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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Marionette Sexton
Exalted Ruler

It gives me great pleasure to accept the honored position as the Exalted Ruler of the Brandon Lodge for 2022-2023. I would like to welcome and congratulate all our new incoming Officers for this year: Leading Knight Art Yanni, Loyal Knight Lou Valencia, Lecturing Knight Joe Schreck, Lodge Esquire Ed Campbell, Lodge Inner Guard Robin Rutzke, Lodge Tiler Kelly Doyle, Lodge Chaplain Mark Fox, Lodge Secretary Mary Lou Schreck, Lodge Treasurer Nancy Price, 1-year Trustee Delores Westfall, 2-year Trustee Larry Oliver, 3-year Trustee Ed Ciesla, 4-year Trustee Mark Vargo, and 5-year Trustee Jim McCleary.

Our family has been active in the Brandon Elks Lodge for many, many years. My brother, Art Yanni, has been a member for 38 years and my sister Nickie Wells a member for 11 years. Both Art and Nickie Past Exalted Rulers. I am so proud to be able to follow in their foot-steps becoming Exalted Ruler for our lodge for the 2022-2023 year. I would also like to thank my daughter Tiffany Sexton and all my grandchildren for helping out with many lodge function behind the scenes and I know I can count on their continued assistance. Most of all I would like to thank my fiancé Glenn Garvey for encouraging me to become Exalted Ruler. Thank you, Glenn, for being our Lounge Manager for 2021-2022 and again for 2022-2023.

My goal for this year is to increase our membership, by encouraging each Brandon Elk Member to bring in at least one new member. I would also hope to see everyone working together for the betterment of our lodge. The success of our lodge is in the hands of its members. When we hold a function, I encourage everyone to support and work together regardless whether it is a BPOE or a BLOE function. We have a very active lodge which presents so many opportunities for our members to be involved. I am asking that our members volunteer for the kitchen, snack bar on Tuesdays and Thursday and Fridays night dinner, help with functions, or even step up and fill a Chair position for the upcoming year. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your fellow members.

Our Reverse Raffle that was held in March was a great success due to such involvement by our members. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event by purchasing a ticket, helping out as a volunteer, donating prizes, or bringing a guest.

I look forward to a fun filled and successful year!

Elk of the Month



The Elk of the Month for March is **Ed Wilks**. Ed is a newer Elk but has stepped right in to help on numerous occasions. Every time Lara and I have asked, Ed has stepped up to help, even on short notice. He recently helped us with our Elk Picnic. It's not just that Ed steps up, he does it with a cheerful disposition and a big smile on his face all the time, a great example of what an Elk should be! Please congratulate and thank Ed for his selfless service to our Lodge and as our Elk of the Month!

Officer of the Quarter



Our Officer of the Quarter is **Joe Schreck**. Joe is steadfast in his duties as our Lecturing Knight. Joe has helped several times in our kitchen and doesn't hesitate to step in and take care of a need without needing to be asked. One thing you might not know about Joe is he is a budding BBQ master, which I hope we as Elks will benefit from at some point soon! I'd like to thank Joe for his great service over the past year and look forward to him being a big part of our Lodge's future. Please congratulate and thank Joe for being our Elk of the Quarter!

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2022-2023 Elk Year

	<p>Marionette Sexton Exalted Ruler 813-956-3776</p>		<p>Art Yanni Leading Knight 813-917-2554</p>		<p>Lou Valencia Loyal Knight 813-376-9863</p>		<p>Joe Schreck Lecturing Knight 813-340-8069</p>		
	<p>Ed Campbell Lodge Esquire 813-245-0827</p>		<p>Robin Rutzke Lodge Inner Guard 305-498-5654</p>		<p>Kelly Doyle Tiler 941-681-1781</p>				
	<p>Mark Fox Lodge Chaplain 813-785-5353</p>		<p>Mary Lou Schreck Secretary 813-689-2155</p>		<p>Nancy Price Treasurer 813-756-9341</p>				
	<p>Delores Westfall 1 Year Trustee 813-363-1562</p>		<p>Larry Oliver 2 Year Trustee 813-767-0870</p>		<p>Ed Ciesla 3 Year Trustee 813-679-7699</p>		<p>Mark Vargo 4 Year Trustee 813-376-8855</p>		<p>Jim McCleary 5 Year Trustee 813-763-9019</p>

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Committee Chairs 2022-2023

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|---|---|
| Accident Prevention Rick Weigand 813-748-2678 | Kitchen Manager Carol DiAddezio 484-678-3926 |
| Hall Rental Kelly Doyle 813-679-8007 | Lodge Purchasing Food Stephen Blackman 813-655-4251 |
| Youth Activity Don Harrison 813-935-9040 | Americanism Nickie Wells 813-716-8056 |
| Hoop Shoot Don Harrison 813-935-9040 | Membership Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0428 |
| Veterans Services Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654 | Lodge Activities Mark Vargo 813-276-8855 |
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| Drug Awareness Lori Underberg 813-655-3806 | Grants Coordinator Sharon Hammersla 813-323-1992 |
| Lodge Advisor Henry Poage 813-480-6272 | Community Activities Marionette Sexton 813-956-3776 |
| Flag Day Kirk Pennywitt 678-524-0646 | House Committee Chair Delores Westfall 813-685-7312 |
| Lodge Maintenance Rick Weigand 813-748-2678 | Bugle Editor - Lara McCleary- 203-988-5089 |

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: 10am – 3pm
 THURSDAY: 10am – 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 Door: Robin Music: Skip & Nancy Friday night dinner see page 4	2
3 Social & Sports	4 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	5 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	6	7  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	8 Door: Kelly Music: Tony Knight & Friends Friday night dinner see page 4	9 Brandon Area Community Picnic 11am – 2pm
10 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall 	11  Lodge Meeting 7PM	12 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	13	14	15 Door: Nancy Music: 5 th Gear Friday night dinner see page 4	16 Wedding - Hall 5-11pm
17  Social & Sports	18 7pm Governing Board Meeting	19 BLOE Officer Installation Dinner 6:30pm 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	20 Member Orientation 6:30PM	21  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	22 Door: Mary Lou Music: Good Stuff Friday night dinner see page 4	23
24 Social & Sports	25  Lodge Meeting 7PM	26 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	27	28  IN THE LOUNGE 6:30pm SNACK BAR	29 Door: Mark F Music: Tourist Bob	30

Save the Date

APRIL 11TH & 25TH, Lodge Meeting

APRIL 21ST, 6:00 PM Brandon Boys

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 2nd Sunday BLOE Breakfast \$7
 Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners
 RSVPBrandonElks@yahoo.com

APRIL MENU ITEMS

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

APRIL 1ST

JACKIE & CREW- \$13
ENTRÉE: SHRIMP, BAKED POTATO, COLE SLAW
DESSERT
MUSIC: SKIP & NANCY



APRIL 6TH

GLENN & CREW \$7
ENTRÉE: SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS
DESSERT



APRIL 8TH

LAURIE BAYNE & CREW- \$11
SALAD
ENTRÉE: BRATWURST, MACARONI & CHEESE
DESSERT
MUSIC: TONY KNIGHT & FRIENDS



APRIL 15TH

MARIONETTE & CREW
SALAD: TOSSED
ENTRÉE: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): STEAK (\$15), SHRIMP (\$13), GRILLED CHICKEN (\$12) OR FISH (\$13)
SIDES: VEGGIES AND BAKED POTATO
MUSIC: 5TH GEAR



APRIL 22ND

JAN & CREW \$10
ENTRÉE: STEAK (\$12) OR CHICKEN (\$10) FAJITAS, RICE, REFRIED BEANS – SALSA & CHIPS AT TABLE
DESSERT
MUSIC: GOOD STUFF



APRIL 29TH

PHIL & JERRILYN - \$13
ENTRÉE: FRIED FISH (WHITE FISH (SWAI)) OR SHRIMP
SIDES: COLESLAW, FRENCH FRIES, GRITS AND HUSH PUPPIES
DESSERT
MUSIC: TOURIST BOB



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



Easter Egg Hunt for all kids April 10, 2022, at 11a.m. right after breakfast. Breakfast for kids 12 and under will be half price.

BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!! 2859

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:

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|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Henry Ebert | Charlene Hart | Jerry Brockmeier |
| Julie Ebert | Barbara Myer | Jan Brockmeier |
| Mark Fox | Ken Lamont | |
| Ann Fox | George Scribner | |
| Linda Hancock | Mary Lou Scribner | |
| Bernie Hiskey | Colin Cattley | |
| Pat Hiskey | Angela Sweeney | |
| Diane League | George Thomas | |
| Gerri Mann | Carolyn Thomas | |
| Kim Martinez | Joseph Zebrak | |





BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is APRIL 4th at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

By: Terri Ciesla
B.L.O.E. President

My time as president has come to an end. This is my last bugle write-up. I wish the new set of officers all the success, cooperation, and happiness I have had over the past three years. I know it's going to be great!!

"This is not a goodbye, my darling, this is a thank you." Nicholas Sparks
(Message in a Bottle)

See you at the lodge, Terri

500 Club Winners

Called not signed up: Robert Wilder, Jack Piche, Jarvis Wood and Alicia Bolt

Brandon Ladies of Elks



MARCH LADY OF DISTINCTION

Our lady this month has been a member of our group for many years. She can be seen at Sunday Breakfast every month and has cooked many Wednesday Night Dinners. Her and her husband are very active in the BPOE and never miss a fundraiser at our lodge.

She works fast, efficient without needing guidance. She has a bubbly personality and makes you feel good when she talks. She has held several offices and chair positions during her tenure including president.

The best thing about her is that she even has stepped up and will lead us next year.

In case you haven't guessed our Lady of Distinction for March is Anne Fox.



2022 Parade of Heroes

November 11-13, 2022, Washington D.C.

If you are an Elk and a veteran, please go to the Florida State Elks Association website for information and enrollment (Veterans Section) if interested in attending this year's trip.

For additional information contact Robin Rutzke, 305-498-5654 or Mary Lou Scribner, 813-230-1943. **2747**

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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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Dress Code for Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

Proper Attire shall be worn for all lodge meetings, social and special functions in accordance with the following:

- A. Men - Full length trousers and shirt with collar or dress shirt, designed without collar, for evening wear.
- B. Ladies - Slacks, dresses, skirts and dress shorts with appropriate tops.
- C. Dress shorts and shorts outfits may be worn at any time, but are *not considered proper attire for lodge functions held in the Lodge room.*
- D. The Friday Nights should be A-B-C
- E. During the District VP/DD visitations, Paragraphs A & B attire applies except for no shorts.
- F. Ladies shorts, shorts outfits, men's dress shorts, T-shirt and dress shirt without collar may be worn in the lounge.
- G. Tank Tops, T-shirts is not considerate proper attire with offensive language or graphics, cut-offs, short shorts, gym shorts and halter tops are *not considered proper attire and shall not be worn at any time.*
- H. Soiled or tattered work clothes shall not be worn in the lounge or Lodge proper after 7 P.M.
- I. Hats/ball caps may be worn in the lounge and pool/game room area. *Hats/ball caps are prohibited in the Lodge room/dining area except when so authorized by the Exalted Ruler/House Committee in conjunction with a particular theme of given function. Stylish dress hats worn by the ladies of the lodge are considered not to be in violation of this rule.*

BPOE MEETING ATTIRE:

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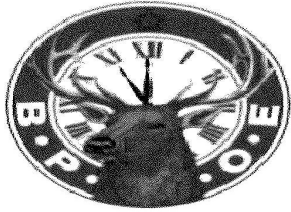
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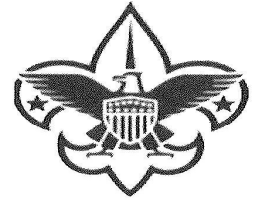
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Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00 A.M. Registration, 9:45 A.M. Safety Instructions

10:00 A.M. Shoot Begins

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Individual Sponsor (Non-shooter, display company name at a station), **\$ 75.00**

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Any questions, please call Jim Randall (813) 833-7086 or Mark C. Vargo, Sr. (813) 376-8855

Non-Shooters welcome to observe and enjoy. Lunch for Non-Shooters is \$ 10.00 (if extra food available).

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Must provide own ear and eye protection and shotgun shells (50 rounds). Shotgun Shells available for purchase and ear and eye protection available for rent from FishHawk Office. For Shotgun rental, please call FishHawk Office (813) 689-0490.



Brandon Lodge #2383 Uses their Beacon Grant to Support Five Title 1 Local Schools

The Brandon Lodge used their Beacon Grant along with the FSEA matching state funds to support five local Title 1 Schools. The Brandon Lodge has a long-standing relationship in supporting and interacting with their local schools and used this grant as another opportunity to build a stronger community.

On Friday, March 4, SWC DD Sharon Hammersla (Brandon Lodge's Grant Coordinator) accompanied by PER Mary Lou Scribner played Santa. Together they did a road trip meeting with the school principals handing out checks in the amount of \$1,400 each. The schools that received this donation were Willis Peters Exceptional Center in Dover, Lopez Exceptional Center and Seffner Elementary Schools in Seffner, and Mintz Elementary School and Yates Elementary Schools in Brandon.

Yates Elementary School: left to right: Lisa Varnum/Principal/Administrator, PER Mary Lou Scribner, SWC DD Sharon Hammersla, Vaniece Johnson, Social Worker.

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