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Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler

MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

As we start another New Year, and let's hope it's a lot better than the last, I want to wish ALL of our members a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. It has been so good to see some of our Members returning to the Lodge socially for our dinners.

We have a VERY busy January at our Lodge. On New Years Day, we have our New Years Day Brunch scheduled from 10 AM - 2 PM. \$ 20.00 advance tickets. Ticket sales have not been going as well as I had hoped. We need to have a certain number of pre-paid tickets sold to put this event on for everyone. If not, we may be doing a smaller version of a Brunch.

Our Members Dinner and Awards Presentation is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021. Tickets are available at the bar, in the Lodge office or you can email your RSVP with your name and choice at BrandonElksRSVP@yahoo.com. At the bar or Lodge Office, please sign your name, how many and whether you want Roast Beef or Fish. You must have a ticket to eat that night. The pre-tickets let us determine how much food to get so there is very little waste.

On Saturday, January 16, 2021, we are hosting a DD Clinic at our Lodge, starting at 11:00 A.M. You do not have to be an Officer to attend this meeting. It lasts approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. A light lunch will be provided.

On Saturday, January 23, 2021, we will be hosting the Elks Olympics at our Lodge. Starts at 11:00 A.M. Our food competition is chicken wings and cakes. Our sporting events will be shooting (outside) and a Texas Hold'em Tournament. Sign up sheets will be in the front foyer. For details, please see me or Delores Westfall. Please come out to support your Lodge.

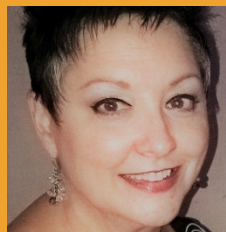
Remember, OUR Lodge will only be successful with your help, support and attendance. See you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elk of the Month

This month's Elk of the Month is someone most people do not notice working in the background. I have observed her at the Lodge volunteering, many times, for most anything we have scheduled, especially in the kitchen. These are the types of members that we need to recognize more often. Thank you for all you do for your lodge, **Kathy Brogli**. It has been noticed and we all appreciate all you do around the Lodge and for Elksdom.



MONTHLY LODGE MEETING

We will have our regular Lodge meeting on Monday, January 11, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. If you feel comfortable attending, please do. Don't forget your signed 2020-2021 Dues card. Face masks are still optional. Hand sanitizers are still available.

Dress code for meetings is long pants and collared shirt for men.
Skirt, Dress, or long slacks for women.



FREE MEMBERS DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

We have, again, scheduled a Members Dinner and Awards Presentation (2020-2021 Installation Dinner) on Saturday, January 9, 2021 in the Lodge Hall. Social hour will start at 5:30 P.M. with dinner starting at 6:30 P.M. and the Awards Presentations around 7:30 P.M. Our 2019-2020 Awards presentations will be made by Mary Lou Schreck and Joseph Schreck. The wife and son of our late PER Donald Schreck. **This meal is FREE to all Brandon Elks Members.** Guest meals will be \$10.00. Our B.L.O.E. will be catering this meal and you will have a choice of Beef or Fish.

You must have a ticket or make reservations at BrandonElksRSVP@yahoo.com to attend. We do not want to waste food. Tickets will be available at the bar or front office. If gathering mandates are still in force, we will stop reservations at 150 attendees.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler
813-376-8855



Jim McCleary
Leading Knight
813-763-9019



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813-956-3776



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Schreck
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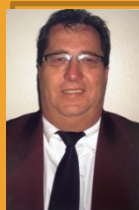
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Delores Westfall
3 Year Trustee
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Larry Oliver
4 Year Trustee
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Ed Ciesla
5 Year Trustee
813-684-0122



OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

Our Officer for this quarter is well deserving of the title. She has put in countless hours for her Lodge. Not just in the Office but, with our Lady's Breakfast and helping with the Brandon Boy's Dinner every month. The Treasurer's job can sometimes seem like a thankless job at times but, I cannot thank her enough for what she has had to go through this last year. Not just the closing of the Lodge during Covid but, with Grand Lodge changing our accounting practices (twice). Thank you, **Nancy Price**, for what you do for our Lodge. It IS appreciated.

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday: 1pm – 7pm
Monday - Thursday 4pm – 9pm
Friday 4pm – 10pm
Saturday 4pm – 9pm
MANAGER: WALTER BROOKS

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
31 Social & Sports	New Line Dancing on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Thursday 7pm to 9pm:				1 New Year's Day Brunch see page 7	2
3 Social & Sports	4 BLOE Meeting PER Meeting	5 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	6 January Birthday Dinner 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack MTG. - Hall	7  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	8 Door: Nancy Price Friday night dinner see page 4	9 Member Dinner
10 8:00am - 11:00am BLOE Breakfast – Hall Social & Sports	11  Lodge Meeting 7PM	12 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	13	14  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	15 Door: Mary Lou Schreck Friday night dinner see page 4	16 DD Clinic 11am
17 Social & Sports	18 7pm Governing Board Meeting	19 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	20 BLOE Dinner 6:30 PM see page 5	21  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	22 Door: Jim McCleary Friday night dinner see page 4	23 Lodge Olympics 11am
24 8:00am -11:00am Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast Social & Sports	25	26 5:30pm -7:00pm Queen  Trivia or Cards, Pool snack bar open	27 Veteran's Dinner	28  STARTS: 6:30pm SNACK BAR:	29 Door: Puppet Sexton PER dinner see page 11	30

Save the Date

January 11th, Lodge meeting

January 20th BLOE Dinner

January 21th 6:00 PM
Brandon Boys

Lodge Meetings Are Open To Members In Good
Standing and is the Place to Discuss any Lodge
issues.

PER Meeting – 1st Monday;
Lodge Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.
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

4th Sunday – Scout's Pancake
Brkfst

4th Wednesday - VETERAN's
Dinner

Tuesdays 7pm Boy Scouts

Please RSVP for Dinners
BrandoneIksrsvp@yahoo.com

January MENU ITEMS

TO BE ASSURED OF A MEAL, PLEASE RSVP TO BRANDONELKSRSVP@YAHOO.COM
BY 10 A.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEAL.

JANUARY 1ST - NEW YEARS BRUNCH

VARGO AND COMPANY

\$20, \$25 at door (\$18.14 PLUS TAX)

JANUARY 6TH - HAPPY BIRTHDAY - FREE TO THE MEMBER WITH A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY

HARRISON AND GANG \$8.00 (\$7.39 PLUS TAX)

SALAD YES

ENTREE (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE):

CHICKEN MARSALA, COUNTRY FRIED STEAK or NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD

(Tilapia, covered with shrimp and Alfredo sauce)

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, CORN AND GREEN BEANS

DESSERT: BIRTHDAY CAKE

JANUARY 8TH

JAN AND CREW \$11 (\$10.14 PLUS TAX)

SALAD : TOSS

ENTRÉE: POT ROAST AND GRAVY

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIES

DESSERT: YES



January 15th

All you can eat fish fry dinner with French fries and Cole slaw.

Price \$10.00.

The fish is Pollock (mild flaky white fish) fries are fresh cut russet potatoes.

Dinner served from 6:30 till gone.

Please purchase your tickets at bar after Christmas

We will also have live music back in the lounge

JANUARY 22ND

DONALD AND ASSOCIATES \$10.00 (\$9.22 PLUS TAX)

SALAD: CAESAR or TOSS

ENTREE(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE): BAKED CHICKEN LEG QUARTER or FRIED SHRIMP(6)

SIDES: MASHED POTATOES, VEGGIE

DESSERT: CAKE

JANUARY 29TH

PER DINNER see page 11



BLOE BITS

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

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

Welcome 2021!

Congratulations to my beautiful daughter, Lindsey Brezina, our Lady of Distinction for last month! The honor is very well deserved! Thank you for everything you do.

Our BLOE breakfast on December 13th was once again very well attended. I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help. You ladies came through once again. Our group of ladies can always be counted on. We are very lucky to have such an amazing group. Our next breakfast is January 10th.

The Wed night dinner of meatball subs and minestrone soup was well attended. We served 47 meals. A huge thank you to Kathy Brogli and Terrie Buntin who continue to help me with these dinners. Our next dinner on January 20 will be another Polish night. I will be cooking Golumpki (stuffed cabbage), pierogi, kielbasa, cucumber salad, and a dessert. \$8 Last time that meal was served, there was a huge turnout. Invite your friends and remember you can also do takeout. Please RSVP by email at

brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am excited to see what the New Year will bring.

"You must do the things you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt

See you at the lodge, Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks



DECEMBER LADY OF DISTINCTION

If you want something done give it to someone who is busy. This statement best describes our Lady of Distinction for December. She is a mother of two young children and she always finds time to help whenever the need arises. With Covid keeping a lot of our members home she has helped at the past two breakfasts. She has helped to decorate, participate and clean up for events and fundraisers. She took time out of her busy schedule to deliver the cranberries to ECHO.

She hasn't been a member very long but her hand goes up immediately when help is needed.

She has seen what Elks do in the community and for its members since she was born. Both her parents are active members of the Brandon Elks. I am sure her children will follow in her foot steps and keep things going in the future.

She has two babies now and will welcome another in several months, but we have seen already that this doesn't stop her from helping whenever she can.

Please join me in congratulating Lindsey Brezina as our December Lady of Distinction.

To our Absent member
Frank D. Martinez, PER: Date of Birth 7-11-1933

Date of Death 11-29-2020

Date of Initiation 5-18-1970

Clyde L. Kelly:

Date of Birth 2-27-1930

Date of Death 12-18-2020

Date of Initiation 2-24-1992

500 Club Winners

The 500 club names drawn in January were: C. Jordyn, M. Driscoll, J. Kraja, EG. Broome

NOT SIGNED UP!

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Brandon Elks Ladies

Start the New Year with a

POLISH DINNER CELEBRATION
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Menu: Cucumber Salad - Stuffed Cabbage - Kielbasa
Perogies - Rye Bread - Special Dessert

Price: \$8.00

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Prepared by Brandon's Own Master Chef Terri Ciesla

Advance tickets available @ the bar or R.S.V.P at

brandonelksrsvp@yahoo.com

*****TAKE OUT AVAILABLE*****



Mask required

Kitchen Manager Needed

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The Elks Lodge needs a member to manage the Kitchen.
This position requires coordinating with member cooks to arrange for Friday night dinners
and Tuesday and Thursday night snack bars.

Controlling the Kitchen by maintaining the cleanliness of the Kitchen and passing health
inspections.

Bingo Schedule for December

Bingo Helpers	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Table 4 6:30	Barbra	Grace Weigand	Barbra Myers	Grace Weigand	Bob
Table 4 6:30	Sandy/Jim	Mary Ryan	Barbra	Sandy/Jim	Mary Ryan
Table 4 6:30	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade	Trudy Wade
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45	Nicky Wells	Mark Vargo	Ron Mathews	Jane Moon	Ron Mathews
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Nancy Price	Mary Lou Scribner		Rick Weigand	Marionette
Call Bingo 6:30/7:45	Jeannie Barfield	Jeannie Barfield	Jeannie Barfield	Don Moon	Jeannie Barfield
Call Bingo 7:45/9:00	Lori Underberg	Sharon H	Beth Benham	Jeannie Barfield	

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with Bingo - Call marionette at 813-956-3776

Christmas at the Lodge

Forget COVID for a while.....it was Christmas at the Brandon Lodge #2383! Loyal Knight Marionette Sexton once again chaired and organized this event. Twelve families with a total of 25 children in need of a Merry Christmas over this holiday season were adopted by our members.

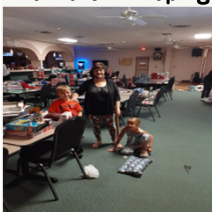
Our members look forward to this event each year. It is an opportunity to be involved with the families in our community. Our members adopt children of the families and shop for the things on the child's wish list and then some! A complete Christmas was provided to each child including clothing, shoes and many fun toys! Any money that was donated by members was used to purchase other items for the children such as toys, shoes and clothing. In addition to presents, our lodge made sure a complete Christmas dinner with all the trimmings was provided to each family.

On Wednesday, December 16th, it was Christmas time at the lodge. Marionette always makes sure there is plenty of joyful Christmas music provided by a volunteer DJ. The Brandon Ladies of Elks held their dinner, and then the wrapping began! It truly was a joyful event watching members wrapping the gifts, talking about their own Christmas festivities and memories. You could feel the joy of making sure a child's Christmas wishes came true. It just felt like Christmas! And you will find Marionette's grandchildren at this event wrapping gifts and helping wherever they were needed. What a great way to teach our youth, our future Elks, to be involved and volunteer in our community and to help bring happiness to anyone in need.

Once the gifts were wrapped and the Christmas dinners put together for delivery, some of the Christmas families stopped by to personally pick up their Christmas and to interact with our members; other Christmas's were delivered by Marionette and her elf Elk troops.

This is an annual event that Marionette has headed for our lodge for many years. It's an event that is a tradition at the Brandon Lodge..... a tradition that our members look forward to each year. A tradition that is the true meaning and feeling of Christmas.

Once again.....our Elks of Brandon put into action the motto that we Elks live by.....Elks Care – Elk Share. Elks love and support our children. Hoping that all our Elk members and their families enjoyed a Merry Christmas!



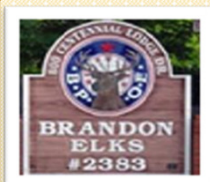
Lynda Craft &
her
grandchildren



Marionette
Sexton

Annual Calendar

The annual calendar will be updated to reflect any dinners or events that will take place in the Lodge. You should also check the Brandon Elks Facebook page and Brandonelks.org for events. Please RSVP for Dinners "brandonelksrsvp@Yahoo.com"



BRANDON ELKS LODGE NEW YEARS DAY AYCE CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

January 1, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Advance Tickets \$20.00

At the Door \$25.00

Children under 12 - \$10.00



Planned Menu*: Eggs, Sausage, Grits, Biscuits, Fruit, Sliced Roast Beef, Sliced Ham, Vegetables, Potatoes, Danish treats, Coffee, Orange Juice, Tea and Champagne.

Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving, at the bar, the front office or from your Exalted Ruler. You must have a ticket OR your reservations must be made at BrandonElksRSVP@yahoo.com to be guaranteed a place so you can enjoy this fabulous Brunch. Ticket sales at the door will be limited. Possible raffles.

**Subject to change or additions.*

Happy New Year
2021

Attention RV Storage Users

It was brought to our attention that a license plate was stolen from the RV Storage area. Because of this incident, we request that you periodically check on your RV's to make sure everything is ok. The Elks lodge is not responsible for any damage or loss as indicated in your signed agreement.

Bugle updates

Please submit all Bugle entries to lreintz@gmail.com by the 15th of each month in an editable format, no PDFs. Time is needed to develop, proofread and send for printing before the 1st of the month

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bags of brotherly love



Brandon Elks “Bags of Brotherly Love” recognized for outstanding work in their community!



Left – Bob Blair of Brandon Elks #2383, Right – Officer Jimmie Bizzle with the Hillsborough Aviation Authority, Tampa Airport Police

Bob Blair, Chairman of the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 “Bags of Brotherly Love” (funded by the ENF Foundation and contributions), couldn’t have been more surprised when Officer Jimmie Bizzle of the Hillsborough Aviation Authority of the Tampa Airport Police came to he and his wife, Elisa’s home Monday, December 14th.

The purpose of this surprise visit was to present Brandon Elks “Bags of Brotherly Love” with a donation of \$500 for their continued and outstanding contribution to the homeless project in their community.

Each year an organization is highlighted by Hillsborough Aviation Authority for the outstanding work they do in and for their community. This year the Brandon Elks Lodge received this award for the work of the “Bags of Brotherly Love”, that raised everyone’s awareness to the plight and the needs of those less fortunate.

The Hillsborough Aviation Authority works hand-in-hand with the Derrick Brookes Foundation which works primarily in the Tampa Bay community to provide youth with educational programs and opportunities to develop a cultural and social vision.

To quote Bob “a special thanks goes out to Chief Charlie Vasquez of the Tampa Airport Police who, without his guidance and support, could not make this project that they support survive.”

Brandon Elks Post Exalted Rulers Association

PRESENTS

LODGE LICENSE PLATE FUND RAISER

(The Funds will go to the Lodge’s General Fund to Pay for Lodge Improvements as determined by the Board of Directors.)

The all-weather License Plates come in a variety of colors to match your vehicle and can be PERSONALIZED to your liking.

BRANDON ELKS #2383

(Personalization #1)



(Personalization #2)

**COST OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATE IS A DONATION OF
\$ 40.00**

(TO ORDER YOUR PERSONAL PLATE - COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM (AVAILABLE FROM YOUR BARTENDERS) AND GIVE THE FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO YOUR BARTENDER OR DROP BY THE OFFICE)

SUPPORT YOU LODGE. GET YOUR PLATE TODAY!

NOTE: The Vendors require a minimum order of 20 plates per order. Our Goal is to sell as many as we can. Please consider this as a great way to show you are an “ELK” and you Support the “Brandon Elks”.

Brandon Lodge Notices & Announcements

VETERANS AFFAIRS
Committee Chair
Robin Rutzke

BPOE Inner Guard
USAF (ret)
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.



Lodge Olympics 2021

On Saturday January 23rd at 11 am we, Brandon Lodge 2383, will be hosting the first of 3 Olympic events.

Competitions as follows:

Events: Pellet gun shooting and Texas hold'em (at least 4 teams of 2)
Food: Wings (5 lbs.) and Cakes (no limit)



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Director / Owner

Linda Hinkle
Office Manager

Mark C. Vargo, Sr.
Director / Owner



Delores Westfall -middle
Rick Weigand - right



Donna Fultz - center



George & Carolyn Thomas
Bernie Hiskey - center

Did you know that the members of the Brandon PER Association are actually Christmas Elf's?

The Brandon Lodge #2383's PER Association has chaired the Walgreen Toy Drive for 3 years for our lodge; ever since the lodge was fortunate enough to be invited to be part of the Walgreens Toy Drive. Nine members of the Brandon PER Association volunteer each year to pick up the bags of toys from the thirteen local Walgreen stores assigned to the Brandon Lodge, (PER's Rick Weigand, Nickie Wells, George Thomas, Larry Oliver, Bernie Hiskey, Delores Westfall, Mary Lou Scribner, George Scribner/PDDGER, Sharon Hammersla/SWC DVP). Like true Santa's helpers, they picked up toys December 16th and then on Thursday, December 17th all toys were gathered at the lodge, sorted by toy type and age groups, and then the real fun began!

The Lodge invited Therapist Paula Tarver as the first to pick out toys. Our Therapists will use the toys during children's therapy and also as gifts for the children and their siblings. Paula was unable to actually attend, so Mary Lou Scribner worked with her via cell phone and videos and identified appropriate toys, filling six humongous bags full of toys.

The lodge invited teachers from three of the local title one schools to shop through the toys (Yates Elementary, Mango Elementary and Palm River Elementary). The teachers were thrilled for this opportunity to find toys for the children of their schools. If not for this toy drive these teachers would be purchasing these toys from their own pockets. Because of this wonderful Walgreens Toy Drive, the teachers are able to shop taking home bags of toys but there was no "bill" to be paid! Without this toy drive, many of these children would not receive any Christmas toys. What a blessing this event is to our schools, children, teachers and community.

Bags of toys were donated to "Hope for Her" which is a safe place where women experiencing crisis and trauma find the strength, skills and support they need to rebuild their lives. PER Rick Weigand and PER Delores Westfall delivered bags of toys to "The Springs" which is a haven for battered women and their children. Both organizations were overwhelmed with gratitude. These toys will bring Christmas cheer and will also be used during the year to help children when they arrive and need something to bring them some joy and help them through a traumatic experience.

Even through the COVID crisis, the toy drive was a huge success. The lodge gathered and distributed 844 toys with a value of over \$5,500. Brandon Lodge is thankful to be part of this annual event and send a BIG thank you to Dan and Casey Masi for the above and beyond work they have done in orchestrating this partnership with Walgreens, heading it each year and overseeing the project. It's a huge endeavor that they do as a labor of love. And what a fantastic way for Elkdome to be active and visible in our local communities. The Brandon Lodge is grateful to be included and look forward to an even bigger toy drive next year and years to come!



**Brandon Elks Lodge #2383
Annual PER Dinner
Friday
January 29th
6:30 – 8:00 pm**


**With Music
&
Dancing
Held in the
Big Hall**

**DINNER INCLUDES
ALL THE TRIMMINGS
And Dessert!**

**\$10 Pork Roast with
Apple Cranberry Stuffing
Mixed Veggies
Salad
Dessert**

*Prepared by
Chef Rick Weigand*

Pre-sale required

Tickets can be purchased:

- **See any Past Exalted Ruler**
- **Tickets at the Bar**
- **Tickets in the Office**



Brandon Lodge #2383 Supports Law Enforcement!



Monday, December 14th, the Brandon Lodge and its members showed support and appreciation to their local Law Enforcement Officers. The lodge donated 136 individual gift cards from various restaurants and stores with a total value of \$1,925. These gift cards were donated by our lodge members and was presented to the local Sheriff's Department for their use amongst their Officers and their community. Gift cards are also being presented to the two Law Enforcement Officers that are current members of the Brandon Lodge. This was a small token from the Brandon Lodge and its members to show appreciation to our Law Enforcement for their sacrifices and for willingly putting their lives in harms way to protect us and our communities.

A brief ceremony was held at the lodge Monday morning and was well attended by our lodge members. The gift cards, along with an individual thank you letter for each Officer, was presented to Sergeant Dawn Reisinger by Exalted Ruler Mark Vargo and PER Mary Lou Scribner (who chaired this event).

Sergeant Reisinger addressed the members and said she was moved by the outpour of support and thanked the members on behalf of her Officers for their thoughtfulness and support, especially through a year that has been most challenging for them. She stated that this generosity and support meant a lot to her and to her Officers.

The thank you letter to each Officer also contained an invitation to the Officer and their family to stop by the Brandon Lodge one Friday evening and enjoy a meal at the Lodges expense; a great opportunity for members to personally say thank you and hopefully an opportunity for the Officers to see first-hand what The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is all about. So if some Friday you see a new face.....walk over and introduce yourself. It just might be one of our Law Enforcement Officers taking us up on this offer!

Brandon Elks Lodge #2383

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