



THE BUGLE

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Elks Care - Elks Share

Wow, what a GREAT President's Visit/Dinner at our Lodge. I want to thank our members/volunteers that stepped up and made this event far exceed my expectations. Starting with our group that hosted the Hospitality Room to those that volunteered with the dinner. After the dinner, I received numerous comments from other Lodges regarding how we made this event first-class and very elegant. As I was told months ago, don't ever expect anything less from the Brandon Lodge. OUTSTANDING! There are numerous activities planned for the 2021-2022 Elks year and I wish for only the best results from these events. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

This will be my last ER Statement for the Bugle. The year did not start off how I had hoped and/or expected (as we all didn't) but, towards the end of the year I started seeing "the light at the end of the tunnel". I sincerely want to thank all of our members for their support for me during the difficult times of last year, with the constant closing and re-opening of our Lodge. No one was more frustrated than I was during those times. I cannot thank my Officers enough for how they performed this last year during ritual and conducting themselves as Officers of our Lodge. I want to congratulate the new incoming Exalted Ruler, Jim McCleary, and his slate of Officers for the 2021-2022 Elk year. I know our Lodge will support him during his tenure as Exalted Ruler. I truly believe that Jim loves Elkdom and is committed to improving our Lodge next year. Please give him and his Officers the respect and support they deserve and will need this coming year. On behalf of my wife, Patti, I want to thank you for entrusting me as your Exalted Ruler of Brandon Lodge #2383. Brandon #2383 truly is the GREATEST Lodge. When asked to volunteer, remember our motto "Elks Care - Elks Share".

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler



Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

This Elk of the Month has been around for MANY years. Most of our members know him but don't know how much he does for our Lodge. He is very quiet but carries a large heart towards our Lodge and its members. He has been extremely active in maintaining our RV Park and Storage area from the start. He has also been there for numerous other projects around the lodge, but as always, he likes to stay in the background. Your Lodge's March Elk of the Month is Frank Craft. Be sure to congratulate and thank him for his many years of "quiet" service to our Lodge.



To Our Absent Members:

Albert F O'Neill:

Date of Birth 06-13-1956

Date of Death 03-01-2021

Date of Initiation 02-24-1997

Kenneth Brown:

Date of Birth 01-23-1932

Date of Death 05-13-2020

Date of Initiation 10-21-2011

Guy W. Wolf, Jr.:

Date of Birth 07-31-1943

Date of Death 02-23-2021

Date of Initiation 06-20-1978

From the Secretary's Desk

It is that time of year.....

Dues must be paid by April 1st.

There is a coupon on Page 6 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 2nd. If you miss that deadline, you may pay \$26 for you (and \$26 for your spouse) by the first drawing in October which is Oct 1st.

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

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813-763-9019



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Leading Knight
813-956-3776



Lou Valencia
Loyal Knight
813-376-9863

TBD
Lecturing Knight



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



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Treasurer
813-477-7676



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1 Year Trustee
813-716-8051



Delores Westfall
2 Year Trustee
813-363-1562



Larry Oliver
3 Year Trustee
813-767-0870



Ed Ciesla
4 Year Trustee
813-684-0122



Mark Vargo
5 Year Trustee
813-376-8855

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER



Our Officer for this quarter is more than deserving of the title. She has put in countless hours for her Lodge. Whether as an Officer, Bingo Chair, Christmas Gifts for families, helping our Veterans or working in the kitchen, whatever our Lodge is doing, she is usually hanging around working in the shadows. Even when she is in physical pain, she will show up at the Lodge and find something to do. I want to thank Puppet for everything she has done to keep our Lodge running during these difficult times. Our Officer of the Quarter is Marionette "Puppet" Sexton.

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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  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	2 Door: Jim McCleary Friday night dinner see page 4	3
4  Social & Sports	5 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	6 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	7	8  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	9 Door: Marionette Sexton Friday night dinner see page 4	10 State Golf Tournament Boy Scout Clay Shoot 9am
11 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	12  Lodge Meeting 7PM	13 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	14 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	15  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	16 Door: Lou Valencia Friday night dinner see page 4 Back by popular demand Tony Knight & Friends	17 Albert O'Neill Memorial Service 3PM DD Clinic - Lakeland
18 Social & Sports	19 7pm Governing Board Meeting	20 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	21 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5	22  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	23 Door: TBD Friday night dinner see page 4	24 State Softball Tourney in Deland 11am BLOE Brunch
25 Social & Sports	26  Lodge Meeting 7PM	27 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	28	29  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	30	

Save the Date

April 12th & 26th, Lodge
meeting

April 22nd 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 – 1st 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
2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast
\$7

Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners
RSVPBrandoneIks@yahoo.com

APRIL MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP

TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

BY 10 A.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEAL.

APRIL 2ND

PUPPET, NICKIE AND NANCY - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSSED

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

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO

APRIL 9TH

JAN AND CREW - \$11

SALAD TOSSED

ENTRÉE: PULLED PORK SMOKED AND BBQ

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES & VEGGIES

DESSERT

APRIL 16TH TBD

APRIL 23RD

JIM, LARA & FRIENDS - \$10

SALAD

CHICKEN FETTUCINI ALFREDO

Garlic Bread

APRIL 30TH

PUPPET, NICKIE AND NANCY - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSSED

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

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO



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.

BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

Please help defray the cost of printing and sending out our Bugle.
A small donation of \$5 per year will go a long way to help.

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Bugle updates

Please submit all Bugle entries to lreintz@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 the second Monday of every month, 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.

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James Deputy
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BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is April 5^h at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

This month begins a new Elk year with new officers, new projects, new events and hopefully new enthusiasm. Seems like more folks are getting out since Covid cases are subsiding and vaccines are being distributed. It is nice to get back to almost normal.

March was a very busy month beginning with our March meeting where we voted on officers for the new year. Then, the following weekend, the Elks State President came for a visit to our lodge. There were many state officers and other dignitaries in attendance. Sharon Hammersla organized events for them throughout the weekend and there was an elegant dinner at our lodge on Saturday night March 6. Don Harrison once again successfully and deliciously cooked appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Guests attending complemented our lodge for having such an organized and well run evening. I was so happy to see 14 of our ladies in attendance representing our ladies organization. We shined.

March 13 a wedding was held at the lodge and our ladies catered. I want to thank all who stepped up to help. I was so happy to see how many volunteers helped Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday evening. A huge thanks to Nancy Price and Don Harrison for taking charge. The bride texted me the following day telling me that her wedding was beautifully decorated and the food was awesome. She was very pleased. The ladies always do a top notch job!!

Breakfast on March 14 was once again a hit. Nancy does such a wonderful job with this monthly event and if it wasn't for the ladies that help out, though, it would not be able to happen.

On March 15, I met with Dianne League, Carolyn Thomas, and Grace Weigand to clean out the ladies closet. We have everything ready for our catering events. Thank you ladies for your hard work with this. Our Wed night St Patrick's Day dinner was so good. It was sold out!! Thanks go out to Rick Weigand for cooking for this ladies dinner.

Our March activities ended with our B.L.O.E. officer installation banquet on March 23. Thank you Mary Lou Schreck for organizing this wonderful evening.

I hope to see many of you returning to our meetings and events. It's been a long year and we miss seeing our friends. Many events have been put on our calendar for this upcoming year. Let's get back to having FUN!

"Spend time with those you love. One of these days you will say either, "I wish I had," or "I'm glad I did." Zig Ziglar

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



MARCH LADY OF DISTINCTION

This month's Lady of Distinction has been a member for many years. She and her husband are always at the lodge. If there is work to be done, she is the first one to stand up and work till the job is done. She works the breakfast every month and always does her task with a smile. You can always count on her to volunteer and always puts things back correctly in the ladies' closet in the proper space and if she sees things out of place, she immediately puts them back correctly. When we do catering her and her husband do the set up and more than once has brought all the napkins and tablecloths home to iron, so the tables always look their best. She is meticulous in her appearance and how she works. Tablecloths have to be square on the table and napkins and place settings must be perfect polishing each knife, fork and spoon before it is put on the table. If you haven't guessed who it is - just look around the room she is probably wearing her signature pearls. Please join me in congratulating **Carolyn Thomas** - March's Lady of Distinction.

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500 Club Winners

Robert Blair SIGNED UP!

The 500 club names recently drawn were:
Deana Williams, Skip Klamp, Marth Bennett,
Bobby Davis. NOT SIGNED UP!



Brandon Ladies of Elks

Polish Dinner
Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

Chef - Terri Ciesla

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm Cost \$10

Menu: Cucumber Salad - Stuffed Cabbage - Kielbasa -
Perogies - Rye Bread

Special Dessert

RSVP: RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM



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 April

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



Brandon Elks Lodge # 2383 Fundraising Clay Shootout to Benefit Boy Scout Troop # 627



(You don't have to be an Elk to participate)

Saturday, April 10, 2021

9:00 A.M. Registration, 9:45 A.M. Safety Instructions

10:00 A.M. Shoot Begins

\$ 70.00 per shooter - \$280.00 per foursome team
(includes 50 clay targets and lunch)

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Company Team Sponsor (includes one foursome and display of your company name at a station), **\$ 320.00**
Individual Sponsor (Non-shooter, display company name at a station), **\$ 75.00**

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Non-Shooters welcome to observe and enjoy. Lunch for Non-Shooters is \$ 10.00 (if extra food available).

AWARDS for Top Shooter and Top Foursome.

Must provide own ear and eye protection and shotgun shells (50 rounds). Shotgun Shells available for purchase and ear and eye protection available for rent from FishHawk Office. For Shotgun rental, please call FishHawk Office (813) 689-0490.

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 # _____



It is with great anticipation and hope that bags of brotherly love will be participating in our first homeless outreach in over a year on April 13th. It is also with great honor that Brandon Elks Lodge is co-sponsoring this event with Bell Shoals Baptist Church along with bags of brotherly love as the host. This outreach will be a smaller version of the ones we have had in the past since we are primarily concerned with vendors that can supply specific services for housing, job placement, and medical needs. As host and co-sponsor, safety is our prime concern. Therefore, duties will include coordinating the vendors and volunteers, setting up the area that will be socially distanced, temperature checks will be taken, masks will be mandatory for the entire event, and hand sanitizer will be supplied at each station. We will also be responsible for feeding all homeless and volunteers and coordinating the tables for clean clothing through Northside Mental Health Services. The goal for this event, as it will be the first one in over a year since the pandemic started, is to help the homeless community that is in desperate need of any services that will bring dignity back into the lives of those less fortunate. We continue to supply our bags to organizations that provide mental and spiritual assistance to the homeless in Hillsborough County. Over 80 of our bags were distributed in the month of March and we are happy that ENF granted us \$4,000 towards this mission. Our Elk members continue to help with clothing and toiletry donations which we are very grateful for. Again, please feel free to call us if you need a pick up of items. Hoping our lodge community is continuing to stay well and look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge when we can.

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

BRANDON ELKS 2383 & BELL SHOALS CHURCH

HOMELESS OUTREACH EVENT

(Outside event/vendors please bring pop-up tents)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH 2021

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