



THE BUGLE

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

.WoooHooo! We are back open!!!! Your Board voted last night to officially re-open all aspects of our Lodge. Visitors are welcome when accompanied by a Member. The Lodge Hall is back open for rental. We STILL must abide by CDC and DBPR guidelines of safe distancing, NO standing at the bar, hand sanitizers located around the Lodge and wearing of face masks to enter the Lodge.

We had our first new members Initiation at our last meeting and welcomed 6 new members. Please make them welcome when you meet them at the Lodge. We have elections for 4 Year Trustee at our October meeting. Nominees are Jan Czajkowski and Ken Nuzyk. Please make every effort to attend and show your support to your Lodge for this election.

On Friday, October 2, 2020, we will be having the "Brotherhood Ride" coming to our Lodge. These are First Responders riding bicycles from South Florida to New York City. They stop at various Elks Lodges to eat and sleep. We will be hosting approximately 60 people with a BBQ dinner, sleeping in the Lodge Hall and then our Cub Scout Pack will be making them Pancakes in the morning before they take off. This is a GREAT opportunity for our Lodge to show our community what we believe, "Elks Care – Elks Share". There is supposed to be media coverage as they come into our Lodge property and are supposed to arrive around 4'ish. It would be great to have many of our members and friends to greet them as they arrive and when they leave in the morning. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for any updates.

Donald Harrison has started our Friday night dinners back up and they have been GREAT. We are trying to get our members to confirm their dinners ahead of time to save on waste. For any dinner function at Lodge, please email to brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com to confirm your meal. Indicate which dinner you are confirming. If you just show up to eat and haven't confirmed/reserved, you may not have a meal. They are only preparing a few extra meals beyond those confirmed. Please help your Lodge and our kitchen staff. Check our Monthly and Annual calendar for events.

Bob Blair tells me that they had a good turn-out for the "drive by" drop off at the Lodge for our homeless citizens. They are still in need of travel size deodorant. Please contact Bob if you would still like to donate.

Again, it is so good to have the Lodge up and running completely. We still have some modifications at the bar but, most activities are back on. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.

Exalted Ruler



Elk of the Month

These last couple months, with the closure of the Lodge, it was difficult to think of an Elk of the Month. I started thinking which Elk was still doing things for the Lodge even though we were closed. It didn't take me long to consider this Elk. This Elk has always been there to help me or the Lodge when needed. He is relatively quiet, most of the time, but, he seems to always be available to help me (and sometimes advise me) when I need it. He has helped our new Esquire to learn the Rituals and has managed our Bugle when I asked him to continue during the closure. I feel he has done so much for our Lodge that most members don't know and believe he deserves this month's choice. Congratulations, Gerry Westfall, for being September's Brandon Elks Lodge, Elk of the Month. Please congratulate Gerry when you see or talk to him.



Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



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813-376-8855



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Trustee
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Westfall
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813-363-
1562

4 Year
Trustee
open



Ed Ciesla
5 Year
Trustee
813-

LODGE DINNER AND MAJOR EVENTS (VISITATIONS)

Brandon Elks members: If you intend to attend a scheduled or unscheduled dinner or event at the lodge, please RSVP by 10:30 on the day before the event. This is an effort to plan our meals and reduce waste in the kitchen. We will make a few extra dinners, but don't count on arriving without a reservation and getting to eat.

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
Lounge re-opening on Tuesday October 1st				1  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	2 Door: Jim McCleary Friday night dinner see page 4
4 Social & Sports	5 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	6 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	7 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	8  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	9 Door; Marionette Sexton Friday night dinner see page 4
11 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	12  Lodge Meeting 7PM	13 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	14 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM	15  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	16 Door: Donald Harrison Friday night dinner see page 4
18 Social & Sports	19 7pm Governing Board Meeting	20 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	21	22  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	23 Door: Ed Campbell Friday night dinner see page 4
25 8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports	26	27 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	28 Veterans Dinner	29  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	30 Door: Robin Rutzke Friday night dinner see Page 4
					31 New Line Dancing on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Thursday 7pm to 9pm:

Save the Date

October 12th Lodge meeting
 October 14th BLOE Dinner
 October 15th 6:00 PM
 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, 7:00 p.m.
 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
 4th Sunday – Scout’s Pancake Brkfst
 4th Wednesday - VETERAN’s Dinner
 Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Pease RSVP for Dinners
 Brandonekrsrsvp@yahoo.com

October menu Items

OCT 2ND DONALD HARRISON & GANG \$12.00
SALAD AND SOUP , (CAESAR OR CLAM CHOWDER)
ENTREE (CHOOSE ONE) PAN SEARED SCALLOPS(6 OZ) IN A WINE/BUTTER/CAPER SAUCE
BAKED FISH ON BED OF JASMINE RICE OR
FRIED SHRIMP(8CT) ON A BED OF JASMINE
SIDES: STEAMED BROCCOLI
DESSERT CAKE

OCT 7TH DONALD HARRISON AND GANG \$11.00
FREE TO MEMBERS WITH AN OCTOBER BIRTHDAY
TOSSED SALAD
ENTREE (CHOOSE ONE) CHICKEN MARSALA OR COUNTRY FRIED STEAK
SIDES: MASHED POTATOES AND CORN OR GREEN BEANS
DESSERT BIRTHDAY CAKE

OCT 9TH JAN AND HIS CREW \$11.00
TOSSED SALAD
ENTREE POT ROAST AND GRAVY
SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIES
DESSERT: CAKE OR ICE CREAM

OCT 16TH MARRIONETTE AND FRIENDS \$12.00 OR \$14,00
TOSSED SALAD
ENTREE (CHOOSE ONE) STEAK COOKED TO ORDER, SHRIMP(8), OR FISH
SIDES: VEGGIES, BAKED POTATO

OCT 23 DONALD HARRISON AND GANG \$11.00
CAESAR SALAD
ENTREE FISH
SIDES: FRIES, AND COLE SLAW
DESSERT CAKE OR ICE CREAM

OCT 30 MARY LOU SCHRECK AND SQUAD \$12.00
ENTRÉE BRATWURST
SIDES: MASH POTATOES. SAUERKRAUT
AND OTHER FIXIN'S
DESSERT BLACK FOREST CAKE

TO BE ASSURED A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO BRANDONELKRSVP@YAHOO.COM WITH YOUR ENTRÉE CHOICE AND NUMBER OF MEALS. BY 10:00AM THE DAY OF THE MEAL.



BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is October 5th at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

YAY!! I am so thrilled that we are once again open. Looking forward to our October meeting, breakfast, Wednesday night dinner, Halloween Party, etc. Just happy to get back into the swing of things. It has been difficult being away from our friends for so long. We can all assume somewhat normal gatherings using social distancing and plain common sense.

Our Ladies meeting will be held on October 5. We will sit in a social distance setting like we did at our last meeting. If you did not bring your secret pal gift to the last meeting, please bring it to this meeting. Also if you have not paid dues for this year (\$20) you can pay now.

See you October 5 if not before at one of the Friday night dinners.

“You can’t change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending.” Anonymous

See you at the lodge,

**See you at the lodge,
Terri**

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Due to the current Pandemic and the lack of activity at the Lodge, There will not be a selection of a Lady Elk.

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names drawn in September 2020 are:

J Albano, S Craft, W Smith,
C Brickman, S Sims, &
N Guggino

all were NOT SIGNED UP.

Bingo coming soon!

We need volunteers for the following areas:

Calling back bingo winners- starts at 6:30 pm

Collecting money - this starts at 4 pm

Calling Bingo - starts at 6:30 pm

Please call Puppet at 813-956-3776 and leave a message.

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.

. Please RSVP for Dinners “brandonelksrsvp@Yahoo.com”

Please welcome our new member



Left to right: Mark Vargo, Sammy Sayad, Mathew Harden, Darci Warren, Kevin Herbow, William Lilley, and Jay Moyer

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 “brandonelksrsvp@Yahoo.com”

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 are back and will hold our regular monthly Lodge meetings in the Lodge Hall, with social distancing. We will have our regular Lodge meeting on Monday, October 12th, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. If you feel comfortable attending, please do. Don't forget your 2020-2021 Dues card. We have our regular business to attend to, we have several applications to vote on, and we must vote for our new 4 Year Trustee. Candidates are Ken Muzyk and Jan Czajkowski. Face masks are still optional. Hand sanitizers are still available.

Dress code for meetings is long pants and collared shirt for men.
Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.

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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Brandon Elks Lodge Bags of Brotherly Love

The bags of brotherly love would like to thank our lodge members for their generous donations of hygiene products during our donation drive at the lodge on October 12th. A special thanks to Beth Benham who also helped collect the items with us. We also collected \$165 in generous monetary donations from lodge members that will be used to supplement any hygiene or food products that we will need to complete the bags for the homeless. We continue to provide our bags to fellow partners who work with the homeless to help provide permanent housing for those in need. By the time you read this, we will have found out if the county will continue to supply hotel vouchers for 60 homeless people in the Tampa (USF area) and Brandon La Quinta hotels. If Hillsborough County continues this program, we will use our funds to help feed them as we have been doing since April. We are very proud of all of our donators and will continue to keep the red bucket in the front lobby for additional hygiene donations. This endeavor will continue through October. With your help and generosity, we strive to bring dignity back to those less fortunate. Elks Care, Elks Share was certainly shown on this rainy Saturday in October and we are very appreciative of your time and ability to use our contactless drop off for a worthwhile cause. Hope to see you at the lodge now that we are back open!

Bob and Elisa Blair

Brandon Lodge Notices & Announcements

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke



Any questions or concerns about the Veterans the Elks Lodge serves or note worthy Veteran events, please address them with Robin.

BPOE Inner Guard
USAF (ret)
305-498-5654

God Bless our Veterans.



Attention Brandon Elk Members

We have vacancy for a 4 year Trustee. The nominees are Ken Muzyk and Jan Czajkowski. please come to the Lodge meeting on October 12th and vote for the member you feel will do the best job for the lodge.

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