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Marionette Sexton  
Exalted Ruler

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Elks Care - Elks Share

February already? I can't believe how fast my year is going. Soon we will be accepting nominations and having election of our new Officers for the 2023-2024 year. Being an Officer of our lodge is a real honor and I invite and encourage our members to step up and get involved. The continued success of our lodge depends on involvement of its members. You may be just the right person to fill a chair position or fill one of the Officer positions. February and March will have two meetings each in order to handle the nominations and elections. If you are interested, please talk to any current Officer or reach out to any PER and they will be happy to answer any questions and lead you down the right path.

We had a busy January. Thank you to any member who attended the DD Clinic that was held at the Sebring Lodge. My heartfelt appreciation to all members and volunteers who made the New Years Eve party, the PER annual fundraising dinner and the B.L.O.E. Fashion Show such a success. February proves to be another busy month. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Florida State Elks Association (F.S.E.A.) quarterly meeting held at the Umatilla Youth Camp the 9th to the 11th. Hoop Shoot is scheduled for the 18th, and Robin Rutzke and PDDGER Sharon Hammersla will be manning the quarterly Food Drive on Saturday the 18th. Please drive through and drop off your food donations that will benefit our local community.

Our Thursday Bingo night continues and has moved back into the main hall. Bingo is open to the public, so spread the word to your friends and family.

Please continue to keep our State President Danny Tabor and his wife Rachel in your prayers. In October Danny was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He is staying at Moffitt for the next couple of weeks as he receives transfusions and chemo treatments. His spirits are good and has a positive attitude for a good outcome. Anyone wishing to donate blood on his behalf can go to [Lifesouth.org](https://lifesouth.org) or call 352-596-7404. You can sign up to be a direct donor if you have O or O- blood. So far Danny has received 16 units.

And remember, stay in touch about what's going on with F.S.E.A. by logging on to <https://floridaelks.org>. You will find information about Lightning Tickets for the "Florida Elks on Ice" on March 19th - \$43 for level 300. Or the State Golf Tournament in Sebring on April 1st - 2nd. There is the "Unmasking Autism Gala" held in St. Petersburg on April 22nd, or the Normandy Trip. Log on to our own website <https://www.brandonelks.org> for information about what's going on in our own lodge. A wealth of information on both websites. Stay in the know so you don't miss out on exciting events!

Your Exalted Ruler, Marionette Sexton

### Elk of the Month



It gives me great pleasure to announce Ed Campbell as Elk of The Month. Anytime we have had a large function in the main hall, Ed is there to help clean up. Ed was a great help on New Year's Eve on helping cleaning up the big hall after everyone left. Even on Wednesday and Friday night dinners he is always asking if there is anything he can do to help out. You can also find him in the kitchen when Jan and Donald cook, he is there to help. So please congratulate Ed Campbell as Elk of the Month

### Absent Members

Joyce Cecchi  
DOB 08-29-1937  
DOD 01-13-2023  
Initiated 01-25-2016

Louis Bartholf  
DOB 08-29-1937  
DOD 12-29-2022  
Initiated 01-25-2016

Virginia Palumbo  
DOB 06-15-1931  
DOD 01-18-2023  
Initiated 06-11-2018

Tom Tennent  
DOB 08-03-1938  
DOD 12-29-2022  
Initiated 06-26-2000

From the Secretary's  
Desk,

Our Grand Lodge  
assessment has increased  
by \$2.00 due to insurance.  
Be advised that our 2023-  
2024 dues will increase by  
that amount making the  
dues \$129 per Lodge year  
due April 1, 2023.

Fraternally,  
Mary Lou Schreck,  
Lodge Secretary





## Brandon Lodge Officers for 2022-2023 Elk Year



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Exalted Ruler  
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Lodge Maintenance Rick Weigand 813-748-2678

Bugle Editor - Lara McCleary- 203-988-5089



### LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm  
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm  
Friday 4pm – 10pm  
Saturday 4pm – 9pm  
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

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
**Dinner \* Dancing \* Music**  
OLDIES \* COUNTRY \* POP  
Weekly PER & 50/50 Raffles  
\$500 Club Drawing  
9pm Absent Member Toast  
**Monthly Drink Specials**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$8	2  IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	3 Music: Kris Pierce Door: Lou Friday night dinner see page 4	4 State Soccer Shoot Umatilla Hall & Lounge Rental
5 Anniversary Party Hall 1-5PM  Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	6 BLOE Meeting 6:30PM	7 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	8	9  IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	10 Youth Camp Qtrly Meeting Music: Tommy Patrick Door: Robin Friday night dinner see page 4	11 Umatilla Lounge Event 1 PM – 4 PM
12 8AM - 11AM BLOE Breakfast – Hall  Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	13  Lodge Meeting 7PM	14 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	15 BLOE Dinner - Hall 6:30PM	16  IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	17 Music: Hot Mix Door: Kelly Friday night dinner see page 4	18 Qtrly Food Drive 8AM – 12PM Lounge Event 1-4PM BLOE Rock & Roll Party 6PM – 10PM
19 Event Lounge 1-4PM  Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	20 7pm Governing Board Meeting	21 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	22  Member Orientation 6:30PM	23  IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	24 Door: Nancy Music: Fifth Gear Friday night dinner see page 4	25
26 Memorial Delores Westfall 2PM – 5PM Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	27  Lodge Meeting 7PM	28 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open				

Please RSVP for Dinners

RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

### Save the Date

FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>, Lodge  
Meeting

BLOE Meeting FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> · 6:00 PM  
Brandon Boys

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday BLOE Breakfast  
\$10

Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

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!

**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  
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

Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify  
Lodge Secretary

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





## FEBRUARY MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO [RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM)  
BY 12 PM THURSDAY

### FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

GLENN & CREW \$8

ENTRÉE: SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS

DESSERT



**PLEASE READ:** When using anything in the kitchen it is your responsibility to put everything back. Please do not leave your clean dishes in the dish drainer.

MARIONETTE & FRIENDS \$12

ENTRÉE: BEEF TIPS OVER NOODLES, VEGGIES

SALAD

DESSERT

MUSIC: KRIS PIERCE



**ANY food placed in the freezer or refrigerator needs to be labeled with the date and what is in the bag.**

### FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

DON HARRISON & FRIENDS \$15

ENTRÉE: ALL YOU CAN EAT (SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS)

DESSERT

MUSIC: TOMMY PATRICK



### FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

MARIONETTE & FRIENDS

SALAD: TOSSED

ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15), SHRIMP (\$13)

GRILLED CHICKEN (\$12) OR FISH (\$13)

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO

MUSIC: HOT MIX



### FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

NANCY & FRIENDS - VETS EAT FOR FREE

ENTRÉE: MEATLOAF

SIDE: SALAD & DESSERT



### FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

LARRY OLIVER & MARK FOX + CREW \$13

ENTRÉE: STEVE SAWDEY'S CHICKEN, CRAB CAKES

SIDES: POTATOES, VEGGIES

SALAD & DESSERT

MUSIC: FIFTH GEAR



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## TO THE RV GUESTS

Just a few words to

Welcome you back to our RV Park



OUR RATES ARE:

► \$25 per night; 7<sup>th</sup> night FREE

► RV Storage is \$50 per month

**THANKS FOR STAYING**

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Frank Craft 813-245-6238



## BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

Please help defray the cost of printing and sending out our Bugle. A donation of \$5 will help a great deal.

**These folks are BUGLE BOOSTERS:**

Diane League

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Kim Martinez

Jeff & Pat Lavoie

Frank & Lynda Craft

David & Kathleen Zilka

Terry & Nina Rickett

Julie & Hank Ebert

Mary & Larry Lane

Barbara Myer

George & Carolyn Thomas

Joseph Zebrak

Kenneth League

Richard Clark

Karen McArthur

Bernie & Pat Hiskey

Donna & Michael Fultz

**JOIN THE  
BOOSTER CLUB**



# BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Hoping to See You There!



By: Ann Fox  
B.L.O.E. President

Breakfast was so delicious! Thank you all for helping and coming to enjoy. If you missed it, the next one is on February 12<sup>th</sup>, it is all you can eat for just \$10.00 each, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Come out and enjoy the delicious food and seeing lots of friends or meeting new ones. Our Lady of Distinction for January was Carolyn Thomas. She is a lady that does it all. She is always taking care of the ladies closet. Carolyn is there to help at dinners, caterings, breakfasts and even at events she is a guest at. We are very fortunate to have her represent us. We have been busy with catering events and Sunday breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. Please let us know if you can volunteer, we can always use help. Remember our next meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>, we hope to see you there. Don't forget the Rock and Roll Party on February 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Ann Fox

## 500 Club Winners

NOT SIGNED UP: Kathleen Scanlan, Gordon Christensen, Juliet Wells  
Lorraine Crabb, Barbara O'Brien, Marisol Hester

WINNER: signed up and not present – Kenneth League

## Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents  
Wednesday FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Chef – Cathy Hudson

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm Cost \$10



Menu: Pasta w/ sauce and cheese, sausage,  
onions and peppers, salad & dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

## Brandon Ladies of Elks December Lady of Distinction January 2023



Our Lady of Distinction for January 2023 is no stranger to hard work. She is organized, thorough and always there when there is a catering, breakfast, Wednesday Dinner or memorial service.

I have seen her get up from a guest table at Weddings or Elk functions and start cleaning up or filling empty ice bowls even though she is a paid guest. She feels that she is a member of the Elks family, which she surely is, and she wants to make sure all guests are taken care of quickly and efficiently.

She has got setting up for functions down to a science and I would give money to anyone who finds something missing when she is in charge. She is always the first one to arrive and the last one to leave.

She has taken over the ladies' closet duties and even though she had big shoes to fill, the transition seems to be working. She is ever a lady and I get tired watching her running around making sure all the plates are taken away, the silverware is in place and the dessert fork is above the plate. She is amazing.

Ladies, please join me in congratulating **Carolyn Thomas** our January Lady of Distinction.

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305-498-5654**



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

God Bless our Veterans.



Our Elks nonperishable food drive is scheduled for Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to noon.

All items can be dropped off in front of the lodge . If out-of-town or unable to drop off items on the 26<sup>th</sup>, please leave in the Ante Room with a note stating for quarterly food drive and your name. The POC's will ensure it is collected for the drive.  
Contact POC's Robin Rutzke, Inner Guard at 305-498-5654.

Thank you for your continued support with this lodge quarterly community project.  
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Music by: Tommy Patrick

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**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

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**Start with a Caesar Salad to rev up your taste buds**

MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE BUFFET AND CROSS YOUR EYES WITH THE SELECTION TO BEHOLD



CHICKEN LEGS

CHICKEN THIGHS

CHICKEN WINGS

STEAMED SHRIMP

BREADED SHRIMP

COCONUT SHRIMP

ROAST PORK

BEEF TIPS AND GRAVY



GET YOUR BALANCE MEAL WITH THE VEGGIES

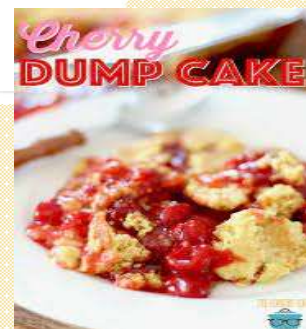
MASHED POTATOES

CARROTS

CORN

FINISH, IF YOU CAN, WITH CHERRY DUMP CAKE, APPLE DUMP CAKE. OR PEANUT BUTTER BAR

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO EAT-IN, WE WILL HOOK YOU UP WITH A TO GO





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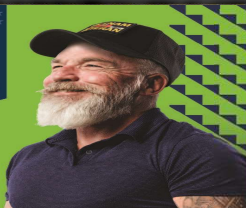
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