

TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

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Members All...

Summer is officially over and cool weather came on fast. Bring on the hoodies around the campfire and high school football!

At the time of this writing, I'm not sure how the last grant project, led by Brad Saegesser, played out. He and his group of volunteers were working at the Iosco Medical Care Facility to improve the garden area for residents and giving them a safer, more enjoyable outside place. Thank you again, Brad and crew (George and Shelley Sermon, Mike Stonehouse, Dave Revord and I'm sure others that I apologize for not knowing) for everything you do to make Tawas Area Lodge #2525 look great in the eyes of the public and improve our community. Anyone who has an interest in making a difference in our communities, please talk with Brad or an officer. Some projects are as simple as helping once for a few hours.

Thank you to trustees Matt Haglund and Mike Stonehouse, along with members Tommy Lee and Jim Nelkie and future member Kelly O'Laughlin, for fixing our sign after it was damaged by the winds. Other wind damage included siding being popped off from the area that houses the AC units on the roof. Thank you to Chris Jagelewski for helping me with reattaching that.

Another shout out for Matt Haglund and Jim Nelkie, along with member Bill Grusecki, who have taken on the responsibilities of lawn maintenance this season in order to save our lodge expenses. Covid-19 has forced most of us to make some changes in lifestyle and our lodge has, unfortunately, not been spared. Thank you, gentlemen, for stepping up and doing your part to assist

in maintaining a budget with which we can operate.

Thursday, October 1st, we will have a special burger night to honor our local youth that won at the state level for the Americanism Contest. Tawas Lodge had two winners this year: First place coloring contest and second place essay! Awesome job by these young kids. Stop in and congratulate them at our burger night and show them Elks care. The kids will get a free burger, fries and a drink from our lodge, along with plaques from the Michigan Elks State Association.

In closing, I want to say I apologize if I missed putting your name in this article for something you have done recently. It takes our members' participation to function as a charitable organization and I want to say thank you to everyone who takes an active role in supporting our efforts to do the things we do. Whether through assisting the grant programs led by Brad Saegesser, helping with the Veterans dinner led by Patti Spriggs, Cyndy Smith creating our bulletin or things mentioned above, like taking care of our building and grounds or even working one burger night a year, our members are what make this lodge one of the greatest in the state. We are more than a local watering hole. Please - if you haven't had the opportunity to do something at or for your lodge recently, the time is now for you to step up. The things we do are rewarding. Come in and support YOUR lodge. Come in and enjoy a burger on burger night. Get a crew of friends and work one if you can. If **every** member did **one thing** a year, think of the possibilities. You will have a great time trust me!

In Elkdom,
Raymond Bruning II, ER

Please consider a monthly donation

During the current pandemic crisis, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) needs your help more than ever.

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

First, go to 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.

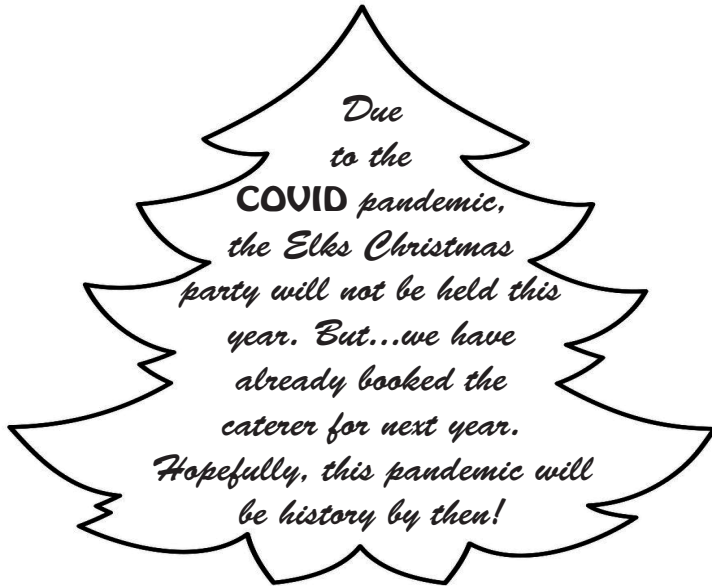
NEW APPLICANTS

The following persons have been proposed for membership into Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525.

Gary T. Gorski, National City
Proposer: **Dave Conn**

Robin M. Larrair, Oscoda
Proposer: **Robert Harrison of Pontiac-Waterford Lodge #810**

Voting will take place at the regular membership meeting Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.



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

They are as follows: **2** - Paul Chonich, Christopher Martin, Jerry Puckett; **3** - Chad Katterman; **4** - Stephen Klenow; **6** - Eric Schreiber; **7** - Kenneth Giallombardo; **8** - Paul Westcott, Dale Wheatley; **9** - John Carroll; **10** - Scot Morefield; **11** - Steven Masich, Edward Wisnewski; **12** - Timothy Kehoe; **14** - Gerald Beauchamp; **16** - Herbert Sias, Cyndy Smith; **17** - Keith Carman, William Hohenstein; **18** - William Groff; **20** - Jeremy Coiner, Francis Mathy; **21** - John Hamilton; **24** - Donald Stanfill; **27** - Dennis Shufelt, Michael Stonehouse; **28** - Tim Sanzenbacher; **29** - Karen Nietling, Joseph Pike; **30** - Marc Daniels, Jay Quarters; **31** - Greg Hackborn, John Klinger.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Bow Hunter's Prayer

O Lord, I am a hunter and life I seek to take; but let me not attempt the shot beyond my skill to make. For, Lord, they are your creatures, given for our use, but each one falls within your sight. They're not for our abuse. And when I loose my arrow, please guide it swift and true, or let it miss completely, Lord, that pain be not undue. A clean kill or no kill, Lord, such is my heart's desire. Give me the skill to make it so or let me hold my fire. And when my time upon this earth, the days they are fulfilled, grant that I may die at least as clean as those I killed.

Chaplain Fred Duncan

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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.



SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS

Did you know that the Elks National Foundation is second only to the U.S. government in the amount of scholarship dollars that it awards to college students? In 2021, the Elks National Foundation will award over \$3.4 million in scholarships to 750 high school seniors through its two primary scholarship programs, the Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards. And, if you consider that these two programs are four-year awards, during 2021, the ENF will not only award \$3.4 million to the 750 new 2021 winners, but will also continue to award scholarships to the 2,250 winners from the prior three years. Do the math! Every year, the Elks are impacting the lives of 3,000 students to the tune of \$13.6 million. And that amount doesn't include the State Association and Lodge scholarship awards, or the ENF Emergency Educational Grants, or the Michigan Elks Association Gold Key Scholarships. Your donations to the Elks National Foundation support these fantastic programs! These students are the future of our country. Let's support them with not only our donations, but by getting the word out in our community about our scholarships. A student can't win without completing a scholarship application.

Please contact Brad Saegesser, Scholarship Chairperson, at 989-820-7171, if you have any questions.

Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest: All high school seniors that are U.S. citizens are eligible for this scholarship. Awards will be given at the lodge, state and national levels. The top award at the national level is a \$50,000 scholarship (\$12,500 per year for four years). The Michigan Elks Association will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to 60 students in Michigan. The Tawas Area Elks Lodge will be also be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to the top boy and top girl in our local judging.

Applications for the 2021 ENF MVS contest are only available on the Elks website at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm> this year. Students fill out and submit their applications on-line. Completed applications must be submitted by November 15, 2020. If you are interested in joining the Tawas Elks Lodge Scholarship Judging Committee, please let me know.

ENF Legacy Awards: All high school seniors that are the child or grandchild of an active Elk member are eligible. 250 Legacy Awards of four-year \$4,000 scholarships will be awarded nationwide with five allocated to Michigan for 2021. The Legacy Award application can only be completed online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm. Applications must be completed by February 5, 2021.

Emergency Education Grants: In 1944, the Elks National Foundation established a program to help the children of Elks members who lost their life or became incapacitated as a result of serving in the armed forces

during World War II. Since that time, the Emergency Educational Grant program has been expanded to include all children from families where an Elk member is deceased or totally disabled. The EEG program provides college financial assistance to these children who wish to obtain or further their college education. Applications are available between May 1 and October 31 of the academic year for which assistance is desired. Information is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eefgrants.cfm. Applications must be completed by November 2, 2020.

Gold Key Scholarships: The Michigan Elks Association is offering \$2,000 scholarships for special-needs students who want to pursue higher education. This scholarship is intended to aid qualifying applicants, who could not otherwise continue their education or training past high school, and is available for study at an accredited college, university, licensed trade or vocational school. Gold Key Scholarships can be renewed for three additional years after the original award. Paper applications are no longer being provided. Gold Key Scholarship applications can only be completed online at www.mielksgoldkey.org. Applications must be completed by December 1, 2020.

Tawas Area Elks #2525 Community College Scholarship: Scholarships will be awarded to local area high school seniors who will be attending one of our local community colleges, Kirtland Community College, Alpena Community College and Delta Community College. The number and amount of scholarships for 2021 has not yet been determined, but in 2020, we awarded two \$1,000 scholarships. If you are interested in supporting this scholarship with a monetary donation, please contact Brad Saegesser. Applications for this scholarship will be available for download from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge website in February 2021.



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has joined forces with **Donate Life America** to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue. We, as Elks members, can help close the gap by promoting this important program. Elks give from the heart, so inspire others. Read stories of hope at www.donatelife.net. We all have the power to donate life. Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor today.

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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
OPEN DAILY 3-8 P.M. CLOSED MONDAYS		KITCHEN OPEN Tuesday-Sunday 5:00-7:30 P.M.		1 - OCTOBER BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ SHANNON/LISA	2 STEPHANIE	3 LISA
4 STEPHANIE	5 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	6 LISA	7 TAMMY	8 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ SHANNON/STEPHANIE	9 KAREN	10 KAREN
11 KAREN	12 Closed	13 STEPHANIE	14 SHANNON	15 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ TAMMY/KAREN	16 LISA	17 KAREN
18 LISA	19 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	20 SHANNON	21 LISA	22 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ MARCIA/LISA	23 STEPHANIE	24 STEPHANIE
25 TAMMY	26 Closed	27 SHANNON	28 TAMMY	29 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ SHANNON/STEPHANIE	30 LISA	31 TAMMY
~ 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)						