

TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

BPO ELKS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

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Members All...

Things are reopened...again! The lodge and the 11th Hour Club are back at it. The trustees and officers have been working hard to ensure the safety and concerns of our members and staff, while trying to follow the governor's request along with the rules set out by the Michigan Elk Association. We are still restricted to the number of members inside at one time, but there is still plenty of seating. We are serving drinks and food, so come down and support your lodge when you can. Burger nights are back in full swing; feel free to eat inside, on the patio or order take-out.

Fall convention has been cancelled for those who had plans on attending. Here's hoping things are a go by next spring.

The 11th Hour Club is looking for bartenders. If anyone knows anyone that might be interested, contact Marcia or Dustin.

I want to say congratulations to the students of the class of 2020. It's been a tough year for everyone and these young adults have gotten no slack from the effects of this virus...from having to miss events that most look forward to the majority of their childhood to not getting the chance to say goodbye to some of your friends. You've been scattered and forced to start life in the middle of one of the most trying times this country has seen in a long time. Things will get better. You all will be great!

Respectfully,
Raymond Bruning II, ER

Happy Birthday

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

They are

as follows: **1** - Jefferson Davis, Andy Hagan, Eli Ruja, Brett Stern, Robert VanDewalle; **2** - Earl O'Loughlin; **3** - Ronald Balfour; **4** - Donald Hayes; **7** - Gary Blaser, Todd Huebel; **8** - Peter Hupcik, Ronald Kraft, William Milletics, Donald Seymour; **12** - Wayne Fairfield, Gary Rucinski; **13** - Daniel DiFilippo; **14** - Kurt Sias; **15** - Patricia O'Donoghue; **16** - Martin Minx, Jerry Pernie; **17** - Michael Adamczak, Thomas Brown; **18** - Brian Kagen; **20** - Edward Beckley, Gordon Fagan; **22** - Ryan Houser; **24** - Neil Mochty, Kurt Wesley; **26** - Fred Jennett, James McArdle, Gerald Reckman; **28** - Matthew Bolen, Donald Rose; **29** - John Benson.

Annual Campership Golf Outing Sunday, Sept. 20

This year's Elk Campership Golf Outing will be held at Singing Bridge Golf Course on Sunday, September 20. This is a four-person scramble and both men and women are welcome to play. The outing cost is \$70 per person for 18 holes with cart, hot dog lunch at the turn, beer, pop, door prizes and a great time. Following the outing, picnic dinner is served at the golf course.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m., with coffee and donuts and warm-up on the driving range until 9:45. Shotgun start is at 10 o'clock with prizes for closest to the pin.

If you are interested, please contact Gary Conklin, chairman, at 989-254-2624 to sign up! There are also registration forms at the golf course and the lodge. If space allows, the registration form will also be printed in the September bulletin.

Come on out for a great time and help raise some money for our Elk charitable funds. This annual event always promises a really great time.

We thank everyone for their diligence in wearing their masks in and around the Lodge during the past few weeks.

We urge you to continue, as wearing a mask protects not only you from catching the disease but from you spreading the disease as well. You may not know you are carrying it and pass it to your friend, your neighbor or to the people in your community through your cough, sneeze and even speech. It is a courtesy, an act of kindness! If we do our part now, we can hope for this to be short lived! Thank you and see you at the Lodge!

MEMBERS ALL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Proposal for Amendment to Bylaws for
Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 B.P.O.E.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

From: **Section 1.** The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July, August and November, in which the Lodge shall meet on the third Tuesday.

To: **Section 1.** The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Monday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August which the Lodge shall meet on the 3rd Monday. In November, the Lodge shall meet on the first Monday.

ARTICLE IV-A: EXEMPLIFICATION OF RITUALS

From: **Section 1.** The Officers of this Lodge are authorized to use alternative forms of the Opening, Closing and Initiatory Rituals as approved by the Grand Lodge. At any time, the Lodge may utilize the original Rituals. The Presiding Officer of the meeting and/or Initiation Ritual shall determine which form (original or shortened) will be used during that meeting. This Lodge adopts the above provision: Yes, lodge allows shortened ritual.

To: **Eliminate this section.**

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXALTED RULER

From: **Section 2.** The Exalted Ruler shall be the Executive Officer of the Lodge. and shall, in an unincorporated Lodge, be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Trustees. Except as otherwise provided by Statute, it shall be the duty of the Exalted Ruler to preside at all meetings of the Lodge,...

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ARTICLE IX: CLUB OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

From: **Section 1.** The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by: The Trustees of the Lodge.

To: **Section 1.** The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by: The House Committee of the Lodge.

HOUSE RULES

From: 1. The Club will be operated by the Club Manager under the direction of the Board of Trustees, acting as the House Committee.

3. No member of the Lodge will be permitted under any circumstances to give orders or be abusive to any employee of the Club operation, regardless of position in the Lodge. Any complaints will be directed to the Board of Trustees for appropriate action, which shall be handled by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees through the Club Manager.

5. No equipment will be loaned, rented or removed from the premises without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Any member removing or disfiguring 11th Hour Club or Elks Lodge property will be subject to disciplinary action.

13. Request for use of the Club room, or any part thereof, must be approved by the Club Manager, as directed by the Board of Trustees.

14. No pictures, bulletins, advertisements or other items will be posted anywhere in the Lodge building without permission of the Board of Trustees.

15. All employees of the Club are responsible to the Club Manager who in turn is responsible to the Board of Trustees.

16. The responsibility for compliance with these Rules belongs to each member. Those who do not comply are subject to revocation of Club privileges for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year, as determined by the Board of Trustees, and subject to the terms of Grand Lodge Statute 16.041.

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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.

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ARTICLE X: FEES & DUES

From: **Section 1.** The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$35.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.

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The lodge has not adopted a \$1 reduced initiation fee.

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ARTICLE X: FEES & DUES

From: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$75.00 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

To: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$75.50 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

ARTICLE X: FEES & DUES

From: (c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay \$25.00 towards Lodge administration expense.

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From: (d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of \$10.00 in advance.

Section 3. The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$25.00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$30.00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$30.00 dollars. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be \$35.00 dollars. The application for an unaffiliated Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge or a Certificate of Release from another Lodge, who has been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge preceding his application for membership herein, and the application of one holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge or who applies for membership on a Transfer

Dimit, will be received and acted upon by this Lodge in the same manner as original applications for membership. An applicant seeking affiliation by Absolute Dimit or Certificate of Release shall pay to this Lodge the fee above specified and a proportionate share of the current dues of this Lodge prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member. An applicant seeking affiliation by Transfer Dimit shall pay to this Lodge the affiliation fee above specified and dues for the period commencing with the period after which he has paid dues to the Lodge which granted the Transfer Dimit.

To: (d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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From: CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the amended and substituted By-Laws of Tawas Area, MI Lodge, No. 2525, submitted online and approved by the designated member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, were proposed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, in writing, held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, read before the Lodge, and laid over until the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, and at that regular meeting said amended and substituted By-Laws were adopted by a majority vote of all the members present.

Notice, in writing, setting forth the changes in the proposed revision, was sent by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least ten days before the regular meeting at which said revision was voted upon.

Laurel Hadley, Exalted Ruler

George T. Sermon Jr., Secretary

To: CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the amended and substituted By-Laws of Tawas Area, MI Lodge, No. 2525, submitted online and approved by the designated member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, were proposed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, in writing, held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, read before the Lodge, and laid over until the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, and at that regular meeting said amended and substituted By-Laws were adopted by a majority vote of all the members present.

Notice, in writing, setting forth the changes in the proposed revision, was sent by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least ten days before the regular meeting at which said revision was voted upon.

Raymond Bruning II, Exalted Ruler

George T. Sermon Jr., Secretary



Sometimes you just have to turn the page to realize there's more to your "Book of Life" than the page you're stuck on. Don't be afraid to move on. Close this chapter of hurt and never re-read it. It's time to get what your life deserves and move from things that don't deserve you. Stop trying to be what's been broken and let your future create something better.

Fred Duncan, chaplain

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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:
 Raymond Bruning II Michael Stonehouse
 Dustin Chatt Matthew Haglund
 Shelley Sermon Ronald Quinkert

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