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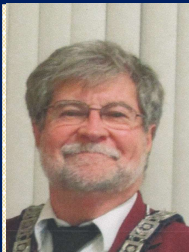
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Ed Ciesla
Exalted
Ruler

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

June is here and we have a lot of events this month for you to enjoy. First up on Saturday, June 3, is the Elks Olympics. This is a friendly competition of games and cooking between the members of our Lodge, the Plant City Lodge, and the Lakeland Lodge. You can join the competitions, or just come to observe, and eat the food from the cooking competition.

Next is a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, June 7. I've always felt that a Wednesday night dinner at the Lodge is like having dinner at a friend's house: Informal attire with a relaxed atmosphere. You can stick around after dinner and enjoy a game of Rummy, Cribbage, or any other game you and your friends enjoy. Or just hang with your friends. This dinner is cooked and served by myself, and my wife Terri. Join us for our Elks family dinner.

Next is a pasta bar on Friday, June 9, served up by famous chef Donald Harrison and friends.

The big event for our Lodge this month is our Comic Night on Saturday, June 10. This may be the most fun event for the year! We are hosting 4 professional comedians for a show that will have you laughing all night. Food is included. We can only accommodate 250 people for this show. So, get your tickets early. This is an event that you will kick yourself for not attending!

Friday, June 16, is Steak Night, prepared by the N&N Crew (Nickie, Nancy, and friends).

Saturday, June 17, is our Flag Day Ceremony. This is one of the ceremonies that are required by The Grand Lodge. See the write-up about this ceremony on another page in this month's Bugle.

Wednesday, June 21, is the monthly BLOE dinner.

Friday, June 23, will be a treat. Another famous chef in our Lodge is Rick Weigand. He will be serving up something we haven't had in a while: A Country Fried Steak dinner!

Saturday, June 24, is the Beach Brunch Bash put on by our very own BLOE.

Wednesday, June 28, is our Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, also provided by the N&N Crew.

And Friday, June 30, is one of the rare dinners. Occasionally during the year, there is a fifth Friday, and this month has one. Larry Oliver and his team will be serving Beef Brisket, and chicken for the non-beef eaters.

This is a lot of activities for you, the members. Your Lodge Officers, your Lodge Hostess, and myself want you to find value in your membership. We want you to be a part of your Lodge, and to have fun with it. We realize you will not be able to attend everything, but at least attend something. With over 400 members, if you choose just one event to attend that will be about 40 people (on average) for each event. Please let us know that you enjoy your membership. This will give us encouragement moving forward to keep this Lodge busy.

EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com.

Your Exalted Ruler, Ed Ciesla

Volunteer of the Month



Our Volunteer of the Month for June is **Jerrilyn Pietro**. She is one of those folks that is (quietly) always there to help. We can count on her to pitch in during Lodge catering events, as well as Wednesday and Friday night dinners. But most notably, she steps up to promote our Lodge activities. She brings a talent to our presence on Facebook that, so far, has been unmatched. Her very creative posters and fliers have also been seen around the Lodge, and both entertain and inform. You just can't help looking at them!

What makes this special is that Jerrilyn does this often without being asked. She knows what is coming up on our calendar and takes the initiative to create a flier for the activity.

This kind of contribution to our Lodge is a significant factor for the success of our events, and the success of our Lodge. Being pro-active, seeing where a contribution to the Lodge is needed, and then stepping up to make it happen is what earned her this month's honor.

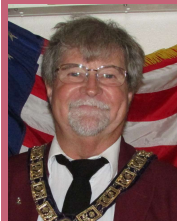
Next time you see **Jerrilyn Pietro**, please assist me in congratulating her, and thanking her, for her much-appreciated efforts!



Left to Right

Stephen Robison, David Espy, ER Ed Ciesla, Christina Johnson, Joycelyn Sheely, Merl Tate

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2023-2024 Elk Year



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Notify Lodge Secretary

2735

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Drug Awareness - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

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Americanism: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056

Flag Day: James Randall 813-833-7086

Lodge Activities: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Orientation: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425

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ENF: TBD (Could be You!)

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BLOE BITS Next Meeting is JUNE 5TH at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

I am very fortunate to have many wonderful people supporting me. Without all your help we would not succeed. We have amazing women in this group. I see how some women are always volunteering. Weather for an event or catering. What I would like to put out to everyone is a challenge. If each member could help for 4 hours total this month. You could help with:

- Wrap silverware for dinner / breakfast.
- Help clean up tables at the Vets Dinner
- Help set up the hall for events or catering.
- Help serve at a catering or dinner.
- Help clean up after a catering or event.
- Help prepare for an event or catering.
- Step up and coordinate an event or dinner.



BLOE or BPOE events are always looking for volunteers. We are all one lodge no need to keep your talents hidden, step out of your comfort zone and let's see you shine. Volunteering always makes you feel good because you are doing good.

Jane Gilblair
Lady President

*Brandon Ladies of Elks
Lady of Distinction
MAY*



We are blessed with several teachers who are members of the BLOE. These ladies have proved time and time again to be a great asset because of their "can do" attitude. Our lady of distinction for May is a perfect example. She is always willing to help no matter how busy her life is. She can be found in the kitchen at our Wednesday Night Dinners or helping with other catering events. She is always available to help at any fundraising event the BLOE puts on. Her leadership and willingness to help personality traits are apparent when you are working with her. She is always pleasant and very often finds a smart and quicker way of accomplishing tasks. She has taken on the scholarship committee chair for several years and has proven that she gets things done thoroughly and timely. Please join me in congratulating **Teresa Reeves** our May Lady of Distinction.



Lodge #2383 Loves Their Veterans!

On April 14th, 2023, the annual picnic for Veterans at James A. Haley Hospital was held. This picnic was held at the Veterans' Memorial Park and put on by the Medical Foster Program at the hospital. The picnic had a large number of Veterans and Caregivers in attendance. The weather was perfect allowing the Veterans to mingle with the staff. Recreation Therapist Kathryn Bryant said that it is a rare occasion when the VA staff are able to take off their white coats and sincerely commune in a festivity such as this.



Mario Petruzelli:

Date of Birth 02-17-1920

Date of Death 04-22-2023

Date of Initiation 01-21-2018

Our Lodge played a key role in the success of the picnic by donating \$120 in gift cards, and \$55 in art supplies and magazines. The gift cards and other miscellaneous donated gifts were used as BINGO prizes which were much appreciated by those who played and were able to receive these special and much needed gifts.



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 THURSDAY: 12pm – 3pm
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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
Dinner * Dancing * Music
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 \$500 Club Drawing

JUNE

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

500 Club Winners
 Called but not signed up:
 R Langill, J Kraja, J Holder, M Benzon
 Paula Sterns



BLOE BREAKFAST
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10
 2nd Sunday
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Door Duty
 June 2nd – Carol
 June 9th – Sharon
 June 16th – Mark Vargo
 June 23rd – Ed Ciesla
 June 30th – Larry

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. 2nd Monday of each month, May-January! February-April, 2nd and 4th 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 – 1st Monday, 7pm
 Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7pm
 Governing Board mtg – 3rd Monday at 7pm
 BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1st Monday of month at 6:30pm

28	29	30	31	01 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	02 Friday night dinner see page 5	03 Lodge Olympics BRANDON 1PM
04 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM Fraternal Committee Meeting 1:30 PM Ritual Practice 2PM	05 BLOE Meeting 6:30PM	06 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open DANCE QUEST PARTY HALL 6PM	07 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$8	08 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	09 Music: Good Stuff Friday night dinner see page 5	10 Scanlon Baby Shower Lounge 11AM-3PM Comedy Show Lodge Hall 6:30 PM
11 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM 8-11AM BLOE Breakfast Hall	12 Lodge Meeting 7PM	13 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	14	15 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN BRANDON BOYS LOUNGE 6:30-8:30PM	16 Friday night dinner see page 5	17 Flag Day Ceremony Lodge Hall 1PM
18 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM Trivia Lounge Snack Bar 2PM	19 7pm Governing Board Meeting	20 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	21 BLOE Dinner Hall 6:30PM	22 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	23 Music: April Red Friday night dinner see page 5	24 BLOE Beach Bash Brunch 11AM
25 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	26	27 5-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	28 Member Orientation 6:30PM 	29 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN	30 Friday night dinner see page 5	01

Brandon Lodge supports our Veterans
 Lodge Veterans please come out every 4th Wednesday of the month to enjoy free dinner and visit with other local Vets! Prepared by Nancy and friends.

Please RSVP for Dinners
 RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

Save the Date
LODGE MEETING, JUNE 12TH
BLOE MEETING, JUNE 5TH
FRATERNAL COMMITTEE, 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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

JUNE MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP
 TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
 BY 12 PM THURSDAY

JUNE 2ND

TERRI & FRIENDS \$15
 ENTRÉE: PORK WELLINGTON
 SIDES: POTATO, VEGGIES
 SALAD & DESSERT



JUNE 28TH

NANCY & FRIENDS – VETS EAT FOR FREE
 ENTRÉE: MEATLOAF
 SIDES: SALAD & DESSERT



JUNE 7TH TERRI & ED \$8

ENTREE: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
 SALAD & DESSERT



JUNE 30TH

LARRY OLIVER \$15
 ENTRÉE: BEEF BRISKET OR CHICKEN
 SIDES: RANCH STYLE BEANS, POTATO SALAD
 DESSERT



JUNE 9TH

DON & FRIENDS \$15
 ENTRÉE: PASTA BAR: PENNE, LINGUINI, MARINARA, ALFREDO, MEATBALLS,
 SAUSAGE, SHRIMP & CHICKEN
 CESAR SALAD, BREAD & DESSERT
 MUSIC: GOOD STUFF



JUNE 16TH

NICKI & FRIENDS
 SALAD: TOSSED
 ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15), SHRIMP (\$13)
 GRILLED CHICKEN (\$12) OR FISH (\$13)
 SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO

STEAK NIGHT



JUNE 21ST

BLOE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
 Cathy Hudson \$10
 BAKED ZITI, SALAD & DESSERT



JUNE 23RD

RICK WEIGAND \$15
 ENTRÉE: COUNTRY FRIED STEAK
 SIDES: MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, MIXED VEGGIES
 SALAD & DESSERT
 MUSIC: APRIL RED



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- Donald Harrison
- Kenneth League
- Diane League

BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

Please help defray the cost of printing and
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 Donations help a great deal!!

- Angela Sweeney
- Pat & Bernie Hisley
- Gerri Mann

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 BOOSTER CLUB**



500 Club Members

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Highfill Michael	Vargo Patti
Hinkle Phil	Wells Nickie
Hinkle Linda	Yanni Art
Holt Cindy	Zilka David

It is time for us to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever, the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.

--Vince Lombardi

everything begins at the Lodge level

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION

Hostess Corner

There are many activities coming up, many delicious dinners, and new cooks. Keep looking at the lodge calendar, the bugle, and the Brandon Elks Members Facebook group so you don't miss anything. I want to personally thank Jerilyn Pietro for all the beautiful and informative flyers she creates to keep us aware of what's upcoming. The BPOE and our BLOE ladies' group have been very active planning activities for your enjoyment. Please invite your family members and your friends so they can see what a great place your lodge is. We would love to have you volunteer to help at a dinner, snack bar, or at an event. Contact EdTheBrandonER@gmail.com if you are interested. Your help will keep your lodge active. **Terri**

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Something NEW for our members! As I mentioned last month, I want our members to be involved with their Lodge at any-and-every level. If you can help with an event, attend an event, serve on a committee, or just offer your thoughts about our Lodge, please let me know. I have created an e-mail address for you to do just that:

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I want to hear from you.

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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!



Brandon Elks Comedy show

June 10TH 2023
6:30 PM COCKTAIL HOUR
7:30 PM SHOW

\$25
Food
included

Rosco Nash

Victoria Yepes

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COMEDY
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Beach Brunch Bash

June 24th

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Brandon #2383 Shows Support of JROTC Cadets

Our youth of today are our citizens of tomorrow. And the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 takes every opportunity to show support and encouragement to them. On April 28th, Exalted Ruler Ciesla then went to the Brandon High School to award Cadet Lance Vellegas of the Brandon's Army JROTC the JROTC Elk medal, the Grand Lodge JROTC certificate along with the \$100 Visa Gift card to also acknowledge his exceptional performance and dedication to JROTC. AFJROTC Cadets are chosen for the award based on their academic achievements, involvement in community service and exceeding JROTC standards in dress and appearance.

Brandon's Veteran Chair, Robin Rutzke, Senior Master Sergeant (ret) Air Force, noncommissioned officer for the JROTC helped organize the ceremony along with Major Daniel P. Pagano (ret)

Daniel P. Pagano, Major, USAF (ret) Senior Aerospace Science Instructor said in his thank you letter to the lodge, "The participation of representatives from the award benefactors, like the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, only makes this event more special in the eyes of the cadets as their accomplishments are not just recognized by the instructors but also by people and organizations outside the school district. As a low-income Title 1 high school, we want to expose our cadets to various opportunities and recognitions that are available to them if they put in hard work, whether academically, extra-curriculars, or supporting the local community. The extra work can lead to so much more – self-confidence, recognition from peers and parents, scholarship, or other opportunities as they graduate and move in the work force or higher education. Ultimately, the goal of our program and these awards is to help develop citizenship, character, and patriotism."

The Brandon Lodge is happy for this opportunity to show support to these fine cadets and to acknowledge their dedication to JROTC.

FLAG DAY — June 14th/Meeting Closest

History reveals that the first Flag Day ceremony, written by a Wisconsin school teacher, was conducted by him on June 14, 1885, commemorating the flag's adoption by Congress on that date in 1777. Long before 1885, however, our Rituals had incorporated various expressions of loyalty and respect for the flag as part of our meetings and activities. Those expressions continued as the popularity for this special observance developed.

In 1896, the Grand Lodge Session in Cincinnati adopted a recommendation by Arthur C. Moreland, New York Lodge No. 1, that: "the Altar drapery shall be the Flag of the United States, upon which the Bible shall rest, surmounted by the antlers." This was the first official use of the National Flag by the Order. James R. Nicholson, a Grand Exalted Ruler and outstanding figure in Elkdom for many years, wrote of this change:

"The placing of the American Flag on the altar of our Subordinate Lodges was a significant and far-reaching act. It was a great factor in the successful growth of the Order, for it put the visible stamp of patriotism upon every Lodge and associated the banner of our country, the Bible and our Order's emblem in an immortal trinity."

(Note: In response to prevailing attitudes in 1956, the Order ceased draping the Flag on the Altar and moved it to the right of every Elks Lodge's Altar.)

In 1904, San Diego Lodge, aware of the growing practice, held its first Flag Day observance, and in 1907 Grand Lodge encouraged all Lodges that had not already done so to follow suit. By 1911, the observance was made mandatory in all Lodges, making the Elks the first organization in the United States to officially do so. As a result of the efforts of our Order and others, President Wilson in 1916 proclaimed national observance of Flag Day, and on August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself an Elk, proclaimed June 14 for the yearly nationwide observance. Our Order likewise can take great pride in that the late Joseph Vrtel, a Florida Elk, designed the current 50-star United States Flag. Our Ritual presents the history of Freedom's Banner in rich narrative scenes and sparkling oratory. It makes this celebration of the flag's birthday an unforgettable Elk experience.

Registration for the 2023 Parade of Heroes is now OPEN.

ATTENTION
ALL VETERANS
OF WWII, KOREAN, VIETNAM & GULF 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 & Gulf 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 all veterans from WWII up to and including Gulf War veterans at the World War II, 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.

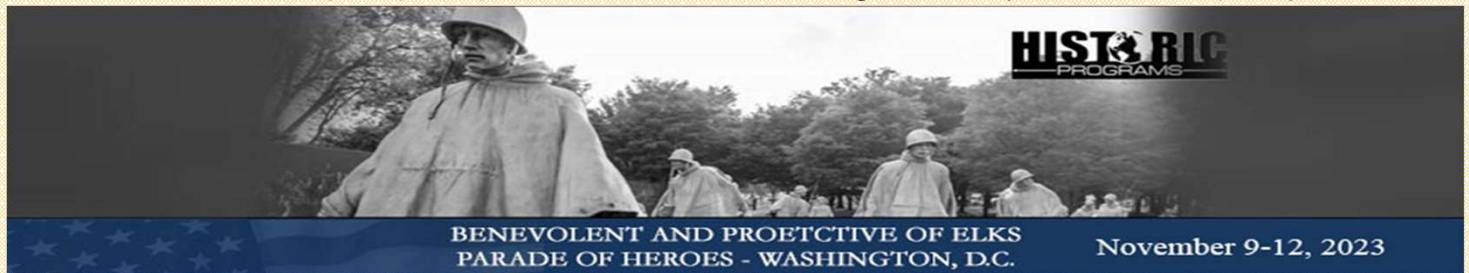
Someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible to discuss the details in securing your participation in this truly historic event.

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 any of the conflicts especially the Vietnam war.



Hello, members. Have you been coming to Lodge events? Have you ever thought to yourself, “WOW! What a great event. How can I get involved with the Lodge action? I want to do stuff, too.” But then you think, “I don’t know how, or what I can do.”

It can seem a bit overwhelming. You look at the established teams, like Steak Night (Nickie, Nancy, Lou, Dennis, friends), Veterans Dinner (Nickie, Nancy, more friends), The BLOE Breakfast (a whole bunch of Ladies and a few men), the Tuesday night snack bar, Tuesday night card games, the BLOE Wednesday night dinner (another bunch of Ladies), and Thursday night BINGO (Laurie, Mary, Trudy, Carole, friends). AND there are the special events (Elks Olympics, Comedy Show, Beach Brunch Bash, Trivia, Bunco, food drives, and a heck of a lot more). There is definitely a lot going on, but with the same people doing it. And, there’s a lot more going on that you don’t see (committee activities).

How can you help? Where do you start? Actually, getting involved is easy. It starts by going up to one of the established team members, or an Officer, and just saying, “Hi, I want to help”. From there you will be introduced to the right person for your interest area. That person will train you, guide you, and mentor you. It won’t take long to have you up and active.

So, if you want to get more from your membership, do the things that promote Elkdom, and get to know more people in your Lodge, let me know.

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