

THE BUGLE

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER, ROBIN RUTZKE

So long summer, hello fall. If you prefer summer, make it an endless summer. If you are looking forward to the fall season and cooler weather, the first day of fall is September 22nd. I find it hard to believe it is September already and we will soon be looking forward to our winter visitor's arrival. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our members, spouses and guests who have volunteered to cook at all our dinners throughout the summer months. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with our community service projects and our various fundraisers. To the lodge officers and chairpersons of committees you have done an impressive job. And thank you Brandon Ladies of the Elks for all you do for our lodge! We need to keep working together for the good of our Order. Everyone working together and promoting the Elks programs ensures we grow stronger and the community recognizes us as the amazing fraternal order we are here in Brandon. If we love the Elks and show enthusiasm for what we believe in, our membership will grow. Richard F. Gathen, the Director of Grand Lodge Membership & Marketing in his letter to Exalted Rulers reminds us "membership growth equals community impact." He states more members mean:

- Greater community outreach-More hands for charity events and veteran services.
- A stronger lodge experience-More friendships, engagement, and energy.
- A lasting Elks Legacy-Expanding our reach and ensuring the next generation carries on our mission.

Lastly, please peruse the rest of our Bugle to see the activities at the lodge. The Labor Day picnic is on September 7; the Southwest Central District fundraiser is on September 12, and dinner and raffle tickets are available for purchase from me or at the bar. And as a reminder the Florida Elks State Presidents SWC district visit will be on October 9-10th.

Let us always remember...ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE.

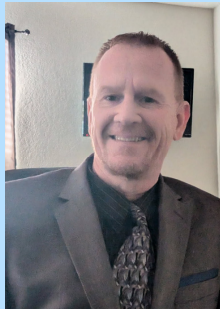
Fraternally Yours,

Robin Rutzke

Exalted Ruler



SEPTEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH



Since joining the Elks, Bill has blasted onto the scene like a firecracker on the Fourth of July. He jumped right in, volunteering to cook his *famous* Philly cheesesteaks every month—sandwiches so legendary they should probably have their own membership card.

He didn't stop there. Bill donated a cast-iron skillet to the lodge kitchen, instantly earning honorary "Kitchen Hero" status. And because he's apparently powered by pure enthusiasm, he even dove into the Cornhole competition at this Elk year's first Elks Olympics in Plant City—skillet in one hand, competitive spirit in the other.

Congratulations and thank you, Bill Guyer—your energy, generosity, and cheesesteaks make the lodge a tastier, happier place.

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER



Jane Gilblair isn't just the Elks Scholarship Chair — she's basically a one-woman academic cheer squad. She's been working tirelessly to spread scholarship info far and wide, showing up at youth events like a friendly, well-organized whirlwind to chat with seniors and parents about their bright futures.

She also volunteered to captain the **Elk Olympics**, proving she's brave, bold, and possibly powered by caffeine and pure determination. She works **BINGO** with the enthusiasm of someone who genuinely enjoys hearing "B-12!" shouted across a room.

And when the lodge needs help? Jane is there!

Congratulations and Thank you, Jane. — your energy, dedication, and all-around awesomeness make this lodge shine brighter.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2026-2027 Elk Year

Robin Rutzke
Exalted Ruler
305-498-5654



Wendy Smith
Leading Knight
813-862-8573



Michael Fultz
Loyal Knight
813-205-5885



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Lecturing Knight
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Tiler
484-678-3926



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Lodge Chaplain
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Mary Lou Schreck
Secretary
813-458-5872

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Notify Lodge
Secretary**



Nancy Price
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1 Year Trustee
813-716-8051



Marionette
Garvey
2 Year Trustee
813-956-3776



Ed Ciesla
3 Year Trustee
813-679-7699



Rick Weigand
4 Year Trustee
813-748-2678



Lou Valencia
5 Year Trustee
813-376-9863



Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction AUGUST



Looking back at everything that this lady has done in the past few years. Always there to step up whenever she is available. Always taking the time and coordinating our efforts to make sure people are not forgotten, always remembered at the happiest time of the year. She manages to keep reporting our every decision or action that our ladies decide. You will also find her cleaning up at every BLOE breakfast.

This month we honor as our Lady Of Distinction, for her efforts as chairperson of the VA Christmas bags and always keeping the minutes up to date from our monthly meetings. **Congratulation to Donna Fultz our August Lady of Distinction**

Brandon Elks Lodge receives a Citation of Merit



from previous Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler Brian Klatt for 2025-2026 (Lou and his officers) for achieving a net gain in membership.

BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is
SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

We are fast approaching the FLOE convention in Daytona Beach at the Hard Rock Hotel, September 24th to the 26th. I hope to see you all there!! It's a great way to learn new ideas from other Ladies of the Elks, and to meet new people. I have raffle tickets available if you are interested, see me. With that being said, August was a slow month for the ladies. Breakfast was good but a little slow this month. Let's hope things pick up for the rest of the year. We have changed the Ladies dinner slightly. We are incorporating Game Night with our dinners so let's do all we can to support these events. The BLOE dinner is every 3rd Wednesday of the month and our ladies work hard to make sure we have delicious dinners for you. Please support our Ladies dinners and Game Nights!! Labor Day is right around the corner, we will be doing a Cake Auction, please get your baked goodies to the Lodge by Monday, September 7th. I am looking forward to seeing you there. We are working on a Halloween Luncheon, and I will get you more information at our next meeting on September 8, 2026. Yes, our next meeting is on a Tuesday due to Labor Day.

Nancy Price
President



BLOE Elected Officers

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

Appointed Officers

Chaplain: Mary Lou Schreck
Parliamentarian: Grace Weigand
Historian: Jerrilyn Pietro

Official Hostess: Lara McCleary & Jane Moon

Committee Chairpersons

Audit and Budget: Nickie Wells
Birthdays and anniversaries: Cathy Hudson
Bylaws: Mary Lou Scribner
Catering: Nancy Price
Charities: Wendy Smith
Lady of distinction: Charlene Hart
Lots of luck: Kathy Hattan
Membership: Jane Gilblair
Program: Carolyn Thomas
Properties: Carolyn Thomas
Publicity: Jerrilyn Pietro
Scholarships: Kathy Eldridge
Secret pal: Marisol Hester
Sunday breakfast: Nancy Price
Sunshine: Cathy Hudson
Telephone: Charlene Hart
Ways and Means: Terri Ciesla
Wednesday dinners: Terri Ciesla
Yearbook: Lori Underberg

Committee Chairs 2026-2027

Americanism: Carol DiAddezio 484-678-3926

Army of Hope: Lara McCleary 203-988-5089

Drug Awareness Education: Ed Ciesla 813-679-7699

ENF Fundraising: Ed Ciesla 813-679-7699

ENF Grants Coordinator: Kathy Bilinski KayBilinski@yahoo.com

ENF Scholarships: Jane Gilblair 813-495-7260

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Harry-Anna Trust Fund: Ed Ciesla 813-679-7699

Hoop Shoot: **Volunteer needed – Contact ER**

Ladies Organization Liaison: Nancy Price 813-756-9341

Lodge Activities: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Lodge Membership: Michael Fultz 813-205-5885

Orientation: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425

Public Relations: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425, Lara McCleary 203-988-5089 & Wendy Smith 813-862-8573

Ritual: Marionette Garvey 813-956-3776

Soccer Shoot: **Volunteer needed – Contact ER**

Veterans Services: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654

Other Lodge Committees/Positions:

Accident Prevention: Rick Weigand 813-748-2678

Annual Calendar Updates: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Bingo – Laurie Bayne 407-948-6176

Board of Directors: Rick Weigand 813-748-2678

Bugle Editor: Lara McCleary 203-988-5089

Elks Memorial Day: Wendy Smith 813-862-8573

Flag Day: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654

Fraternal Committee: Lou Valencia 813-376-9863

Hall Rental: Gary Varnum 813-833-1243 Catering: TBD

Kitchen Manager: Marionette Garvey 813-956-3776

Lodge Advisors: Henry Poage 813-480-6272 & George Scribner 850-206-0577

Lodge Hostess': Lara McCleary 203-988-59089 & Jane Moon 813-957-8578

Lodge Maintenance: Rick Weigand 813-748-2678 & Lou Valencia 813-376-9863

Lodge Food Purchasing: Stephen Blackman 813-378-1597

PER Committee Chair: Mary Lou Scribner 813-230-1943

Youth Activity: Melinda Frater 973-908-7745

Web Master: Ray Bilinski –webmasterbrandonelks@gmail.com



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	2 6:30PM SPAGHETTI DINNER LOUNGE	3 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	4 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	5 9AM - 7PM HALL RENTAL
6 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	7 LABOR DAY PICNIC 11AM - 2PM	8 7PM BLOE MEETING - HALL 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	9	10 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	11 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	12 5:30PM DISTRICT FUNDRAISER HALL & LOUNGE
13 8AM - 11AM BLOE BREAKFAST HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	14  LODGE MEETING 7PM	15 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	16 6:30PM BLOE DINNER & GAME NIGHT	17 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm 6:30PM BRANDON BOYS' DINNER LOUNGE	18 GARYOKE & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	19 DD/VP INSPECTION & VISITATION ARCADIA LODGE
20 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	21 7PM BOARD MEETING	22 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	23 6:30PM VETERAN'S DINNER HALL	24 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	25 FLOE CONVENTION SEPT 24TH - SEPT 26TH - DAYTONA BEACH FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	26
27 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	28 6:30PM BUNCO LOUNGE	29 4:30PM - 7PM CARDS 	30 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm			

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 4th 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. 2nd Monday of each month May-January, February-April also, the 4th Monday 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

Save the Date

**BLOE MEETING, September 8th
LODGE MEETING, September 14th
BOARD MEETING, September 21st**

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: WENDY SMITH

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

SEPTEMBER MENU ITEMS

THE ONLY WAY TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL IS TO RSVP RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

BY THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

BY MONDAY NIGHT FOR WEDNESDAY 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

SEPTEMBER 2ND



Spaghetti Night
Wednesday September 2nd
Spaghetti and Meatballs
6:30 PM
WITH SALAD AND DESSERT
\$10
RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

SEPTEMBER 13TH



Best Breakfast in Town
Brandon Elks BLOE Breakfast
WOMEN AT WORK
\$12
\$6 child 12 and under
sunday breakfast
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
8AM-11AM
Open to the public
ALL YOU CAN EAT

SEPTEMBER 23RD



Wednesday Night
VETERANS
\$10 Non-Vets **DINNER** VETS EAT FREE
September 23rd
6:30pm
Nancy's Meatloaf

SEPTEMBER 4TH



Bill Gayer's Famous
Friday Night Dinner
September 4th
6:30 pm
Philly Cheesesteak
Fries and Dessert
\$12

SEPTEMBER 16TH



JOIN US FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 16th WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
with SPECIAL GUEST: CHEF TERRI
THE MAIN DISH
CHICKEN TERIYAKI BOWLS
SIDE & SALAD
REFRESHING ASIAN SALAD
SWEET TREAT
DESSERT
WHEN: Wednesday, September 16th
TIME: DINNER STARTS @ 6:00 PM
THE GAME: SHOW ME THE MONEY GAME @ 6:30 PM
WHERE: Brandon Elks Lodge
COST: \$10 DINNER ONLY \$20 DINNER & GAME
HOW TO RSVP:
RSVP BY: NOON ON MONDAY, SEPT 14
PLEASE INDICATE:
1. MEAL ONLY OR DINNER & GAME
2. ANY FOOD RESTRICTIONS/ALLERGIES

SEPTEMBER 25TH



CHEF NEEDED!
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
AT THE ELKS LODGE
Made with AI

SEPTEMBER 11TH



CHEF NEEDED!
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
AT THE ELKS LODGE
Made with AI

SEPTEMBER 18TH



Nickie and Crew Friday Night
Steak Night
Choice of Steak Shrimp or Fish
September 18th
Join us for the very Popular!!!
\$17
\$15 SHRIMP OR FISH
SARYOK

TO OUR ELKS RV GUESTS

Welcome to our RV Park

ELKS MEMBERS ONLY

OUR RATES ARE:

► NEW PRICE \$30 per night; 7th night FREE

► RV Storage is \$60 per month

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE

THROUGH CAMPSpot

SEE INFO ON PAGE 6

Mark Vargo- 813-376-8855



BUGLE BOOSTERS:

Richard Clark
Karen McArthur
Henry & Julie Ebert
David & Kathleen Zilka
Rob & Andrea Wetmore
George & Mary Lou Scribner
Robin Rutzke
Gerri Mann
Charlene Hart
JR and Kathy Eldridge
Patricia Rutzke

JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB

Jack & Billie Piche
Joseph Zebrak
George & Carolyn Thomas
Frank & Anne Behrendt
Frank & Lynda Craft
Jeff and Pat LaVoie
Diane League
Kenneth League
Ed & Terri Ciesla
Marissa & Jason Conner
Jane and Marc Urser
Ron and Esther Cantrell
Kim Martinez

TO OUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

PATRICIA HALISEY, DIANE FOX, PAT LAVOIE, BARRY SCHMOLL, TONY DUNCAN, WENDELL RICE, MARVIN KELLEY, WILLIAM STRONG, CATHLEEN WALSH, DORIS GREESON, DOUGLAS JORDAN, SCOTT VANHOOSE, JOSPEH CICCARELLO, SABRINA DAVIS, MICHAEL ROIASRICHARD WAGNER, MIKE DAVIS, ALEXANDER PAPP, MARY LOU SCRIBNER, JAMES HALL, BUFFY HESLIN, JOSHUA VARGO, SCOTT BEESTING, THOMAS JONES, LARRY HARRIS, RICHARD JONES, NEUMIE ROBERTS, STEPHEN ROBISON, JEAN RYAN, DAN MCWHERTOR, JEFFREY BECKER, TINA GARRIS, RICHARD GURRERA, THOMAS MCKEEN, ELAINE REINSTEIN, DAVID ADAMS, CHARLENE HART, DARCI WARREN, DAVID ZILKA, ANTHONY CASSELLS, CLIFFORD LONG, BOB PRONG, JO SHINE, WILLIAM BREZINA, LOU VALENCIA, GARY BROOKS, ROBERT CAMPBELL, MICHAEL CHUBA, CARL FALKENBACH, KELLY SIMMS

ASK THE ER OR LEADING KNIGHT ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY INCENTIVE

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**Southwest Central Annual
BPOE ELKS
FUNDRAISER**

September 12th • 5:30 PM
@ Brandon Elks Lodge
800 Centennial Lodge Drive, Brandon, FL 33511

Filet Mignon
Salmon upon request • Dinner \$30

Live Auction!

PRIZES & GAMES!

RAFFLE TICKETS: 1 FOR \$50 OR 2 FOR \$75
★ ★ WIN A COLT 1911! ★ ★
Raffle and dinner tickets available at bar or from ER.

Come Out For

2026 Elks Day

SUNDAY, SEPT 13
START TIME: 1:40 PM
GATES OPEN: 11:40 AM

Tickets Available for All Sections

Join the Rays at Tropicana Field to celebrate Elks Day on September 13th vs the Houston Astros. Fans can purchase a special ticket package that includes a seat to the game and Florida Elks Association Hat. The hat can be picked up by scanning your ticket before the 6th inning at the Redemption Center located behind section 108.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept 11, 2026.

For more information:
Contact Brock Shively at (727) 825-3446 or email bshively@raysbaseball.com

You can purchase tickets at <https://www.gofev.com/event/2026elks2> or scan the QR code below



Offer not available through Tropicana Field box offices. Tickets subject to availability. No refunds or exchanges. Prices subject to change. Any returned checks subject to \$40.00 charge.

Exalted Ruler Recognition & Thank You

With Appreciation & Gratitude

★★ From Your Exalted Ruler ★★

Beverly Laundy

Friday-night chef and undisputed **Pork Chop Powerhouse**. Her chops don't just sizzle — they strut.



Rick Weigand

Friday-night chef and Board Chair. He flips food, leads the board, and keeps the lodge humming like a well-oiled Elk's machine.



Bartender Derrick Laundy

Service with a smile, charm with a pour. We'll miss you — and your uncanny ability to make every drink taste like good vibes.

Grace Weigand

Reader extraordinaire
She devours novels, then shares them like a benevolent book fairy spreading page-turning joy across the lodge.



Holly Orlando

Overcame initiation nerves like a champ — the sole candidate who walked in solo and walked out shining.



Edwin Lopez

Kitchen volunteer and **French Fry Perfectionist**. On Philly Cheesesteak night, he fries with the precision of a culinary Jedi.



Charlene Hart

Jack of all trades, master of "Sure, I can do that." She jumps in without hesitation and somehow makes everything look easy.



Mary Lou Scribner

Our literary legend. She writes for *Florida Elks Magazine* like she's sprinkling stardust over every charitable deed and community triumph.



Jim McCleary

Elks Olympics assistant and all-around good sport. If enthusiasm were an event, he'd medal every time.



Lynda Craft

Craft by name, craft by specialty. She ran the youth event craft table like a glitter-powered general — glue sticks, googly eyes, and pure joy everywhere.



Lara McCleary

Information disseminator extraordinaire. If knowledge had wings, Lara would be the one launching it across the lodge with style.



Frank Craft

Collector of our hard-earned Friday-night dinner money. He gathers the cash with the calm confidence of a seasoned vault guardian.



Elk Olympics Hosted by Plant City Elks Lodge

This Elk year's first Elk Olympics between Brandon, Plant City and Lakeland lodges was held at Plant City Elks Lodge on August 15th. Brandon lodge had 21 members and/or guests attend for a fun-filled afternoon of corn hole and Texas Hold'em competition. There was also a homemade soup and cupcake competition with our very own Marisol Hester taking third place in the homemade soup competition and Alan Smith and 'Bird' Glass came in second for cornhole. The next Elk Olympics will be held at Lakeland Lodge on November 7th with darts and horseshoes as the games and the food being judged will be wings and homemade pie. Plan to attend the Lakeland Lodge Olympics because your Brandon Lodge needs your support. You will have a great time socializing with our members and the members from Plant City and Lakeland lodges.

Thank you to all who attended this event and thank you to all who competed in the corn hole and Texas Hold' em games or entered a food item to be judged. Brandon lodge rocks!



Brandon Elks Sponsor Homeschool Youth Fun Day

On July 26th, Brandon Elks lodge hosted a Homeschool Youth Fun Day for 19 elementary, middle and high school children and their parents in the lodge hall. After signing in, the afternoon began with a welcome from Exalted Ruler Robin Rutzke, pledge of allegiance and prayer before lunch. Trustee Rick Weigand along with his wife Grace cooked and served hamburgers, chicken nuggets and fries for the children and parents. After lunch, the fun began and Exalted Ruler Robin taught proper flag protocol and how to fold the American Flag. The youth were split up in groups and were able to practice folding the flag. Next, co-coordinator of the event, Elk member Rachel Cohen-Stewart arranged for a children's magician to entertain the kids in which they thoroughly enjoyed. After the magic act the children once again split up into groups according to age to learn about Elk Scholarships, Americanism essays and drug awareness. Also, during this time Lynda Craft entertained the younger kids with arts and crafts. After being educated on Elk opportunities for youth, they played corn hole and went to the "fishpond" to catch magnetic fish for a prize. Elk member Charlene Hart had a ball running this event and helping the kids "catch a fish". They ended the day enjoying "Bomb Pop" popsicles and were able to go home with a bag of school supplies to get their year started off on the right foot. In addition, the Brandon Ladies of the Elks representative Terri Ciesla dropped by and gave a blanket to each child to take home. All the volunteers, Rick Weigand, Grace Weigand, Rachel Cohen-Stewart, Jane Gilblair, Lynda Craft, Carole DiAddezio, Charlene Hart, and Robin Rutzke went home tired and glad the

day was a success.



Holly Orlando

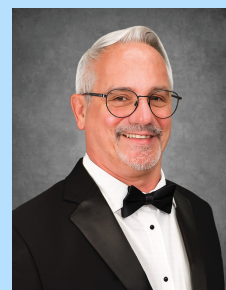
Hello PER's



The luncheon is going to be September 10th which is a Thursday, at 11:30 we are planning to go to Cali Viejo. The cuisine is Colombian and Latin America. I sure hope that you would be able to attend. Mark your calendars, and I really hope to see you there.

Your Restaurant Hunter Kim Martinez PER

Southwest Central District State President's visit, October 9th -10th. Friday night dinner at Brandon Lodge. Saturday, October 10th, dinner at Plant City Lodge. More information and tickets will be available at a later date.



VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

BPOE Exalted Ruler
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!



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 website. Individuals desiring to camp at Brandon Lodge 2383 will be redirected to the elks.org website where he or she will log in to verify membership and enter the CampSpot website to complete the reservation.

The price per day for the RV park is \$30 per day, 7th night free!



Back to School Bash in the Nest



On August 5th, Brandon Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Robin Rutzke, Scholarship Chair Jane Gilblair, Americanism Chair Carole DiAddezio, and Drug Awareness Chair Ed Ciesla represented Brandon Elks #2383 at the Brandon High School "Back to School Bash" open house for parents and students.

Brandon High School Community School Resource Teacher Lauren Leto invited community partners to participate in the event. The Brandon Elks display featured Americanism patriotic items, scholarship information, and educational pamphlets regarding drug awareness and the hazards of vaping, smoking, binge drinking, and bullying.

Brandon Lodge supports their local Senior Center!

In July, the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 donated \$1,200 to the Brandon Senior Center from their charity account. Items purchased with this donation included 2 cases each of Sugar and Creamer Canisters for the Seniors Morning Coffee Time, 2 cases of canvasses to use for the Center's paint classes, and over \$200 worth of yarn for their Crochet and Chat Class. The Senior Center Chat Group will use the yarn to crochet hats and scarves that they will donate for the homeless along with lap blankets for our Veterans at the James A. Haley Hospital.

The Brandon lodge also purchased and donated a 75" TV along with the wall mount and a projector which the Center will use for Exercise Classes and presentations.



Pictured from left Dora Navarrete, Director of the Center, PER Lou Valencia, Lodge Members Mary Lou Schreck, Walter Natwora, Donna Cassanesse, PER Rick Weigand

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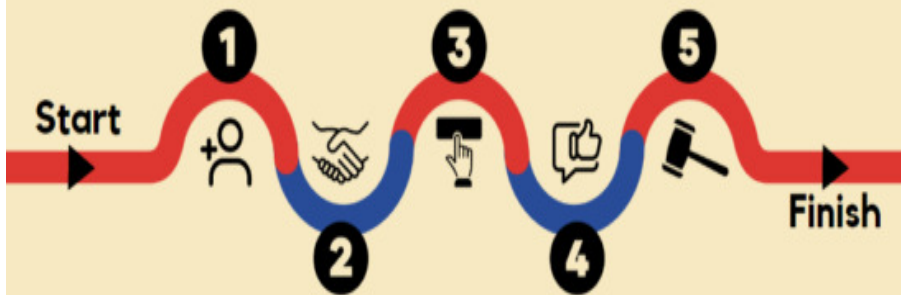
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Brandon, FL 33510

****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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