

# THE BUGLE



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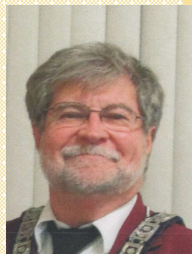
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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Ed Ciesla  
Exalted  
Ruler

#### Charity and Brotherly Love, 'tis The Season!

December is here, and our Lodge is coming alive with the spirit of Charity and Brotherly Love. In this season of hope and love, our Lodge stands as a beacon of compassion and community, embodying the true essence of the spirit of the holiday. At the heart of our Lodge's mission is the commitment to Charity. Throughout the year, our members work to support various causes. But during Christmas, our efforts are amplified. Some of our Christmas charity initiatives are our food and toy drive. With unwavering dedication, our member's rally to contribute non-perishable food items, clothing, and toys to our adopted families, ensuring many in need can experience the magic of Christmas. The happy faces of children receiving gifts, and families gathering around a quality meal, remind us of the profound impact of our collective generosity.

The warmth of Brotherly Love envelops us as we join hands to make a positive impact on those in need, as well as embracing the fellowship we enjoy in the company of our Lodge family. In the true spirit of Brotherly Love, our members foster a sense of community that transcends the holiday season. We come together not just as an organization but also as a family, sharing the joys and sorrows that life brings. This sense of unity strengthens our resolve to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

As we gather to celebrate Christmas, let us reflect on the significance of Charity and Brotherly Love in our lives. Our Lodge stands as a testament to the power of kindness and compassion. This Christmas let our actions speak loudly, echoing the principles of Charity and Brotherly Love that define our Lodge throughout the year.

As I asked of you in last month's message, be sure to show your fellow members the charity and love you have in your heart this season. While attending our Lodge, have a smile on your face, speak kind words, have a happy tone in your voice, and embrace a positive feeling of well-being. Just think how, collectively, we can have an uplifting effect on "the spirit of our Lodge" this season.

May this season fill your heart with warmth and may the spirit of Charity and Brotherly Love shine brightly at our Lodge, and beyond.

~ Your Exalted Ruler, Ed Ciesla ~ [EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com](mailto:EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com)



Brotherly love teaches us to truly cherish and care for each other. To extend the hand of friendship, offering compassion, care, and empathy to others, and to our fraternal brothers.



#### Volunteer of the month

Our Volunteer of the month for December is **Lara McCleary**. She is another one of those folks that works behind the scenes to make things happen at our Lodge. Every month she works diligently as the editor of our Bugle. She gathers the information for our dinners, publishes the menus, identifies when we have entertainment and who the entertainment is, updates the monthly calendar, lists our 500 Club winners, inserts the different articles that are submitted each month (like this one), and arranges everything to fit in the space allotted without having any blank pages. And there is more. Take a close look at this month's Bugle and imagine yourself creating it.

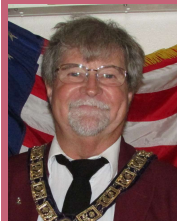
In addition, she composes and sends out (via e-mail) the weekly list of "Things To Do At Our Lodge". She has also modernized our communication platform by using an e-mail service to compose, send, track, and update our membership contact database. This is a major step in streamlining our process while assuring accuracy. She also helps maintain and monitor our Lodges' Members Only Facebook Page, keeping it both relevant and policed.

As our, shall we say, Director of Lodge Communications, Lara spends many hours each week staying up to date on Lodge activities and events while making sure we all know what is happening at our Lodge. Help me thank Lara for a job well done!



**RV Storage Lot**  
Monthly storage fee increase to \$60 per month Jan 2024. If you pay for the entire year up front it is \$50 per month.

## Brandon Lodge Officers for 2023-2024 Elk Year



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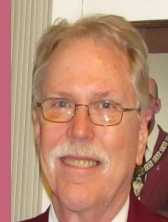
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Orientation: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425

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Elks Memorial Day: TBD (Could be You!)

ENF: TBD (Could be You!)

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# BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> at  
7:00 PM  
Hoping to See You There!

We are well on our way to a very busy time. The Christmas season has arrived and with that multiple events are on the calendar. I want to say thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for all our catering events. We could not do this without everyone's help.

I am looking forward to all our fun events in the next 2 months. Maybe you're looking for a Christmas present for a certain person? A ticket to Casino night, February 3, 2024, would be a good idea.

I am looking forward to good times and new friends in 2024.

Sending out to everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Jane Gilblair  
B. L. O. E.  
Lady President

## Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction NOVEMBER



Brandon Ladies of Elks are blessed with many great women who prove year after year how awesome they are. The lady of this month is a long-time member who has been stepping up and volunteering since she first became a member. She has chaired several positions but in the last couple of years she has found her niche. She is editor of our awarding winning yearbook. She loves to take pictures and you can be sure if you need a picture of any event she has one in her files. While preparing for the yearbook publication she is notorious about making sure that every paid member is listed, there is a budget, a list of events and the by-laws are current. She has several different people proofreading her final draft and it is near impossible to find a mistake, she is that good. She is always willing to help at fundraising events and other activities at the lodge and is always camera ready. You all know who we have chosen as November Lady of Distinction but just in case you haven't guessed please congratulate **Lori Underberg**.

### Shhhhhh. There's A Meeting Going On

As you may know, our lounge is required to be closed during our Lodge meetings. What you may NOT know is that those guests waiting in the lounge for the meeting to finish can be heard laughing and talking. Although we want you to have fun at our Lodge, this is very distracting, especially during the solemn ceremony of Initiation. So, please keep the volume down, and perhaps gather at the far end of the bar, the further the better. Thank-you for your consideration.



### Hostess Corner

I can't believe it's already December. The hustle and bustle of the stressful (oops...did I say stressful? I meant joyful) holiday is here! To keep your sanity during the "Yule" time, don't forget "you" time. Make plans to join your Elks family at the lodge Christmas party on Friday, December 15. We're going to be doing our regular Friday night steak dinner and Skip and Nancy will be playing that night. Please RSVP for this dinner indicating your choice of steak, fish or shrimp. We really need to get a count of meals. As always, this will be open to Elk members and their guests, so you are welcome to invite your friends and family. And, after the Christmas excitement has worn off, join us at the lodge for a New Year's Eve dinner, followed by a New Year's day brunch. (A wonderful Christmas gift idea is to buy someone a ticket to our New Year's events!!)

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**LODGE TREASURER**


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Or call for appointment

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Music  
Weekly 50/50 Raffles  
\$500 Club Drawing**

# DECEMBER

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

26	27	28	29	30	01 Florida State Elks - Arcadia Hall Rental 3PM – 7PM Music: Mike Albright Friday night dinner see page 5	02 Elks President Visit Dec 1 <sup>ST</sup> – 3 <sup>RD</sup>  Hall Rental 8AM – 2PM  Hall Rental 6PM – 11PM
03 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM  2PM Annual Memorial Service in Hall Bring a covered dish	04 BLOE Meeting 6:30PM 7PM PER Meeting	05 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	06 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$8	07 <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	08 Lounge Rental 10AM – 2PM  Music: Tony Knight Friday night dinner see page 5	09     Hall Rental 6PM – 12AM
10 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM 2PM – 7PM Lounge Rental 8-11AM BLOE Christmas Breakfast Hall	11  Lodge Meeting 7PM	12 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	13 BLOE Dinner Hall 6:30PM  Christmas Gift Wrapping in Lounge	14 <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	15 Music: Skip & Nancy  Friday night dinner see page 5	16     Hall Rental BHS JROTC Ball
17 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM  1PM BLOE Foster Kid Christmas Party Lounge	18 7pm Governing Board Meeting	19 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	20	21 <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	22 Friday night dinner see page 5	23
24 Christmas Eve Lodge CLOSED	25 Christmas Day Lodge CLOSED	26 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	27	28 <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	29 Friday night dinner see page 5	30

**500 Club Winners**  
Called, signed up, present: Jerrilyn Pietro  
Called, NOT signed up: Jane Mumbauer,  
Howard Shirey, Pat Hiskey, John Jackson  
Norma Godsey, Erin Gallagher, Leslie  
Langill, Duane Petry, Jr, Patricia Sweet  
David Shaw, Patricia Lokar, Richard Motl  
Jason Conner, Diane Fox, Richard Wagner  
Linda Graves, Esther Cantrell, Janis  
Jacobson

**Door Duty**  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark F  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – Ed Campbell  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Marionette  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Don H  
December 29<sup>th</sup> – Carol D

**BLOE BREAKFAST**  
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**Christmas Party**  
**Lounge Rental**  
ONLY Elk members can rent the lounge for themselves or immediate family (children, parents, siblings, aunts or uncles).

**Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge issues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, May-January! February-April, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month!**  
**Dress code for meetings is long pants and collared shirt for men. Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.**  
PER Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm  
Lodge Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month, 7pm  
Governing Board mtg – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm  
BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 6:30pm

31  
New Year's Eve  
Party 5PM  
Lounge  
see page 6 for  
more details

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, YOU MUST RSVP  
TO [RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM)  
BY 12 PM THE DAY BEFORE FOR ALL MEALS!  
TEXTING SOMEONE IS NOT CONSIDERED AN RSVP!

**Save the Date**  
BLOE MEETING, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
LODGE MEETING, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting December 18<sup>th</sup>

**LOUNGE HOURS**  
Sunday: 1pm – 7pm  
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm  
Friday 4pm – 10pm  
Saturday 4pm – 9pm  
MANAGER: JANE GILBLAIR

# DECEMBER MENU ITEMS

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**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

BEV LAUNDRY \$15  
ENTRÉE: PORK CHOPS  
SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, PEAS  
SALAD & DESSERT  
MUSIC: MIKE ALBRIGHT



**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

PHIL HINKLE & FRIENDS  
SPECIAL SNACK BAR MENU  
PRICES WILL BE BASED ON YOUR SELECTION



**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

TERRI & ED \$8  
ENTREE: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS  
SALAD & DESSERT



**DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

LARRY OLIVER & MARK FOX \$15  
ENTRÉE: STEVE SAUDY'S ROASTED  
CHICKEN OR CRAB CAKES  
SIDES: POTATOES, VEGGIES,  
HOMEMADE COLESLAW  
DESSERT



**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

PAT & JEFF \$15  
ENTRÉE: BAKED HAM  
SIDES: POTATO CASSROLE & VEGGIES  
SALAD & DESSERT  
MUSIC; TONY KNIGHT



**DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION  
\$35 IF PURCHASED BEFORE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
COMBO WITH NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH \$45  
AFTER DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> \$40  
COMBO WITH NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH \$50

**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

BLOE DINNER \$10  
NICKIE & NANCY  
ENTRÉE: BEEF TIPS OVER NOODLES  
SIDES: VEGGIES  
SALAD, ROLL & DESSERT



PRIME RIB OR STUFFED SALMON  
ROASTED ROSEMARY POTATOES, GREEN BEANS  
ALMONDINE  
SALAD, BREAD & DESSERT  
MUSIC: DJ SONNY LOVE

**DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

NICKI & FRIENDS  
SALAD: TOSSED  
ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15),  
SHRIMP (\$13), OR FISH (\$13)  
SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO  
MUSIC: SKIP & NANCY



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## TO OUR ELKS RV GUESTS

Welcome to our RV Park  
ELKS MEMBERS ONLY

OUR RATES ARE:

- ▶ \$25 per night; 7<sup>th</sup> night FREE
- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

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- Connie & Henry Poage
- Donald Harrison
- Kenneth League
- Diane League

**BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!**

Please help defray the cost of printing and  
mailing out our Bugle.  
Donations help a great deal!!



- Barbara Myer
- Rich Clark
- Karen McArthur
- Angela Sweeney
- Pat & Bernie Hiskey
- Gerri Mann
- Mary Lou & George Scribner

### *From the Secretary's Desk,*

The assessment for Grand Lodge has increased by \$5.00 due to Insurance, etc. Please be aware that our dues has remained constant for many years. Our dues plus Grand Lodge and Florida Elks State Association will total \$137 for the 2024/2025 Lodge Year and will be due April 1, 2024.

Fraternally,  
Mary Lou Schreck,  
Lodge Secretary



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# Brandon Elks Lodge

# 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## New Years Eve Celebration

### December 31st

5:30PM - COCKTAIL HOUR

LIGHT APPETIZERS

DINNER 6:30 PM

### Menu:

Prime Rib or  
Stuffed Salmon  
Roasted Rosemary  
Potatoes  
String Bean Almandine  
Salad , Bread,  
And Desset

Midnight Snacks

Champagne Toast



Music by:

DJ Sonny Love



\$35 if purchased before Dec 1st  
(Eve/Brunch Combo \$45)  
\$40 if purchased after Dec 1st  
(Eve/Brunch Combo \$50)

NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH JAN 1ST 11 am

# Elk's New Years Day Brunch January 1st

11am - 1pm

## Menu

Bagel Bar

(Cream cheese, jellies,  
Smoked salmon, cucumbers  
Tomatoes, onion)

Chicken and Waffles

Bacon Egg Cheese Casserole

Sausage Egg Cheese Casserole

Hash brown Casserole

French Toast Bake

Pastries

Fresh Fruit

Juice and Coffee



**AVAILABLE BUT NOT  
INCLUDED IN PRICE:**



Mimosas



Screwdrivers



Bloody Mary's

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!



Looking for Santa Elves for 2023!

Yes, you read that correctly . . . actively seeking a team of Brandon Members to fill in as Santa Elves for Christmas 2023!

Why did you become an Elk? Most new and long-term members say they joined because they wanted to be part of an organization that does good for their community, supports children and the military; to be personally involved in such activities. However, the biggest question I sometimes hear from members is how do I get involved and join a team if I don't even know about it?!? And you mean it doesn't involve cooking? (LOL!) And aren't there already assigned team members? Trust me, we can always use additional team members.

Well, I'm here to tell you that our lodge has been involved with the Walgreens Toy Drive for the past 5 years. Our PER Association chairs and organizes this event. We are actively seeking interested lodge members and/or their spouses who would enjoy being part of this team. It's an annual event that only takes a couple days of your time in December, and it is fun and rewarding. What's involved you might ask? Well.....

Our lodge is assigned 14 local Walgreen stores who collect the donated toys for us. Our part is to pick up the toys within an assigned 2-day window. We sort the toys at the lodge and the best part..... we get to give them away!! As you might guess....the giving away part is the most fun!

Title 1 schools, home for battered women, shelters for abused children, our own teachers, and toys for our Elk Therapists, just to name a few of the recipients who are invited to come to our lodge and "shop" for free. We literally get to be Christmas Elves ..... Santa's Helpers.

Let me give you some idea of the impact this annual event has had on our community. Our lodge collected a total of 6,304 toys in the past 5 years. At an average cost of \$5 a toy, that's at least \$31,520 in free toys that we have shared with our community to bring smiles to children.

If you have any interest in being part of this annual event or have questions ..... please contact me (Mary Lou Scribner, PER) at 813-230-1943 or perelkmls@hotmail.com. We would absolutely love to have more of our Brandon members involved to share the fun. Here's your chance to jump on board! Please help!

## Blessing Bag Assembly for ECHO

The Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO) mission is to assist residents of Eastern Hillsborough County in crisis with emergency food and clothing, offering life-stabilizing programs and resources. Our Lodge has been a friend to ECHO for many, many years. We have helped them with food, clothing, toiletries, etc., and at Thanksgiving, our BLOE builds cranberry cups for their Thanksgiving Meal outreach. These meals are delivered to families living in local motels. Another of their projects is to provide Blessing Bags to the families in need who have received a Thanksgiving meal. This year, on Monday before Thanksgiving, ECHO was short 100 bags. I knew we could help. Our Lodge rallied and provided funding for these 100 bags. But we did not stop there. Kathy Brogli and our Lodge Hostess Terri Ciesla went to work. They tackled the enormous task of shopping for 100 each of the following items: Family size shampoo and conditioner, baby wipes, full size tube of toothpaste, 4 toothbrushes, a 3 pack of soap, 1 large jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly, a box of crackers, a full-size bag of beef jerky, a box of granola bars, and finally, a box of fruit snacks. The crew pictured here helped pack these bags. They were then delivered to ECHO the next day, in time for their distribution! To coin a phrase, "This is what we live for!" To learn more about ECHO, visit echofl.org.



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

God Bless our Veterans!



## B.L.O.E. MEN'S FASHION SHOW

JOIN US TO WATCH THE MEN STRUT THEIR FASHION ATTIRE

JANUARY 20, 2024

5-10

BRANDON ELKS LODGE

PLEASE RSVP TO: ANNIE FOX BY JANUARY 12, 2024

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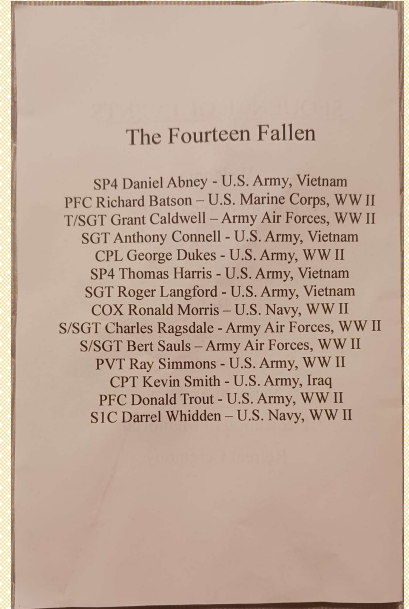
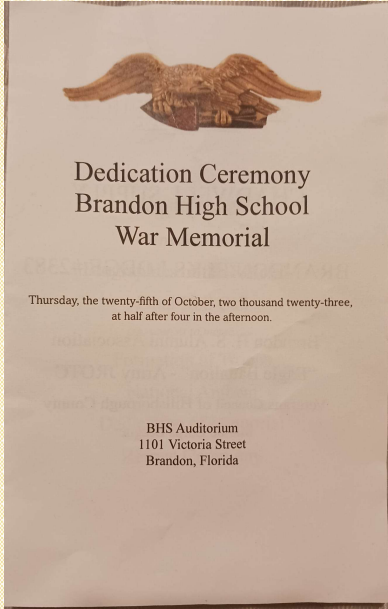
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## Brandon High School KIA Memorial

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Our Lodge made a big impact in our community. The ceremony was attended by many long time Brandonites, as well as many dignitaries. The ceremony was very impressive, very moving. The bios of the 14 Fallen were very interesting to hear, as well. The ceremony was attended by several of the surviving spouses, and other relatives.



### Wasn't That Fun?!? So Let's Do It Again.....

For the past many years, the Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER) puts on an annual fabulous Friday night dinner. The next annual event is scheduled for Friday, January 26th, 2024. The food, we have been told by many, is absolutely delicious. The dancing and listening entertainment is always good. This is an event where our members always invite their family, friends, church and sorority groups. Last year 218 dinners were prepared and sold!!!! This raised over \$3,200 in profit for our lodge improvements. This is the PER's largest fund-raising event for our lodge. This is not an evening you want to miss.

It takes a lot of hard work by our PER's and their spouses. Chef Rick Weigand and his sou chef team will once again be cooking. Tickets are on sale from Past Exalted Rulers, behind the Bar, or [RSVPBrandonelks@yahoo.com](mailto:RSVPBrandonelks@yahoo.com). Menu is Pork Roast with Rick's infamous Apple Cranberry Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, and Desserts made by spouses of our PER's. It just doesn't get any better than that! And the price remains at \$15 a ticket!

The PER dinner is served in the big hall. There is dancing on the large dance floor! Plenty of room to spread out and just have fun. It's a time to bring family and friends. We invite you to be part of this annual event and hope you will be one of many to support this PER event. We can cook the best dinner there is in Brandon, but we need our members to buy tickets to make it work!

We are starting sale of tickets early this year so that you can purchase as a "Christmas Gift".

# Brandon Elks Lodge Quilts of Valor

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DECEMBER 13, 2023

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If you have any questions, please contact.  
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