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Jim McCleary **Exalted Ruler**

Message From Your Exalted Ruler

4/ks Care - 4/ks Share

I wanted to report to you all about the State convention held the last weekend of May. We had several of our Lodge Elks come out and all had a great time and fellowship with Elks across our State. We received a couple of awards, one for ENF per capita contributions as we were 3rd in the state in our category. The money we donate to ENF comes back to us in grants that help our community projects, and allow us to make a difference, so thank you to all who helped make this possible. You are part of what makes us great. Our own Robin Rutzke was recognized as the Female Veteran Volunteer of the Year for the State! Kudos to Robin, she made us all proud! Our new State President, Suzi Simonelli, was elected, and her motto is "Teamwork Makes Elkdom Shine." I couldn't agree more. If you've been on the fence about being more active in volunteerism, please contact me! Perhaps you are a new Elk reading this Bugle for the first time. Please reach out to me if you'd like to get involved! My number is on page 2. Let us all keep the cardinal principles of our Order in the forefront of our hearts...Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. I'd like to thank the BLOE and all the Ladies and Elks Volunteers that made Casino Night such a big success. I know Terri Ciesla is very proud as well, as she should be. This month, we have our 4th of July Picnic. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and all the sides for just \$5.00 at the Lodge, and there will be a Bounce House and Water Slide for the kids. It starts at 11:00 AM. We also have our Elks National Convention right here in Tampa from the 4th to the 7th of July! I would love to see some of our members there as Elks from around the country gather in fellowship. See the Elks National website for details and schedule of events, including a concert and fireworks on the night of the 4th at the Tampa Convention Center.

Fraternally, Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for June is Larry Lane. Larry is a joyful volunteer who is always ready to give of his time, along with his wife and sidekick, Mary, of course. Mary & Larry are raffle ticket-selling extraordinaires! Mary and Larry will sell tickets anywhere, anytime at any lodge event. I so appreciate their efforts to help raise money for our Lodge. Please congratulate and thank Larry and Mary when you see them for all their efforts and for being this month's Elk of the Month!



Officer of the Quarter

The Officer for the 1st Quarter is Lou Valencia. Lou is constantly stepping up and giving of his time for our lodge and does so with a smile on his face. Lou has a passion for helping with our veterans and is always up to man the grill or otherwise help in the kitchen. Whatever the Lodge needs, and whenever he is called upon, Lou rises to the occasion. That is why I'm proud to announce Lou as our Officer of the Quarter. Please congratulate him when you see him.



Brandon Lodge Officers for 2021-2022 Elk Year



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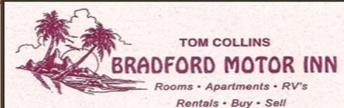
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Sunday: 1pm - 7pm Monday - Thursday 4pm - 9pm Friday 4pm - 10pm Saturday 4pm - 9pm MANAGER: GLENN GARVEY

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
Aug - gany				BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Delores Friday night dinner see page 4	3
4 No 4 th of July Picnic 11am Social & Sports	5 ational Convention ~ BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	6 Tampa, FL July 4 th -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	7 7th	BUNGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Nickie Friday night dinnersee page 4	10
8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	Lodge Meeting 7PM	5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG Hall	BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Jim M Friday night dinner see page 4	6:00pm - 11:00pm BLOE Christmas in July
18 Social & Sports	7pm Governing Board Meeting	5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG Hall	BINGO STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Music: Two Smooth Door: Marionette Friday night dinner see page 4	7:00pm Karaoke ~ lounge
25 Social & Sports	26	5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	28	BLNG D STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:		31 ident's Visit ~ Lake acid

Save the Date

July 12th,Lodge meeting

July 21st, BLOE Dinner

July 15^{th,} 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!

<u>Dress code for meetings is long pants and</u> <u>collared shirt for men.</u>

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

Please RSVP for Dinners RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast \$7 Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

JULY MENU ITEMS

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

JULY 2nd

MATT & BRENDA HARDEN \$10

SALAD

ENTRÉE: CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

SIDES: BREAD DESSERT

July 4th

INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC! \$5.00 HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, AND CHICKEN WITH ALL THE FIXINGS!

JULY 9TH

RICK WEIGAND & FRIENDS \$10

SALAD

ENTRÉE: ROAST PORK & ALL THE TRIMMINGS

JULY 16TH

MARY LOU SCHRECK & FRIENDS \$12 ENTRÉE: BREADED PORK CHOPS

SIDES: RICE PILAF, GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE, APPLESAUCE

DESSERT

JULY 23RD

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

SALAD: TOSSED

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

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO

JULY 30TH

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.

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



BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is July 5th at 7:00 PM Hoping to See You There! By: Terri Ciesla B.L.O.E. President

My reflection on the month of June is of positive vibes, happy memories, a very successful event, and strong hopes for continuous support and participation. The Las Vegas Casino night was more than what I had expected. My hopes were for 100 attendees, and we far exceeded that, we had 130 attendees. Many were friends and family of our members as well as folks from other Elk Lodges. Some were so impressed with the friendliness of our lodge that they picked up applications to join. The casino company did a very professional and outstanding job teaching our guests how to play various games, the silent auction drew a lot of bids and the food prepared by Rick Weigand was complemented by many. Many, many thanks to those that volunteered to help. It takes a lot of work to put on this type of event and it could not be accomplished without many folks volunteering their time. I really appreciate everyone that helped.

A big congratulations to Connie Poage as she was chosen as the Lady of Distinction for June. Her participation is appreciated.

Ladies Father's day breakfast was well attended. Thank you to our Breakfast crew who make this happen every month.

The Wednesday night dinner was a delicious Spaghetti and meatball dinner put on by Mary Lou Scribner with Nickie Wells making the best homemade meatballs I've had in a while!! Thank you to their helpers.

Our next event will be Christmas in July. The date has been changed to July 10th. More information to come. Another change is Disco night which will be changed to August 24th. Remember to invite your friends to the lodge either for dinner, dancing, our events or to one of our meetings. "Sometimes the most powerful impact you can have in the world is simply choosing to be kind." "Rachel Marie

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



JUNE LADY OF DISTINCTION

Our Lady of Distinction for June is a transplant from another Elks Lodge. She came to us several years ago and has been an asset ever since. She can be found setting up and coordinating BPOE and BLOE Memorial Service refreshments. She automatically steps up to help at events whenever she attends.

She makes sure that cards are sent to members when they are sick or have lost a loved one.

She is past president of the Florida Ladies of Elks and always keeps us up to date on any upcoming conventions or meetings. Her and her husband have been involved with the Elks for many years and can be relied upon to answer any questions on Elk's procedures or protocols. She is a quiet, intelligent and pleasant lady, and shows empathy and compassion to all our members , a reflection of her many years as a registered nurse.

Please join me in congratulating **Connie Poage** our Lady of Distinction for June 2831

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were: Richard Little, Richard Butner, Phillip Smith & James Claussen – NOT SIGNED UP!!!



Brandon Ladies of Elks

Special Dinner Wednesday July 21st, 2021



Guest Chef - Cathy Hudson

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm Cost \$8

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cowboy Beans, Cole Slaw and

special cookies

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com



Bingo Schedule 2087									
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 Marionette at 813-956-3776

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS OF WWII, KOREAN & VIETNAM WARS

"Parade of Heroes"

An annual event held in Washington D.C.
on Veterans Day week
for our Elk Veterans

This is an event that hosts Elk Veterans of WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War to an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

This event features tours of the memorials, as well as a "Parade of Heroes" which includes outstanding bands, choirs and JROTC cadets from around the country in a special tribute to our Veterans at the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials.

If you are interested in participating in the "Parade of Heroes", Please complete the form found on www.Floridaelks.org.

Someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible to discuss the details in securing your participation in this truly historic event.

ENROLL NOW!

Question, Comments or Concerns?

Please contact Brandon Veteran Chair Robin Rutzke at rrutzke@gmail.com or (305) 498-5654

and she will be happy to answer your questions
or help you with the process.

The Parade of Heroes is a major step to help mend the wounds suffered during and after the Vietnam war.



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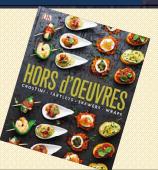
NOVEMBER 11-14, 202



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





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.



5th Quarterly Elks Community Drive

800 Centennial Drive, Brandon, FL Saturday August 7th 8am-12pm

Below is a list of items needed to help our community. If you are able to help with product or monetary

donations Any size contribution is greatly appreciated!

- Water (1 or 3 gallon containers or bottles)
- Energy Drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, Propel, etc.)
- Protein/Energy Bars
- Sandwich Wraps, Bread & Bagels
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Sandwich Meat
- · Pickles, Olives
- Snacks (Pretzels, Trail Mix, Crackers, Chips, Nuts)
- Cookies (Fig Newtons, Oatmeal, etc)
- Fruit (Bananas, Watermelons, Oranges, Tangerines, Grapes,
- Apples & Avocados)
- Sandwich Bags
- Paper Products (Paper Towels, Napkins, Plates & Cups)
- Trash Bags
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Hand Sanitizer





Please contact: Lara McCleary \sim 203-988-5089, Robin Rutzke \sim 305-498-5654 or Sharon Hammersla \sim 813-323-1992 7 with any questions or to drop off items before the drivethru date.



Brandon Lady of Elks





















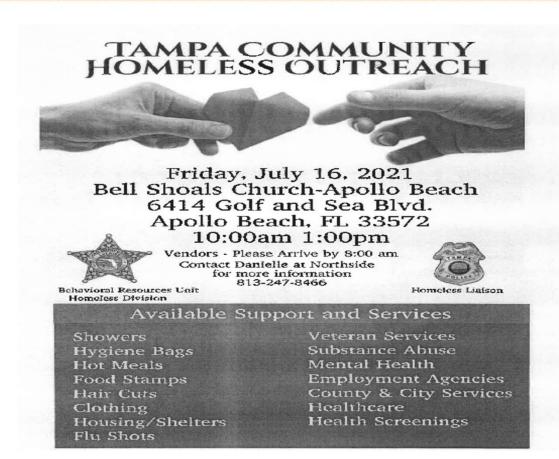












BE A BUGLE BOOSTER!!!

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:

Henry Ebert
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Ann Fox
Linda Hancock
Bernie Hiskey
Pat Hiskey
Diane League
Gerri Mann
Kim Martinez
George Thomas
Carolyn Thomas
Joseph Zebrak

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB

2425



Lady's Events

July 10 Christmas in July Aug 24 Disco Night

Oct 23 Wizard Of Oz Night

Nov 27 Car and Craft show Dec 11 Breakfast with Santa

Feb 12 Red and Black Ball





The next homeless outreach event that bags of brotherly love will be participating in, will be held at the Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Apollo Beach on July 16th from 10:00-1:00. See the flyer attached with all the particulars that the hosts Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Tampa Police Department are providing from area vendors. The donations from bags of brotherly love will not only be our hygiene and food products distributed within the bags, but also the luncheon served to all homeless, vendors, and volunteers. Bags of brotherly love is supplying the food while the preparation is being done by a local visiting food truck chef with a bar-b-q menu. Chef Jason and wife Melanie are donating their time and equipment to prepare and distribute the food at this event. We continue to need trial size hygiene items, shelf stable one serving food items, and now a continuing need of new or gently used socks. The supply line due to Covid for socks has declined to all the agencies throughout the county. With members continued mantra of Elks Care, Elks Share, we hope to be able to continue providing these much-needed socks in our bags for the homeless community. One of our Homeless Initiative partners through her employer was able to generously give us a \$250 donation. That helps out tremendously as our Impact Grant funds are quickly being depleted due to the high demand of our bags. In the continuing efforts to keep people safe from the Covid, this same partner generously brought us together with a third party who is supplying us with two pallets of hand sanitizer. This will be distributed throughout the community as the needs arise. If you know of anyone or organization that could use this product, please let us know. No request is too large or too small. The connections we have made within this Homeless Initiative community have been many and we have been able to continue our efforts in conjunction with our members and partners to bring dignity into the lives of those less fortunate. Again, if you have any donations that you can drop off at the lodge or need picked up, contact us and we will be happy to accommodate. Hoping to see everyone at the lodge!

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









I would like to honor our very own veteran Robin Rutzke for all the amazing work she does for our veteran's! It was Jim and my pleasure to witness you accepting this honor!

Robin was quoted as saying "I sincerely feel winning the Veterans Award is not solely my award but a TEAM award! I am so very proud of all my Elk and Brandon Lady teammates and colleagues who unselfishly contributed their time, talents, donations and advice to allow me to excel."

With that said, way to go Brandon Elks and Lady Elks! ~ Lara McCleary

Teamwork makes ELKDOM shine! ~ Suzi Simonelli, Florida State Elks Association President

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

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.



Brandon Elks! Show Support of Our Armed Forces By Proudly Wearing "We Honor Those Who Serve" Patch



We Brandon Elks can take pride that wearing this Patch first started in the Brandon Lodge about 4 years ago. Because of its' success it then was adopted as a District Program for Lodge Officers and Members to wear on their Lodge and/or Veteran Red shirts. Now, this year, the Florida State Elks Organization has approved this program at state level for all lodges participation.

You too can display support of our Veterans and Military by purchasing the "We Honor Those Who Serve" patch and wearing it proudly.

See Brandon Veteran Chair Robin Rutzke (rrutzke@gmail.com / 305-498-5654) to purchase your patch. Robin will be happy to address any questions.

Patches are sold for \$6.00. All profits are donated to support our Veterans with "Parade of Heroes" and our Military with "Army of Hope".

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