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MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Due to the Corona Virus still being very active in Florida and the United States, The Brandon Lodge 2383 Governing board has decided to stay closed until further notice.



Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler

HELLO BRANDON ELKS MEMBERS! Even though the Lodge is temporarily closed due to this pandemic, we look at the brighter side of this situation. It has given us some "quiet time" to do a lot of things in the lounge and kitchen. A small team of Brandon Elks members have been refurbishing parts of the lounge and kitchen. From refinishing and refurbishing the bar to repainting some of the kitchen area and the walk-in cooler. Thanks to Sharon Hammersla working her magic, we have also been awarded the Gratitude Grant for \$2000. Grand Lodge suggested we use it in our community to assist other organizations that have been helping families cope with food shortages during this pandemic. We were happy to split the Grant to the Nativity Food Pantry and ECHO. Your Board of Directors were able to meet, via Zoom, and it was exciting to see familiar faces again. Christine Vogel was elected Chairperson of your BOD. Please give Christine a shout and congratulate her. Our Lodge also won the State President's Award for \$500 and will go towards our Hooked on Fishing program headed up by Donald Cornett. Our Boy Scouts Clay Shoot fundraiser, during the first of March, was again a great success bringing in over \$6000. Thank you Jim Randall, the Brandon Boys and some of our members for arranging and working the fundraiser. At this time, until given the go ahead from our local, State or Federal authorities, our Lodge will remain closed until further notice. We will let everyone know when the Lodge is open for business. I will again remind everyone, if you need assistance during this time going to the doctor or getting groceries, please call the office or one of our Officer's. Please be Safe. Take care and be safe.

Fraternally, Mark Vargo
Exalted Ruler



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR April

Even though the Lodge is temporarily closed, we still have Brandon Elks members tirelessly working to improve our Lodge and building. This month's Elk of the Month has been working his tail off at the Lodge during this shutdown. Sanding, painting, stripping wood, he and his helpers have been working on improvements in our lounge and kitchen. I have never seen a more dedicated Elk and member of the Brandon Elks Lodge than **Rick Weigand**. Congratulations Rick, we appreciate everything you do.

Brandon Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 Elk Year



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Update from Bags of Brotherly Love

The Bags of Brotherly Love was not able to do a roving outreach for the month of April with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office due to the coronavirus. However, we were able to donate extra hygiene and food products to the homeless on April 3rd by way of Catholic Charities in Tampa. This organization set up a 100 tent city in downtown Tampa for the homeless and were in need of hygiene and food donations. Bags of Brotherly Love was able to provide them with these products as the tent city is set up with showers and food serviced to the homeless daily. We continue to thank all of our members and donators for all they have done for the homeless through Bags of Brotherly Love. We are working on ideas for the May roving outreach since again, we will not be able to service the homeless on a one by one basis. If you would like to be involved with this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Bob Blair at 813-758-8894. We look forward to continuing our mission for the homeless when it is safely possible to do so. Bringing dignity back to the lives of those less fortunate. In this time of stress and strife, please stay clear of those around you and be aware of the six foot rule. Be safe as we all want to see each other again at the lodge soon. Our best wishes, the Blairs.

BRANDON LODGE #2383
 PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021 LODGE YEAR

	ITEM	2020-2021 BUDGET	TOTALS
A.	LODGE INCOME	\$128,800.00	
	LODGE OPERATING EXPENSES (includes Activity Expenses)	(\$127,485.00)	
	LODGE PROFIT/LOSS		\$1,315.00
B.	LOUNGE INCOME	\$100,100.00	
	Less Cost of Sales	(\$38,112.00)	
	LOUNGE GROSS PROFIT	\$61,988.00	
	LOUNGE EXPENSES	(\$44,135.00)	
	LOUNGE PROFIT/LOSS		\$17,853.00
C.	FOOD INCOME	\$44,800.00	
	Less Food Purchases	(\$24,840.00)	
	GROSS FOOD PROFIT/LOSS	\$19,960.00	
	KITCHEN EXPENSES	\$19,875.00	
	TOTAL FOOD PROFIT/LOSS		\$85.00
D.	RV PARK INCOME	\$77,200.00	
	RV PARK EXPENSES	(\$12,275.00)	
	GROSS RV PARK PROFIT/LOSS		\$64,925.00
E.	CHARITY/RESTRICTED INCOME (includes Bingo)	\$111,910.00	
	CHARITY/RESTRICTED EXPENSES (includes Bingo)	(\$108,050.00)	
	GROSS PROFIT/LOSS CHARITY/RESTRICTED FUNDS		\$3,860.00
TOTALS	SUB-TOTAL GROSS PROFIT/LOSS		\$88,038.00
	(Less Mortgage Principle)		(\$16,000.00)
	2020-2021 GROSS PROFIT/LOSS FOR BRANDON ELKS #2383		\$72,038.00

The above budget needs to be approved by the Lodge Members. And
 Since the Lodge is not open, please Email the Exalted Ruler
 @ mcvargo@msn.com,
 with either yea or nay.
 Thanks. Mark



BLOE BITS

Next Meeting is May 2nd at 7:00 PM
Hoping to See You There!

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

Hello ladies.

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. This social distancing is difficult for folks as social as we are.

It surely has been difficult not going to the lodge and visiting with our friends.

The only thing to report from April is that the carpets have been cleaned while everyone has been away. Also, Rick Weigand, Don Harrison and Ed Ciesla have been doing some work around the lodge. We will have a lot to look forward to when we return.

Not yet sure if we will have a May meeting but whenever we do have our next meeting we will have officer installation and we will also reveal our secret pals. Be sure to bring your secret pal reveal gift. Also be sure to bring your dues if you have not already paid.

Looking forward to seeing everyone when this is finally over.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." CJ Lewis

See you at the lodge!

Terri

Brandon Ladies of Elks

We have not chosen a April Lady of Distinction due to the Carona Virus Pandemic and the lack of Lodge activities during the month of April.



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God Bless our Veterans.

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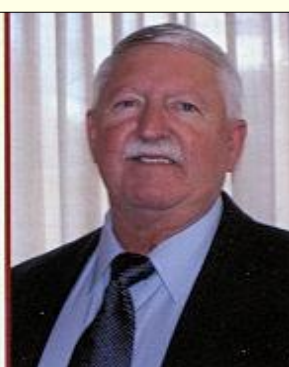
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