

THE BUGLE

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

800 CENTENNIAL LODGE DRIVE, BRANDON, FL 33510

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 1999-2000

PHONE 813-685-6469

FAX 813-643-5652



SEPTEMBER 2021
www.brandonelks.org
Volume 21 Issue 9



Elks Care - Elks Share

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Jim McCleary
Exalted Ruler

Hello friends! If you missed Disco Night at the Lodge in August, wow, what a great time we had. I'm not sure if I've ever seen our Lodge Esquire move quite that way before, but trust me, Ed Campbell can dance! We all had a ball, and the food was fantastic. Thanks to all that made that such a fun event.

Also in August, Lara and I and some fellow Elks in tow delivered a ton of food and about \$1200 in cash and gift cards in donations to the Brotherhood Ride on their Day 2 stop in Lakeland. What a special day it was seeing the cyclists pedal into the Lakeland Lodge to huge cheers. Our own Ed Ciesla joined their support team and will be with them on their journey to New York City, where they will ride in on 9/11 to Ground Zero to honor all our fallen first responders and their families. It was a special day and I'm very proud of our Elks for all the efforts in allowing us to make a great donation to a worthy cause. Lara presented the donation to the Brotherhood Ride Co-founder Jeff Morse, and they were very grateful. Lara will also be joining them when they get to Baltimore to assist them as part of the support team along with Ed for the rest of the way. Kudos to you both!

This month, please come out and support the Labor Day Picnic. Our volunteers, led by our Leading Knight, Marionette Sexton, are working hard to put on a great event. The picnic is from 11:00 to 2:00 and there will be burgers, dogs, chicken, and all the fixins, and a waterslide for the kids, so bring a friend, bring a neighbor, and have fun with us as we celebrate Labor Day. Are you following our Brandon Elks Members Facebook page? If not, why not? It's a great way to get information about upcoming events, and to see the pictures and fun of past events. Just search "Brandon Elks Members" and hit the button to request to follow, or simply reach out to me and request an invite. Lastly, come on out to our events and dinners! You can't beat the dinner prices and our talented volunteers work hard to make a great meal for you, so please join us and fellowship with your fellow Elks. If you haven't been in awhile, **WE MISS YOU**. So let us see your smiling face again! See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,
Jim McCleary, Exalted Ruler

The 500 Club

For pre-payment, the next deadline is Oct 1st at which time you may pay \$26 for you (and \$26 for your spouse) by the first drawing in Oct which is Oct 1st. You will be signed up for the rest of the Lodge Year.

To be eligible to sign up you must have paid your dues.
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.

Fraternally,
Mary Lou Schreck,
Lodge Secretary

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for August is **Rick Weigand**. I don't have enough space here to re-count all of Rick's contributions. He helps in the kitchen; he works hard to get our kitchen equipment repaired when needed and has done so much to keep our Lodge maintained. There's really not much Rick can't do, and this month, I wanted to show him my gratitude for his continued efforts and volunteerism. When you see him, please congratulate and thank Rick for being our Elk of the Month for August!



Rick with his better half, Grace. What a fabulous couple.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2021-2022 Elk Year



Jim McCleary
Exalted Ruler
813-763-9019



Marionette Sexton
Leading Knight
813-956-3776



Lou Valencia
Loyal Knight
813-376-9863



Joe Schreck
Lecturing Knight
813-340-8069



Ed Campbell
Lodge Esquire
813-245-0827



Robin Rutkze
Lodge Inner
Guard
305-498-5654



Lara McCleary
Lodge Tiler
203-988-5089



Carolyn Greeson
Lodge Chaplain
813-436-0704



Mary Lou Schreck
Secretary
813-689-2155



Nancy Price
Treasurer
813-477-7676



Nickie Wells
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
813-679-7699



Mark Vargo
5 Year Trustee
813-376-8855

0272

Jerry's Roofing
of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Residential & Commercial
Free Estimates
(813) 685-8190
Jerry Hujar / Owner
Licensed, Bonded & Insured Lic. # EC0047181

We're Here
Before
& After
The Storm

TOM COLLINS
BRADFORD MOTOR INN
Rooms • Apartments • RV's
Rentals • Buy • Sell

2811 Hwy. 60 East
Valrico, FL 33594

Office: 813-681-9940
Home: 813-651-0062



JIM MCCLEARY
REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

BUYING OR SELLING?

**I'M HERE TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR REAL ESTATE GOALS.
LET'S TALK!**

MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS INCENTIVE PROGRAM AVAILABLE.

ASK ME ABOUT CHARITABLE GIVING.

813.763.9019
Jim@McClearyMoves.com
www.McClearyMoves.com



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	2	3	4
				 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Lara Friday night dinner see page 4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Social & Sports	 Labor Day Picnic 11am	BLOE Meeting PER Meeting 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Nancy Music: The Good Stuff (Tony & Tricia) Friday night dinner see page 4	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	 Lodge Meeting 7PM	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	 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	Door: Mary Lou S Friday night dinner see page 4	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Social & Sports	7pm Governing Board Meeting	5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open		 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	FLOE Conference – St Augustine Door: Mark V Music: Skip & Nancy Friday night dinner see page 4	
26	27	28	29	30		
Social & Sports		5:30pm -7:00pm Queen Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open		 STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:		

Save the Date

September 6th, Lodge meeting

September 15^h, BLOE Dinner

September 16th, 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

SEPTEMBER MENU ITEMS

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

SEPTEMBER 3rd

MARY LOU SCHRECK & FRIENDS \$12

SALAD

ENTRÉE: BAKED CHICKEN

SIDES: MACARONI & CHEESE, VEGGIES

DESSERT



SEPTEMBER 10th

LAURIE BAYNE & FRIENDS- \$10

ENTRÉE: TACOS & BOWLS (BEEF & CHICKEN)

DESSERT



SEPTEMBER 17TH

JAN & FRIENDS - \$12

SALAD : TOSS

ENTRÉE: POT ROAST AND GRAVY

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIES

DESSERT



SEPTEMBER 24th

BRENDA & MATT HARDEN & FRIENDS - \$10

SALAD

ENTRÉE: BAKED SPAGHETTI W SWEET ITALIAN SAUSAGE

SIDES: GARLIC BREAD

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.

To our Absent member

David Curfman:	Date of Birth 12-02-1957
	Date of Death 07-31-2021
	Date of Initiation 03-23-1998
James Deputy:	Date of Birth 06-16-1934
	Date of Death 08-12-2021
	Date of Initiation 07-23-2017



BLOE BITS

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

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

Happy Fall!

Last month was another busy one for the ladies. Breakfast, Wednesday night dinner, disco night. We continue to work for our lodge and have loads of fun while doing it.

Our Lady of Distinction for last month was Mary Lou Scribner. She constantly supports the ladies' group by donations of items as well as her time at our events. I am honored to have her in our ladies' group and as a dear friend. Congratulations Mary Lou.

This fall and winter will keep us on our toes with much to do. In September, we have our Florida Ladies Of Elks conference where the Brandon Ladies will be hosting a hospitality room. Looking forward to a few days on St Augustine Beach. We are planning Halloween events including a Trunk or Treat for the kids on October 30th as well as a Wizard of Oz themed party for the adults on October 23rd. We will also have a Car and Craft show November 27. December events will include a Breakfast with Santa on December 11th. Please help support our events by volunteering your time and talents, and by spreading the word to your friends and family.

Remember that our Wednesday night dinners, the third Wednesday of the month, and our Ladies' breakfasts, the second Sunday of each month, are open to the public. With all of us getting the news out, we should be able to pack the house!!

With that said, I'm looking forward to the success of all these events.

"Every sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day."

Jhiess Krieg

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



AUGUST LADY OF DISTINCTION

Our Lady of Distinction for August is active in the BLOE, BPOE and FLOE. She can be seen at the Lodge helping with dinners, attending meetings and having fun in the lounge with her husband. She is a former BLOE President and is also a Former Brandon Elks Exalted Ruler. She is the first one to help with planning a fund raiser and is ready with door prizes or silent auction gifts. She must have a special closet at home full of gifts because she has donated them for just about every event the BLOE holds. She can also be found in the kitchen helping at memorial services and other fund raisers. She is very active in the Florida Ladies of Elks as a Senior Delegate.

She was president in 2011/12 where she got a good foundation on how the Elks works and she then went on to be the ER for the BPOE 2013/14.

She can be seen fluttering around at events making sure everything is running smoothly and always has a smile to welcome members and visitors.

Please join me in congratulating **Mary Lou Scribner** our August Lady of Distinction

2548

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names recently drawn were:

Bryan Bebnowski, Robert Parsons, Elaine Miller – NOT SIGNED UP!!!

SIGNED UP NOT PRESENT - Tom Collins, Ed Wilks, Ray Bilinski, Jeff LaVoie

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents

Wednesday September 15th, 2021



Chef – Terri Ciesla

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Cost \$10

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn and a special dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Bingo Schedule

1177

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



When we ask, Brandon Lodge steps up
And BOY DO They!



L to R: Ethan McAlister, Lara McCleary, Brodie McAlister, Robin Rutzke



L to R: Brodie & Ethan McAlister, Brenda & Matt Harden, Lara McCleary



L to R: Ethan, Caleb & Brodie McAlister



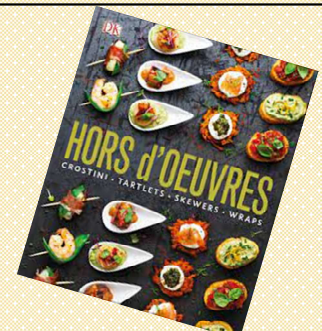
March 19th, 2022

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.

When we ask the Brandon lodge to step up, BOY DO THEY!

We delivered to the Brotherhood Ride \$1,245 in cash and over \$2,000/200 lbs. in food, drinks and paper products!



L to R: Elks only: Mark & Patti Vargo, Mary Lou Schreck, Lara McCleary, Sharon Hammersla, Robin Rutzke & Ed Ciesla



Lara presenting cash donation to Jeff Morse (co-founder of the Brotherhood Ride)



Lara & Ed packing their totes, both are volunteering their time as support care staff



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

**JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB**

2756



Lady's Events

Oct 23 Wizard Of Oz Night
Nov 27 Car and Craft show
Dec 11 Breakfast with Santa
Feb 12 Red and Black Ball





The Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 had the honor of hosting a special guest in our RV park this past week!

Erick Robertson of "9/11 Remembered ~ The Traveling Memorial" stayed with us in July while making his rounds throughout the state of Florida visiting pieces of the World Trade Center that were donated to organizations that established their own 9/11 Memorials.

Exalted Ruler Jim McCleary, his wife Lara, and PER Dennis Roberts had the pleasure of talking with Erick and getting a tour of the RV pictured below. The rig has a podcast studio named in honor of Todd Beamer of Flight 93. As Erick travels across the country, he has guests that discuss everything under the sun, especially topics regarding September 11, 2001, and the impact this important mark on history has had and continues to have on humanity worldwide to this day. The organization's motto is "9/11 didn't end in 2001!" Jim presented a coin to Erick that he received for his service during Operation Safe Skies, a continuing mission to secure the Capitol region to ensure another attack through the air on our Capitol never happens again. This coin will join many others as part of a "coin wall" that will become a part of the rolling 9/11 Memorial.

Erick's next stop is to the Florida Keys to dive on the USS Vandenberg for a special dedication.

Their mission is to travel across the country to specifically share the history of 9/11 with cities across America that have established their own memorials. 9/11 Remembered will be visiting all these memorials to not only honor them but to also continue their legacy that we **NEVER FORGET** the day that changed the world forever.

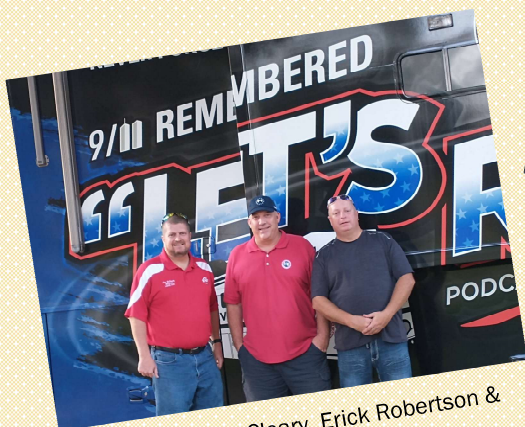
THEIR VISION: TO TRANSPORT THE SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL ACROSS AMERICA

ORIGINS OF 9/11 REMEMBERED TRAVELING MEMORIAL

"After the attacks of September 11, 2001, I volunteered at Ground Zero with my best friend Porkchop, my search and rescue canine partner. The cleanup took a total of nine months before every person left, hand in hand. The attacks caused unbelievable despair across America and much of the world...and yet, it also created a sense of unity. The feeling that:

"WE. ARE. ONE."

The memories of Ground Zero are seared into the minds of anyone who responded to "the call" as well as those who witnessed it from afar..."



L to R: Jim McCleary, Erick Robertson & Dennis Roberts (PER)



L to R: Lara McCleary, Erick Robertson & Jim McCleary



Podcast Studio inside rig above



Our bags of brotherly love continue to serve the homeless, 135 bags have already been handed out in August. Our partners are requesting our bags each week and we are able to provide these much-needed hygiene and food items as requested.

We want to give thanks again to our generous donors of hygiene products and socks. Don Harrison generously provided us with over 400 pairs of socks that will keep us in stock for awhile. Monica Rodriguez once again came through with a donation from her employer Humana/Care Plus of \$1500, ponchos, and more bags to use for assembly. Kathy Eldridge donated several bags of hygiene products that will continue our ability to save money by preventing us from have to order these items. Once again, a **BIG THANK YOU** to our Elk family for your donations. Our lodge really does believe in Elks Care, Elks Share. We continue to accept clothing, trial size hygiene products, and single serve food items in the donation bucket in the lounge.

Please see the below list of needed items if you are able to donate. This list will also be posted on the bulletin board in the lounge for your viewing.

Our new member and PR rep, Jim Carter, was able to make a short video at our last outreach in Apollo Beach. Many thanks for his expertise and time creating this portrayal of what we do and the volunteers from the lodge that helped us bring dignity back into the lives of those less fortunate. You can view this on the Brandon Elks website.

We will continue to offer pick up service for those items you are unable to get to the lodge.

Unfortunately, the scheduled homeless outreach with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Tampa Police Department at Sacred Heart School in Tampa had to be postponed. This is due to the rising numbers in Covid case for the county as well as the Delta variant numbers increasing amongst our population. Always thinking of safety first, this event has been rescheduled to January 2022. If anything changes, we will let you know.

Thanks again for all your support for bags of brotherly love, as it is truly making a daily difference in our community!

Hope to see you at the lodge soon.

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)
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.



The Brandon Elks held a school supply shopping event for our Elks schoolteachers on 8/20/21. The drive, held on 8/7/21, collected over 200 Lbs. of school supplies. Any supplies left over were donated to Yates Elementary School.



L to R:
Robin Rutzke
Marionette
Sexton
Lara McCleary
Nickie Wells
Jim McCleary
Glenn Garvey
Mary Lou
Schreck
Sharon
Hammersla
Don Harrison



10510 Riverview Drive
(813) 671-3121

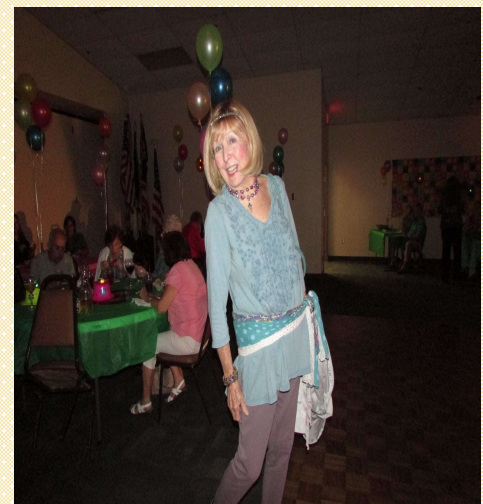


Riverview, Florida 33578
813) 671-3730 Fax

**Kevin Talbert
Director / Owner**

**Linda Hinkle
Office Manager**

**Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Director / Owner**



Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

800 Centennial Lodge Drive
Brandon, FL 33510

****Change Service Requested**



Label Here

TO THE RV GUESTS

Just a few words to

Welcome you back to our RV Park

AS YOU KNOW OUR RATES ARE

- ▶ \$20 per night; 7th night FREE
- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

**THANKS FOR STAYING
IN OUR PARK**

Frank Craft 813-245-6238



JIM RANDALL, CIC
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
RANDALJD@ADCOCK-INSURANCE.COM



BUSINESS - AUTO - HOME

315 W. FLETCHER AVE.
TAMPA, FL 33612

"YOUR BUSINESS IS APPRECIATED!"

PH (813) 933-6691
FAX (813) 932-6287
TOLL FREE (866) 933-6691

FLORIDA WILL, LIVING TRUST LIVING WILL POWER OF ATTORNEY

William R. Mumbauer, Attorney
813-685-3133

205 N. Parsons Ave., Brandon, FL 33510
www.flwilltrustsprobate.com

Living Will	\$75
Durable Power of Attorney	\$75
Health Care Surrogate Designation	\$75

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Every Thursday Night at 6:30pm
Brandon Elks Lodge



800 Centennial Lodge Drive, Brandon

SNACK BAR FOOD & DRINKS