

TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

BPO ELKS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

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Members All...

Thank you! Thank you! To say this has been a difficult year is an understatement. However, thanks to your support, dedication and pride, the Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 has shown its resilience and is very much alive, well and looking forward to the future.

For this, we extend our many thanks and congratulations to all for supporting our Lodge whenever and however permitted by state guidelines: to our waitress staff for performing the extra duties required to open our Lodge safely and serve our members; to our members for acting safely, attending meetings and activities, making purchases, selling raffle tickets, playing pull-tabs; to our other volunteers who stepped up as allowed by the guidelines to conduct our charitable outreach to the community and provide dinners and other activities for our members; to our officers who continued the performance of their official duties, managing the Lodge and supporting the mission and goals of Elkdom, even as in-person meetings were not allowed.

Most importantly, we thank you, and every other

member reading this letter, who paid their dues, shared concern for the safety and well-being of their fellow members and exercised whatever opportunities were available to them to enjoy the benefits of our Lodge and share the principles of our Order. Without you, each and every one of you, our great Lodge could not have performed so well during the pandemic.

The challenges are not over, but we are optimistic about the coming year. Within the foreseeable future, we will be able to return to "business as usual," share more time together, tell a few jokes, catch up on lost days, provide support and comfort to those who have suffered great losses this past year and continue our charitable work. That is what we do; this is who we are - the "Best People on Earth".

On behalf of all the officers of Tawas Area Lodge #2525, we thank you for being there for your Lodge and look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, take care and stay safe.

Fraternally Yours,
Raymond Bruning II, Exalted Ruler

Elks donate to *Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco Counties*

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 donated \$2,000 to Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco Counties to support their efforts to promote early childhood literacy. The donation was funded through a grant from the Elks National Foundation. Early reading experience has proven to help children to be successful in school and later in life. Your Child Reads provides monthly age-appropriate books to children from birth to 60 months of age in Alcona and Iosco counties through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There are currently 647 children receiving books in Alcona and Iosco counties and 211 children have graduated from the program since it was started in 2017. The cost to maintain the current enrollment in Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco Counties is over \$1,300 a month. To learn more, visit the "Your Child Reads - Alcona and Iosco" Facebook page. To make a donation, visit <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> and select the "I would like to designate this donation to a specific Imagination Library affiliate" box and choose Affiliate Code of "MI - MIOSCOALCONA - Iosco and Alcona Counties". You can also send a donation by check made payable to Iosco RESA (the fiduciary for Your Child Reads) and include Imagination Library in the memo line. Please mail your check to Iosco RESA, 27 North Rempert Road, Tawas City, MI 48763.



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Happy Birthday

When you see any of our February babies, be sure to give them a pat on the back or a great big "virtual" hug. They are as follows: **2** - Robert Sieloff; **4** - Denise Jones, Reho Krause; **5** - Rick Mousseau; **7** - Richard Doak, William Grusecki; **8** - Thomas Arnold; **12** - Alton Hill, Gordon Wilson; **14** - Wilbert Dyer; **17** - Timothy Haskin; **18** - Dennis Lorenz; **19** - Allan Miller, Stephen Whalen; **23** - Michael Ford; **25** - Marvin Poland, Paul Stevelinck; **27** - Karl Melow; **28** - Eric Anderson-Smith.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If, for some unforeseen reason, a member of the Tawas Area Elks Lodge wishes to no longer remain as a member of this lodge, you should contact the secretary to apply for an Absolute Dimit. It must be applied for before the last meeting of the lodge year (March 15, 2021). It shows that you were a member in good standing when you took the dimit. "A member who shall receive an Absolute Dimit shall become an unaffiliated member, but shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Lodge granting such dimit."

Members shall: a. Submit a written request for the Absolute Dimit; b. Attach membership card to written request.

Members All:

Please contact the lodge secretary with updated phone numbers and email addresses.

If you are planning to transfer to another Lodge, please do it as soon as possible. The closer we get to the end of the Lodge year (March 31), the more difficult it becomes.

NOTICE:

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

In accordance with Section 3.080 of Grand Lodge Statutes and Article VII, Section I, of the bylaws of Tawas Area Lodge #2525, nominations for the following officers will be held at our regular meeting on February 1, 2021:

Exalted Ruler • Esteemed Leading Knight
 Esteemed Loyal Knight • Esteemed Lecturing Knight
 Secretary • Treasurer • Trustee (5-year term)
 Alternate to Grand Lodge Meeting in July (PERs only)
 George T. Sermon, Secretary



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Elks Valentine's Day Prayer

We say a prayer for you and ask the Lord above
 To bless your hearts and bless your souls with the precious
 gift of Love.

We ask Him for sincere Love, the kind that's meant to stay,
 Just like the generous Love that He gives up every day.

We pray for Love of Family and for every cherished Friend.
 We ask the Lord to give you His Love that knows no end.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Chaplain Fred Duncan

Please consider a monthly donation

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

To set monthly donations to ENF from your bank account, go to www.elks.org. Holding your cursor 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". 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. ENF thanks you for your support.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name _____

Membership No. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NEW ADDRESS

Name _____

Membership No. _____

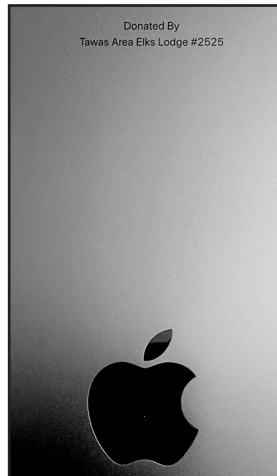
Street Address _____

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.

ENF Beacon Grant again brings light

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 donated 10 iPads to the Iosco County Medical Care Facility, Lakeview Manor Healthcare Center and MediLodge of Tawas City. These facilities have been locked down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which severely limits the residents' ability to see and visit with their family and friends. The residents will use the iPads to Facetime with their loved ones and for other activities, such as reading or listening to books and magazines, watching movies, listening to music and playing games. The donation was funded through a Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation.



This shows the back of the iPad with the engraving of Tawas Lodge No. 2525.



Pictured above is Brad Saegesser, left, with Mallory Gould, Social Services and Activities Director, at the entrance to MediLodge of Tawas City.



Pictured above is Brad Saegesser, left, with Terri Lambert, Director of Admissions and Marketing, outside Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.



Pictured above is Brad Saegesser, left, with Corena Revord, Activities Director, outside Iosco County Medical Care Facility.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: All meetings will be virtual for the next two months. Meeting dates are 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.

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OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler - Raymond Bruning II

Esteemed Leading Knight - Ami Edmonds, PER

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
	1 - FEBRUARY Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

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ATTENTION: Please call the Lodge at 362-6788 to find out if carry-out is available on Thursday Burger Night.

~ MENU SELECTIONS ~

Hamburger \$4⁵⁰ • Cheeseburger \$4⁷⁵ • French Fries \$2⁵⁰ • Onion Rings \$4 • Onion Straws \$3⁵⁰ • French Fries/Onion Straw Mix \$3⁵⁰
Breaded Mushrooms \$4 • Sweet Potato Fries \$3⁷⁵ • Deep Fried Green Beans \$3⁷⁵ • Shrimp Basket \$6⁵⁰ • Chicken Strips \$6
Wings 85¢ • Wing Basket \$7 • Cheesesticks \$4 • Loaded Nachos \$6 (Not on Thursdays)