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Members All...

Good riddance 2020! I hope this month's bulletin finds you in good health, and I pray the new year brings us all some much-needed relief. With vaccines hopefully available to the public by mid-month, fingers are crossed that life soon returns to the "real" normal.

Huge shout out to Ami Edmonds and Ron Quinkert, along with their awesome burger crews, for the amazing job they did with the Santa Burgers. Our area children were able to visit Santa and give him letters, thanks to what these great people did, plus the bonus that our lodge had huge revenue from the two-night event as well. It was exactly what the kids and the lodge needed. In addition to all that, a collection was also taken for our local homeless shelter. Coats, hats and many needed items were donated on our behalf. Thank you to all that were able to support this event, whether you were able to work, you ordered a meal or dropped off a donation.

With the additional shutdowns and uncertainty of what lies ahead, the lodge officers have decided it best and safest for our membership to hold all meetings

virtually until the end of March. Meetings will be on the same date and time as normally scheduled, first and third Mondays of each month, with the trustees meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. and lodge meeting following at 7 o'clock. Any member wishing to attend should request a link from Mike Bowman via email at mhdbowman34@gmail.com. Request for link should be made 48 hours in advance to ensure he has time to get you the required information to attend.

While the lodge is shut down, in an effort to save on spending, the snow removal service has been temporarily suspended. Any members that may have plow equipment and are willing to assist with keeping our parking lots cleared, please contact George Sermon. We are hoping to be able to compile a short list of willing members.

Stay safe, wash your hands, cover your cough... you've all heard it enough. Happy New Year everyone.

In Brotherhood
Raymond Bruning II

Christmas cheer lives on with Elks!



Tawas Elks send a heartfelt "Thank You" to this awesome community in which we live. On Thursday, December 17th, and Wednesday, December 23rd, we had three volunteer Santas who brought joy and happiness to our community. When Santa was needed, we had multiple people who stepped up and said they would help. They have missed seeing these kids as much as the kids have missed seeing them this year. **THANK YOU!** We could not have done this without you. You all have huge hearts and are so giving. With everything this year has brought, it was so nice to share the best gift of all this season, joy! To all of you who allowed us to cook dinner for you and deliver to your families, thank you. Thanks for sharing your kids with us and allowing us to bring some smiles to those faces. And of course, many thanks to our Elk volunteers. It was a couple of crazy, busy nights and sacrificing your time and energy, especially this time of year, was greatly appreciated.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: All meetings will be virtual for the first three months this year. Meeting dates are January 4th and 18th, February 1st and 15th, March 1st and 15th, with trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. and regular meeting following at 7 o'clock. If you would like to attend, please notify Mike Bowman at mhdbowman34@gmail.com 48 hours in advance.