

# THE BUGLE

## Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER, ROBIN RUTZKE

HAPPY 250 TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA! On Independence Day, July 4th we will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with family vacations, parades, picnics, watching fireworks and various other fun-filled family events. On July 4th I will have the pleasure and privilege to represent you, the members of Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 at the 2026 Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, Illinois. I look forward to the opening session beginning the 161 st Grand Lodge Session and being part of the regular excitement that surrounds the convention. In addition, a very special event will take place this year at the convention. The Elks National Memorial and Headquarters, which is in Chicago, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this awe-inspiring building. If interested in watching the celebration ceremony on July 4th, it will be livestreamed. More details will be shared soon on [elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm](http://elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm). Also, on the final day of the convention we will have a new Grand Exalted Ruler installed and a SWC District Deputy installed. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler 2026-2027 will be Timothy F. Jaeger and our new District Deputy will be John Guarino. Congratulations go out to both. Our incoming Grand Exalted Ruler asks us to emphasize, practice and implement "READY ELKS-LET'S GO!" I believe Brandon Lodge can live up to those expectations.

Throughout the month of July, I ask you to be proud to display and honor our flag of our country. Showing patriotism as Elks is easy. Wear a pin of our country's flag, stand and/or salute the flag at parades as the American flag passes, and show respect and courtesy when the "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played. Be proud you live in the greatest country in the world and be grateful for all our continued blessings. And always remember the sacrifices that are being made by the men and women of our armed forces and the sacrifices made by our military veterans. These men and women chose to raise their right hand to defend and protect our country and our liberties so we can live in freedom. Please honor them as we celebrate our nation's birthday.

Lastly, I ask all stop by our lodge and take part in some of our monthly activities. We will be hosting a Fourth of July picnic celebrating 250 years. Friday night dinners are always an excellent option with delicious food cooked by our members and there are other opportunities for dinner throughout the month. The Brandon Ladies of the Elks are always holding events to support our lodge that are fun and entertaining. And on July 26th the lodge will be hosting a homeschoolers youth activity in the hall from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This event is still in the planning stage but will be fun and educational too. We will need volunteers to cook lunch for our youth and help with the event if you are willing and available that day. I would like to wish everyone a fun and safe month in July as many of you will take family vacations. Remember it is your duty to always practice the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. "READY ELKS-LET'S GO!"

Fraternally Yours,

Robin Rutzke, Exalted Ruler



### JULY ELK OF THE MONTH

**Ken Muzyk**, Works snack bar, helps set up the hall and takes care of all the little things we never know he does.



**Congratulations PER Lou Valencia** and all our members on receiving top awards at the State convention!



ENF  
1st place in  
our division  
2<sup>nd</sup> in the state



**Congratulations Jerrilyn Pietro** for achieving a perfect score of 107 for orientation briefing on last year's evaluation!

### Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction JUNE



We are always looking to recognize the hard work and dedication from BLOE Ladies. This month we find someone that works hard, finds time to volunteer where needed and does not look for any recognition. You will find her working at many of the catering events. She has only been a member for a year but has already made her presence known by the group by her willingness to help when needed. Please join me in congratulating the Lady of Distinction for June, Marianne Cheek.

# 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



Jane Gilblair  
Lecturing Knight  
813-495-7260



Christina  
Puhalla  
Lodge Esquire  
609-217-5782



Scott Mesick  
Inner Guard  
708-261-9834



Carole  
DiAddezio  
Tiler  
484-678-3926



Jim McCleary  
Lodge Chaplain  
813-763-9019



Mary Lou Schreck  
Secretary  
813-458-5872

**Member Illness/  
Convalescence:  
Notify Lodge  
Secretary**



Nancy Price  
Treasurer  
813-756-9341

Nickie Wells  
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



## Lodges need good customer service

**Submitted by Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Director**

Every Elk understands the things that make a Lodge feel welcoming, proud, and energized. It has little to do with money or facilities.

It is how Members are treated with warmth and respect.

It is how we welcome new Members, retain longtime Elks, reconnect those drifting away, and remind every Member why they chose to belong. When Lodges fail to practice good customer service, Members can gradually drift away because of missed connections, unanswered calls, or unreturned emails. Frequent guests might simply never be invited to join, and Members who fall behind on paying dues might never hear from the Lodge.

Effective exterior visibility, interior signage, and digital displays all tell our story before anyone speaks.

This also applies to a Lodge's digital front door. Websites and social media platforms can answer questions, reduce friction, and make people feel welcome before they ever walk through the door.

When we clearly showcase our community involvement and charitable work in our Lodges and online, pride grows and recruitment follows.

Strong customer service begins with Lodge leadership. Exalted Rulers and other Elks in leadership positions need to lead with intention, consistency, and pride, and create environments where guests feel welcome, Members feel valued, and communities clearly understand who we are and what we stand for.

# BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is  
 JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
 Hoping to See You There!

We made it through the first hot month of summer!! June was a great month for the BLOE. We had a wonderful Father's Day breakfast. We served 102 guests and had three great baskets that were raffled. Grace Weigand and Diane League do such a great job on these baskets for us. Thank You ladies for all of your hard work putting them together. Two of the winners were present at the breakfast and were delighted with the beautiful baskets they received.

We also had two catering events this month, the first was Brandon High Schools 50th Class Reunion. A fun time was had by all that attended this event. I want to take this time to THANK each volunteer that helped make this night a success. We also had a Birthday celebration that was catered by our BLOE. Thank you to Terri and her crew of volunteers for another successful event.

Looking ahead to July we have a Cake Auction coming up for the 4th of July picnic. Please bring your cakes, pies, cookies, brownies or any other baked good to the lodge on or before July 4th. You can leave them in the walk-in cooler if you bring them in early. Looking forward to seeing you all here to celebrate our countries 250th birthday!!

Just a quick reminder the FLOE convention is coming up in September. I have raffle tickets for the FLOE that I am selling currently. Please make your reservations as soon as possible as the rooms fill up quickly. I will pass out the information packets for the FLOE Convention at our next meeting. Hope everyone has a safe and Happy July 4th!

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: **OPEN**  
 Lots of luck: Kathy Hattan  
 Membership: Jane Gilblair  
 Program: Laurie Bayne  
 Properties: Carolyn Thomas  
 Publicity: Jerrilyn Pietro  
 Scholarships: **OPEN**  
 Secret pal: Marisol Hester  
 Sunday breakfast: Nancy Price  
 Sunshine: Karen McArthur  
 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](mailto:KayBilinski@yahoo.com)
- ENF Scholarships: Jane Gilblair 813-495-7260
- Government Relations: Rick Weigand 813-748-2678
- 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 6:30PM PASTA DINNER LOUNGE	2 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	3 GARYOKE & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	4 11AM - 2PM 4 <sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC
<b>ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION CHICAGO JULY 5TH - JULY 8TH</b>						
5 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	6 7PM BLOE MEETING - HALL	7 4:30PM-7PM CARDS 	8	9 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	10 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	11 9AM - 7PM HALL RENTAL
12 8AM-11AM BLOE BREAKFAST HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	13  LODGE MEETING 7PM	14 4:30PM-7PM CARDS 	15 6:30PM BLOE DINNER	16 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm 6:30PM BRANDON BOYS' DINNER LOUNGE	17 GARYOKE & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	18
19 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM 2PM - 5PM LOUNGE RENTAL	20 7PM BOARD MEETING	21 4:30PM-7PM CARDS 	22 6:30PM VETERAN'S DINNER HALL	23 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	24 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	25
26 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM 11AM - 4PM HALL RENTAL	27 6:30PM BUNCO LOUNGE	28 4:30PM-7PM CARDS 	29	30 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	31 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	

**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 May-January, February-April also, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 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, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LODGE MEETING, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BOARD MEETING, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**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

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**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

# JULY 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**  
**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

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

## TO OUR ELKS RV GUESTS

Welcome to our RV Park  
**ELKS MEMBERS ONLY**

OUR RATES ARE:

▶ NEW PRICE \$30 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



### 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 JULY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

JOHN ADKINSON, MARCELINO RIVERA, RON SCHREIBER, DAN RAULERSON, LORI UNDERBERG, WILLIAM DURKIN, DOUG TAGGERTY, DALE MILLER, NORMAN PERKINS, NANCY PRICE, GORDON BACCUS, ROGER JENKINS, PAUL KISTLER, JIM MCCLEARY PER, DOUG LARSON, ERIC PAPP, STEVE DIXON, DONALD FOUNTAIN, TIM SCANLON, KEN WELLS, WILLIE GODSEY, MARGARET HNIZDIL, TIM FELTON, CHARLES JORDAN, RON RUSSELL, LESLIE EXTERKAMP, JANIS JACOBSON, ROBERT RUPP, THOMAS GIANINO, JOHN BLANCATO, TIM HAGAN, RON MATTHEWS, JACK PICHE, ERIN GALLAGHER-BROOME, MICHAEL MARTIN, GARY MCCORMACK, TERRY MULL, SUSAN RIFKIN, ENRIQUE GARCIA, SUSAN ANDERSON, STEPHEN FERRAR, MARY-JO KEETH, JOSE MORALES, HAYWARD SUMMERLIN.

**ASK THE ER OR LEADING KNIGHT ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY INCENTIVE**



We've officially leveled up, folks — the Lodge is now glowing like it just won "Best Dressed" at the 250th Celebration. Lights on, vibes high, and the place looks downright magical. Come swing by and see the glow-up in person!



Brandon Elks Lodge #2383  
Please join us for a  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
**PICNIC**  
Saturday July 4th  
11am-2pm

**\$5** FOR 1 MEAT  
**\$8** FOR 2 MEATS

Food, fun, and friends **HAMBURGERS**  
**HOTDOGS**  
**OR CHICKEN**  
POTATO SALAD  
AND BEANS

**800 CENTENNIAL LODGE DR**

## 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.

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

# Exalted Ruler Recognition & Thank You

*With Appreciation & Gratitude*

★★ *From Your Exalted Ruler* ★★

### Mark Vargo

Our Campspot wizard and RV-storage superhero — keeping rigs parked, reservations smooth, and chaos far, far away.



### Marionette & Crew

First-Wednesday spaghetti slingers extraordinaire — feeding the masses with noodles, love, and zero apologies for carb-loading.

### Kevin & Tracy Clark

Debuted as Friday Night Dinner chefs and instantly became lodge legends with their “Greek Feast.” Opa-level applause.

### Middleton High School Students

Brought youthful spirit and pride to the Brandon Flag Day Ceremony. Future leaders, present-day rockstars.



### Wendy Smith & Volunteers

Turned the Memorial Day Picnic into a full-blown smash hit. Sun, fun, and teamwork done right.



### Rick Weigand

Made sure our 250th Birthday Flag is flying high and proud — because patriotism looks good on us.



### LTC Sonia DeYampert

Delivered a powerful recitation of “I Am Old Glory” at Flag Day — goosebumps guaranteed.



### Jane Gilblair

Always stepping up, always helping, always watching over the 500 Club like a loyal guardian of the numbers.



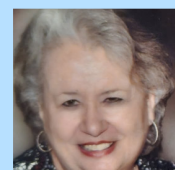
### Nancy Price

Balancing lodge treasurer duties and BLOE president responsibilities like a circus juggler with perfect form. Gold medal multitasking.



### Debbie Rhines

Jumped in with the membership committee, using her communication superpowers to make those important calls. Smooth, steady, and oh-so-skilled.



### Alan Smith

Donated his time, talent, and trusty vehicle to haul everything needed for the SWC District at the Florida Elks State Convention. Road-warrior status: unlocked.



### Carole DiAddezio

Cruised every corner of town hunting for businesses proudly flying Old Glory — then honored them at Flag Day with Certificates of Honor. A true patriot on patrol.



### Elks in Action

Thank you to everyone who attended the State Convention or helped/oversaw the SWC district hospitality room. There was an outstanding turnout of Brandon Elk members. Also, thank you volunteers for putting on a fantastic Memorial Day picnic headed by our Esteemed Leading Knight Wendy Smith. It was a lot of fun with excellent food cooked by Rick Weigand. Lastly, a great big thank you to all who participated in the Flag Day Ritual. Helping me set-up was PER Lou Valencia, cooking our members dinner was Rick Weigand and many thanks go out to the Middleton AFJROTC cadets who read the history of the flag and presented the flags in the parade of flags. A very special thanks goes out to Commander Sonia Deyampert, American Legion Post 167 for her recitation of "I am Old Glory." She enjoyed visiting our lodge and said she would return next year for flag day if asked. We also did something a little different this year. Our Americanism Committee chair, Carole DiAddezio, went out to the local area looking for businesses and organizations properly flying the United States flag. Those who said they could attend were presented an Elks certificate of honor. Those who received the honor were: LGC Country Villa LLC represented by Marionette Garvey, Scaglione Group INC represented by Jack Scaglione, American Legion Post 167, represented by Commander Sonia DeYampert and accompanied by legion members, and finally Arin Motte and Jayda Morning, Middleton High School Air Force JROTC cadets who are responsible for ensuring the American Flag is put up and taken down at the end of each school day and properly folded. This proves together we succeed as a team. Awesome job by all.



Hello PER's  
Our monthly luncheon will be Thursday July 9th, at CRACKER BARREL, at 1880 Hwy 60, Valrico between Mt. Carmel and Valrico Rd. Hope to see you there. Your Restaurant Hunter Kim Martinez PER



2026 Elks Day



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 Brook Shively at (727) 820-3448 or email bshively@raysbaseball.com

You can purchase tickets at <https://www.gofcbrays.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. All reserved credits subject to 50% charge.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Committee Chair  
Robin Rutzke**

**BPOE Exalted Ruler  
USAF (ret)  
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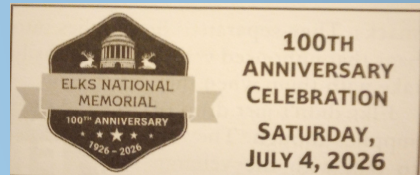


Any questions or concerns about the Veterans that the Elks Lodge serves, or other note worthy Veteran events, please address them with Robin.

**God Bless our Veterans!**



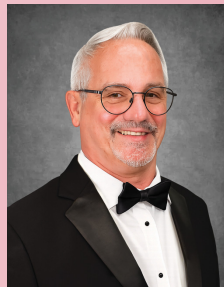
**Grand Lodge Newsletter, June 2026  
Livestream Planned for Memorial Celebration**



Excitement is building as we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building! While this historic event will take place in person during the convention, we're pleased to share that the program will also be simulcast, allowing members across the country to be part of this special occasion.

Details on how to watch will be shared soon, so be sure to keep an eye on [elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm](https://elks.org/memorial/Anniversary.cfm) for updates and access information.

**STATE PRESIDENT LEONARD "LENNY" DiLORENZO 2026-2027  
FLORIDA ELKS UNITED & DRIVING FORWARD**



Brandon Elks Lodge congratulates you, Leonard "Lenny" DiLorenzo, our new State President . We are proud to have you serve as our State President for 2026-2027. To our members, the President's visit for the Southwest Central District will be on October 9th - 10th. More information will follow soon.

Trustee Ed Ciesla was recently awarded the Grand Exalted Ruler's Award Pin and congratulation letter from Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt. Brandon Elk members are so very proud of your Elk achievement.



**Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt writes:**

"It is with great pride and pleasure that I extend to you my sincere congratulations and express my appreciation to you on earning the Grand Exalted Ruler's Award pin for excellence in membership procurement for your lodge. This is an outstanding achievement, and I hope you will wear the Award Pin with a great sense of pride. As membership is the Life Blood of our Order, you have performed excellent service to your lodge, District and State Association. You have earned the respect and admiration of your fellow members through your efforts in support of our Membership Program. Thank you for being a hard-working member of this great Order. Through your example and encouragement, others in your lodge will strive to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler's Award Pin. I offer my congratulations on your accomplishment, and I ask you to continue to make a difference by working with the other members of your lodge to promote my theme 'Be the Difference' and educating the community of the great work we do, showing ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE."

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Bryan Klatt  
Grand Exalted Ruler

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

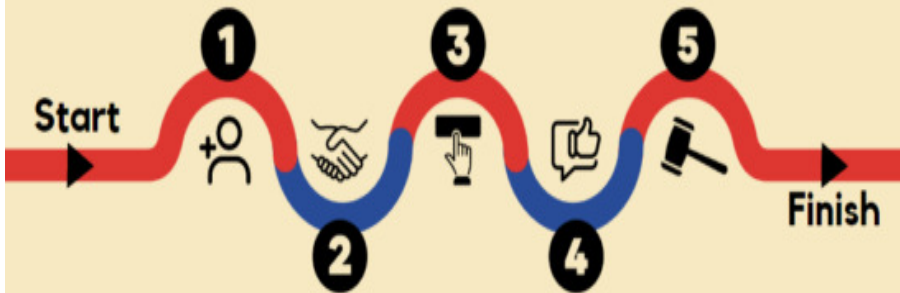
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Brandon, FL 33510

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# 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.

Community • Friendship • Charity  
[join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org)



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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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11700 N 58th Street  
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Final Expense ~ Whole Life ~ UL's ~ IUL's  
Term Insurance ~ Annuities