

THE BUGLE



Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER, DONALD A HARRISON

As the summer approaches, we have many events planned. We are currently planning a Fourth of July parade. At the time of this article going to publication, the float will probably be near completion. We need people to attend this parade and represent this lodge. Many will wave and throw trinkets while others will walk a part of the route (safety positions) and switch off to ride on the float. In the decade I have been in this lodge, one reality has become clear, Brandon Elks Lodge is a hidden treasure our community is missing out on. The impact we have made and will continue to make needs to be known. We are off the main road and usually found by invitation or by those that are lost. We need to be found, we need to be seen, the parade is the first step in BEING SEEN. Your assistance is requested.

We are moving forward with membership dinners. A committee of four will have two members print labels for the target demographic group and supply the labels to the individual that will place the label on stamped envelopes with the invitation enclosed. The last member will follow-up on the responses to the email reservations. All these tasks can be done in the comfort of one's own home. We are looking to expand our lapsation committee to reach out to those members that have not renewed these membership. Again, this can be done from your home. The task is to contact those that have lapsed and determine what we can do to get them current.

We have reintroduced birthday dinner on one Saturday each month. The dinner is free for those with a birthday in that month. There are options for entrees and the dinner menu is posted in the Bugle. Additionally, we have created a member's game day, again on a Saturday each month. This is an opportunity to get together and meet new faces and learn more about one another. At our last event, we played Family Feud, dominoes, Yahtzee, and bowling. Other games available are card games, pool, darts, corn hole, and soon to come horseshoes. It is free to attend. Come on out, watch the Bugle for dates and times.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." ~ Robert Louis Stevenson. With this thought of planting seeds, I ask that you take this opportunity to become a sustaining donor to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) ELKS.COM and /or the Florida Harry Anna Fund. Floridaelks.org. Each of these programs provide a significant impact on the communities we serve locally. All becoming a sustaining member by the end of July 2024, will receive a high-end dinner, with table service and filet mignon, lobster, asparagus, salads, desserts, appetizers, and more. It will be an all-out affair with details to recognize you for your IMPACT to those needing a helping hand, a voice of strength, and a heart of compassion. For \$19 a month, 63 cents a day your contribution will be changing the lives of so many.

In closing, OUR lodge generates a significant amount of revenue. Those revenue streams are in the form of grants, RV park and storage, rental hall events and catering, member events such as horse racing, Casino Night and other member focused events as well as Bingo, nine snack bars each month, and 10 to 12 dinners each month. NONE of this is possible without volunteers. It is volunteers that write the grant requests, put in the member events, work the dinners, snack bar and catering events. It is volunteers that visit those at the VA hospital, obtain and deliver clothing and other items of need to students in our community, and so many others.

If you have about 8 hours a month, please email elks2383sharing@yahoo.com with your name, phone number and a brief statement on how you wish to help make our lodge seen, fun, and productive.

We are Elks. Our charge is to get involved, lift and support one another and share the helping hand of charity and brotherly love with those in need. It only happens with labor, your labor, eight hours a month.

WE ARE ELKS! WHAT DO WE DO? WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EXALTED RULER ~ DONALD A. HARRISON



ELK OF THE MONTH

Elks volunteers are those that step up, many times challenging their comfort level, and providing a level of service that makes Elksdom breath easier and our lodge enjoyable.

This month's elk member is a lady that makes being in our lodge enjoyable. She laughs, she engages so many, and sees that our lounge is running smooth. She came into her position with a few challenges. She has accepted those challenges. She has blossomed in this leadership position of importance and her performance is evident of her commitment to this very critical function.

Please, when you see her, congratulate her and it would mean a lot, if you thanked her for all she does and continues to doing trying to make your experience in the lodge a positive one.

Thank you and congratulation to Carol Diaddezio!



Brandon Lodge Officers for 2024-2025 Elk Year

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813-376-8949



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813-376-9863



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Notify Lodge
Secretary**



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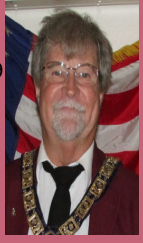
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Youth Activity - Don Harrison 813-935-9040

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BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is JUNE 3RD @ 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

Well Ladies,

First meeting down and only 11 more to go. I have lots of room for improvement and we have lots of room to grow. Not much old news but new news we have plenty.

But before I say anything I want to say THANK YOU to the ladies that stepped-up the night of the Installations of the Elk Officers (the 23rd) and the ladies that came to help with Sharon's Memorial.

We have added lots of events on to the Brandon Elk calendar. We always have the BLOE Breakfast every 2nd Sunday and the BLOE Wednesday night dinners every month. Coming up we have catering events in May and June. Nancy Price is going to do Lottery Boards for June and July. We have July 13 for our summer event (not sure exactly what it will be named yet!!) 2 more catering events, Bunco 7/29. August 18 is the Rays game Get your tickets now. August 24 will be the Ladies Fashion show 11-3:00pm with Vendors and on Sept 14 we are having Casino night. The FLOE is the 19th -21st which I have been told is a lot of fun... I guess I will soon find out! October we are planning to have the Halloween party on the 19th . Then in December, which is always busy, the 2nd is the BLOE Christmas party, Elvis will be in the building on the 7th, and on the 14th, we are planning our Christmas Tea with Vendors as well. Get some last-minute Christmas gifts.

Remember we are always needing volunteers and I hope we have an event that you would like to help with. Please call me or sign up at the next meeting on May 6th . I am hoping by giving you all an advanced timeline that you will do 4-6 hours for us to make very thing a success. I know a lot of you can't do a lot, but just think, you coming to a catering event and sitting at a table and just wiping off water spots off the silverware saves that time for other workers. Let your actions speak louder than words.

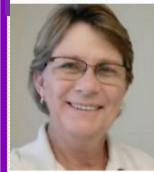
Thank you,
Becky Cresswell
President
KNOW YOUR WORTH



Brandon Ladies of Elks Lady of Distinction MAY



Our Lady of Distinction for May is a force to be reckoned with. She is at every Wednesday and Friday Night Dinner, any event that is held at the Brandon Lodge you can bet that her and her husband will be there. She never sits, she is either cleaning off the tables or serving the meal. She can be spotted at Memorial Services, PER Dinners, where there is work to be done, she is ready. She recently took on Chair for Properties and started out by bringing our BLOE Memorial Board up to date. She was relentless with her pursuit to make sure that every woman whose name should be on the board was no matter what. She researched death records contacted old members' friends and family she just won't give up. When she finished that she organized the ladies' closet and then tackled the shed in the parking lot. Don't get caught putting things in the wrong spot in the closet because she notices it immediately and will make sure you don't do it again. She is the hardest working lady I know, and I don't see her stopping anytime soon. Please join me in congratulating **Carolyn Thomas** our May Lady of Distinction.



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Or call for appointment

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Office Hours

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THURSDAY: 12pm – 3pm
Or call for appointment

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
Dinner * Dancing * Music
Weekly 50/50 Raffles
\$500 Club Drawing

JUNE



Door Duty

JUNE 7TH – NICKIE
JUNE 14TH – MARK V
JUNE 21ST – ED CIESLA
JUNE 28TH – WENDY

BLOE BREAKFAST
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10
2nd Sunday
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

500 Club Winners

Called Not Signed up – P Murray, D Taggerty, M Tennant, V Garcia, T Fallen, J Jacobson, E Campbell, G Cook, R Montpass, L Beasley, L Hurowitz
Signed up not present – M Highfill, R. Mularoni

Lounge Rental

Lounge usage will be restricted to members, spouses or widows/widowers for their own specific purpose, and they must be always present during the rental

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 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month!

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26 NATIONAL CONVENTION – AUSTIN, TX JUNE 30 TH – JULY 3 RD	27	28	29	30 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	31 Friday night dinner see page 5	01 5PM LOUNGE RENTAL
02 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	03 6:30PM BLOE MEETING - HALL	04 5PM-7PM CARDS SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	05 Pasta Night Hall 6:30PM \$10	06 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	07 Music: THE CLASSIX Friday night dinner see page 5	08 5PM – 9PM - LOUNGE RENTAL HALL RENTAL 5PM
09 8AM -11AM BLOE BREAKFAST HALL SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	10 Lodge Meeting 7PM	11 5PM -7PM CARDS SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	12	13 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	14 Friday night dinner see page 5	15 2:30 PM – 8PM LOUNGE RENTAL 6:30PM ELKS BIRTHDAY DINNER
16 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	17 7 PM BOARD MEETING - HALL	18 5PM -7PM CARDS SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	19 6:30PM BLOE DINNER LOUNGE	20 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM BRANDON BOY'S DINNER - LOUNGE	21 Music: BERT & THE PARTY BOYS Friday night dinner see page 5	22 2PM GAME DAY LOUNGE 6PM – 11PM HALL RENTAL
23 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	24	25 5PM-7PM CARDS SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	26 Veterans Dinner MEMBER ORIENTATION & AUDIT 6:30PM	27 BINGO IN THE HALL 6:30pm SNACK BAR OPEN 5:30PM – 6:30PM	28 Friday night dinner see page 5	29
30 SOCIAL & SPORTS LOUNGE 1PM	01	02	03	04	05	06

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.

Save the Date

BLOE MEETING, JUNE 3RD
LODGE MEETING, JUNE 10TH
BOARD MEETING JUNE 17TH

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: CAROL DIADDEZIO

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JUNE MENU ITEMS

THE ONLY WAY TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL IS TO RSVP RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

BY 12 NOON THE DAY BEFORE FOR ALL 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

JUNE 5TH

Pasta!
Night



Wednesday June 5th

\$10 **6:30 PM**
WITH SALAD AND DESSERT



Please be sure to RSVP @
RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM

JUNE 14TH

Chef Don and Crew
Presents...

Friday Night Dinner
June 14th

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

BEEF TIPS WITH GRAVY OVER NOODLES
CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS
SHRIMP - COCONUT OR FRIED
POTATOES
VEGGIE, SALAD AND DESSERT

\$15

JUKE BOX MUSIC


JUNE 21ST

Nickie and Friends
Friday Steak Night
profits to benefit **E.N.F**
June 21st
Dinner @ 6:30

Steak, fish, or shrimp with
Potato, veggie, salad
And dessert

\$13 **\$15** **\$13**

Join us for the best steak in town!!

Rock out with....
Bert and the Party Boys


JUNE 7TH

Friday Night Dinner

\$15 FRIDAY JUNE 7TH DINNER @ 6:30PM \$15

Chef Don and Crew
COUNTRY FRIED STEAK
BAKED SALMON OR PORK CHOP
POTATOES, VEGGIES, SALAD
AND DESSERT

Live Music

THE CLASSIX

PORK CHOPS
"DEE-LICIOUS!"

You DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!

PLEASE RSVPBRANDONELKS@YAHOO.COM
THANK YOU!!!


JUNE 15TH

Happy Birthday
June

Please join us
For dinner
To celebrate YOU!
June 15th 6:30pm


Country Fried Steak
Or
Tilapia w/ shrimp parm. sauce
Potatoes, Veggies
Salad and
Birthday CAKE

\$15

Free To all
Members
With a June
Birthday


JUNE 26TH

Wednesday Night
VETERANS
Non-Vets \$10 Dinner **VETS EAT FREE**
June 26th
6:30pm
Nancy's Meatloaf


JUNE 9TH

Best Breakfast in Town
Brandon Elks BLOE Breakfast

sunday breakfast

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH 8AM-11AM

\$10 **Open to the public**

ALL YOU CAN EAT


JUNE 19TH

BLOE WEDNESDAY
NIGHT DINNER
Terri and Friends
June 19th
Roasted Chicken,
yellow rice,
cuban bread,
salad and dessert

\$10

PLEASE RSVP
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JUNE 28TH

Jan and Friends
FRIDAY NIGHT Dinner
JUNE 28TH
Dinner- 6:30

Yankee Pot Roast
Potatoes, veggies
Salad, and
Dessert

\$15

Jukebox Jam



TO OUR ELKS RV GUESTS

Welcome to our RV Park
ELKS MEMBERS ONLY

OUR RATES ARE:

- ▶ \$25 per night; 7th night FREE
- ▶ RV Storage is \$50 per month

THANKS FOR STAYING
IN OUR PARKFrank Craft – 813-245-6238
LODGE PHONE – 813-685-6469

BUGLE BOOSTERS:

Pat & Jeff LaVoie
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Ron & Ester Cantrell
Julie & Henry Ebert
Charlene Hart
Donald Harrison
Kenneth League
Diane League
Richard Clark
Jackie Florentino
Gerri Mann

BE A BUGLE BOOSTER !!!

Please help defray the cost of printing and
mailing out our Bugle.
Donations help a great deal!!

JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB



On May 18th we had a birthday dinner for members of our lodge to celebrate those members that had a birthday in May. The member had a choice of country fried steak, fish with a shrimp/parm sauce, potatoes, vegetables and a salad and finished with a song and cake and ice cream.

A poster for a BPOE Member Event. It features a blue background with various playing cards (King of Hearts, Queen of Spades, etc.) and dominoes scattered around. The text reads: "BPOE Member Event", "Come on out to Meet each other!!", "June 22nd 2-5pm", and "SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN". There is also a BPOE logo featuring a deer head.

BPOE
Member Event
*Come on out to
Meet each other!!*
June 22nd
2-5pm
SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN

A colorful poster for a "Happy Birthday June" event. It features a large, multi-colored cake with lit candles, surrounded by many colorful balloons (red, yellow, blue, green, purple). The text reads: "Happy Birthday June", "Please join us For dinner To celebrate YOU!", "June 15th 6:30pm", "Country Fried Steak Or Tilapia w/ shrimp parm. sauce Potatoes, Veggies Salad and Birthday CAKE", "Free To all Members With a June Birthday", "\$15", and "1718".

Happy Birthday
June
Please join us
For dinner
To celebrate YOU!
June 15th 6:30pm
Country Fried Steak
Or
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Potatoes, Veggies
Salad and
Birthday CAKE
Free
To all
Members
With a June
Birthday
\$15
1718

WANTED VOLUNTEERS

Our lodge runs 99% on the labor of volunteers. What do we do? What is planned?

- 4th of July Parade and picnic
- Snack bar 10 times a month every Tuesday and Thursday and one Saturday a month
- Dinners 8 to 10 times a month, three Wednesdays, 4 to 5 Fridays and a Saturday.
- Bingo each Thursday
- Visitations with members of the VA community.
- Food and magazine drives 4 times a year.
- 50/50 raffles.
- Queen of Hearts game each Tuesday.
- Membership committee: assist with recruitment, retention, and engagement.
- Lodge Olympics, where we travel to other lodges and compete in cooking and sports related competition.
- Mystery bus, where members are taken to lodges, unknown which lodges until we arrive. This gives us the opportunity to see others in their lodge environment.
- Bus to Umatilla youth camp to meet the staff of the camp and be exposed to all the Florida State Elks organization does throughout this state.
- A day at the Rays, a bus to see the Tampa Bay Rays play in Pinellas County. It is a statewide function. Last year there were about 1400 Elks in attendance.
- Hall rentals and catering that generates income for our lodge and charity programs.
- Communication: individuals overseeing the Bugle, our website, our calendars, Facebook, dinner and event flyers, contact with the media to promote our events, bulletin board and digital TV information in the lounge and other mechanisms we use to get the word out to our members.
- Christmas gift and wrapping. We post a list of children and information on their wish list.
- Back to school support. Supplies for teachers and students.
- Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving.
- Toy collection with Walgreens.
- Collecting supply for active-duty service members.
- Member recruitment dinners.
- MacDill dinner in November (Guests by invitation only).
- Photographer: members to assist in capturing what we do.
- Entertainment: Booking of our entertainment is handled by a member.
- Bar support: The bar manager maintains fiscal control; orders supplies and goods. Sees that the bar is maintained in a safe and health manner.
- Kitchen support: In addition to cooking food in the kitchen, equipment and the kitchen from time to time must be deep cleaned. This requires removing the equipment out of the kitchen, cleaning and returning. As that is happening, stripping and waxing the floor occurs.
- Food buyer: This member is responsible to purchase much of the food and supplies for kitchen functions.
- Hall rental: A member meets with prospective parties to answer any questions on renting the hall. This person also handles the rental contract.
- Ground keeper: From time to time, members trim trees, remove clutter from drain line and spouts, blow leaves from entrances to reduce accidents and maintain our flowerpots and outside patio areas.
- Building maintenance: Painting, fixing a leaking toilet, and generally much of the same maintenance we do in our own homes.
- Accounting and record keeping: We maintain records and file reports as required by law and Elk rules.
- Anti drug campaign: MCing fishing events to impress upon the younger crowd the dangers of drugs.
- Visits with Willis Peters Exceptional School to entertain and assist children and their families with their children that are physically and emotionally delayed.
- Coordinating the rental of our hall for car, coin, and other shows.



There are many activities and functions that demand our labor to accomplish the goal of Elkdom:

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

I AM ASKING THAT OUR MEMBERS ASSIST IN OUR MISSION TO CARE AND SHARE. Share 8 hours a month. Many of the tasks mentioned can be done in the comfort of your home and on a schedule that is not overly demanding.

Yes, many actual require you be in the lodge and do tasks of a physical nature. To put in in perspective, your labor, had you been paid to perform, is donated to our lodge. If we have a rental, generating \$1200, \$600 in bar sales and \$1100 in food sales, your labor helped to generate that \$2900 in profit. IT is that income that pays the \$3000 electric bill, the \$600 trash bill, and supports much of what we do in our community.

I ask that you send an email to elks2383sharing@yahoo.com with your choice of how you can be the labor for our community and lodge.

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

SUSTAINING DONATIONS

As many of you know, our lodge is a fraternal organization of a parent entity, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE). As a chapter/lodge of the BPOE, we have an obligation to support the parent BPOE. The BPOE is divided into states/regions throughout the United States. Florida is one of the largest of these states. The Florida State Elks Association is the body that operates and oversees the 98 lodges and 88,000 members in Florida as an extension of the BPOE.

These two organizations do not have members or events; but they are operationally indispensable to each individual lodge. These two entities provide our lodge tens of thousands of dollars to fund our community activities. We have always received more than we have contributed.

Upon turning down our driveway to our lodge, there is a sign that states we have contributed more than \$1.3 million to our community. If the math is correct, our 56-year-old lodge has provided on average more than \$23,000 per year over the past 56 years. It is safe to say we provide more today than we did in 1989.

With this in mind, I am asking that our members become a sustaining donor to these two organizations, The BPOE and the Florida State Elks Association. A sustaining contribution, each month in the amount of 63 cents a day, which is \$19 a month to one or both can be expected to garner a great return to our lodge.

Those that join the sustaining donor program by July 31, 2024, will be celebrated with a formal dinner of lobster, crab cakes, filet mignon, along with a spread of appetizers, salads, desserts and side dishes.

The Florida State Elks Association, Harry Anna Fund, supports the world class youth camp and provides therapy services to more than 600 children each week throughout the state.

Your donation will assist our state elks and our local community with services to many in need.

Your monthly contribution will be recognized with a certificate and your name will be added to the wall of sustaining donors.

Thank you for your ability to assist our lodge, community, and those in need throughout this state. During your initiation into our lodge, these words were shared, "the daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches" and "the real benefactor of mankind counts his store in what is given, not in what is saved."

I fully understand many of us are not sitting on a pile of money, this article is not an attempt to demean or harass any member, I do not know the financial status of our members, I am simply asking those that are able to please think about the benefits of being an Elk and how we can use our station in life to change those that are struggling and bring them into our Elks family.

[BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR](#) - HARRY ANNA

[BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR](#) - ENF

Thank you

Donald A Harrison

Exalted Ruler, Brandon Elks Lodge #2383



Steven Russell Sawdey Memorial Scholarship Award Winner



Chandler Glover is a graduate from Middleton High School, Class of 2024, and starts in the Fall at the Citadel. While at Middleton, Cadet Glover oversaw the Flags of the school. It was his responsibility to hoist the Flags each morning and to retire the Flag at days end, among the other responsibilities. It was a pleasure to present a check to Mr. Glover to assist with his transition to college and we all wish him the best in the next four years of his college adventure.

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

BPOE Loyal Knight
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!



The Brandon Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #2383 honored two outstanding JROTC cadets at their annual cadet award ceremonies in April. Exalted Ruler Donald Harrison attended the JROTC award ceremony at Middleton High School on April 18th and honored Cadet Chandler Glover. Past Exalted Ruler Ed Ciesla attended the Brandon High School JROTC award ceremony on April 26th and honored Cadet Amara Thompson. Both cadets were presented the Elks JROTC Medal, certificate and a gift card. The JROTC medal and certificate is sponsored by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee and is awarded to JROTC cadets for outstanding performance in maintaining the highest standard of leadership and Americanism as a member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

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