

TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

BPO ELKS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

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Members All...

May is upon us and, as we welcome the sunshine and warm weather, we also welcome guests to our lodge. Nationwide, Elk Lodge memberships have been declining in recent years. It takes a strong membership to provide the many benefits and scholarships to our communities.

Last month, we applied for the ENF Freedom Grant and were accepted by Grand Lodge to receive \$2,500. With that money, we will donate \$1,000 in gas cards to the VA Clinic in Oscoda, which will help with travel costs for veterans who have to travel to the VA Hospital in Saginaw. We will also be donating four EMPWR Coats, which are water-resistant and self-heating jackets which can transform into sleeping bags or be worn as an over-the-shoulder bag when not in use. The final \$1,000 will be donated to the U.S. Coast Guard Station Tawas toward their Morale Fund.

Saturdays, May 8th and May 22nd (2nd and 4th

Saturday), we will be serving Dave Conn's famous Rib Dinner from 5-8 p.m. A big thanks to Dave Conn and Ed Beckley for helping out!

As our online and social media presence grows, I would like to ask all members that see our posts on Facebook to interact with the posts either by sharing them or liking them or even leaving a comment. The interactions to the posts will make The Tawas Area Elks Lodge Facebook page more relevant in the area and will allow more people from the area to see our posts and engage with us, therefore garnering membership growth at our lodge.

The Michigan Elks Spring Conference is being held May 20th-23rd at the Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie Hotel in the Soo. You can find more info about it at Elks.org.

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Quinkert Jr., Exalted Ruler



Sunday, May 9th

There's no better way to treat all our Moms than to bring them out to the Elks Lodge for their Mother's Day brunch. Serving eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy and fruit cups. Moms always eat free and everyone else eats for just \$8.00.

Serving from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Don't miss out!



RIBS!
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RIBS!

SATURDAYS

May 8TH & 22ND

5-8 p.m.

**Ribs • Potato Salad
Steak Fries • Baked Beans**

Just \$9⁷⁵ per person

— PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS —

Mike Serwa, Contractor
National City - Proposed by Keith Carman

Gabriel Cooley, Electrician
Whittemore - Proposed by John St. James

Joseph L. Handy III - Aircraft Mechanic
Tawas City - Proposed by Ron Quinkert Jr.

Richard L. Jones, Retired
National City - Proposed by Randy Moore



Attention Golfers!

Early Shift Bob Scott Memorial Golf League will kick off with a warm-up Wednesday, May 5th, 1:00 p.m. Please call Tom Brown at 989-714-2558 if you need any further information.

Late Shift golfers will follow with a starting time of 5-5:15 p.m. If there are any questions, please contact Rodney Collier, 989-305-0642.

Official league start-up is Wednesday, May 12th. There will be four hamburger nights during the season. Watch your bulletin for these dates and see you soon!



If you see any of our May babies, be sure to give them a pat on the back or a great big hug. They are as follows:
3 - John Bolen, Frank Nicklyn; **4** - Donald Trembath;
5 - Julian Ignaczak; **7** - Harold Coles, Jan Johnson, Edward Lessnau, Clifford C. Miller, Thomas Roth; **8** - Robert Marshall; **9** - Nicholas Revord; **10** - Robert DeCaire, Steven Look, Dave Schantz; **11** - Ralph Fike, Daniel Kerber; **12** - Robert Anderson, Thomas Story; **13** - Matthew Beasinger; **14** - Bert Crawford; **15** - Mark Sterling; **17** - Warren Brewer; **19** - Fredric Duncan; **20** - Robert Krumbach; **21** - Dennis Frank, Thomas Imel; **22** - Richard Look, Eric Perrot, Janice Sventko; **23** - Scott Hartsig; **24** - Jane Hackborn; **25** - Matthew Mochty; **28** - Jeffrey Hatcher, Dean Look; **30** - Kendra Thorson; **31** - Kenneth Toupin.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Loving Mother

*Sometimes I take for granted
The loving Mother who is there.
The mother who has raised me,
Who gave her love and care.
The Mother who helped me grow
In a fine and loving home.
The Mother who has taught me
With God we're not alone.
The Mother who has laughed with me
When all was going well.
The Mother who has picked me up
The times that I have failed.
The Mother I didn't appreciate
Until I was fully grown,
The sacrifices she made for me
As time quickly moved along.
The Mother with such undying faith
That helped me from the start.
The Mother who I love and cherish
And treasure in my heart.*

Chaplain Fred Duncan

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.

Tawas Elks awarded first-ever Freedom Grant!

Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 was awarded its first-ever Freedom Grant from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission (<https://www.elks.org/cip/grants/FreedomGrants.cfm>). These \$2,500 competitive grants are awarded to the first 350 Elks Lodges which submit applications for projects that serve veterans and/or active-duty military members. Applications for 2021-22 Freedom Grants opened on April 1, 2021, and the Tawas Elks submitted the 290th application on April 2. Our application was approved on April 14. We will be using our \$2,500 Freedom Grant for two projects to help both active-duty military personnel and their families, as well as veterans in our local community.

VA Oscoda Community Based Outpatient Clinic (\$1,500) – We will purchase \$1,000 in gas gift cards that will be provided to local veterans who need to visit larger VA Medical Centers and cannot afford the gas for driving there. We will also purchase four EMPWR coats (\$125 each), which are water-resistant jackets

that transform into a sleeping bag and can be worn as an over-the-shoulder bag when not in use (<http://www.empowermentplan.org/>). The coats will be provided to homeless veterans in our local area through the VA Oscoda Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

US Coast Guard Station, East Tawas, MI (\$1,000) – We will use this portion of our Freedom Grant to support the Morale, Well-Being and Recreation (MWR) program (<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Community-Services-Command-CSC/MWR/>) for the active-duty members, and their families and children, at the US Coast Guard Station in East Tawas. The mission of the Coast Guard Morale, Well-Being and Recreation (MWR) Program is to uplift the spirits of the Coast Guard Family.

If you would like to volunteer to help with our Freedom Grant project, please contact Brad Saegesser, ENF Grant Coordinator, at 989-820-7171.

Tawas Elk Lodge earns \$3,000 Gratitude Grant

Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 qualified for a 2021-22 ENF Gratitude Grant (<https://www.elks.org/cip/grants/GratitudeGrants.cfm>) for meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler's per-member giving goal of \$4.80. We ended the 2020-21 Elks fiscal year with \$10.14 in per-member giving. This earned us a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant.

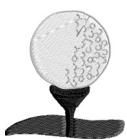
However, through the efforts of our Lodge ENF Chairperson, Shelley Sermon, we super-sized our Gratitude Grant with another \$500 because more than 15% of our membership donated to the ENF last year. And, we super-super-sized our Gratitude Grant with another \$500 because 5% of our ENF donors are also members of the ENF Fidelity Club (<https://www.elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm>), making monthly donations to the ENF. Thank you, Shelley, for all of your ENF fundraising efforts and contributions to the Tawas Elks and our community.

We now need to come up with a project for our \$3,000 Gratitude Grant. If you have any ideas, please contact Brad Saegesser, Community Grant Coordinator, at 989-820-7171. We have to submit our Gratitude Grant application by December 31, 2021, and use the funds by March 31, 2022.

Remember these?



As we continue into year two of dealing with social distancing, go outside and enjoy a walk along the Alabaster bike path where we planted these daffodils a few years ago. Add joy to your life and get outdoors.



Tawas Elks Lodge #2525 recently donated over 80 dozen golf balls to the Tawas Area High School golf team, thanks to the efforts of David "Tweet" Bird and Darryl Leslie. Thanks gentlemen!



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OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler - Ronald Quinkert Jr.

Esteemed Leading Knight - John Thompson

Esteemed Loyal Knight - Ronald Quinkert Sr.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Devan Cox

Secretary - Neil Hackborn

Treasurer - Jane Hackborn

Tiler - Gary Blaser

Esquire - Ben Drumm

Chaplain - Andy Baird

Inner Guard - Ed Beckley

Board of Directors:

Ronald Quinkert Jr. Michael Stonehouse

Dustin Chatt Matthew Haglund

David Bird Dave Conn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Weather's getting warmer! Come out and enjoy our beautiful deck!</i>		OPEN DAILY 3-8 P.M. CLOSED MONDAYS		KITCHEN OPEN Tuesday-Sunday 5:00-7:30 p.m.		1 - MAY KAREN
2 MARCIA/MIKAYLA	3 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	4 PATTY	5 TAMMY	6 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ PATTY/ALEXA	7 KAREN	8 RIB DINNER 5-8 P.M. ALEXA
9 <i>Mother's Day Brunch</i> 10 a.m.-1 p.m. KAREN	10 Closed	11 ALEXA	12 TAMMY/PATTY	13 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ KAREN/PATTY	14 ALEXA	15 KATIE
16 ALEXA	17 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	18 PATTY	19 TAMMY/KAREN	20 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ PATTY/ALEXA	21 KAREN	22 RIB DINNER 5-8 P.M. ALEXA
23 KAREN	24 Closed	25 ALEXA	26 TAMMY/ALEXA	27 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ KAREN/KATIE	28 ALEXA	29 KAREN
30 MIKAYLA	31 <i>Remember those who served!</i> Lodge Closed	~ 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)				