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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Brandon Elks Lodge Members

Unfortunately, there isn't a whole lot of news or activities to report since the Lounge/Lodge has closed due to DBPR orders. For those of you who do Facebook, please keep an eye on our FB page regarding any news or changes or stay alert to any emails. At our Board meeting on July 20, your Board of Directors voted to allow us to hold our regular monthly Lodge meetings in the Lodge Hall, with social distancing. We will have our first regular Lodge meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. We need to vote to pay our bills and we also have several petitions to vote on and approve and then conduct Initiation in September. If you are comfortable, please try to attend our meetings. As always, please stay safe and if you are in need, please do not hesitate to contact our Office or any Lodge Officer. We are here to help or will find you the appropriate assistance. God Bless you all.

Faternally,

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.

Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Even though our Lodge is still closed, we still have some Elks that are doing good in our community and with our Veterans. She doesn't get a lot of attention but, she is Our Veterans Chairperson and is constantly working to help our Veterans. Due to the pandemic we haven't been able to go to Liberty Manor or the V.A. but Robin is still working hard on ways to help them. Thank you, Robin Rutzke, for what you do and for being our Elk of the Month.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



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8051



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1562



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4 Year
Trustee
813-661-
1852



Ed Ciesla
5 Year
Trustee
813-

LODGE DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Unfortunately, due to the government closing of our lounge and kitchen, our scheduled Lodge Dinner and Awards Presentations for Saturday, August 15, 2020, has been canceled and will be rescheduled when allowed to re-open the lounge and kitchen.

Please keep a watch in your email or our Facebook page for future announcements. Thank you.

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	
6/26/2020 Lounge Closed until further Notice	All entries are dependent on Lounge re-opening. The Lodge is open for business during Office Hours.				1	
2 Social & Sports	3 BLOE Meeting	4 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	6  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	7 Door: Mark Vargo Friday night dinner TBA	8
9 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	10  Lodge Meeting	11 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds 7pm Boy Scouts Cards, Pool snack bar open	12 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM	13  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	14 Door: Delores Westfall Friday night dinner TBA	15
16 Social & Sports	17 7pm Board Members Governing Body	18 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	19	20  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	21 Door George Scribner Friday night dinner TBA	22
23 8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports	24	25 7pm Boy Scouts 5:30pm -7:00pm Queens of Diamonds Cards, Pool snack bar open	26 Veterans Dinner	27  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	28 Door: Nicki Wells Friday night dinner TBA	29
30 Social & Sports	31					New Line Dancing on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Thursday 7pm to 9pm

SAVE THE DATE

August 4th Picnic
August 13 Next Lodge Meeting
August 18th
6:00pm 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, 7:30 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 August 3rd at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

Greetings.

We were able to have our First Ladies meeting last month. Although only 18 members ventured out, we were able to accomplish a lot. Our meeting started with our exalted ruler Mark Vargo introducing himself, discussing lodge events, and answering our questions. We then had an installation of officers before beginning our meeting. It was nice to feel back in the swing of things. We filled spots for monthly meeting snacks, we created a catering committee as well as a memorial committee, and made a list of helpers for upcoming events. We announced and congratulated our July Lady of Distinction, Lori Underberg. Congratulations Lori!! We planned to continue our breakfast and Wednesday dinner in July and then BOOM!!!! Our lodge had to close again. Who knows how long we will be in this situation, but we will adapt and will get through this. The main concern is the safety, and well being of our members. I look forward to getting back to meeting, breakfasts, dinners, and our fun lady's monthly activities. Until then, stay safe, stay home, and social distance when you are out.

"No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up, and never give up!" Anonymous

Terri

Thanks

Thank you for voting me as Lady of the Year. It was an unexpected surprise and I really appreciate the honor. The flowers are beautiful. I love working with such a great organization and makes it easier to volunteer with such nice ladies. We definitely do so much for the lodge and have fun doing it.

Sincerely,
Barbara O'Brien

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Our Lady of Distinction for July is a real firecracker. She is a hometown Brandon native and a member of both the Brandon Ladies and the BPOE.

She successfully served as Co-chair of the Ways and Means committee but found her niche when she took over as Yearbook chair several years ago. She works behind the scenes to make the yearbook a fabulous publication. She also is a picture taking expert. Her shots are frequently published in the Bugle and if she is charged with taking picture of an event you know she will not miss anything. She even will show you how to look your best by using her special pose.

Please join me in congratulating Lori Underberg – July's Lady of Distinction.

Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of the Year

The Lady of the 2019-2020 year is a quiet, hard working never say no lady. She is fairly new to our group but since she joined, she has volunteered for most of our events. She can be found setting up and working our Sunday Breakfast, she helps with our Wednesday Night Dinners, sponsored two tables for the 2019 High Tea and always helps with catering. Her love of country and veterans is demonstrated when she collects and delivers supplies to the Fischer House at the James A Haley Veterans Hospital. She keeps us fed and happy at monthly meetings by chairing the Programs Committee and also served as vice president. Besides loving her Country and the Elks she is proud to be Irish and talks often about her mother country Ireland. She is a die heart Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan and never misses a game.

Please join me in congratulating our Lady of the Year to the well- deserved Irish Lady – Barbara O'Brien



Jim Randall is donating several file cabinets to our Boy Scout Troop for a fundraiser. He said they are in excellent condition and is asking \$ 50.00 each. If interested contact Lorrin Wagner at (813) 381-6586 or email at lorrin@wagnerevents.com.

Office hours during this time when the Lounge and Kitchen are closed down remain unchanged!

Lodge Secretary can be reached in the Office on Monday and Wednesday from 2 to 5 PM.

Lodge Treasurer can be reached in the Office on Monday and Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM

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 Brandoneelks.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.

MONTHLY LODGE MEETING

We're Back! Your Board of Directors has voted to allow us to hold our regular monthly Lodge meetings in the Lodge Hall, with social distancing. We will have our first regular Lodge meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. Believe it or not, this will be our first meeting of the 2020-2021 Elks year. If you feel comfortable attending, please do. Don't forget your 2020-2021 Dues card. We have our regular business to attend to and we have several applications to vote on. Face masks are still optional. Hand sanitizers are still available. Please enter at the front Lodge entrance. The lounge is still closed.

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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James Deputy
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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.



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TO THE RV GUESTS

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- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

**THANKS FOR STAYING
IN OUR PARK**

Jack Mineo 813-681-2531



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