THE BUGLE

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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A Message From Your Exalted Ruler, ROBIN RUTZKE

Welcome November and yes fall is upon us with pleasant weather here in our beautiful state of Florida. And a few of our winter visitors have arrived and have already worked hard volunteering at our lodge events. I ask when in the lodge introduce yourself to people you do not know and welcome them to our lodge. We are a friendly lodge. Our Lodge Ambassador, Lynda Craft, would be proud.

I would like to let everyone know State President Lenny DiLorenzo and his wife Lauren had a wonderful time at our lodge for the Friday social and dinner. The next day at the other planned events I attended I received nothing but compliments on a job well done and how much everyone enjoyed the evening. This event was successful not because of me being the Exalted Ruler, but because of you and how you worked together as a team. We showed Elk commitment and how proud we are to highlight our lodge. I want to thank all who planned, organized, prepared, cooked, and served dinner, decorated, set up the hall, cleaned the lodge inside and outside before the visit, cleaned up after the event and provided minor maintenance when needed. Thanks also go out to the diligence of our officers, bartenders, our Garyoke music meister and the bartenders.

In addition, on behalf of all our members I had the privilege of presenting a $5000.00 donation from our lodge to Harry-Anna to our State President and Erminia "Minia" Cain, State Harry-Anna Chair. It was quite an honor to present this check on behalf of our members.

We also received letters of thanks from our state leaders. FSEA 26-27 VPAL Stephan "Snuffy" Smith said, "The Friday night dinner at the Brandon Lodge was fantastic. Please thank Exalted Ruler Robin Rutzke and all the volunteers for the great meal. Their enthusiasm and camaraderie were felt by the members present. We greatly enjoyed the karaoke put on by the membership." Michael W. "Mike" Chandler, PSP wrote "Please extend our sincere thanks to the officers and members of Brandon Lodge #2383 for the excellent Friday evening dinner and for making us feel so welcome." And finally, from our District Vice President Gail Domedion, "A proud shout-out to Brandon Lodge! Lenny, Lauren, and the entire travel team felt honored and inspired walking in to see the Lodge Officers lined up, greeting each guest. A perfect, elegant start to our evening together. The lodge's red, white and blue décor was not just visually stunning, but also a beautiful display of patriotism and pride." Awesome job everyone. I am so immensely proud of you for making our lodge shine!

It is time to get our community youth involved with Elk initiatives. We have youth scholarships available and Americanism essays may be written and submitted to our lodge. Drug Awareness Education has other submissions in the next few months available for youth. Please contact the committee chairs for more information or research on Elks.org.

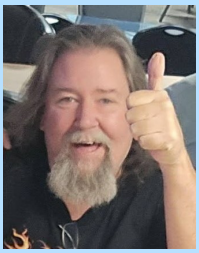
Lastly, November 11th is Veterans Day, and we need to thank our Veterans for the freedom we have. Elks will always take care of veterans. "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And I hope every one of you has a Happy Thanksgiving. Give thanks for all we have, relax, and enjoy the day with friends and family.



Fraternally Yours,

Robin Rutzke Exalted Ruler

NOVEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH



Eamonn Doyle is rolling through the lodge like a one-man **"everything station"** — our Snack Bar **Wing King**, Steak Night's trusty assistant chef, and the unofficial mayor of "Yep, I can do that."

He's out there pressure-washing the smoking area like he's prepping a launch pad for the State President's arrival, turning grime into shine with the enthusiasm of a man who genuinely enjoys making things better.

Eamonn is the lodge's **jack-of-all-trades**, master of *all the little things*, and he does every single one with that trademark smile — the kind that says, "Don't worry, I've already got it handled."

The Wing King. The steak-side superhero. The pressure-wash wizard. Eamonn keeps the lodge running smoother than a fresh coat of polish on the bar top.

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With deepest appreciation,
Gail Domedion, PER
Southwest Central District Vice President
Southwest Central District Membership Chair

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



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

November 1 - PER Dale Miller Celebration of Life; Hall
November 4 - No Spaghetti Dinner
November 19 - BINGO in Lounge
November 21 - DD/VP Social Visitation and Dinner; Arcadia
November 25 - No Veterans Dinner
November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving; Lodge Closed
December 2 - No Spaghetti Dinner
December 5 - DD/VP Social Visitation and Dinner; Brandon & Plant City; Dinner at Plant City
December 6 - Elks Memorial Service; Hall
December 23 - No Veterans Dinner
December 24 & 25 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; Lodge Closed

BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is NOVEMBER 2ND @ 7:00 PM Hoping to See You There!

The cooler weather is upon us!!! I am looking forward to the holidays, however that means we have several catering events coming up. December is a very busy month for us here at the lodge. We have several caterings in November and December. Please sign up to help when you can. We can only have a successful catering event when we are fully staffed with our amazing volunteers. We are having a lot of fun with Terri's new dinner and game night!! Come out to support our BLOE dinner every 3rd Wednesday and play Show Me The Money! Dinner starts at 6:00, games start at 6:30. It's a great way to spend an hour or so with friends and WIN some money!!! I would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with the FSEA President's Social/Dinner. It was a great success, and we heard great things about the event. CONGRATULATIONS to Terri Ciesla, our new FLOE secretary!! Terri has stepped up to the state level of our Ladies organization. We know she will be a fantastic addition to the FLOE board of officers. If you have never been to a FLOE conference you are missing a great way to meet new ladies from lodges across the state and form new friendships.
Volunteer when you can, support our events and enjoy this perfect weather while it lasts.
Let's make this holiday season a fun and exciting time for all.

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: 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

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM CELEBRATION OF LIFE DALE MILLER HALL	2 7PM BLOE MEETING – HALL 7PM PER MEETING – ANTE ROOM	3 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	4	5 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	6 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	7 11AM –6PM LODGE OLYMPIS LAKELAND 6PM PAINT STICK BINGO
8 8AM -11AM BLOE BREAKFAST HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	9 LODGE MEETING 7PM	10 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	11	12 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm	13 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	14 11AM-3PM LOUNGE RENTAL 2PM – 10PM HALL RENTAL 4PM – 9PM LOUNGE RENTAL
15 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	16 7PM BOARD MEETING	17 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	18 6:30PM BLOE DINNER & GAME NIGHT	19 BINGO 6:30PM IN THE LOUNGE 6PM HALL RENTAL	20 GARYOKE & FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	21 DD/VP INSPECTION & VISITATION ARCADIA 5PM – 7PM QOV CEREMONY
22 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	23	24 4:30PM -7PM CARDS	25 NO VETERAN'S DINNER	26 LODGE CLOSED HAPPY Thanksgiving	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS	28
29 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	30 6:30PM BUNCO LOUNGE					

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, NOVEMBER 2ND
PER MEETING, NOVEMBER 2ND
LODGE MEETING, NOVEMBER 9TH
BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 16TH

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

NOVEMBER 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

NOVEMBER 6TH



NOVEMBER 8TH



NOVEMBER 13TH



NOVEMBER 18TH



NOVEMBER 20TH



NOVEMBER 27TH



Steak Night Update!

Starting December 1st
Your favorite dinners are still sizzling — just with a small price bump:
Steak Dinner – $20
Fish & Shrimp – $18
Potato & Salad – $10
We appreciate your support and can't wait to serve you another delicious night at the lodge!

Hello PER's



Time to pull your calendars out and mark Thursday, November 12TH, for our PER luncheon. I hope you survived all the Halloween candy so we're going to go for something a little healthier. We've been here before Fred's Market. I hope you all can attend; the address is 6501 US 301 Riverview. We'll meet at our usual time 11:30. .

Your Restaurant Hunter Kim Martinez PER

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 NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

RICHARD RHOADS, MARISSA CONNER, HENRY EBERT, LISA LANIER, ROBERT LESTER, DENNIS WALSH, DEBORAH HALE, WILLIAM LILLEY, MONICA RODRIQUEZ, DUANE PETGRY, SR., JAMES STOCK, BARRY CLARK, MICHELLE GARCIA, BRIAN KILLAM, JOE FLOOD, PHIL HINKLE, KENNETH LEAGUE, GLENN GARVEY, DENNIS HUJAR, DREW SHERRY, STEVE BLACKMAN, MATT HARDEN, DANIEL WENDLAND, ROBERT BROOKS, LARRY HESTER, TARILYN JENKINS, COLIN KENDRY, FRANK MARQUEZ, LINDA HANCOCK, ROLF KLASMANN, ROCK WEIGAND, JERRY HUJAR, KIM MARTINEZ

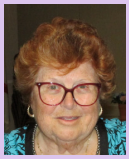
ASK THE ER OR LEADING KNIGHT ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY INCENTIVE





Bruce Williams & Mary Rose Wilber

Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction OCTOBER



Our Lady of Distinction for October is ALWAYS available when we need her. Collecting money for any function, serving as an Officer of the Brandon Ladies of Elks for several years running now. Including President of the BLOE..She is the first person you encounter at the breakfast every month, she is the first person you encounter at the Ladies functions throughout the month. She is also the first person you see at dinners, Buncos, Card Bingos and events!! See the pattern, she likes to be the GREETER and the MONEY taker!!! She also likes to shop with her son. I can't remember a catering event that she hasn't been seen at in at least 2 years, prepping with the morning crew and serving and cleaning up in the kitchen with the evening crew. Please help me in congratulating our own Vice President, Jane Gilblair, as Lady of Distinction for the month of October!!!!

Lodge Olympics Lakeland November 7, 2026



November 7, 2026, I hope to see all of you at Lakeland lodge for fun, games, and food. Will you be one of the members to help us take home the victory?

The games members will be competing in are Darts and Horseshoes. The food is Wings and Pies. This time we are asking for people to sign up for food competition too. If you want to be part of the competition, there is a folder at the bar to sign up.

Food must be in the Lakeland kitchen by 12:30. Judging starts at 1:00. As chairperson for the Olympics (Jane Gilblair), I will select the judges. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact me.

If you are not interested in competing, please join us there for some fun and support of our lodge. If you don't want to drive there, ask around and carpool. There are always people going that will give you the opportunity to join them on the ride over.



Elk Members & BLOE

The unstoppable volunteer force. You organized, decorated, cooked, served, cleaned, and made the State President's Visit an overwhelming success. Lodge magic at its finest.

Gary Varnum

Music Meister by day, bartender by night — and sometimes both at once. He kept the State President's Social humming and the drinks flowing with effortless flair.



Richard Clark & Karen McArthur

Safety superheroes. Their recommendation for Anti-Choking devices shows their dedication to keeping the lodge prepared, protected, and ready for anything

Lara McCleary & Jane Moon

Decor divas and table-setting perfectionists. They transformed the lodge into a State-President-ready masterpiece with detail so sharp it practically saluted.

George Thomas

The PER who never says no. Monthly meetings? Missing officers? George steps in like a caped crusader with a gavel.



Team Brandon Boys

Snackbar wizards of the monthly munch-fest. Their burgers and fries are always hot, perfect, and served with a side of TLC. Culinary consistency champions.





Wendy Smith

VIP Beverage Whisperer. She made sure every honored guest had *exactly* the drink they love — no guessing, no stress, just smooth sipping all night long.

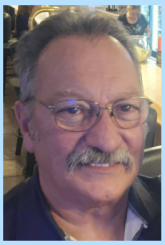
Jerrilyn Pietro

Orientation audit champion. She didn't just present — she *crushed* it. High score, high praise, high-five energy all around.
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Lou Valencia

Leaf-vanishing legend. Asked to clear the entrance — ended up cleaning the entire parking lot. That's not just helping... that's hero mode.



PDD Henry Poage

Protocol Guru, etiquette ninja, and ER's personal GPS for navigating the State President's Visit. If precision had a mascot, it'd be Henry.

District Vice-President Gail Domedion

The visionary behind the curtain. Her guidance shaped the entire State President's Visit — proof that a great event starts with a great plan.



Terri and Crew

Appetizer alchemists and dinner-service dynamos. Their State President's Visit spread wasn't just good — it earned a standing ovation from taste buds everywhere.

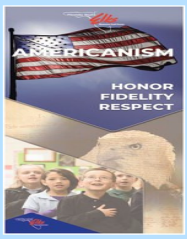
ELKS Announce New Junior Golf Contest

By William C. Bohnett, Grand Lodge Activities Committee Member

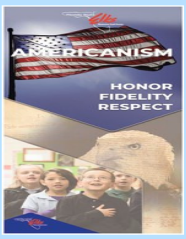
For many years, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee has promoted youth golf with the understanding that the benefits of team building, competition, and physical fitness exemplify the mission of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

Now we've taken Junior Golf to the next level. The Grand Lodge Junior Golf Contest is a new, sanctioned contest for Local Lodges to use when conducting an Elks golf event. In the great tradition of the Hoop Shoot and the Soccer Shoot, the Junior Golf Contest teaches valuable life lessons and develops important traits and characteristics through a fun format that gets kids out of the house! Contact me at wbohnett@hotmail.com to request a program packet that will guide you through running a contest from beginning to end.

Visit elks.org/Programs/golf.cfm for mor information.



Americanism Essay Contest



Sponsored By the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

THEME:

"Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How It Affects You and Your Family."

"The rights and privileges are the same for everyone but, impacts people in many ways. We would like the students to pick just one way so that a right or privilege affects them and their families". (Mark Eaton, GL Fraternal Committee Member)

RULES: 1. At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade. 2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words. 3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, essays must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant. 4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant. 5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending, and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the essay.

Procedures: 1. Go to Elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm. 2. Read, fill out application and author essay. (Write the essay with your own words. Artificial Intelligence is not acceptable). Originality counts for 30 points. 3. Submit package to Brandon Elks lodge (Americanism Committee Chair, Exalted Ruler or Lodge Secretary) by December 15, 2026.

Contact Americanism Chair Carole DiAddezio or Robin Rutzke, Exalted Ruler for more information. 2827



Quilts of Valor Ceremony

A Quilts of Valor Ceremony honors veterans and service members who have been touched by war. Each handmade quilt represents comfort, healing, and gratitude for their service and sacrifice. During the ceremony, a patriotic quilt is presented to each honoree as a heartfelt way of saying, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor." It is a meaningful tribute to the men and women who have served our country.



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: Most Valuable Student Scholarship

- Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- Scholarships are available only to students who are high school seniors enrolling in a four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited U.S. American college or university.
- Applications available online starting August 1, 2026, at enf.elks.org/MVS
- Deadline on or before November 12, 2026
-Counselor Report due November 19, 2026

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
floridaelks.org/civil-air-patrol

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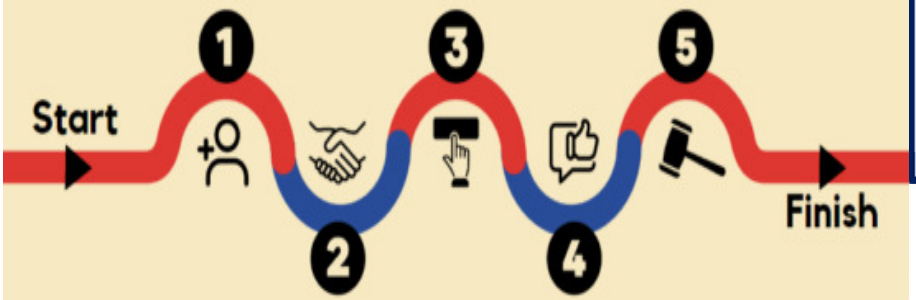
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**Change Service Requested

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.
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4. Follow-up with the application.
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