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Members All...

Not sure what other surprises 2020 has in store for us, but wow! What a first half. Corona, murder, hornets, fires, floods and now riots. I hope everyone is staying safe.

Things are starting to loosen up with this virus stuff and, hopefully soon, we will be able to get together in fellowship. Please be patient with the process and know that the staff here at the lodge, as well as the officers and trustees, have the safety of you and everyone else in mind. As we start to open, things will have to be different as required by the state.

Officers were able to represent the lodge at the Memorial Day ceremony held at East Tawas Cemetery. The American Legion Post held a wonderful ceremony and excellent tribute to our fallen men and women of the armed services.

We will be holding our Flag Day celebration ceremony Sunday, June 14th, at noon in Veterans Memorial Park, Tawas City. It is unfortunate, but for the safety of the kids and their families, we have decided that the scholarships will be mailed to the recipients in place of them attending our ceremony. Thank you to Brad and his committee for their time judging the applications and making the hard decisions.

I close with saying please be respectful of others. We are Elks, not only here in our lodge but in the public as well. Set an example for others; this will encourage our membership numbers to grow. We are here to help our community, not just sit at our bar and complain of the worlds many problems. Lend a hand when and where you can. With everything going on in this community, state and nation, "Brotherly Love" has never been more important.

Respectfully,
Raymond Bruning II, ER



occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues today. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

Tawas Elks Lodge will observe Flag Day on Sunday, June 14, at noon in Veterans Memorial Park, Tawas City. Elks Scholarship awards to winning students are being mailed individually. These students worked very hard on their applications and winners will be announced in the July bulletin to recognize their achievements. We are awarding \$5,500 in scholarships and three students will also receive \$1,000 each from Michigan Elks Association. I hope some of you were able to witness the graduation parade from the East Tawas Post Office to the Tawas City Fire Hall Sunday, May 31.

Brad Saegesser, Scholarship Chairperson
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