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Elks Care - *Elks* Share



Jim McCleary
Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

The month of September has come and gone, and we celebrated our pride in our country as Americans, first with our Labor Day picnic, and fun was had by all that attended. Then, we honored our first responders and two of our members, Ed Ciesla and Lara McCleary, volunteered to support the Brotherhood Ride, honoring our fallen first responders and raising money for their families. We first sent off Ed at the Lakeland Lodge where our Lodge made a \$2,100 contribution and a bunch of food to help the riders on their journey. Then Lara joined them in Baltimore, and we all loved following along on their journey. One of the things that makes our organization great is the demonstrated pride and support for our country and for those that support her at great personal sacrifice. Well done.

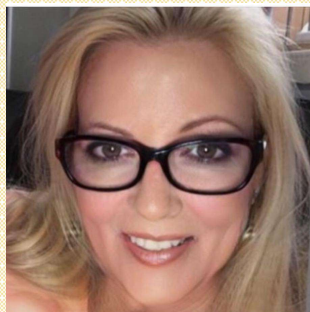
We had great dinners and entertainment in the Lodge as well, and I'd like to thank all those that step up and volunteer to make our Lodge a nice place to be, fellowship, and dine with one another. We elected and initiated 12 new members, and if you're one of them reading this Bugle for this first time, please ask me how to get plugged in! We always have opportunities to volunteer! Please consider how you can make a difference to make our Lodge more active and fun. Going forward to October, I hope you will come out and have fun at the Halloween party on the 23rd, as well as joining us for Trunk or Treat on the 30th for the kids. Deck your vehicles out and let's have a little parking lot party!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me for any reason and be proud to be an Elk! I'll leave you with this ... "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." – Princess Diana

Fraternally,
Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for September is **Jerrilyn Pietro**. Jerrilyn serves our Lodge as part of our Orientation Team, and she consistently serves in the kitchen for dinners and volunteers for the Ladies' Organization. She does it all with a joyful heart and a smile on her face. She is a wonderful part of our Elk family, please thank her for all her continued efforts and for being our Elk of the Month!



Officer of the Quarter

The Officer of the Quarter is **Mary Lou Schreck**. Mary Lou goes way beyond her duties as our Secretary, putting in many more hours than required, which few people know about, and is constantly serving to make dinners and of course, her baked desserts. Oh, how I love Mary Lou's baking! Don't miss out on her desserts! Please congratulate and thank Mary Lou for being our Officer of the Quarter!



Brandon Lodge Officers for 2021-2022 Elk Year



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Exalted Ruler
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813-956-3776



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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
31 					1 Door: Ed Ciesla Friday night dinner see page 4	2 Private Party Lounge 6-11pm
3 Social & Sports	4 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	5 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	6	7  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	8 Door: Larry Music: Tony Knight & Friends Friday night dinner see page 4	9
10 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	11  Lodge Meeting 7PM	12 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	13 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	14  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	15 Door: Delores Friday night dinner see page 4	16
17 Social & Sports	18 7pm Governing Board Meeting	19 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	20 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	21  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	22 Door: Nickie Friday night dinner see page 4	23 Halloween party 7pm
24 Social & Sports	25	26 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	27	28  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	29 Door: Jim M Music: Silver Alert Friday night dinner see page 4	30 Trunk or Treat 6pm

Save the Date

October 11th, Lodge meeting

October 20th, BLOE Dinner

October 21st, 6:00 PM
Brandon Boys

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 7pm
Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify Lodge
Secretary

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

Please RSVP for Dinners
RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

OCTOBER MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
BY 10 A.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEAL.

OCTOBER 1ST

AL SMITH & FRIENDS \$12

SALAD

ENTRÉE: RIBS OR CHICKEN (WHITE & DARK MEAT)

SIDES: POTATOES, BAKED BEAN

DESSERT



OCTOBER 8th

PUPPET & NICKIE - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSSED

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

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO



OCTOBER 15TH

TERRI & FRIENDS- \$12

LATIN DINNER & MUSIC

ENTRÉE: ROPA VIEJAS (Spanish beef)

SIDES: YELLOW RICE, BLACK BEANS, YUCA & PLANTAINS CUBAN BREAD

DESSERT



OCTOBER 22nd

PAT & JEFF- \$10

SALAD

ENTRÉE: SALISBURY STEAK

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY & VEGGIES

DESSERT



OCTOBER 29TH

TBD

Kitchen Manager Needed

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.



BLOE BITS

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

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

Our September started out with a guest speaker at our meeting. My daughter, Lindsey Brezina, spoke to us about scams and phishing. It was a very eye-opening presentation. Thank you, Lindsey.

Our ladies' breakfast was once again outstanding and very well attended. And the Wednesday night dinner...oh my. We had a packed room, live music, and lots of fun. Tommy Patrick played until midnight. We celebrated the return of Ed and Lara who worked on the Brotherhood ride support team, and we also celebrated Joe Pietro's birthday. I have never seen our lodge that hopping on a Wednesday night.

Next month Mary Lou Schreck will be cooking a German dinner. I hope you can join us.

I appreciate all the ladies that have helped at the lodge's memorial receptions. Thank you for your time.

We will be having initiation of new members at our October meeting.

Our October lady's event will be a Halloween party on October 23rd. "Myths, Legends, and Folktales" will be the theme. Come out, invite your friends, dress up (or not). Music by the SMAKK.

Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them!! Anonymous

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



SEPTEMBER LADY OF DISTINCTION

There are several of our members who are both Brandon Elks and Brandon Ladies of Elks. Our September Lady of Distinction is one of those hard working, never stopping ladies. She can be found in the kitchen, Bingo, memorial services or chairing one of our BLOE fund raisers.

She helps at the Sunday Breakfast and recently chaired our highly successful Disco Night. She is a very active participant in all the activities that the BLOE sponsors. She attends all the FLOE State Conventions and is ready to help set up and work in the BLOE sponsored Hospitality Room.

If you need something organized and run without a lot of questions and guidance, she is the one to ask. She has been a member for many years and knows Elkdom and always gets the job done.

Please join me in congratulating **Marionette Sexton** our September Lady of Distinction.

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500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were: Fred Campi, Ed Bejarano, Margaret Mantzel, Marsha Roberts- NOT SIGNED UP!!!

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents

Wednesday October 20th, 2021



Chef - Mary Lou Schreck

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

Menu: Brats, Sauerkraut, German potato salad or mashed potatoes, homemade applesauce and dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Bingo Schedule

2815

Bingo Helpers	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Table 4 6:30	Mary Lane	Grace Weigand	Mary Lane	Grace Weigand	Mary Lane
Table 4 6:30	Barbra	Mary Lane		Mary Lane	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	Magie Van.	Ron Mathews
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Nancy Price	Mary Lou Scribner	Lourdes	Lourdes	Marionette
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45				Marionette	
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Lori Underberg	Sharon H			Lori Underberg

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with Bingo - Call Carol at 484-678-3926



The Disco party was a great success! Hope that everyone had a great time.

BIG THANK TO:

Nickie and Glenn for the cooking
 Julie for coming out to help clean the kitchen
 Lori for helping with the decoration set up
 Lou for building the picture taking station
 Mary and Larry for selling the 50/50 tickets
 Laurie Carol, and Mike for helping setting up the food
 Pat and Bernie for selling tickets at the door
 Mary Lou for making our desert.

Thank You,
 Marionette



Trunk or Treat 🕸️ 🎃 🦇 🦇

For all kids

October 30, 2021

From 5pm to 8pm

Along with hotdogs and chips for
 all the kids 🎃 🕸️ 🦇 🦇



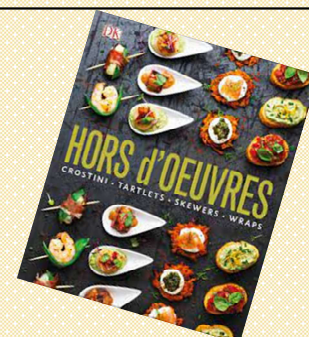
March 19th, 2022

Get your tickets early

\$50 each – comes with 2 drinks and Hors d'oeuvres

WIN up to \$2,500

See Marionette Sexton to purchase tickets

**Annual Calendar**

The annual calendar will be updated to reflect any dinners or events that will take place in the Lodge. You should also check the Brandon Elks Facebook page and Brandonelks.org for events. Please RSVP for Dinners

"rsvpbrandonelks@Yahoo.com"



*Brotherhood Ride ~ will be dedicated to Florida's Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2020 while protecting their communities. We will also be riding for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who have died from 9/11 related illnesses.
On August 20th, our team will pedal from Naples, FL to New York City for 23 days, covering over 1,700 miles and average 70-100 miles a day.*

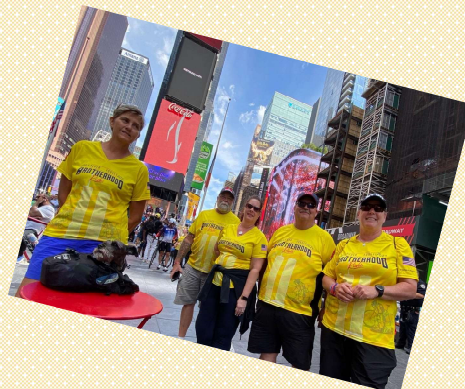
Ed & Lara's Adventures

Fun was had by all on the 1,700-mile trek to NYC

Sleeping on an air mattress in a room with about 70 other 'friends' is definitely not for the faint of heart! But the excitement of the riders each morning at 6am wake up, the friendly elks having been up for hours to make us a hot breakfast, the joy and pride every person the Brotherhood Ride meets up with and comradery that developed over 22 days makes it all worth the long days supporting the riders with food and drinks at every rest stop!

Ed started with the ride in Lakeland, FL where we donated over 200 pounds of food and \$2,100 in cash and checks! So, what does Ed have to say about this experience? Here are his words: When you are on the outside looking at what the Brotherhood Riders are doing, you see the fundraising, the riding, the support, the honoring of those who have fallen in the line of duty, the financial aid given to the fallen's families, and you see the remembrance. When you are immersed in the program, you share the emotions, the triumphs, and the struggles. You feel the camaraderie, you feel the gratitude of the fallen's families, you share the pride, and you share the grief.

Lara met up with the ride in Baltimore, MD. I was lucky enough to experience several different volunteer positions during my time. I cooked lunch a couple of days, helped at rest stops, got to follow behind the riders and help them with helmet change (about ½ mile from our stops for the night, the riders would stop and change into their professional hats (fire helmet, police or forestry hat etc.) and drove a support vehicle back from Staten Island, NY. The experience is priceless and when you know you are supporting an amazing cause, remembering fallen first responders, people that put their lives on the line daily to make sure we are safe, it is a very humbling experience!



Lady's Events

Nov 27 Car and Craft show
Dec 11 Breakfast with Santa
Feb 12 Red and Black Ball



We wish to thank our wonderful members once again for their generous contributions to bags of brotherly love. Mark Vargo contributed three orders of nail clippers that are a good hygiene item for the homeless. Don Harrison made a generous monetary donation that will help us purchase food items and bags. Monica Rodriguez donated an emergency order of bags to see us through this very busy time. Thanks to a very generous contribution by CVS, we were given 640 cases of hand sanitizer in 8-ounce bottles. We will be able to distribute these cases to any needy organization within our community. Some of our recipients thus far include Nativity Catholic Church, Boys and Girls Clubs, Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, Hope for Her with Baylife Church, Echo, Yates Elementary, St. Vincent De Paul, the local FEMA relief agency, and many of our lodge members.

As always, many thanks to the anonymous donors that continue to contribute food, clothing, and hygiene products. Our outreaches have been postponed till January 2022 due to the rising numbers of Covid and variant cases through the area. We can still supply our partners and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office with our bags since they still see clients on a daily basis through their organizations..

Elks Care, Elks Share continues to thrive in our community due to these generous donations that can help many clients and families. Bringing dignity back into the lives of those less fortunate is the goal of bags of brotherly love and this is not only for the homeless, but for individuals and families that may be going through difficult times.

As a lodge, we should feel very proud of our members and all the contributions they make to the community efforts that are ongoing in these turbulent times.

Please feel free to call if you are unable to bring your donations to the lodge and again, we thank everyone for the support you have shown to this worthy project. We are currently in urgent need of volunteers to assist in fund raising efforts. If you are interested, please contact the project manager Bob Blair at the below phone number. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

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

Snacks	Hygiene and other
Belvita Cookies	Hand Sanitizer
Slim Jim Snacks	Hand Soap
Vienna Sausages	Antibacterial Wipes
Lance Cheese Crackers	Deodorant
Snack Pack Pudding	Combs
Apple Sauce	Sunscreen Lotion
Water	Bug Repellant Wrist Bands
Nature Valley Granola Bars	Ponchos
Raisins	Socks
Chips	Shaving kits
Nutri-Grain Bars	Shampoo
	Conditioner
	Body wash
	Hand & body lotion
	Toothbrush & toothpaste
	Knitted caps
	Ball caps
	Hand warmers
	Blankets

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

BPOE Inner Guard
USAF (ret)
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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.



6th Quarterly Brandon Elks Drive Thru

November 13, 2021
8am-12pm
Brandon Elks Lodge

Food Donations appreciated

To our Absent Members

Raymond M Theryoung: Date of Birth 01-18-1959

Date of Death 08-09-2021

Date of Initiation 09-28-2009

Jerry F Sullivan: Date of Birth 09-27-1947

Date of Death 08-29-2021

Date of Initiation 08-01-2007

Jack Mineo: Date of Birth: 01-18-1959

Date of Death: 09-05-2021

Date of Initiation: 01-26-1987

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:

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