

# TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

**BPO ELKS** A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

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Members All...

Well, we finally made it. The 11th Hour Club has been open now for a little while and soon we will start doing food again. It's been a trying year with everything that is being thrown at us, but we have a pretty awesome group here. Our lodge meetings are again being held in person, so feel free to attend on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. Remember, no first meeting for July or August.

Lodge officers held our Flag Day ceremony on the Sunday, June 14th, at Tawas City Veterans Park. Weather was great and we did have a fairly good attendance with the short notice that it was going to be able to happen. Thank you to the young ladies from Hale NHS for being our color

guard. Thank you, Mike Bowman, for making that arrangement happen.

Our scholarship winners, unfortunately, were not presented their scholarships at the ceremony as normal in order to keep attendance in line with social distancing guidelines. Thank you, Brad Saegesser, and scholarship crew for all your time judging and making the difficult decisions. Winners had their information mailed to them.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July. Come in and support the lodge. We are open again and look forward to seeing everyone

Respectfully,  
Raymond Bruning II, ER

# Thank You!

Melissa (twice). Even if they didn't get all their volunteer times in due to the lodge closure, their commitment to our Sunday bartending counts!

Thanks also to all who brought soup, treats and snacks to our Super Football Party. It was a great time and this just goes to show how long it's been since we've had a chance to thank our great members.

Another note of appreciation to Rob Hohman for replacing our American flag.

And last, but certainly not least, a big thank you Jim Nelkie and Matt Haglund for keeping the grass mowed at the lodge. You've certainly kept the lodge looking nice and neat!

The lodge has many overdue messages of appreciation to send out that got waylaid by the current situation. Hopefully, this is the return to a normal bulletin, even though things are not totally back to normal.

Our first thank you goes out to the Sunday volunteer bartenders that got us through the winter. They are as follows: Eric (Pud) (once), Ron (12 days), Neil and Katie (once), Tammy (twice), Rob (five days), Patty and Dave (once), Tom (once) and

**To all our wonderful members and their families,  
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**

# Happy Birthday

When you see any of our July babies, be sure to give them a pat on the back or a great big hug.

They are as follows: **2** - Alan Dalton, Kenneth Hudson, Alvin Keeler, Andy Ryan; **5** - Jerry Youngs; **6** - Jake Bowman, Ariana Conklin, Douglas Koin; **7** - Craig Roberts, Michael Russo; **8** - Jerry Hunt, Tyler Stevelinck; **9** - Katy Matson; **10** - James Gracik, Matthew Krumbach; **12** - Michael Belanger, Steven Casey, John Morris, Gary Rondeau; **13** - Stephen Whitford; **14** - Gary Conklin; **15** - James Fohey; **16** - Bernard Walther; **18** - Thomas Wagamon; **19** - Robert Golka; **20** - David Bird, William Kellan; **23** - John Honey; **26** - Rodney Collier, Alexander Peterson; **27** - Gary Fogelsonger; **28** - James Gray, David Revord; **29** - David Ellsworth, Thomas McCulla; **30** - Charles Klenow, Robert Patterson; **31** - David Judkins.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

by John M. Nelson

*Now I lay me down to sleep,  
And hope my dreams are thoughtful and deep.  
I pray that tonight I'm not awakened,  
By bombs exploding and the ground shakin'.*

*I hope that I get some peaceful rest  
And wish the next day will be blessed.  
All I want is to sleep through the night,  
So that tomorrow I'm ready for another fight.*

*I pray my dreams are of my family,  
As I make sacrifices to keep them free.  
May you watch over and keep them safe,  
As they wait for me and remain brave.*

*Dear Lord, please listen as I pray to you,  
And proudly defend the red, white and blue.  
I will always serve you and my country,  
And be the best person that I can be.*

*May it be a peaceful night without sound,  
With no shots or bullets flying around.  
As I lay and dream of back home again,  
I'll unfold my hands after I say Amen.*

## Please consider a monthly donation

Here are the simple online steps for setting up monthly donations to ENF from your bank account.

First, go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). Holding your cursor (that little white hand) over the "Elks National Foundation" found on the red bar toward the top of the page, select "Support ENF" from the drop-down menu. Click on the first box which reads "Online Donation" with the picture of a red heart. Then click on the box that says "Donate Online Now." The first paragraph after "Thank You for Your Support" starts with "Giving just got easier." Select "click here." In the second paragraph, select "Automatic Gift from Bank" (click here). From that point, just read the directions and follow the instructions. It's simple to select any amount you wish and it makes donating easy and painless. A small amount each month adds up to a major donation each year and helps the ENF in so many ways. Won't you participate with your fellow Elks across the nation? The ENF thanks you for your support.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW ADDRESS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

This "**CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE**" must be received at the Lodge office by the 15th of the month in order for mailings to reach you in the succeeding month. To be sure a requested change of address is effective and properly recorded. **USE THIS FORM.** Don't phone this information to the office.

## TAWAS AREA ELKS LODGE #2525 WITH MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION

**\$8,500 in scholarships awarded**

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 and the Michigan Elks Association recently awarded \$8,500 to seven area students as part of the 2020 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student and Tawas Elks Community College scholarship competitions.

Joel Bovee (Hale High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks; \$1,000 Michigan Elks Association)

Lauren Langley (Oscoda High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks)

Joseph Kimmerer (Hale High School, \$750 – Tawas Elks; \$1,000 Michigan Elks Association)

Sophie Rogers (Tawas Area High School, \$750 – Tawas Elks)

Ethan Haire (Tawas Area High School, \$1,000 Michigan Elks Association)

Brooke Pelton (Hale High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks)

Connor Ready (Hale High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks)

This was the sixth year for our Community College Scholarship program, which is open to any high school senior from our area high schools that will be attending one of our local community colleges: Kirtland Community College, Alpena Community College and Delta Community College.

We are hoping to continue the Community College Scholarship again in 2021. We have established a new Community College Scholarship fund and are accepting donations to help pay this scholarship going forward. If we raise enough money, we can increase the scholarship award amount and/or give out more than scholarships. If you would like more information about donating to the Community College Scholarship fund, please contact Brad Saegesser, Lodge Scholarship Chairperson, at 820-7171.

***Records set and records smashed!***

Last year was one for the books, to say the least.

We experienced new highs together, and a new and unexpected low as the COVID-19 pandemic changed our lives. But, while our normal shifted, the generosity of the Elks did not.

Despite everything, the Elks helped break — no, shatter — records.

This year, the Elks helped raise an incredible \$6,697,176.55 for the Elks National Foundation, setting an all-time high.

The previous record was set in Fiscal Year 2019, when we reached \$6,597,765.11 in donations. During a pandemic, Elks cleared that record by nearly \$100,000.

And that wasn't the only record set. For the first time since we started keeping track in FY1993, all 48 state associations achieved the per-member-giving goal.

The 2019-20 per-member-giving goal was \$4.75; the Elks blew that out of the water. ENF donors gave \$8.68 per member—another record set.

Thank you so much for choosing to support us right now! Your decision means the world to us, and we don't take it for granted.

*A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf).*

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### OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler - Raymond Bruning II

Esteemed Leading Knight - Ami Edmonds

Esteemed Loyal Knight - Jennifer Bruning

Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Eric Perrot

Secretary - George T. Sermon, PSP

Treasurer - Jane Hackborn

Tiler - OPEN

Esquire - OPEN

Chaplain - Christopher Jagelewski

Inner Guard - Michael H.D. Bowman, DDGER

Board of Directors:

Ami Edmonds

Michael Stonehouse

Dustin Chatt

Matthew Haglund

Shelley Sermon

Ronald Quinkert

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>KITCHEN OPEN</b> Tuesday-Sunday - 5:00-7:30 P.M.			1 - JULY	2 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> Hamburger \$3 <sup>75</sup> Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>00</sup>	3	4 <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!</b> LODGE CLOSED
5	6 <b>Closed</b>	7	8	9 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> Hamburger \$3 <sup>75</sup> Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>00</sup>	10	11
12	13 <b>Closed</b>	14	15	16 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> Hamburger \$3 <sup>75</sup> Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>00</sup>	17	18
19	20 <b>Closed</b>	21 Trustee Meeting 6 p.m. Regular Meeting 7 p.m.	22	23 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> Hamburger \$3 <sup>75</sup> Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>00</sup>	24	25
26	27 <b>Closed</b>	28	29	30 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> Hamburger \$3 <sup>75</sup> Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>00</sup>	31	<b>OPEN DAILY</b> <b>3-8 P.M.</b> <i>CLOSED MONDAYS</i>
<b>~ DAILY MENU SELECTIONS ~</b>						
Hamburger \$4 <sup>50</sup> • Cheeseburger \$4 <sup>75</sup> • French Fries \$2 <sup>50</sup> • Onion Rings \$4 • Onion Straws \$3 <sup>50</sup> • French Fries/Onion Straw Mix \$3 <sup>50</sup> Breaded Mushrooms \$4 • Sweet Potato Fries \$3 <sup>75</sup> • Deep Fried Green Beans \$3 <sup>75</sup> • Shrimp Basket \$6 <sup>50</sup> • Chicken Strips \$6 Wings 85¢ • Wing Basket \$7 • Cheesesticks \$4 • Loaded Nachos \$6 (Not on Thursdays)						