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Marionette Sexton
Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Elks Care - Elks Share

Glenn and I had a great time at the National Convention in Atlanta, GA. It was so nice to meet other Elks from across our country. The National Convention had over 6,000 members that attended. Florida was ranked third in membership. The resolutions that passed at the convention posted on page 7.

I would like to thank PER Mark Vargo, PER Nickie Wells, our lodge Treasurer Nancy Price and all others that helped with our 4th of July Picnic. I heard that it was a great success, and everyone was pleasantly surprised by the turn out that we had. Thanks again to everyone on this.

The SWC District Elks Olympics was a great success. Thank you to PER Mark Vargo, PER Delores Westfall, Donald Harrison and everyone that helped put this event on. Great way for us to meet and mingle with our fellow Elks in our District.

Speaking of our District, you won't want to forget to get your tickets for Casino Night being held at our lodge on August 13th, 2022. This is a District fundraiser. Everyone will have a great time. This is a perfect event to invite your friends and family. For the price of the ticket, you will be provided dinner and your first round of chips. There will also be an auction with some fantastic prizes at the end of the night. And of course, a 50/50 and a raffle basket. I hope we will show our District the "Brandon Spirit" and come out and support this District event in Brandon #2383 style!

As a reminder to the ladies of our lodge..... the 59th Annual F.L.O.E. (Florida Ladies of Elks) Convention is being held this year at Daytona Beach at the Hard Rock Hotel, September 22nd - 24th. You can find all the information on the www.floridaelks.org website.

Speaking of the www.floridaelks.org website, if you haven't already, I encourage you to sign on periodically to see what's going on in our state. It is a great resource and has a wealth of information and knowledge about Elkdome. Don't forget our own website; www.brandonelks.org for all the latest information about what's going on at our own lodge. Just a thought.....

It's been a great four months so far and I thank everyone for their support and involvement. Let's all continue working together supporting our lodge, attending events and socializing with our fellow members. See you at the lodge!

Your Exalted Ruler, Marionette Sexton

Elk of the Month

It gives me great pleasure to announce Nickie Wells as Elk of The Month. She is always there to help in the kitchen on Friday and Veterans night dinners. She also cooks every third Thursday night dinner for the Brandon Boys, along with every second Sunday cooking breakfast for the BLOE breakfast. Nickie has done so many things behind the scenes that no one sees. Such as washing towels and aprons in the kitchen, cleaning out the freezers and walk in refrigerator. So please congratulate Nickie Wells as Elk of the Month.



SPAGHETTI SAUCE COOK OFF
COME OUT FOR OUR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

AUGUST 12, 2022

VOTE FOR WHO HAS THE BEST SAUCE
THIS DINNER INCLUDES ITALIAN SAUSAGE OR
MEATBALLS WITH SALAD AND DESSERT.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2022-2023 Elk Year



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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 BLOE Meeting 6:30pm	2	3 Spaghetti Dinner Hall 6:30PM \$7	4  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	5 Door: Mary Lou Music: Skip & Nancy Friday night dinner see page 4	6
7 Social & Sports	8  Lodge Meeting 7PM	9 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	10	11  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	12 Door: Mark Fox Friday night dinner see page 4	13 Casino Night – Hall 5 PM – 10PM
14 8:00AM - 11:00AM BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	15 7pm Governing Board Meeting	16 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	17 Member Orientation 6:30PM BLOE Dinner - Hall 6:30PM	18	19 Door: Ed Campbell Music: Tommy Patrick Friday night dinner see page 4	20
21 Social & Sports	22	23 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	24  Hall 6:30PM	25  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	26 Door: Marionette Friday night dinner see page 4	27 Qrtly Food Drive 8AM - Noon BLOE Horse Race 6PM – 10PM
28 Social & Sports	29	30 5:30pm - 7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	31	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

Save the Date

AUGUST 8TH, Lodge Meeting

BLOE Meeting AUGUST 1ST

AUGUST 18TH, 6:00 PM
Brandon Boys

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

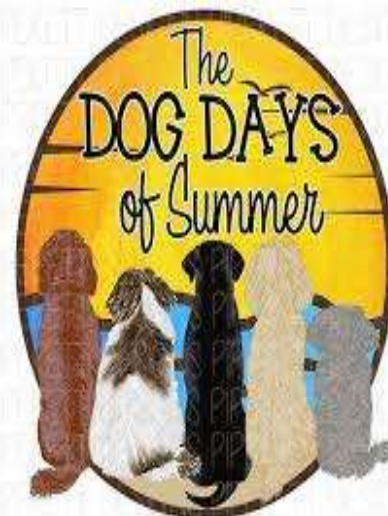
2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast
\$10
Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In
Good Standing and is the Place to Discuss
any Lodge issues. 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
Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7pm
Governing Board mtg – 3rd Monday at 7pm
BLOE Ladies Meetings – 1st Monday of month
at 7pm

Member Illness / Convalescence: Notify
Lodge Secretary



AUGUST MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
BY 12 PM THURSDAY

AUGUST 3rd

GLENN & CREW \$7

ENTRÉE: SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS

DESSERT



AUGUST 5TH

BEVERLY LAUNDRY \$12

ENTRÉE: SALISBURY STEAK

SIDES: POTATOES, VEGGIES, SALAD

DESSERT

MUSIC: SKIP & NANCY



AUGUST 12TH

NICKIE & LOU \$12

SAUCE COMPETITION

ENTRÉE: SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS/ITALIAN SAUSAGE,

SIDES: GARLIC BREAD

SALAD



AUGUST 19TH

LARRY OLIVER & CREW \$13

ENTRÉE: STEVE SAWDEY'S CHICKEN, CRAB CAKES

SIDES: VEGGIES, POTATOES

DESSERT

MUSIC: TOMMY PATRICK



AUGUST 26TH

MARIONETTE & CREW

SALAD: TOSSED

ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15), SHRIMP (\$13), GRILLED CHICKEN (\$12) OR FISH (\$13)

SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO



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

Brandon Ladies of Elks

Presents

Wednesday AUGUST 17TH, 2022



Chef - Terri Ciesla

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cost \$10

Menu: Sausage, yellow rice, salad, bread & dessert

RSVP: RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

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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

Gerri Mann

Kim Martinez

Jeff & Pat Lavoie

Frank & Lynda Craft

David & Kathleen Zilka

Terry & Nina Rickett

Barbara Myer

George & Carolyn Thomas

Joseph Zebrak

Kenneth League

Richard Clark

Karen McArthur

Bernie & Pat Hiskey

**JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB**

BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is JUNE 6th at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!



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

July 4th had many wonderful things happening. The cake auction was fabulous. Thank you Mark Vargo for helping the ladies auction off the cakes. The Lottery Board was a hit.

Breakfast was wonderful! Thank you for all the hard work. Please come out and enjoy breakfast and eat all you can for just \$10.00 each. Next one is on August 14th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Our Lady of Distinction for June was Tracy Hyde. Tracy has helped with many activities including tsking on the October function. She asks how she can help and is there when needed. Thank you, Tracy, for your hard work and commitment to our lodge.

Horse Racing is on August 27th and it's time to for you to decide: Will you be an owner, jockey, or both? Interested in this, please ask.

Remember our next meeting is August 1st , come join and enjoy.

Ann Fox

Brandon Ladies of Elks

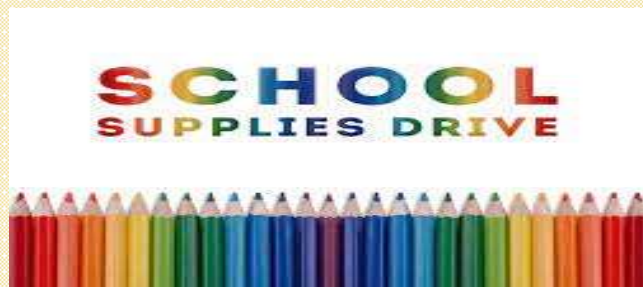


JULY LADY OF DISTINCTION

This month's Lady of Distinction is no stranger to hard work or baking her famous Italian Wedding Cookies. She worked last year to make the BLOE Halloween Party an overwhelming success. She helped at several of our recent caterings and is always willing to step up and help when asked. She has volunteered to help at the Wednesday Night Dinners and is a good example of what being a Brandon Lady of Elk is. Please join me in congratulating **Tracy Hyde** as our July Lady of Distinction.

500 Club Winners

NOT SIGNED UP: Not available at this time



Our Elks nonperishable food drive and school supplies is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th, 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 26th, 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.

Elks Care-Elks Share.

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**BPOE Inner Guard
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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.



Thank you

for your donation of food for Nativity Food Bank and for the donation of magazines for recreation therapy at James A. Haley. We collected 238 pounds of food and enough magazines for the vets to enjoy. Thank you, Lynda Craft, for volunteering to help.



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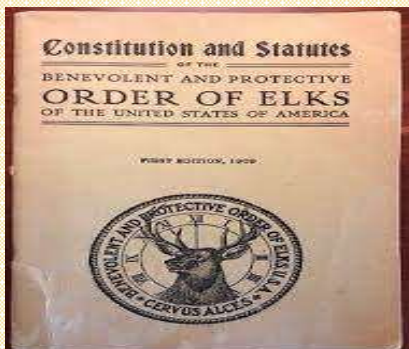
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SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-01: To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

Resolution 2022-02: To reduce the burden of storage of hundreds of years of physical paperwork by allowing for digital storage of documents. To increase longevity of information by minimizing risk of loss of information due to disaster or accident. To eliminate the need to store membership related paperwork and information already available in CLMS, and allow for digital storage of membership related paperwork that pre-dates CLMS implementation.

Resolution 2022-03: To eliminate the age requirement in part (a) of Section 14.260.

Resolution 2022-04: To create, establish, and codify a new Elks National Drug Awareness Commission, to better support and promote the programs of the Order intended to address the dangers and pervasive problems surrounding drugs, alcohol, and substance abuse, and to keep communities across the United States informed about those risks and dangers.

Resolution 2022-05: To provide the Grand Exalted Ruler with the ability to protect Members, guests, and property when a Member acts or threatens to act in an egregious manner.

Resolution 2022-06: The purpose of this amendment to clarify that there is no charge for the issuance of identification cards.

Resolution 2022-07: The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Grand Exalted Ruler has sufficient time to analyze the objections made by a Member, Lodge or State Association that are subject to an executive order.

Resolution 2022-08: The purpose of this amendment is to provide authority for local Lodge Committees and Subcommittees to meet by electronic means.

Resolution 2022-09: The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the Grand Exalted Ruler or District Deputy to allow electronic meetings to protect Members from a serious threat to their health and safety and to ensure the continuation of Lodge business.

Resolution 2022-10: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an unaffiliated Member, who is the current spouse of a Member, may visit a Lodge and attend events of the Order in a manner consistent with the status of a spouse who has never been a Member of the Order.

Resolution 2022-11: The purpose of this amendment is to authorize electronic submittal of forms in the permitting process.

TO THE RV GUESTS
Just a few words to
Welcome you back to our RV Park

AS YOU KNOW OUR RATES ARE

- ▶ \$20 per night; 7th night FREE
- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

**THANKS FOR STAYING
IN OUR PARK**

Frank Craft 813-245-6238




1st Annual Elks Vegas Casino Night!

Fundraiser

August 13th, 2022

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383
800 Centennial Lodge Drive
Brandon, FL 33510



Gaming Tables, Texas Holdem & Professional Dealers

Social Time @ 5:00 pm

Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Tables Open @ 7:00-10:00 pm

\$25 pp (includes dinner & 1st round of Casino Chips)

Become a
Table Sponsor!

See Bartender
for Tickets!

ELF WANTED
NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY
POINTED EARS AND
CURLY TOES
NOT REQUIRED



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION
Looking for Santa Elves for 2022!

WHAT IS YOUR ELF NAME?

THE MONTH YOU WERE BORN:

JANUARY	SNOWMAN	JULY	TOYEL
FEBRUARY	BOYEL	AUGUST	JOEY
MARCH	CATTEL	SEPTEMBER	JENGAEL
APRIL	SNOWBEL	OCTOBER	TWINKLE
MAY	HOLLY	NOVEMBER	CANDY
JUNE	COOLBEL	DECEMBER	MISSY

YOUR FAVORITE COLOR:

RED	POINTEY
GREEN	WINKLE
YELLOW	TOYEL
ORANGE	WINKLE
BLUE	CANDY
PINK	TOYEL
BROWN	WINKLE
GOLD	WINKLE
SILVER	WINKLE

Yes, you read that correctly . . . actively seeking a team of Brandon Members to fill in as Santa Elves for Christmas 2022!

Why did you become an Elk? Most new and long-term members say they joined because they wanted to be part of an organization that does good for their community, supports children and the military; to be personally involved in such activities. However, the biggest question I sometimes hear from members is how can I do it? How do I get involved and join a team if I don't even know about it?!? And you mean it doesn't involve cooking? (LOL!) And aren't there already assigned team members? Trust me, we can always use additional team members.

Well, I'm here to tell you that our lodge has been involved with the Walgreens Toy Drive for the past 4 years. The PER's chair this event. And we are actively seeking interested lodge members and/or them spouses who would enjoy being part of this team. It's an annual event that only takes a couple days of your time in December, and it is fun and rewarding. What's involved you might ask? Well.....

Our lodge is assigned 14 local Walgreen stores who collect the toys for us. Our part is to pick up the toys within a 2-day window. Then we sort the toys at the lodge and the best part..... we get to give them away. As you might guess....the giving away part is the most fun!

Title 1 schools, shelters, home for battered women, shelters for abused children, our own teachers, toys for our Elk Therapists, and the local fire department just to name a few of the recipients who are invited to come to our lodge and "shop" for free. We literally get to be Christmas Elves Santa's Helpers.

Let me give you some idea of the impact this annual event has had on our community, our lodge collected a total of 5,258 toys in the past 4 years. At an average cost of \$5 a toy, that's around \$26,290 in free toys that have been shared with our community to bring smiles to children.

If you have any interest in being part of this annual event or have questions please contact me (Mary Lou Scribner/PER) at 813-230-1943 or perelkmls@hotmail.com. We would absolutely love to have more of our Brandon members involved and to share the fun. Here's your chance to jump on board!



Save the Date
Saturday, January 21, 2023

The Brandon Ladies of Elks Fashion Show
\$20 Per Person or \$144 for table of 8
Vendors \$25.00 / \$20.00 Guest

Please contact Annie Fox – 813-625-3013 For additional Information

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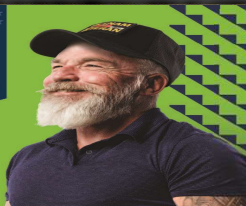
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