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Jim McCleary
Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Lara and I are fresh off the National Convention right here in Tampa. What a great time had by us, some of our Brandon Elks, and Elks from around the country. It was such a joy to meet so many from everywhere with their hearts full of Elkdom, and of course seeing a renewed sense of enthusiasm for Elkdom after the previous year we all had. We witnessed the election and installation of our new Grand Exalted Ruler as PGER Paul Ryan passed the torch to T. Keith Mills, surrounded by his beautiful family. I'm sure GER Mills will serve Elkdom well this year. In addition, we had the pleasure of seeing our own Sharon Hammersla installed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for our district. We are so proud of you, Sharon, and look forward to working with you to advance Elkdom! I'd like to thank Leading Knight Marionnette Sexton and our officers and volunteers for hosting a great July 4th picnic, and to Terri Ciesla and our ladies for a fun Christmas in July event last month! Great job, everyone. This month, I hope you will come out to the lodge for our Friday night dinners, including the 13th for steak night and a return of Tony Knight & Friends, which is always a fun show. On the 21st, join us for the Elks Day at the Rays, game time is 1pm. For tickets, visit FloridaElks.org. Tickets support the Harry Anna Trust Fund, which supports our Youth Camp and Child Therapy services. A great time helping a great cause. Plug into our Brandon Elks members Facebook page for upcoming details on transportation. Then in the evening, break out those bell-bottoms and leisure suits for Disco Night at the Lodge, beginning at 7pm! Very excited for that one!

Lastly, if you're thinking of ways to get involved, please contact me. There are so many ways to help our Lodge, our community, and Elkdom, while having fun doing it! We need your support! Thanks, and see you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,
Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for July is Carole DiAddezio. A new-ish Elk, Carole has jumped right in to help lead our Bingo team on Thursday nights, and she has taken it and ran with it! Thank you for your amazing dedication, Carole! When you see her, please show your appreciation for her efforts, and congratulate her for being our Elk of the Month for July!



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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 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 Social & Sports | 2 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting | 3 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open | 4 | 5 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: | 6 Door: Joe S Friday night dinner see page 4 | 7 8:00am - 12:00pm Community Drive Brotherhood Ride & School Supplies DD Clinic - Lakeland Private Party Lounge |
| 8 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports | 9 Lodge Meeting 7PM | 10 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open | 11 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall | 12 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: | 13 Door: Ed Campbell Music: Tony Knight & Friends Friday night dinner see page 4 | 14 |
| 15 Social & Sports | 16 7pm Governing Board Meeting | 17 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open | 18 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall | 19 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: | 20 Door: Carolyn G Friday night dinner see page 4 | 21 Elks Day at the Rays - Tropicana Field, 1pm 7:00pm - 12:00pm BLOE Disco Night |
| 22 Brotherhood Riders at Lakeland Lodge Approx. 3pm Social & Sports | 23 | 24 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open | 25 | 26 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR: | 27 Door: Robin R Music: Bob Prong Friday night dinner see page 4 | 28 |
| 29 Social & Sports | 30 | 31 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open | | | | |

Save the Date
 August 9th, Lodge meeting

August 18th, BLOE Dinner

August 19th, 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

AUGUST MENU ITEMS

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

AUGUST 6th

TBD

AUGUST 13th

PUPPET & NICKIE - \$12 OR \$14

SALAD: TOSSED

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

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO



AUGUST 20th

JIM McCLEARY & FRIENDS - \$12

CAESAR SALAD

ENTRÉE: LEMON BUTTER CHICKEN

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES W/ GRAVY,

GRANNY'S BUTTERED CARROTS

DESSERT



AUGUST 27th

PHIL, JERRILYN & FRIENDS - \$12

ENTRÉE: FRIED FISH (WHITE FISH (SWAII)) & SHRIMP

SIDES: COLESLAW, BAKED POTATO, VEGGIES, GRITS AND HUSH PUPPIES

DESSERT



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.

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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

July has been an awesome month.

Our big event last month was Christmas in July. What an incredible event with karaoke, limbo contest, hula hoop contest, lots of food, dancing, fun and laughter. Lots of folks attended and had a fabulous time. Our DJ Thomas did a fabulous job keeping us on the dance floor, being MC during our contests and providing karaoke. Thanks to all who helped and who came out to support this event.

Our Lady of distinction for July is Kathy Brogli. Kathy is always helping at every Lady's event whether it is a memorial, a fundraising event, a meeting or anything else. You can find her cooking, setting up, washing dishes, and helping during events. She is my right-hand man when it comes to someone, I can rely on to always be there helping me and doing whatever is necessary to make functions go smoothly and successfully. I could not do all I do without Kathy by my side. I truly appreciate her dedication and her friendship.

Be sure not to miss our August activities: Breakfast Sunday, August 8, Wednesday night dinner August 18, and Disco night August 21.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



JULY LADY OF DISTINCTION

This month's lady is a constant at all BLOE events. She is either decorating, setting up, cleaning up, cooking or baking. She has a sweet smile and a disposition to match. She used her computer expertise to create the Casino Night and Christmas in July Flyer. She made the dessert for the casino night. She is first to help at memorial services even taking time off from work to help at Jean Barfield's service. She starts us out every meeting with a prayer as the chaplain. Terri describes her as her "Right hand man."

Please join me in congratulating BLOE's official firecracker - **Kathy Brogli** our July Lady of Distinction.

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To our Absent member

James 'JT' Taylor: **Date of Birth 03-21-1940**

Date of Death 07-01-2021

Date of Initiation 04-22-1985

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were: Janis Jacobson, Barbara Rhodes, John Gulfenstein, Mark Baker, Robert Rupp, Patricia Hudson, Mark Sims – NOT SIGNED UP!!!



Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents
August in Mexico
Wednesday August 18th, 2021



Guest Chef – Carole Flood & Julie Ebert

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Cost \$10

Menu: Cucumber Salad, Chicken Enchiladas, Yellow Rice, Refried Beans and a SURPRISE dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Bingo Schedule

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| 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



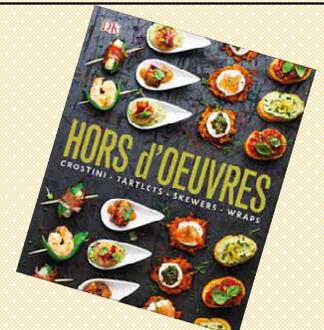
March 19th, 2022

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"



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
- Basic School Supplies – pens, pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, glue bottles, glue sticks
- Filler paper, Composition books, Construction paper
- Spiral notebooks, 2-pocket folders, binders
- Calculators – Basic and Scientific.
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Post It Note Pads
- Back Packs
- Playdough
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Ear Buds
- Sheet Protectors
- Pencil Bags
- Dry Erase Markers
- Ziplock Bags (Qt and Gal)

Gift Cards help to purchase items along the ride - (Publix, Walmart, Costco, Sam's Club, Target and Gas Cards)

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



Put on those platform shoes and step out to the Brandon Elks Lodge on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

The party starts at **6 PM** with cocktails and a smorgasbord of heavy hors d'oeuvres. The fun continues with great dance music to 'boogie on down' to and fun contests. Don't miss your chance to be the DISCO QUEEN (or KING) of the night at the Brandon Elks Lodge!

\$20.00 per person

Tickets available in the lounge or from Marionette Sexton.

Prizes for the best Disco outfits!



Presented by the Brandon Ladies of Elks.
All proceeds support Brandon Ladies of Elks charities.



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



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Lady's Events

- Aug 21 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





Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 Supports Local Community

Once again the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 had a successful community event. With the input from past SWC DVP Sharon Hammersla, Elk Member Robin Rutzke once again manned the station hosting the food and magazine collection drive-by on Saturday, June 19th. Members stopped by the lodge to drop off their donations of food and magazines. Robin reported that 28 Elk members stopped by with donations and 7 non-Elk members also dropped by with donations.

The drop-off donations of food totaled 582 pounds of food valued at approximately \$1,164. The food was later delivered by Sharon and Robin to the Nativity Food Bank for distribution to the local food pantries in the area. The dedicated volunteers at the Nativity Food Bank (Past Lady President of Brandon Lady of Elks Julie Ebert and Brandon Elk member Charlene Hart) are so grateful that the Brandon members support such a worthy cause. Nativity Food Bank is always beyond excited to receive “first rate” food from this quarterly donation. Julie Ebert has been an active and dedicated volunteer to the Nativity Food Bank for many years and very proud of the Brandon Lodge members support.

The donated magazines are given to Kim Peatee, who works at Recreation Therapy at James A Haley Hospital. Kim said that the magazines are so important because the patients in the hospital as well as her homebound patients enjoy reading them so much and it shows them that people do care about them.....they are not forgotten.

The success of each quarterly drive-by is the result of teamwork. Together Robin and Sharon chair and hosts these quarterly events, while members such as Julie Ebert, Rick Weigand, Kathy Brogli and Beth Benham handle the advertising, gathering, delivering, and distribution. Robin was even successful in including two of her teenage neighbors to volunteer from start to finish, greeting people and helping to unload and reload the items for delivery. Ethan McAlister who is currently in high school and his brother, Brodie McAlister who is in Middle School, enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer for such a worthy cause, practicing leadership and communication skills at the same time. Both are homeschooled and Ethan is working toward earning community service hours needed to apply for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Their mother, Mari McAlister, said “Thank you so much for having them. They haven’t stopped talking about it!” Who knows, maybe these boys are “Elks in training”?

Both Robin and Sharon want to send a “thank you” to all those who contribute to this or any event put on by any Elk lodge. Those that contribute are the ones who make such events successful!

Once again, Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 put in practice “Elks Care – Elks Share”.



Kathy Brogli (Elk member), Robin Rutzke (Elk Member) Brodie McAlister, Ethan McAlister



Brodie McAlister, Robin Rutzke (Elk Member), Kathy Brogli (Elk member), Ethan McAlister



Delivery to Nativity Food Pantry: Sharon Hammersla, DDGER, Robin Rutzke.
Back: Julie Ebert, Past Brandon Lady President



The homeless outreach on July 16th in Apollo Beach at the Bells Shoals Baptist Church was a success, we were able to distribute out 67 bags of brotherly love along with a fresh hot meal sponsored by an Impact Grant awarded to the Brandon Elks Lodge. Transportation to and from this event was provided by Sunshine Line to the best of their ability. This area has a widespread population of homeless and it is hard to reach those in need of provided services.

We would like to thank our volunteers from the lodge for their support of this event. Ed Campbell along with his friend Elaine manned the clothing table with Ed specializing in men's jeans and Elaine helping with the women's clothing. Robyn Rutzke manned the bags of brotherly love table. This was her first encounter with a homeless event and what a wonderful job she did. Her enthusiasm for helping the homeless is the same as the desire to help fellow veteran's. Again, thanks to our member, Monica Rodriguez, whose employer, Care Plus/Humana, donated water, ponchos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and new bags for our brotherly love project. All items were either used at the event or will be used in further assembly of bags for distribution. Thanks to Don Harrison who generously ordered a number of needed hygiene items from Amazon within just a few minutes of learning about the need from Bob. Such a tremendous gesture and very much appreciated! Thanks to Mark Vargo for his generous donation of nail clippers that will also be supplied as a hygiene item going forward. Continued thanks to all our members that donate clothes, food, and monetary funds as these items are always needed and appreciated. The sock drive is still underway and helping tremendously. Keep them coming if you can!

The next homeless outreach event will be at Sacred Heart School, 509 N. Florida Ave., in Tampa on September 9th. As with previous homeless outreach events, July's gathering supplied us with numerous donations from other organizations for our hygiene and food supplies that will be utilized in our future bags. The networking that transpires at these gatherings gives us more opportunities to work within our communities in need. We consistently spread the good word of our organization in helping with the plight of the homeless, veterans, and young children in need. The depth with which our members show their generosity and willingness to help those in need helps define our Elks Care, Elks Share motto.

As always, we will be more than happy to pick up any donations at the lodge or please call if there is a special circumstance that needs us to pick up from a separate location. Thanks again for the continued support with this project that is helping people in need throughout the Tampa Bay area. Hope to see you at the lodge and stay safe.

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

TAMPA COMMUNITY HOMELESS OUTREACH



Thursday September 9th, 2021

Sacred Heart School

509 N. Florida Ave.

Tampa, FL 33603

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Vendors * Please arrive by 8:00 am

Contact Marisol Sanchez with Guided Path Foundation for more information

813-373-6649



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Homeless Division



Homeless Liaison

AVAILABLE SUPPORT SERVICES

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Showers | Clothing | Mental Health |
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| Hot Meals | Flu Shots | County & City Services |
| Food Stamps | Veterans Services | Healthcare |
| Hair Cuts | Substance Abuse | Health Screenings |

**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.



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