

TAWAS AREA LODGE NO. 2525

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Members All...

Summer has been off to a great start. This year's Flag Day was one for the record books. We were able to award \$7,000 worth of scholarships to six local students. Thanks again to our Scholarship Judges: Brad Saegesser, Shelley Sermon, Ami Edmonds, Pat and Juanita Curley, Mike Bowman, Lou Hadley and Jon Look.

Burger nights have been amazing and I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping every Thursday. We are in the process of giving the deck a much-needed facelift. By the time you read this, Dave Conn, Matt Haglund, Jim Nelkie and their crew will have powerwashed and prepared the deck for new stain.

Keep your calendars marked for the Block Party/ New Member Drive on Saturday, July 24th, starting at 3 p.m. We will have a live band on the deck, outdoor food and beverage sales, along with family friendly games and fireworks. I hope to see you all there. Make sure to invite your friends.

That being said, the lodge has added 22 new members since April 1st. Just a reminder that lodge meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. and we would love to see you there.

See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Quinkert Jr., Exalted Ruler



During our Flag Day ceremony on Monday, June 14, the Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 donated \$1,000 to the U.S./ Coast Guard to support their Morale, Well-Being and Recreation (MWR) Program for the Coast Guardsmen at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in East Tawas. The mission of the MWR Program is to uplift the spirits of the Coast Guard Family. This donation was supported by a Freedom Grant from the Elks National Foundation. Pictured above from left to right are Brad Saegesser, Tawas Area Elks Lodge Charitable Grant Chairperson; Ron Quinkert Jr., Tawas Area Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler; Owen Naumann, U.S. Coast Guard E2-SA; Aidan Ames, U.S. Coast Guard E3-FN; Dan Ploof, U.S. Coast Guard BM1-XPO, and John Thompson, Tawas Area Elks Lodge Leading Knight.

Happy Birthday

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

They are as follows: **2** - Alan Dalton, Kenneth Hudson, Ron Quinkert Sr., Andy Ryan; **5** - Jerry Youngs; **6** - Jake Bowman, Ariana Conklin, Douglas Koin; **7** - Craig Roberts, Michael Russo; **8** - Tyler Stevelinck; **9** - Dennis Edwards, Katy Matson; **10** - James Gracik, Matthew Krumbach; **12** - Michael Belanger, Steven Casey, John Morris; **13** - Stephen Whitford; **14** - Gary Conklin; **15** - James Fohey; **16** - Bernard Walther; **18** - Thomas Wagamon; **19** - Robert Golka; **20** - David Bird, William Kellan; **23** - John Honey; **26** - Rodney Collier, Alexander Peterson; **27** - Gary Fogelsonger; **28** - James Gray, David Revord; **29** - David Ellsworth, Thomas McCulla; **30** - Charles Klenow, Robert Patterson; **31** - David Judkins.

365 Bank Club



Dee Jacobs	2
Dennis Edwards	3
Kurt Sias	1
Roger Spencer	2
Eric Schreiber	1
11th Hour Club	2
Neil and Ellen Mochty	1

Scott Hartsig
Major Project Chairman

Because "Elks Care and Elks Share"



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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

by John M. Nelson

*Now I lay me down to sleep,
And hope my dreams are thoughtful and deep.
I pray that tonight I'm not awakened,
By bombs exploding and the ground shakin'.*

*I hope that I get some peaceful rest
And wish the next day will be blessed.
All I want is to sleep through the night,
So that tomorrow I'm ready for another fight.*

*I pray my dreams are of my family,
As I make sacrifices to keep them free.
May you watch over and keep them safe,
As they wait for me and remain brave.*

*Dear Lord, please listen as I pray to you,
And proudly defend the red, white and blue.
I will always serve you and my country,
And be the best person that I can be.*

*May it be a peaceful night without sound,
With no shots or bullets flying around.
As I lay and dream of back home again,
I'll unfold my hands after I say Amen.*

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 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.

\$7,000 in scholarships awarded

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge #2525 and the Michigan Elks Association awarded \$7,000 to six area students as part of the 2021 Most Valuable Student and Community College scholarship competitions. The scholarship awards were presented to the students during the Elks Flag Day Ceremony on Monday, June 14.



Pictured above from left to right are Ron Quinkert Jr., Tawas Area Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler; Joel Cadorette, Tawas Area High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks; Cole Katterman, Tawas Area High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks and \$1,000 – Michigan Elks Association; Kaitlyn Indreica, Tawas Area High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks; Claudia Cadwell, Hale High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks; Caroline Forsythe, Alcona High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks; Carlie Forsythe, Alcona High School, \$1,000 – Tawas Elks, and Brad Saegesser, Tawas Area Elks Lodge Scholarship Chairperson.

This was the seventh year for our Community College Scholarship program, which is open to any high school senior from our area high schools that will be attending one of our local community colleges: Kirtland Community College, Alpena Community College and Delta Community College. Thank you to Bill Dyer, Pat and Juanita Curley and an anonymous donor for their significant donations to support the four scholarships this year.

We are hoping to continue the Community College Scholarship again in 2022. We have established a new Community College Scholarship fund and are accepting donations to help pay this scholarship going forward. If we raise enough money, we can increase the scholarship award amount and/or give out more scholarships. If you would like more information about donating to the Community College Scholarship fund, please contact Brad Saegesser, Lodge Scholarship Chairperson, at 820-7171.

Thank you to the Tawas Elks officers for their excellent performance of the Elks Flag Day Ceremony. And a big thank you to the Coast Guard for their help presenting the flags during the ceremony.

Please consider a monthly donation

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.

Thank You!

The commissioners of the "Gold Key" would like to thank the following members/family members for their credit union donation: Lynn & Darlene Molesworth ~ 1; Dennis Edwards ~ 1; Michael HD Bowman ~ 3.

We appreciate everything you are doing for the young people of our State.

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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 - Steve Fowler

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
OPEN DAILY 3-8 P.M. CLOSED MONDAYS	KITCHEN OPEN Tuesday-Sunday 5:00-7:30 p.m.			1 - JULY BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ PATTY/ALEXA	2 ALEXA	3 ALEXA
4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> LODGE CLOSED	5 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	6 ALEXA	7 TAMMY/PATTY	8 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ TAMMY/KAREN	9 KAREN	10 ALEXA
11 STEPHANIE	12 Closed	13 PATTY	14 TAMMY/KAREN	15 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ TAMMY/KAREN	16 ALEXA	17 ALEXA
18 KAREN	19 Trustee Mtg. 6 p.m. Regular Mtg. 7 p.m. Lodge Closed	20 KAREN	21 TAMMY/ALEXA	22 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ PATTY/ALEXA	23 TAMMY	24 Block Party New Member Drive TAMMY/ALEXA
25 ALEXA	26 Closed	27 ALEXA	28 TAMMY/ALEXA	29 BURGER NIGHT Hamburger \$3 ⁷⁵ Cheeseburger \$4 ⁰⁰ KAREN/PATTY	30 ALEXA	31 KAREN
~ MENU SELECTIONS ~						
Hamburger \$4 ⁵⁰ • Cheeseburger \$4 ⁷⁵ • French Fries \$2 ⁷⁵ • Onion Rings \$4 • Onion Straws \$3 ⁷⁵ French Fries/Onion Straw Mix \$3 ⁷⁵ • Sweet Potato Fries \$4 • Chicken Strips Basket \$6 ⁵⁰ • Shrimp Basket \$6 ⁷⁵ Jalapeno Munchers \$4 • Wings (each) \$1 • Wing Basket \$8 • Cheesesticks \$4						