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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Ed Ciesla
Exalted
Ruler



CAN YOU FEEL IT?



Can you feel all the NEWness around us? A NEW season (Spring), a NEW Lodge year (2023-2024), a NEW Exalted Ruler, a NEW team of officers, a NEW team of committee members, a NEW Lodge Hostess (Terri Ciesla), and a NEW spirit of excitement! We are all looking forward to the NEW things that we will be bringing to our lodge.

Our NEW team is: ER- Ed Ciesla; Leading Knight- Donald Harrison; Loyal Knight- Lou Valencia; Lecturing Knight- Robin Rutzke; Lodge Secretary- Mary Lou Schreck; Lodge Treasurer- Nancy Price; Lodge Chaplain- Mark Fox; Lodge Esquire- Ed Campbell; Lodge Inner Guard- Carole Diaddezio; Lodge Tiler- Teresa Reeves; 1-year Trustee- Larry Oliver; 2-year Trustee- Sharon Hammersla; 3-year Trustee- Mark Vargo; 4-year Trustee- Jim McCleary; and 5-year Trustee- Marionette Garvey.

As all ERs before me, my goal is to finish the year better than it started. That is, having an increase in membership and a stronger financial position. I also intend to 1) Have a decrease in membership non-renewals. 2) More activities for our members. 3) Involve our NEW members in Lodge events, activities, and committees. 4) Change/improve some of the ways we've been doing things. 5) Ensure ALL of us have FUN in our Lodge doing the things Elkdom is all about. But these goals can only be achieved if we ALL work together as a team. **Membership involvement at any-and-every level is vital.** Please, be involved.

I cannot conclude my inaugural message without acknowledging the contribution of our newest PER, Marionette Garvey. She really has worked hard this past year, putting in MANY hours. As I immerse myself into this position, I am realizing all the efforts that go into all the behind-the-scenes duties and obligations. It truly is a lot of work! Thank-you Marionette, for your love of our Lodge.

Your Exalted Ruler, Ed Ciesla

Elk of the Month



It gives me great pleasure to announce Glenn Garvey as Elk of The Month. Glenn has been our Lounge manager for the past two years and has done a fantastic job. He has put on spaghetti night dinners each month along with cooking steaks for quite a few years. If you needed someone to help with other dinners he has been there. You can also find him in the kitchen on the Ladies Breakfast cooking bacon, sausage and biscuits. Any time you ask Glenn for help he is there with a helping hand. So please congratulate Glenn Garvey as Elk of the Month

Hostess Corner

Hello everyone! I'm so excited about being your lodge hostess this year. Be sure you check the bugle, your emails, the Brandon members Facebook group site, as well as the Brandon Elks website so you can keep track of all the fun things going on at the lodge. Bringing back trivia, karaoke and many other fun and exciting things to do. Invite your friends to join you and they might become new members. Ed and I are welcome to ideas so if you have something you'd like to see at the lodge let us know. Or if you have suggestions for Friday night dinners, let me know. Looking forward to a great year.

Terri

From the Secretary's Desk.

It's that time of year.....Dues must be paid by April 1. You will be asked to show your card in order to be served after that date

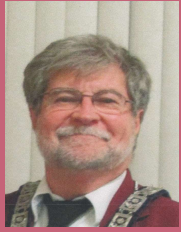
To sign up for the 500 Club, the fee for the member is \$52 and for the spouse \$52 and must be received by the first Friday in April. (April 7th) You may also sign up every week (\$1)

If you have paid your dues and have not received your card, please call the office and leave me a message.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped throughout the year. You are appreciated more that you know!

Fraternally,
Mary Lou Schreck,
Lodge Secretary

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2023-2024 Elk Year



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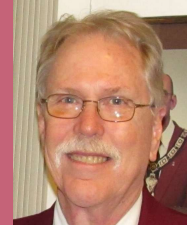
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813-956-3776



Member Illness / Convalescence:

Notify Lodge Secretary

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Committee Chairs 2023-2024

Accident Prevention - Rick Weigand 813-748-2678

Bugle Editor - Lara McCleary 203-988-5089

Community Activities (COULD BE YOU!)

Drug Awareness - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

Fraternal Committee - Jim McCleary 813-763-9019

Fraternal Sub Committees:

Americanism: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056

Flag Day: James Randall 813-833-7086

Lodge Activities: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Membership: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0428

State Associations: TBD (Could be You!)

Elks Memorial Day: TBD (Could be You!)

ENF: TBD (Could be You!)

Veterans Services: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654

Grants Coordinator - Sharon Hammersla 813-323-1992

Hall Rental - Terri Ciesla 813-679-8007

Hoop Shoot - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

House Committee - Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Kitchen Manager - Terri Ciesla 813-679-8007

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Lodge Purchasing Food - Stephen Blackman 813-655-4251

Public Relations - Michael Highfill 813-812-2727

Youth Activity - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is APRIL 3RD at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

I want to thank all of you for supporting me, the Brandon Ladies of Elks, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks this past year (2022-2023).

We had very successful events this past year and raised a great deal of money. After purchasing a Char Grill and the Freezer for the kitchen, 2 Elk Clocks for the Hall and the Lounge, and the Stage Skirting, we still had a great deal left over that we gave to the Exalted Ruler, Marionette Garvey, at the BPOE Officer Installation on March 25.

Hoping all of you continue supporting our Lodge! See you around.

Thanks again.

Annie Fox
Past Lady President

Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction March



Who is that lady? Who is that lady helping at the BLOE Wednesday Night Dinner, who is that lady working hard to make the Sunday Breakfast is delicious - smiling and making sure that everyone is fed timely and leaves happy, who is that lady that is helping with the Christmas Party for the Kids? Who is that lady that just helped make the latest memorial service a success? Who is that lady that since she came to the Brandon Elks has been working tirelessly to make any event sponsored by the BPOE or BLOE an overwhelming success. That lady is the Brandon Ladies of Elks - Lady of Distinction for March - **Karen McArthur**.

A Night At The Races 2023 Brandon Ladies of Elks



It's Time To Get Down And Derby!
So, Grab Your Hats And Place
Your Bets
Get Ready For A Night You Won't
Forget
Saturday, April 29th, 2023
6PM-10PM

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents

Wednesday APRIL 19TH

Chef - Tracey Hyde, Becky Cresswell & Jerrilyn Pietro

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm Cost \$10



Menu: Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Salad & Dessert

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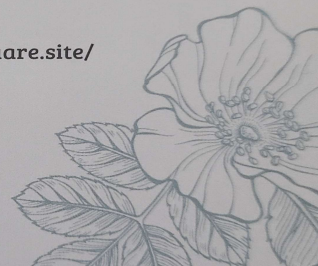
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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
Dinner * Dancing * Music
 Weekly 50/50 Raffles
 \$500 Club Drawing

APRIL

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

500 Club Winners

NOT SIGNED UP: Michael Goodman, Jan Thurberg, Richard Montpass

Door Duty

April 7th – Robin
 April 14th – Teresa
 April 21st – Nancy
 April 28th – Mary Lou


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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

02 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	03 BLOE Meeting 6:30PM PER Meeting 7pm Ante Room	04 5:30-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	05 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$8	06 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	07 Music: Fifth Gear Friday night dinner see page 5	08 12-4PM Fultz Lounge
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09 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM 8-11AM BLOE Breakfast Hall	10  Lodge Meeting 7PM	11 5:30-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	12	13 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	14 Music: Good Stuff Friday night dinner see page 5	15 10AM-3PM Brandon Community Picnic Hall 6-10PM Martin Party Lounge
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16 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	17 7pm Governing Board Meeting BUNCO 6PM HALL	18 5:30-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	19 BLOE Dinner - Hall 6:30PM Member Orientation 6:30PM	20 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	21 Music: Hot Mix Friday night dinner see page 5	22 5-10PM Wedding Hall
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23 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM Sorority Function 1-5PM Lounge	24  Lodge Meeting 7PM	25 5:30-7PM Queen Cards, Pool snack bar open	26 	27 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR	28 Music: Tommy Patrick Friday night dinner see page 5	29 HORSE RACE 6-10PM HALL 
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30 Social & Sports Lounge 1PM	01	02	03	04	05
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BLOE BREAKFAST
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10
 2nd Sunday
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge issues. 2nd 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 – 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
APRIL 10TH & 24TH, Lodge Meeting

BLOE Meeting APRIL 3RD

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

APRIL MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP
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APRIL 5th

TERRI & ED \$8
ENTREE: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
SALAD & DESSERT



APRIL 7th

TERRI & FRIENDS \$15
ENTRÉE: PARMESAN CRUSTED FISH
SIDES: ROASTED RED POTATOES, BROCCOLI ALMONDINE
SALAD & BREAD
DESSERT
MUSIC: FIFTH GEAR



APRIL 14th

ALAN & FRIENDS \$15
ENTRÉE: RIBS, CHICKEN
SIDES: POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, BREAD
DESSERT
MUSIC: GOOD STUFF



APRIL 21st

NICKI & 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



APRIL 26th

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



APRIL 28th

JIM & FRIENDS \$15
ENTRÉE: ROAST PORK LOIN
SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, GRANNY'S CARROTS
SALAD & APPLESAUCE
DESSERT
MUSIC: TOMMY PATRICK



Dress code for Friday night dinners
Men: Dress pants, collared shirt
Women: Dress, skirts or long pants

TO THE RV GUESTS
Just a few words to
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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:
New list coming in May

If you want to be a BUGLE BOOSTER for 2023-2024 Elks year, please see Mary Lou or your bartender to give your donation.

**JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB**

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

BPOE Lecturing Knight
USAF (ret)
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!



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We're Loud!



and Visible
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Are You Proud To Be An Elk?



The Order of Elks is an organization of American citizens who love their country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions; who love their fellow man and seek to promote his well being; and who love the joyousness of life and endeavor to contribute to it, as well as to share it.

The Order questions no man's religion; nor bars him an account of his creed. It is not concerned with one's political affiliations. And it does not permit either religion or politics to be injected into, or to have any effect upon, its fraternal deliberations, national or local.

It lures no man to its doors by any promised material benefits, which might appeal to his self-interest. It pledges no support to the furtherance of personal ambitions. It has no insurance feature to appeal to one's sense of economy. It is beneficent, not merely benevolent, and it believes that doing good is better than merely being good. It teaches that it is nobler to serve than to be served; that laughter is better than tears, a kind word more potent than a frown, and that life is all the sweeter for a song.

It therefore seeks to draw into its fraternal circle only those who delight in wholesome associations with congenial companions; who are deeply imbued with the spirit of patriotic loyalty and devotion; and who desire, without the fanfare of the trumpets of publicity, to share with their associates in the endeavor to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to relieve those in distress, and to prove themselves true friends to all in need.

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“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.

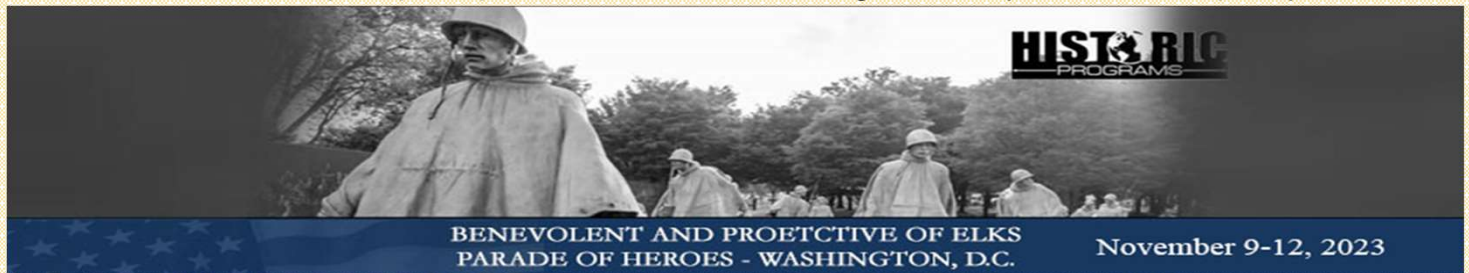
Someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible to discuss the details in securing your participation in this truly historic event.

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.



Brandon Lodge Continues to Feed their Community!

On Saturday, February 18th, both Veteran Chair Robin Rutzke and SWCD PDDGER Sharon Hammersla were at our Lodge early in the morning accepting food donations from our members. Each quarter these two dedicated Elk members organize the drive-by food drive. This was a brainchild of theirs during COVID, and due to the continued support of our members, continues to be a much-supported activity. With this quarter’s food drive, the lodge collected 235 pounds of food. PDDGER Sharon Hammersla delivered the food to the Nativity Food Pantry, who makes the food available to those in need in the community. Julie Ebert, Past Lady President, volunteers her time at the Nativity Food Pantry and was there for the food delivery. Nativity Food Pantry always looks forward to receiving the donated food from the Lodge’s food drive.....they always comment that the food drive always donates the most needed items, and they love that the cans aren’t dented. It’s been and will continue to be, a long-standing partnership working together to support those less fortunate. It’s just what Elks do! And Brandon Lodge members do it well!



Picture: Past Lady President Julie Ebert, PDDGER Sharon Hammersla

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