

# THE BUGLE



## Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER, LOU VALENCIA

On this my final month as ER of Brandon Lodge, I want to thank ALL who stepped up by volunteering and helped me to bring the lodge functions and camaraderie to where it is now.

For those who did not get a chance to volunteer or those who are new members, please get with Robin and help her to fulfil her year, She will continue building on the things we have implemented this year and bring some new ideas to make Our Lodge even better.

I hope all members join me in uniting with Her to make this new year as good or better.

Let's continue by doing what Elks do best and support the Lodge in reaching out to our Veteran's, community and kids, to continue to make the Brandon Lodge great.

Thank You all again to all of You who supported me this past Lodge year.

Fraternally Yours, Lou Valencia, Exalted Ruler

*Obligation: An oath, a course of action or duty to a commitment.*

*Brotherly Love: Feeling For Humanity, Having Compassion, Being Tolerant, Accepting, Forgiving.*

*Charity: The voluntary giving of help, typically to those in need, in a generous way.*

*Diligence: Being conscientious of one's work or duties, showing care, protective, guarding, keeping someone safe.*

*Elkdom: Exemplifying charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity, by improving the quality of life for our community and lodge.*



Hello PER's!

Sorry if you couldn't attend last months luncheon held at 1916 Iris Pub it was a good one and you know we talked 😊 about you so don't miss this one. Lunch time is for March 12th at 11:30 . This month we will be have a great time 🍔🍷 at Applebee's in Valrico. The address is 1905 S R. 60. In the Valrico Common Plaza.

Your Restaurant Hunter

Kim Martinez PER

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ELKS OF THE MONTH –  
**Marisol Hester**, who has volunteered for so many of our events, set ups and breakfasts.



**Lara McCleary**, for doing what she does best, getting the word out to all our Members and keeping me on track.



OFFICER OF THE QUARTER –  
**Robin Rutzke**, as been involved for quite a while in the collection of food and other items for the James Healy hospital and Nativity food closet. And next month will be assuming the ER position and leading our Lodge

## Brandon Lodge Officers for 2025-2026 Elk Year

 <p>Lou Valencia Exalter Ruler 813-376-9863</p>	 <p>Robin Rutzke Leading Knight 305-498-5654</p>	 <p>Wendy Smith Loyal Knight 813-862-8573</p>	 <p>Michael Fultz Lecturing Knight 813-205-5885</p>	
 <p>Christina Puhalla Lodge Esquire 609-217-5782</p>	 <p>Kathy Brogli Tiler 813-382-2898</p>	 <p>Beverly Laundry Inner Guard 813-446-0150</p>	 <p>Mark Fox Lodge Chaplain 813-785-5353</p>	
 <p>Mary Lou Schreck Secretary 813-458-5872</p> <p><b>Member Illness/ Convalescence: Notify Lodge Secretary</b></p>		 <p>Nancy Price Treasurer 813-756-9341</p>		
 <p>Mark Vargo 1 Year Trustee 813-376-8855</p>	 <p>Nickie Wells 2 Year Trustee 813-716-8051</p>	 <p>Marionette Garvey 3 Year Trustee 813-956-3776</p>	 <p>Ed Ciesla 4 Year Trustee 813-679-7699</p>	 <p>Rick Weigand 5 Year Trustee 813-748-2678</p>

## Committee Chairs 2025-2026

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| Accident Prevention - Rick Weigand 813-748-2678  | Hall Rental - Terri Ciesla - 813-679-8007                                    |
| Annual Calendar Updates - Mark Vargo 813-376-8855  | <b>Hoop Shoot - COULD BE YOU!</b>  |
| Bugle Editor - Lara McCleary 203-988-5089  | House Committee - Rick Weigand - 813-748-2678                                |
| Community Activities - Lou Valencia or Mark Vargo  | Kitchen Manager - Marionette Garvey - 813-956-3776                           |
| <b>Drug Awareness - COULD BE YOU!</b>  | Lodge Advisors - Henry Poage 813-480-6272 and George Scribner 850-206-0577   |
| Grants Coordinator - Kathy Bilinski <a href="mailto:KayBilinski@yahoo.com">KayBilinski@yahoo.com</a> | Lodge Maintenance - Rick Weigand 813-748-2678 & Lou Valencia 813-376-9863    |
| Fraternal Committee -  | Lodge Purchasing Food - Stephen Blackman 813-378-1597                        |
| Fraternal Sub Committees:  | Public Relations - Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425 & Lara McCleary 203-988-5089 |
| Americanism: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056   | Youth Activity - Jim Randall - 813-833-7086                                  |
| Flag Day: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654  | Web Master : Ray Bilinski -webmasterbrandonelks@gmail.com                    |
| Lodge Activities: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855  |  |
| Orientation: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425  |  |
| Elks Memorial Day: Lou Valencia -813-376-9863  |  |
| ENF: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056   |  |
| Veterans Services: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654   |  |

# BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is  
**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 7:00 PM**  
 Hoping to See You There!

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone that contributed to making the Galentine's Brunch so successful. The room was packed with so many beautiful ladies, lots of laughter, and lots of red!! The lady comedians were funny and kept us entertained with their hour-long act. The mimosas were flowing, the food was tasty (or so I was told), and there were lots of raffle items with excited winners. So much was collected towards a 50/50 drawing that we were able to have 3 winners!! And let's not forget our servers who were not only attentive but very handsome in their tuxedo shirts. I was so happy that the event turned out even better than I imagined. The month of February ended with two large catering events. Be sure to keep watching the web calendar (Brandonelks.org) and the bugle so you don't miss anything. We always have something going on for you to enjoy.

Please plan to attend the BLOE St. Patrick's day dinner on March 18. You can get tickets from our lady BLOE members or at the bar.

Also, remember card bingo on March 11 and bunco on March 30.

See you at the Lodge, Terri

Terri Ciesla  
 President



## BLOE Elected Officers

- President: Terri Ciesla
- Vice president: Jane Gilblair
- Recording Secretary: Donna Mancuso-Fultz
- Corresponding secretary: Beth Benham
- Treasurer: Janis Jacobson
- Past Lady President: Jane Gilblair

## Appointed Officers

- Chaplin: MaryAnn Kramer
- Parliamentarian: Nancy Price
- Historian: Jerrilyn Pietro

**Official Hostess:** Lara McCleary

## Committee Chairpersons

- Audit and Budget: Roseanne Caracciolo
- Birthdays and anniversaries: Cathy Hudson
- Bylaws: Mary Lou Scribner
- Catering: Terri Ciesla and Nancy Price
- Charities: Wendy Smith
- Lady of distinction: Julie Ebert
- Lots of luck: Kathy Hattan
- Membership: Jane Gilblair
- Program: Laurie Bayne
- Properties: Carolyn Thomas
- Publicity: Jerrilyn Pietro
- Scholarships: Kathy Eldridge
- Secret pal: Millie Marrero
- Sunday breakfast: Nancy Price
- Sunshine: Karen McArthur
- Telephone: Charlene Hart
- Ways and Means: Terri Ciesla
- Wednesday dinners: Terri Ciesla
- Yearbook: Lori Underberg

### 💰 Are you giving money away 💰

If you are at the Lodge on a Friday night you could WIN UP TO \$500 if you have signed up for the 500 Club. If you are signed up and cannot be there you can still WIN UP TO \$250. Tell me that extra money would not make your day! The easiest way to sign up so you don't miss a drawing is to do it one time before April 1, 2026 when you pay your dues. \$52 and you're good for the year. That is much easier than paying a dollar weekly. Every member in good standing and their spouse gets their name put in the drawing bin on April 1st. Did you know you can even win more than once a year? It has happened! If your name is selected it goes right back in the bin, so you have many other chances to win. In these fast-paced days make it easy on yourself. If you have a membership card sign up! Don't miss out! Sign up before April 1st and you're done. Good luck everyone.

## *Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction FEBRUARY*

Several ladies of the BLOE can always be counted on to ensure everything runs smoothly. This month's honoree works quietly behind the scenes, making sure tables, chairs, the stage, and equipment are set up for every event. She even ensures a dishwasher is ready for BLOE fundraisers, Wednesday Night Dinner and Sunday Breakfast.

She is also a familiar face in the kitchen and has been for years, working the grill and helping wherever she is needed during the monthly Sunday Breakfast.

**Please join me in congratulating Marionette Garvey, Brandon Lady of Elks February 2026 Lady of Distinction**





# MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	<b>2</b> 7PM BLOE MEETING - HALL 7PM PER MEETING - ANTE ROOM	<b>3</b> 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	<b>4</b> 6:30PM PASTA DINNER LOUNGE	<b>5</b> <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm	<b>6</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	<b>7</b> 6:30PM REVERSE RAFFLE - HALL
<b>8</b> 8AM - 11AM BLOE BREAKFAST HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	<b>9</b>  LODGE MEETING 7PM	<b>10</b> 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	<b>11</b> 6:30PM CARD BINGO LOUNGE	<b>12</b> <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm 6PM CALENDAR MEETING LOUNGE	<b>13</b> State Elks Officer Training - Orlando Mar 13 - 15 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	<b>14</b> 7PM - 12AM HALL RENTAL
<b>15</b> SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	<b>16</b> 7 PM BOARD MEETING - HALL	<b>17</b> 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	<b>18</b> 6:30PM BLOE DINNER	<b>19</b> <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm BRANDON BOYS' DINNER 6:30PM LOUNGE	<b>20</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	<b>21</b> 10AM - 6PM TRADING SHOW HALL 7PM - 11PM ROCK N ROLL NIGHT LOUNGE
<b>22</b> SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	<b>23</b>  LODGE MEETING 7PM	<b>24</b> 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 6:30PM BLOE INSTALLATION DINNER	<b>25</b> 6:30PM VETERAN'S DINNER HALL	<b>26</b> <b>BINGO</b> IN THE HALL 6:30pm 6PM 10PM LOUNGE RENTAL	<b>27</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	<b>28</b> 5PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 6PM HORS D'OURVES GARYOKE
<b>29</b> 8AM - 7PM BRANDON BOUTIQUE HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	<b>30</b> 6PM BUNCO LOUNGE	<b>31</b> 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 				

**To All Lodge Members:**  
To clarify an apparent misunderstanding regarding our lounge being reserved by one of our members. Our lounge is always open to our members, and their guests, during normal operating hours. If there is a private event also happening during those hours, members/guests are not allowed to freely partake of any food and/or beverages supplied by the member that reserved the use of our lounge unless you were invited to the event, or the member grants you permission to partake of their food/beverage.

**Lounge Rental**  
Lounge usage will be restricted to members, spouses or widows/widowers for their own specific purpose, and they must always be present during the rental

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

**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, February-April! 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month May-January!!**

**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

**Save the Date**

**BLOE MEETING, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**PER MEETING MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**LODGE MEETING, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**BOARD MEETING, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**LOUNGE HOURS**

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm

Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm

Friday 4pm – 10pm

Saturday 4pm – 9pm

Memorial, 4th of July and Labor

Day 11am – 6pm

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: 12pm – 3pm

THURSDAY: 12pm – 3pm

Or call for appointment

# MARCH MENU ITEMS

THE ONLY WAY TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL IS TO RSVP [RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM)  
**BY THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS!**  
 THIS HELPS US MAXIMIZE RESOURCES AND MINIMIZE WASTE  
 TEXTING OR CALLING THE LODGE IS NOT CONSIDERED AN RSVP!  
 DINNER IS FROM 6:30PM – 8PM

MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>



**Spaghetti!**  
*Night*  
 Wednesday March 4th  
**Spaghetti and Meatballs**

**\$10** WITH SALAD AND DESSERT  
 6:30 PM

RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>



Mark Vargo and Friends  
**FRIDAY NIGHT Dinner**  
 March 13th  
 Country Fried Steak W/Gravy Potatoes Veggies and Dessert  
 Dinner at 6:30pm  
*He's Back!!*

**\$15**

MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>



Wednesday Night  
**VETERANS**  
 \$10 Non-Vets Dinner VETS EAT FREE  
 March 25th  
 6:30pm  
*Nancy's Meatloaf*

MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>



Mark and Anne Fox  
**FRIDAY NIGHT Dinner**  
 March 6th  
 6:30pm  
**Shepards Pie with all the fixings And dessert!!**

**\$15**

**GARYOKE**

MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>



Chef Rick and BLOE Officers  
**B L O E**  
**Eat Drink & Be Irish**  
 Celebrate  
**ST. PATRICKS DAY**  
 Wednesday March 18th  
 Dinner 6:30-7:30pm

Dine to Irish Music

Menu: Corned Beef or Ham Cabbage Carrots Potatoes Jello salad Cole

**\$15**

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>



Chef Terri's  
**Friday Night Dinner**  
 March 27th  
 6:30 pm  
 Fish a La Russa  
 Yellow rice, veggie, salad And Dessert!

**\$15**

**FIFTH GEAR BAND**  
 PLEASE RSVP

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>



Best Breakfast in Town  
 Brandon Elks BLOE Breakfast

**\$12** \$6 child 12 and under  
**sunday breakfast**  
 SUNDAY MARCH 8TH  
 8AM-11AM

Open to the public  
 ALL YOU CAN EAT

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>



Nickie and Friends  
**Friday Steak Night**  
 Join us for the best steak in town!!  
 March 20th  
 Dinner @ 6:30

Steak, fish, or shrimp with potato, veggie, salad And dessert

**\$15** **\$17** **\$15**

Back by Popular Demand!!

**GARYOKE**

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>



Brandon Elks Lodge  
 YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**Installation of Officers**  
 Celebration  
 Saturday March 28th  
 Ceremony at 5:00pm  
 Heavy Hors-d'oeuvres at 6:00pm

**GARYOKE**  
 Following in the lounge

## 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 \$60 per month

**ALL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH CAMPSPOT SEE INFO ON PAGE 6**

Mark Vargo- 813-376-8855  
 LODGE PHONE - 813-685-6469



## BUGLE BOOSTERS:

- George & Carolyn Thomas
  - Jeff & Pat LaVoie
  - Kim Martinez
  - Gerri Mann
  - Joseph Zebrak
  - Frank & Lynda Craft
  - Diane & Ken League
  - George & Mary Lou Scribner
  - Bob & Jackie Florentino
  - Charlene Hart
  - Henry & Julie Ebert
- YOUR NAME COULD APPEAR HERE

## BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!

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



TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

WILLIAM BELCHER, ROBIN WAHLER, RUSSELL SCHIEBEL, MARC GLASS, IVAR SWANSON, KATHY BROGLI, DONALD OSTERHOUT, ROBERT WEBB, DOMINIK WILKINSON, SAM FERLITA, ROBERT WHITSON, CARL LORD, CATHLEEN MILTON, ROBERT MAYO, YVONNE PREZIOSI, VICKI SMITH, EMILIO GELFENSTEIN, ERIKA SUBERO, DEBRA GRAUMAN, PHILLIP SMITH, MICHAEL BAKER, VICKI GARCIA, ALBERT PAONE, ROBERT SUBKO, JOE SCHRECK, ROBIN HUJAR, ED CIESLA, STEPHEN VANHEUVAL, ROXANNE HUJAR, NYALINE SUGENT, PAULA NARVER, JAMES WHELLER, JAIME SANDIN, PATRICIA SCHWARTZ, MARY YAPLE & JOE PIETRO

Volunteer opportunity available for the 2026-2026 Elk year!

ATTENTION MEMBERS, a kitchen manager is needed for the upcoming Elk year. Duties, training and help with this position will be available. If interested, please contact our Leading Knight Robin Rutzke.



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RV RESERVATIONS - CAMPSPOT

There has been a change to scheduling and paying for camping reservations at the Brandon Lodge RV park. Reservations and payment will now be completed online via the RV park info link on [brandonelks.org](http://brandonelks.org) website. Individuals desiring to camp at Brandon Lodge 2383 will be redirected to the [elks.org](http://elks.org) website where he or she will log in to verify membership and enter the CampSpot website to complete the reservation.

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WHAT IS A BUGLE BOOSTER? It may be something you have forgotten about or don't know what a Bugle Booster does. Believe it or not there are members in our Lodge that do not have a computer, so they depend on the Bugle Boosters to keep them informed on lodge news and activities. So, we mail them a Bugle every month. This program reminds those members that they are always invited to our beautiful Lodge and what is going on so they can make a monthly plan. CAN YOU SPARE \$5 A YEAR? That's what I said just \$5. That's less than two cents a day. Help keep all our members informed and you get your name printed in the Bugle as a Booster. When you pay your dues just add that extra \$5 with your dues and let the office know that it is for the Booster Club. Don't forget you get your name printed in the Bugle that's cool all by itself. I'm a member. Do you know who I am? Remember Elks care Elk's share!

Brandon Elks Lodge

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Installation of Officers

*Celebration*

**Saturday March 28th**

Ceremony at 5:00pm

Heavy Hors-d'oeuvres at 6:00pm



Following in the lounge

## Officer Induction Information

March 28, 2026

Practice at 4:00pm, Ceremony at 5:00pm followed by heavy Hors-d'oeuvres prepared by Pat and Jeff, drinks and Garyoke in the lounge. Brandon Lodge 2383 is honored to have Rick Burton, PDDGER, DDGER, presiding at this event. Members and their spouses, family and friends of incoming and outgoing members are invited to attend. Dress for attendees not participating in the official officer induction is business casual.

### The Legacy of Brandon Ladies of Elks



Everyone in our Lodge knows how important the Ladies are to our Lodge. But did you know our Brandon Ladies of Elks (the BLOE) has a rich history? They are a strong group of ladies who have proven over the years to be supportive of not only our Brandon Lodge, but also the Elks Major Projects, and our community. Countless hours are devoted, and great events are developed and carried out. Friendships are formed that last forever. Some have even provided their support at the State level of the Florida Ladies of Elks (FLOE), representing all ladies affiliated with a lodge. Did you know that Brandon has 4 Past State Ladies of Elks Presidents? They are Lillian Tourville in 1989, Beverly Messerschmidt in 2008, Jane Moon in 2015 and Connie Poage in 2017. This is remarkable and says a lot about the Ladies of Brandon!

At this time of year, when officers are elected for the upcoming year, the Brandon Ladies of Elks sometimes struggle to find someone to step up to a leadership role. Everyone wants to help, but no one wants to be in charge. For those that do step up, an everlasting sense of pride follows. AND, there is plenty of help and guidance for the new leaders.

They will not be left to flounder. If no one steps up, our Ladies group will fold, and a horrible tragedy will have occurred. Our Lodge needs our BLOE. Yes, we can survive without them. But do we really want to? Be a part of the legacy. Step up to a leadership role.

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Director / Owner



Linda Hinkle  
Office Manager

Riverview, Florida 33578  
(813) 671-3730 Fax

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.  
Director/Consultant

# Brandon #2383

# REVEAL THE RAFFLE

# \$2,500

## March 7th 2026

SAVE THE DATE

# LIMITED SPACE

EVENING INCLUDES

Appetizers and 2 drink tickets

Tickets are \$50

Chance to win \$2500!!

Please see Marionette Garvey

813-956-3776



**CARD BINGO!**  
Food, Prizes, and lots of fun!  
Wednesday March 11th  
FOOD AT 6:00PM  
GAME STARTS AT 6:30PM  
**BRANDON LADIES OF ELKS**  
\$20 Tickets At Bar

Monies Benefiting Lodge Elks Charities

**BUNCO NIGHT!**  
\$20  
Brandon Ladies of Elks  
**MONDAY MARCH 30TH**  
Dinner - 6:00pm/Game - 6:30pm  
Cash prizes for :  
Most wins / Most losses  
Most Buncos / Last Bunco

**BUNCO**  
What Happens At Bunco Stays At Bunco  
MONIES BENEFITING LODGE ELKS CHARITIES

Get your tickets at the bar and with Terri Ciesla

**VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Committee Chair  
Robin Rutzke**

**BPOE Leading Knight  
USAF (ret)  
305-498-5654**



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!**



## New Year's Gift Bags for our Veteran's

Thank you to all members and the Brandon Ladies of the Elks who donated money or items for the New Year gift bags for veterans at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital Polytrauma Unit and Spinal Cord Injury Center. A thousand-dollar Freedom Grant from the Elks National Foundation Veterans Service Commission was also awarded to the Brandon Elks to assist with costs of this yearly veteran's project. Our hard-working grant coordinator, Kathy Bilinski ensured we were awarded this grant. Also, a thank you also goes out to those members and ladies of the elks who donated their time to assemble the bags. A total of one hundred gift bags were assembled; 86 for male veterans and 14 for female veterans. Bags were delivered to the hospital on January 23rd. Accepting the gift bags was Holly Wilson from the Center for Development and Civic Engagement. In addition, thank you to Brandon Ladies of the Elks secretary Donna Mancuso-Fultz who co-chaired this event with the lodge veteran's chair. Her hard work and dedication to veterans in our community and lodge is commendable. Thank you, Donna! Finally, thank you to the Brandon Senior Center and those who crocheted 50 lap blankets for veterans and donated them to the Elks for this project. A thank you for organizing and helping crochet the lap blankets goes out to our secretary Mary Lou Schreck for leading this endeavor. This collaboration with everyone to help our veterans reinforces what the Elks believe in...So long as there are veterans, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. God Bless our Veterans, Robin Rutzke, Esteemed Leading Knight and lodge veterans committee chair.



Holly Wilson accepting gift bags



L to R: Charlene Hart, Annie Fox (PLP) & Beth Benham



L to R: Terri Ciesla (PLP), Annie Fox (PLP) Jane Gilblair (PLP), Robin Rutzke (Veteran's Chair), Donna Fultz & Mary Lou Schreck (PLP)

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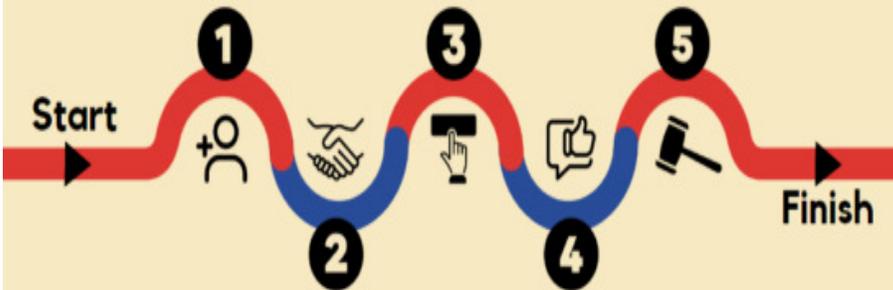
800 Centennial Lodge Drive  
Brandon, FL 33510

\*\*Change Service Requested



# ELKS

*Every Member Begins as a Guest!*  
**NEW MEMBER RECRUITING**



1. Ask a friend to join the Elks.
2. Invite your friend to the Lodge.
3. Ask them to apply on-line.
4. Follow-up with the application.
5. Schedule an initiation.

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## FLORIDA WILL, LIVING TRUST LIVING WILL

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
William R. Mumbauer, Attorney  
813-685-3133

205 N. Parsons Ave., Brandon, FL 33510  
[www.flwillstrustsprobate.com](http://www.flwillstrustsprobate.com)

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



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