. They have the shelter, but no real access to food. There are small microwaves and refrigerators in the rooms. Bags of Brotherly Love donated food items that can be microwaved and the hotels are able to furnish the refrigeration for freezer and refrigerated items that can then be passed out to the homeless on a daily as need basis. Non-perishables of snack items and drinks are also supplied through our donation and very much appreciated. We also supply the hotels with coffee, sugar, and creamer since they provide that beverage 24/7 in their lobby areas. We are in communication with the Hillsborough County Homeless Initiative and no plans were made for a June quarterly outreach as of May 11th. Again, we thank all of our members for their continued support with this project and will communicate any quarterly outreach activity as soon as we know. Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the lodge and hope our dear friends are all well and practicing safety. Bob and Elisa Blair

From the Secretary's Desk,

As of this date we have many members who have not paid their dues. The Lounge is open every day at 4pm with the exception of Sun. at 1pm. Please stop in and pay your dues at the bar, send a check, or place a check in the black mailbox outside the front door marked "RVer's." I check this mailbox almost daily. The sign up for pre pay for the 500 Club is closed. If you have not paid for the year, you may sign up for the current week any time that you are in the Lodge. Just ask the bartender for the book.

You may pre pay for the second half of the year for \$26 per person. You will be signed up starting on the first Friday in October.(Oct. 2nd)and ending the last Friday in March 2021.

Thank you Mary Lou Schreck Lodge Secretary.

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 Brandonelks.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.

State Convention





The Fruits Of Our Endeavors

The BPOE and the BLOE are very well known for their scholarship programs. Each May we have a banquet at our lodge recognizing the outstanding High School Seniors in our area and award them with scholarships. A month or so later we receive a thank-you letter, and usually never hear from them again. Here is an exception. In 2009 Marissa

Ciesla won \$1000 from our Brandon Lodge. Together with other scholarships and the Florida Prepaid Program she began her education at the University of South Florida. She joined our lodge in 2011, after turning 21, making her the youngest member of our lodge at that time. She also has the distinction of being the ONLY scholarship recipient to have ever joined our lodge.

Here is her Bio:

Marissa Ciesla graduated in 2009 from Brandon Senior High School where she was president of her senior class. In 2012 she received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Florida in biomedical sciences with minors in psychology and biomedical physics. In 2014 Marissa continued her education at the University of South Florida obtaining a Master of Science degree in medical sciences with a concentration in neuroscience. In 2015 Marissa entered the College of Medicine's Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Florida. During her PhD research, Marissa studied therapies to enhance serotonergic reinnervation of motor nuclei after cervical spinal cord injury (a way of improving the breathing ability of people with a damaged spinal cord in their neck). She also authored and published 5 papers in support of her research. On June 19, 2020, she successfully defended her thesis to obtain her PhD.

Other achievements include:

McKnight Brain Institute Fellowship

Bryan Robinson Endowment

Toffler Leadership Award

Caroline tum Suden Opportunity Award

International Symposium on Neural Regeneration Travel Award

Respiration Section Trainee Poster Presentation Award

Marissa will graduate this August 2020 with her PhD in Biomedical Sciences with a focus on neuroscience.

Our lodge can be proud of Marissa's accomplishments knowing that we gave her a boost at the very beginning. Our scholarship programs do have positive results.

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.

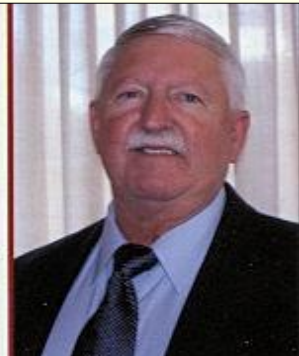
ATTENTION TO ALL ELKS MEMBERS

As required by Federal, State and Local Guidelines, Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Since we are considered a Private Club (not open to the general public), ELKS MEMBERS ONLY will be allowed inside our Lounge. No guests allowed until further notice.
2. All bartenders, kitchen staff and servers ARE REQUIRED to wear some type of Face Mask while performing their duties anywhere in the Lodge.
3. Face Mask wearing by any Elks Member while visiting our Lodge is optional.
4. Safe Distancing guidelines for our bar area and sitting in the lounge area is set-up and MUST be maintained.
5. No more than 50% capacity will be allowed in our Lounge or Lodge Hall, as long as Safe Distancing guidelines are used.
6. Hand Sanitizing dispensers are located at all entrances and outside restroom areas.

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