THE BUGLE

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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A Message From Your Exalted Ruler, ROBIN RUTZKE

My fellow Elks and Brandon Ladies of the Elks. It is the most wonderful time of the year. Copious amounts of food and drink, music, fun, family, and friends help us celebrate the holiday season. December is here and it is time have fun, relax and enjoy the numerous celebrations.

In November I attended the Florida Elks Association Mid-Year convention. I was able to get information to bring back to the lodge on updated business practices, membership and marketing and Florida Elks major projects. Those who attended the convention with me were Mary Lou Schreck, Ed and Terri Ciesla, Jane Gilblair, Henry and Connie Poage. The big take away is coming in December. It will be a better way to pay your yearly dues. This will be a modern system worthy of a modern membership organization. This updated on-line payment system will make it easier for the lodge secretary to track, confirm payment and it will give you an immediate updated e-card. You will be able to pay directly through Elks.org, no third-party payment expense, Automatic posting in CLMS, reduced manual entry and faster processing. Instructions on how to pay using this new system will be disseminated shortly.

Before long, I will be receiving information for youth sponsorship for next summer's Florida Elks Youth Camp. Youth age 9-13 will have the opportunity to attend this camp. They participate in activities including archery, swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, soccer, and the ropes course and more. They learn about American citizenship and how to be good citizens and the importance of teamwork. This camp is a beautiful, modern camp and is on 405 acres in Umatilla, Florida offering an unforgettable camp experience for our youth. What is our goal? Utilize all our scholarship vouchers and for all to have an exciting time while learning skills they will cherish and carry with them to adulthood. If you have kids, grandkids, friends or know anyone who falls in the age group of 9-13 years old and would like to attend camp, contact any of our lodge officers or go to FloridaElks.org/camp for more information.

Please refer to the lodge calendar of daily happenings, page 4. There are countless events you can participate in and have an influence on others. Plus, there are several fun activities as well. Also, we will conduct the Elks Memorial Service on December 6th at 1:00 pm where we come together to remember the lives of those Elks we lost this past year and all Elks who have previously passed. Make plans to attend this most solemn ceremony. On New Year's Eve there will be a "New Years Mingle" in the lounge. More information will be in the weekly happenings sent out by our newsletter editor.

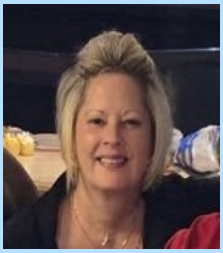
As I close, I want to wish my Elk family a joyous and fun holiday season. Take the time to enjoy the spirit of the season and spend time with family and friends. If traveling, safe travels and my thoughts and prayers will be with you. Finally, I hope all of you have been a good Elk or BLOE Lady this year, so Santa makes a stop at your house and does not leave coal in your stocking. Have a happy holiday season and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally Yours,



Robin Rutzke Exalted Ruler

DECEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH



If there's a hat to wear, a job to do, or a detail to organize, Lara is probably already on it!
Our Elk of the Month, **Lara McCleary**, has been keeping the lodge running, rocking, and looking fabulous! **Bugle Editor Extraordinaire** – Keeping everyone informed, one issue at a time! **The Planning Pro** – Staying ahead of the game with preplanning protocols for lodge events. **Friday Night Dinner Co-Coordinator** – Helping keep those Friday dinners on track and our members well fed! **Queen of Seasonal Decor** – Making sure our lounge decorations stay festive, fresh, and in tune with every season making our lounge look welcoming, Lara wears plenty of hats (and probably needs a bigger hat rack)!
THANK YOU, LARA, FOR ALL YOU DO! You're making our lodge a better place, one detail at a time!

ELK OF THE QUARTER



Our Elk of the Quarter, **Wendy Smith**, has been making sure the lodge is always ready to raise the bar – literally! **Superstar Bar Manager** – Making sure the bar is stocked, staffed, organized, and ready for action! **Crowd Control? No Problem!** – Making sure the bar was ready for the big influx of customers during the District VP Fundraiser and the Florida State President's visit! **Music to Our Ears** – Scheduling Friday night lounge entertainment to keep the good times rolling! **Hall Rental Go-To Gal** – Taking on the additional responsibility of being the contact person for hall rentals. Another hat added to an already busy collection! Whether she's preparing for a packed house, coordinating entertainment, or helping with hall rentals, Wendy keeps things moving with dedication and a smile.
THANK YOU, WENDY, FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND! You truly deserve this recognition!

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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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



IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY YOU NEED TO KNOW

December 2nd - No Spaghetti Dinner
December 5th - DD/VP Social Visitation – Plant City
December 6th - Elks Memorial Service; Hall
December 23rd - No Veterans Dinner
December 24th & 25th - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; Lodge Closed
December 31st – Lodge open normal hours – Bring a covered dish to share @6PM
December 31st & January 1st - New Year's Eve @ Umatilla
January 1st – Lodge closed
January 9th State Soccer Shoot – Umatilla
January 9th – DD Clinic –Plant City
February 20th – State Hoop Shoot - Umatilla

Hello PER's

Merry Christmas PER 's 🤶 🎅. I hope you all had a wonderful family filled Thanksgiving 🦃
This month we will be going to 🧑‍🍳 🍳 🥘 Recipe Box 🍔 🍸 at 147 Bloomingdale Ave in Bloomingdale Plaza at John Moore and Bloomingdale. We will meet on December 10th, Thursday at 11:30 🕥. I hope you'll all be able to come, you know the food is good. If not have a very Merry Christmas 🎄 🎁
Your Restaurant Hunter Kim Martinez PER

BLOE BITS

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

Well Christmas is upon us once again. Merry Christmas to All!!

First, I would like to THANK ALL that stepped up for the November breakfast as I was out of town, your help is greatly appreciated.
Not much was happening in November, but i hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.
Don't forget our BLOE monthly dinner and game night. It's a fun night out with friends and you just might get a chance to yell "Show me the Money".
We have quite a few things coming up in December.
Our Sunday Breakfast is going to be Breakfast with Santa!! If anyone wants to help with this event, please contact Kathy Bilinski if you haven't already signed up.
Our monthly meeting will be our Christmas Party. If you have a Secret Pal, remember to bring your gifts. Also, if you would like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring a gift, valued up to $25.
Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party.
We also have 2 catering events, one of them is for 200 people and is a sit down, served dinner. I will need all hands-on deck for this one so if you,(or you and your buddies) are available, please sign up for this event.
The other catering is appetizers and buffet style so it is not as involved but your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have already signed up for these events Thank You in advance.
I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!!!
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

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: Wendy Smith 813-862-8573 Catering: Nancy Price 813-756-9341

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

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 4:30PM -7PM CARDS Harry Anna Fundraiser Raffle Drawing	2	3 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	4 10AM – 2PM LOUNGE RENTAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	5 6PM DD/VP VISITATION PC/BRANDON 6PM PAINT STICK BINGO
6 1PM ANNUAL ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE - HALLSOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	7 7PM BLOE MEETING – HALL 7PM PER MEETING – ANTE ROOM	8 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	9 6:30PM CARD BINGO LOUNGE	10 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	11 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	12 6PM – 11PM HALL RENTAL
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 6:30PM IN THE HALL BRANDON BOYS' DINNER	18 GARYOKE & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	19 2PM – 5PM LOUNGE RENTAL 5PM – 10PM HALL RENTAL
20 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM HALL RENTAL	21 7PM BOARD MEETING	22 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	23 NO VETERAN'S DINNER	24 LODGE CLOSED	25 	26
27 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	28	29 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	30	31 Normal Lodge Hours	LODGE CLOSED January 1st	

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!!

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

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, DECEMBER 7TH
PER MEETING, DECEMBER 7TH
LODGE MEETING, DECEMBER 14TH
BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 21ST

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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

DECEMBER 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

DECEMBER 4TH



DECEMBER 16TH



DECEMBER 11TH



DECEMBER 18TH



DECEMBER 13TH



DECEMBER 31ST







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:

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB

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
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

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TO OUR DECEMBER BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

DONNA CASSANESE, JANE GILBLAIR, THOMAS DEPINTO, LEE HARVEY, MARK MILLER, WALTER BROOKS, ROBERT BARON, LORRAINE HASS, THOMAS LEAVITT, TODD PATTON, DAVID REES, HENRY BOX, DAVID BUSCHMAN, JR., DONALD CLARK, KAREN MCARTHUR, IM RANDALL, JENNIFER GRIFFIN, KEN MUZYK, RAY BILINSKI, ANITA BLACKMAN, NELSON GUGGINO, MARK CRAFT, GREG YAPLE, DORIS GROSSNICKLE, TIM WILLIAMS, JOSEPH LANGE, ANGELO SANTOS, CINDY BUCHANAN, CHRISTINA PUHALLA, LISA BOONE, AMANDA FLOOD, CHRISTINE VOGEL, CAROL HERLEHY, GENE PIKE, JON REINKE, KONNIE ROGERS, DAVID KERR, GERE MANN, WILLIAM MUMBAUER, KIRK PENNYWITT, RICHARD VOGT, ROBERT ROSS AND DIANE KEMP

ASK THE ER OR LEADING KNIGHT ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY INCENTIVE

Welcome New Members



Left to Right: Sean Donovan, Douglas Yoder, Victor Willis, Yolanda Wilbel

Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction NOVEMBER



This month we thank this lady for finding time to always support our group. She finds time volunteering at our events like Card Bingo and Bunco a fun place to help with the set-up and clean up. You can also see her dressed in black and white like so many of us working at catering. We find her looking at fashion and fun. She can gather a group of fashion-minded ladies walking the line for her. We give November Lady of Distinction to **Beth Benham**.





Brandon Lodge Bartenders – The Real Spirits!

Our bartenders keep the drinks flowing, the smiles coming, and lodge life interesting. Without you, we'd be mighty thirsty AND bored!



Ann Fox, Carolyn Thomas & Connie Poage – Ladies Who Get Things Done!

These ladies are always ready to jump in and lend a hand. Dedicated, dependable, and always willing to pitch in. Brandon is lucky to have you!

Mid-Year Convention Crew – Brandon on the Move!

ER, Mary Lou Schreck, Ed and Terri Ciesla, Jane Gilblair, Henry and Connie Poage represented Brandon at the Mid-Year Convention. Business, fellowship, and hopefully a little fun!

Nickie Wells & Nancy Price – Quilts of Valor Dream Team!

These ladies organized and prepared a wonderful Quilts of Valor event, making sure our veteran heroes received the honor they deserve. Well done!

Marionette Garvey – Trunk or Treat Queen!

Marionette pulled off a spooktacular Trunk or Treat for our youth! Thanks to everyone who decorated their vehicles and helped make it a BOO-tiful success!



Our RV Friends – The Lodge Improvement Crew!

From fixing gates and painting, to cooking dinners and sprucing up the grounds, these folks did it all! Who needs a construction crew when we have our RV friends? THANK YOU!



Sebring DD/VP Visit – Brandon Represented!

Robin, Mary Lou Schreck, Ed Ciesla, Rick Weigand, Lou Valencia, Henry and Connie Poage showed their Brandon pride at the Sebring visit. Way to represent!

Jeff Lavoie – The Turkey Terminator!



Jeff cooked turkeys to perfection in support of the AUSA Military Appreciation Dinner. One turkey after another, and somehow, he kept going! We were beginning to wonder if he'd ever see the end of the turkey assembly line.

Gary Varnum, Bill Guyer & Crew – The Get-It-Done Guys!

While the ER was away at convention, these volunteers made sure the lodge hall was ready for a rental. No ER? No problem! Great job stepping up!

Alan Smith – Fish Fry King!



Alan and his trusty posse kept the fish frying and the hungry crowds happy. That's quite a catch, gentlemen!

Jane Gilblair & Lodge Olympics Crew – Game On!

Jane Gilblair and everyone who headed to Lakeland for the Lodge Olympics brought their competitive spirit, enthusiasm, and probably a few sore muscles along for the ride! Whether you came to win, cheer, or just have a good time, you helped make it a memorable event.



Jack Scaglione Family – Mangia, Mangia! Delicious Italian food served with plenty of family flair! Nobody went hungry, and we're sure there were plenty of happy bellies!



"A Healthy Me Is Drug Free"

The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society, and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment. To that end, the Elks has created three contests to reach our youth in ways that will appeal to many age groups: An essay contest, a poster contest, and a video contest. If you know ANY youth that would like to participate in these contests, have them contact our Lodge's Drug Awareness Program Committee Chair Ed Ciesla.

Here are the specifics:
The THEME for this year's contest is
"A Healthy Me Is Drug Free"

Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

Rules
The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. Participants must write their essay themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

- Length: No longer than 250 words.
- Paper size: 8½ × 11 inch.
- Text: Typed, computer generated text, handwritten or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

Rules:
The contest is open to all 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students. Poster paper: Ideally, posters should be submitted on 8½ x 11-inch paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 11x24 inches in size will be accepted. Please contact your lodge for additional information, as some areas might have additional criteria.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure

Elks Drug Awareness Video Contest

Rules
The contest is open to two age groups: Pre-High School and High School

- Participants: May be an individual or group
- Length: 2 to 5 minutes in length
- Format: Flash Drive or similar "mobile" media in readable format

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Age and Language appropriate
- Positive message
- Quality of video

For more information, follow this link: Florida State Elks Association - 2026-2027 Drug

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!

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships available to High School students planning on attending a four-year college. Please continue to read how they could be the recipient of an Elks scholarship. Students should submit all applications to the local Elks lodge:
floridaelks.org/lodges
Brandon Elks Lodge 2383
800 Centennial Lodge Drive
Brandon, FL 33510.

Eligibility: Legacy Award Scholarship

There are $6,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2027 contest opens September 1, 2026, and closes on February 1, 2027. Legacy Awards are $6,000 scholarships ($1,500 per year for four years). The Foundation will offer a total of 400 awards in the 2027 contest.
-Children and grandchildren will compete separately against other children and grandchildren in their state.
-We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2027 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Applications available online starting September 1, 2026, at enf.elks.org/leg
- Deadline on or before February 1, 2027, at 11:59 a.m. (noon) Pacific Time

Eligibility: JROTC; CIVIL AIR PATROL SCHOLARSHIPS

High School senior with 3.0 GPA or higher
- Florida resident, U.S. citizen (JROTC only)
- Demonstrates leadership, participation in school activities, community services, and good citizenship.
- For full details and requirements, visit our websites.
- applications opened August 1, 2026 -deadline January 17, 2027

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP
floridaelks.org/jrotc
CIVIL AIR PATROL SCHOLARSHIP

Anti-Choking Devices Now Available in Case of an Emergency

Two anti-choking devices donated by Elk members Richard Clark and Karen McArthur are now available as a second line treatment in a choking emergency. One is located next to the AED in the lounge and the second in the kitchen. In addition, Rick Weigand constructed and installed the storage areas for both. It is important to remember these devices do not replace immediately calling 911 in an emergency or performing standard choking rescue protocols and should only be utilized if standard choking protocol has failed. Thank you, Rich, Karen, and Rick for stepping up, being safety conscious and leading the way with this years Grand Exalted Rulers theme— "READY ELKS-LET'S GO!" to make the lodge the best it can be.



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**Change Service Requested

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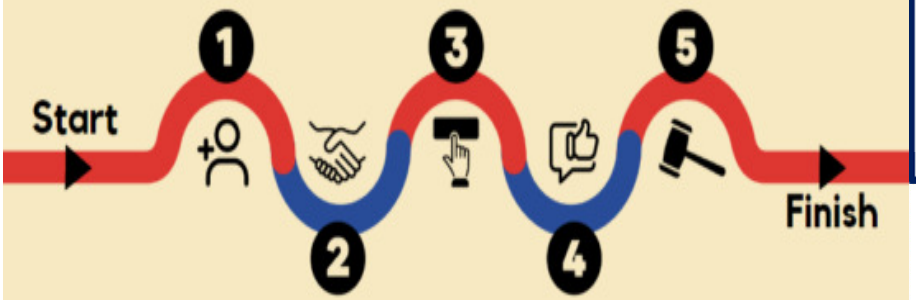
Every Member Begins as a Guest!

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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