

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER, DONALD A HARRISON

October has arrived. The weather is getting more manageable, the RV park is filling, and an influx of visitors will present a different vibe in the lodge. As we embark into the holidays, there are many events planned.

October 11th, is the PER low country boil dinner, 12th is the members birthday dinner, if you have a birthday in October, dinner is free, and Sunday the 13th is the BLOE breakfast. Lodge Olympic will be on the 19th, as well as A Nightmare on Elk Street, a BLOE event. On the 26th we have Trunk or Treat as well as a hall rental.

November is active as well. On the 2nd, is an all-day hall rental benefiting pediatric cancer, the following week, the state president is in Sebring. The 10th is lady's breakfast, and, on the 16th, the Brandon Ladies have a sip and paint event followed by the members birthday dinner. Bunco is on the 18th , The MacDill Thanksgiving dinner (invitation only) is on the 21st . On the 23rd , the Hall will be used to present the Quilts of Valor to veterans followed by lodge game day starting at 4pm. We will finish the month off with a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving day.

December will close out the year strong. On the 1st , we will honor those members that have passed at the Annual Elks Memorial Service. On the 7th , Elvis visits and will entertain for hours followed by a Rock and Roll after party. The 8th is the second Sunday and is the BLOE breakfast. Christmas wrapping party to wrap the gifts for needy families is on the 11th. The 14th is a busy day. BLOE Christmas Tea at 11 a.m. and a Jr ROTC Christmas Ball at 6pm. Members Birthday dinner will be on the 16th , in the lounge. December 21st is a hall rental for AFGE. On the 28th , there is a birthday party in the hall and member's games at 4pm. We are looking to end the year with a New Years Celebration on the 31st . Our lodge does partake in many events and activities. The rental hall and RV park generate a significant amount of revenue to support the lodge and our charities. This is possible, because members provide the labor to generate the revenue. You are needed. 8 hours a month to assist in these events and activities. The lodge facilities are maintained by members, for the benefit of members. Please do what you can to convert your 8 hours into revenue for the lodge. In closing, you can communicate your desire to take part in the above activities by emailing Elks2383sharing @yahoo.com.

Thank you, Donald A. Harrison 57th Exalted Ruler Brandon Lodge #2383

WE ARE ELKS! WHAT DO WE DO? WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE. HOW? WE HELP, WE SHARE, WE ARE SEEN.



ELK OF THE MONTH

Elks volunteers are the breath, heart, and blood of any lodge. Our lodge simply will not function without members stepping up, filling a role, and bringing the pieces together. This month's Elk member is a lady that is tireless in what she does. She oversees the veteran activities, stands the post at food and magazine drives, and oversees the grant programs, while serving as a member of our operational staff and Board of Directors, while working 50 hours a week at her jobs.

Thank you and congratulation to **Robin Rutzke, ELK OF THE MONTH**. When you see her, please thank her for all she is doing to include each member in all our events and programs. BRANDON LODGE #2384

RECOGNIZES

WENDY SMITH

AS OFFICER OF THE QUARTER Proclaimed this 1st day of October 2024

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2024-2025 Elk Year

Robin Rutzke

Loyal Knight

305-498-5654





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813-446-0150

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Mary Lou Schreck Secretary 813-458-5872

Member Illness/ Convalescence: Notify Lodge Secretary



Nancy Price Treasurer 813-756-9341

Rick Weigand 1 Year Trustee 813-748-2678







Marionette Garvey 4 Year Trustee 813-956--3776







Committee Chairs 2024-2025

Accident Prevention - Rick Weigand 813-748-2678

Annual Calendar Updates – Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Bugle Editor - Lara McCleary 203-988-5089

Community Activities - Lou Valencia or Mark Vargo

Drug Awareness - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

Grants Coordinator - Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654

Fraternal Committee -

Fraternal Sub Committees:

Americanism: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056 Flag Day: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654 Lodge Activities: Mark Vargo 813-376-8855 Orientation: Jerrilyn Pietro 813-493-0425 State Associations: TBD (Could be You!) Elks Memorial Day: Don Harrison 813-935-9040 ENF: Nickie Wells 813-716-8056 Veterans Services: Robin Rutzke 305-498-5654 Hall Rental - Jan Czajkowski 518-312-9891

Hoop Shoot - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

House Committee - Mark Vargo 813-376-8855

Kitchen Manager – COULD BE YOU

Lodge Advisors - Henry Poage 813-480-6272

Lodge Maintenance - Rick Weigand 813-748-2678 & Lou Valencia 813-376-9863

Lodge Purchasing Food - Stephen Blackman 813-378-1597

Public Relations - Mike Highfill 813-812-2727

Youth Activity - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

Web Master : Ray Bilinski – webmasterbrandonelks@gmail.com

BLOE BITS

Once again, here I am.

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

This has been a busy month and as it gets closer to the end of the year it seems to just get busier. We have had a couple of great events, and I am proud to say that they were very successful and FUN I might add. Both the fashion show (Beth Benham and crew) and Casino Night (Terri Ciesla and crew) worked very hard to make these turn out the way they did. Thank you, ladies, all for coming together and doing such a great job. Remember that the year is just getting started. We have a new member, Melinda Giffen Frater, putting on the Nightmare on Elk Street. She has her tickets at the bar to be sold and hopefully you all will grab a few more to bring your friends. As far as I can remember, this has always been a great event. This year will not disappoint, I am sure. We need people to bring a SCARY COVERED DISH and let her know what you plan on bringing. There will be music to dance to and a costume contest and much more. Let's show her how we all can help and make this scary night a BIG success as well. We also are selling raffle tickets for the Ultimate Tailgate Raffle. There are now tickets at the bar to be purchased and some of the BLOE members have some to sell. If you are wanting to sell some just let me know. This cooler is LOADED with lots of good stuff. The drawing will be December 1st and if there is stuff you don't want or like I am sure they will make great last-minute Christmas presents.

Last month was also the FLOE meeting in Daytona. I went for the first time this year. We WON 1st place for the yearbook, and we WON 2nd place for the scrapbook. We have all worked very hard to get things accomplished, lets keep it going.

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY, TODAY IS A GIFT. THAT IS WHY IT IS CALLED A PRESENT. \sim ELEANOR ROOSEVELT \sim

Thank you, Becky Cresswell President



500 Club Winners

Not available at publishing time



Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction SEPTEMBER

The Brandon Ladies of Elks has several women that we rely on for certain job. They have proved time and time again that they are the best at what they do. Our September lady is one of those individuals. She is an expert at selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The jackpot is always very high and as a result it means greater income for us.

She volunteers throughout the year and played a significant role in the recent fashion show. She modeled, helped with decorations and donated a basket for the raffle. She has been a member for many years and is always willing to step up and work at fund raisers and caterings. She has an infectious smile and even though she is small in stature she is full of energy and love for the Brandon Ladies. Please join me in congratulating **Kathy Hatten our September**

2024 Lady of Distinction.

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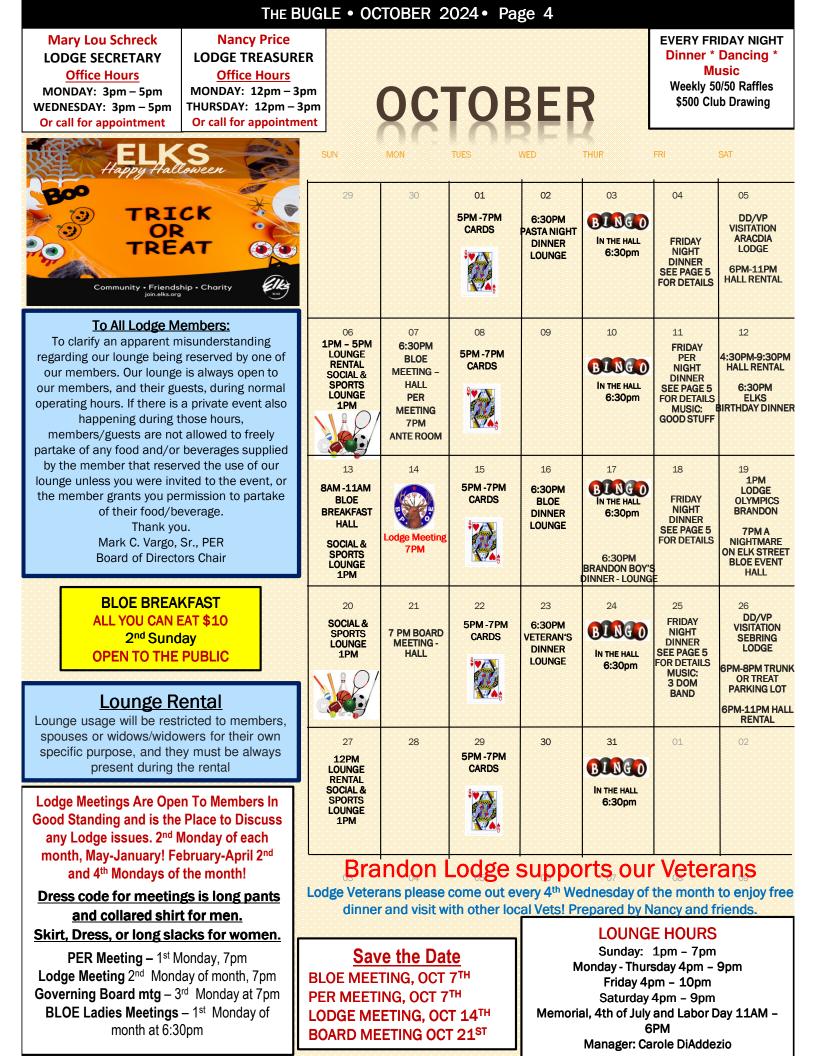
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Happy Birthday

TO OUR OCTOBER BIRTHDAY MEMBERS

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ATTENTION TO ALL ELKS THAT HAVE SOME TYPE OF VEHICLE/CAMPER IN OUR STORAGE AREA

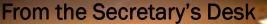
We have completed the north side of the storage lot with new marked and numbered spaces. We will be doing the south side of the lot soon. When completed with the new marked spaces, we will be asking those on the south side to re-position their RV's/Boats. Please have some type of identification placed on your stored vehicle (name, telephone and email). If you have something stored in our Storage Area, please contact Mark Vargo at 813-376-8855. We need to know what you have stored and how big.

We are asking all those that temporarily stored in the RV park, to please move back to the storage lot.



August 31, 2024, food drive for Nativity Food Bank and veteran's magazine drive. Two hundred eighty-two pounds of food donated and numerous magazines. Thank you for all those who donated. And thank you to the Knepple's who assisted me on the Saturday collection. Robin





Just a reminder that members and spouses may participate in the 500 Club for the rest of the year by paying \$26 for the members or \$52 for the members and spouse before the first drawing in October. (Oct. 4th). There were 30 names called so far this year with only 4 winners who were signed up but not present, winning 50% of the pot and 1 winner that was signed up AND present winning 100% of the pot. So, Please join the fund and get SIGNED UP!!

> Fraternally, Mary Lou Schreck, Lodge Secretary

BRANDON LADIESOF ELKS PRESENTS

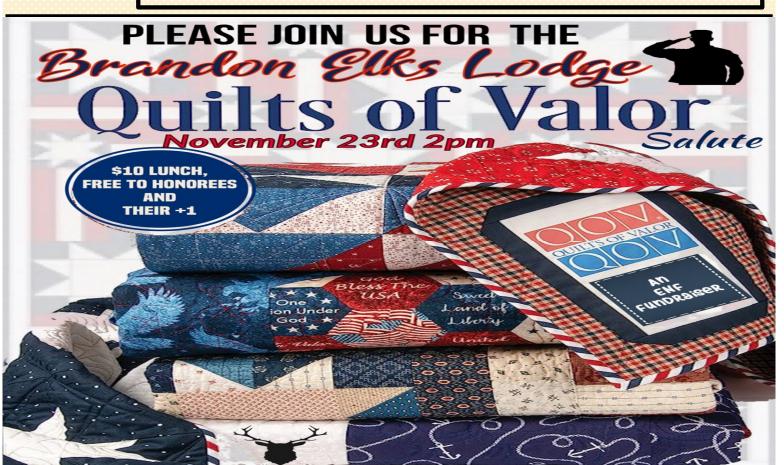
october 19, 2024, 7pm 800 Centennial lodge drive, Brandon tickets \$25

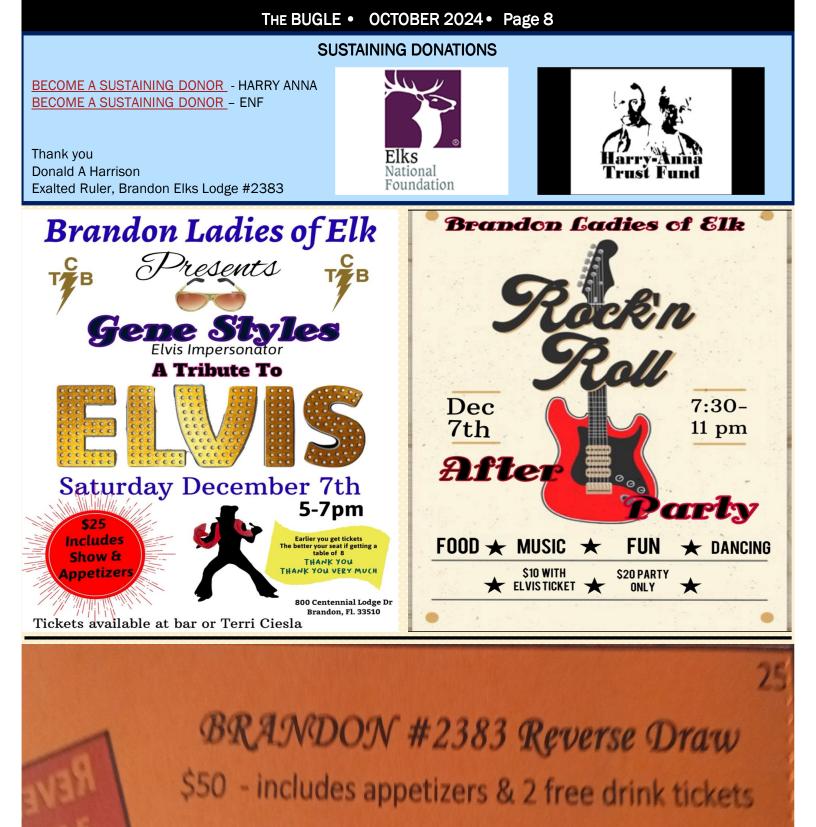
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ATTENTION ALL PER'S! As promised, this months a little different then our usual lunches. We will be going to City Buffet at 790 West Martin Luther King Blvd in Seffner. It is in the shopping center on the southwest corner of Parsons and MLK. Lunch is at 11:30 on Thursday, October 10th. As stated, this a buffet all you can eat, lunch is \$9.99 they serve American, Chinese, Japanese, and Seafood. I Hope to see you there, this is a chance to try something new, maybe crawfish and if you don't like it, then get something else. We would love to see you. Your Restaurant Hunter Kim Martinez PER





1st #: \$25 / 25th #: \$25 / 50th # \$50 / 75th #: \$75 / 150th # \$2,500

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