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Hello to all my brothers and sisters in Elksdom,

I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Jason Snyder, and I am your newly elected Exalted Ruler. I am truly honored and humbled to be able to serve you and the Baraboo Elks Lodge #688. I want to thank you all for entrusting me to holding the highest office in the Lodge. Also, I would like to thank Erik for his service during last year as Exalted Ruler. I would also like to thank Mike Burgos and Andy Larson for their years of being officers. Their contributions over the years have been greatly appreciated.

As some of you may not know me, I would like to share a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in Baraboo, where I have lived most of my life. I have worked for Farm and Fleet for the past 27 years. I am in the corporate operations department for them. My wife, Kristy Snyder, is also a member of the Baraboo Elks Lodge. She has been your Treasurer for the past couple of years. My dad was a longtime Elk until his passing a few years ago. Some of you may even know him, Tom (Lassie) Snyder. The Lassie nickname is a story for another time. My mother is also a member of our Lodge; and has been Tiler for the past couple of years. My brother-in-law, which a few of you may know, is Tony Kieffer. He needs no introduction. He is the current seated Central District Vice President for the Wisconsin Elks Association. He is also a PER and a current Trustee of the Lodge. My father-in-law, Bob Kieffer, has been a member of the Baraboo Lodge for the past 20 years. My mother-in-law, Jewel Rockwell and my stepfather-in-law, Roger Rockwell are both members as well. We, as a family, absolutely love this great organization and are all proud to be members of the Baraboo Elks Lodge #688!

I look forward to this year with all of you and the officers. I am lucky enough to be surrounded by some extremely talented people. I would like to introduce you to them: Leading Knight - Beth Goethel; Loyal Knight - Ashley Schreiber; Lecturing Knight - Joy Swantz; Treasurer - Kristy Snyder; Secretary - Anna Lange; Esquire - Jim Francisco; Chaplain - Craig Geise; Inner Guard - Ryan Swantz; Tiler - Charlotte Snyder; 1 yr Trustee - Nick Lange; 2 yr Trustee - Tony Kieffer; 3yr Trustee - Tom Genovese. I look forward to collaborating with you all!

Finally, I would like to thank all the many PERs and longtime members that have given me guidance and support! Their hard work and efforts over the years have not gone unnoticed. I am so thankful that our lodge has such helpful, knowledgeable, and charitable members!

We have a new event this year that we are hosting, Baraboo Putt Putt Pub Crawl on April 18th. We also wish our bowlers luck at Elks National Tournament.

So, come down to the lodge and say hi! I could even tell you the story about how my dad's nickname "Lassie" came about. Again, I am honestly humbled to serve you this year!

Fraternally,  
Jason Snyder, Exalted Ruler

## 2026-2027 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler:	Jason Snyder
Esteemed Leading Knight:	Beth Goethel
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	Ashley Schreiber
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	Joy Swantz
Treasurer:	Kristy Snyder
Secretary:	Anna Lange
Inner Guard:	Ryan Swantz
Tiler:	Charlotte Snyder
Esquire:	Jim Francisco
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### GOVERNING BOARD

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Tom Genovese Tony Kieffer Nick Lange

### DISTRICT DEPUTY CENTRAL DISTRICT

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### CLUB MANAGEMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees operates the management functions of the Club. They are responsible for oversight, direction, and supervision of all club employees. This encompasses activities that may arise from time to time. Comments regarding management should be directed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to meet with the Board of Trustees, please make arrangements prior to the Trustee meetings so that time may be allotted for your discussion. Board meetings are open to all members, unless otherwise required by subjects that mandate a closed session.

### PAST EXALTED RULERS

Baker, Gary	Lange, Nick
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Giese, Craig	Messer, James
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Hintze, Erik	Miller, Rick
Hoppe, Michael	Standiford, Brian
Howard, Sammy	Wedekind, Phil
Ion, Luisa	Wickus, Harold
Kieffer, Tony	Wiese, Bill

### 2026-2027 PER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	CRAIG GIESE
VICE PRESIDENT	BOB GREENWOOD
SECRETARY/TREASURER	SAM HOWARD

Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm except in July and August when sessions are held only once per month as noted in the Bulletin and in December only one session on the first Tuesday of the month.

### LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sherry Baldwin

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## Club & Kitchen Update

The club will be open every Wednesday and Thursday from 4-9pm each week. The full menu will also now be available both nights from 5-8:30pm. Be sure to stop in and enjoy great food and fellowship each night we're open!

## APRIL SPECIAL

**\$6**



*Cheeseburger  
with  
french fries*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

01 Marsha Chapman	23 Jason Snyder
02 Barbara Giese	24 Ronald Cowan
12 Stanley Skupien	27 Bryant Hazard
13 Nathan Genovese	27 Daniel Hiller
15 Patrick Terry	27 Bruce Jackson
17 Kenneth Opatik	27 Nicholas Lange
19 Craig Giese	28 Ryan Swantz
19 Scott Zick	29 Joy Swantz
22 Neal Astle	29 Daniel Zurawski

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**BIRTHDAY DRINK** during  
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## An Evening in Paris – A Night to Remember

On March 7th, the Baraboo Elks Lodge was proud to host our annual Special Needs Prom, and oh, what an evening it was! This year's theme, "An Evening in Paris," transformed the gym into a magical celebration filled with elegance, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Guests arrived dressed to impress in beautiful gowns, sharp suits, and plenty of smiles. The dance floor was alive all night long, with music, lights, and energy that brought everyone together. From twirls in flowing dresses to enthusiastic dance moves, it was clear that joy was the theme of the night.

The venue was beautifully decorated, featuring Paris-inspired touches and a stunning backdrop that made every photo feel like a postcard from the City of Lights. Volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure every guest felt special, welcomed, and celebrated.

More than anything, the evening was about connection, inclusion, and creating lasting memories. Events like this truly showcase the heart of our Lodge and the incredible community we are proud to be a part of.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and helped make this night so special. We're already looking forward to the next one!



The Baraboo Elks Lodge is proud to recognize this year's Lodge Award honorees for their outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to both our Lodge and the community.

Beth Goethel has been named Officer of the Year for her willingness to step up when our Lodge needed it most. Moving up a chair to fill a vacancy, Beth jumped right in and got to work, serving on multiple committees and helping ensure the success of our programs and events. Her dedication and positive attitude have made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed this year.

Tom Genovese has been named Elk of the Year for his continued commitment to our Lodge and its members. Tom played a key role in bringing back our Old Timers/PER Night, helped out at numerous events, and has been our go-to person for snow removal—making sure our Lodge is safe and accessible all winter long. His willingness to lend a hand wherever needed truly embodies the spirit of Elksdom.

Last but certainly not least, we are proud to recognize Pete Goethel as this year's Citizen of the Year. While not a member of our Lodge, Pete consistently steps up and lends a hand whenever it's needed. Whether it's helping with Lodge activities or volunteering with other organizations throughout the community, his willingness to give his time and energy does not go unnoticed. Pete truly embodies the spirit of service, and we are grateful for the positive impact he has not only on our Lodge, but on the entire Baraboo community.

Congratulations to Beth, Tom, and Pete, and thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and service!





### Get Your “Putt” in Gear—Now a Baraboo Elks Fundraiser!

The 7th Annual Baraboo Putt Putt Pub Crawl returns on Saturday, April 18, 2026, and this year brings something new—the Baraboo Elks Lodge is proud to take the lead in planning this fan-favorite event as a fundraiser for our Lodge!

This beloved downtown tradition invites teams of four to trade the fairway for a one-of-a-kind mini golf experience through some of Baraboo’s favorite establishments. Whether you're a serious competitor or just in it for the fun, this event promises a great day out—all while supporting the Elks and the work we do in our community.



### Lodge Meeting Notice – Budget Vote

Members are encouraged to attend our Lodge Meeting on April 7th, where we will be reviewing and voting on the proposed 2026–2027 Lodge budget.

This is an important opportunity for members to stay informed about the financial direction of our Lodge. We welcome your participation, questions, and feedback as we review the proposed budget together prior to the vote.

Your involvement helps ensure transparency and supports the continued success of our Lodge. We hope to see you there!

# THANK YOU!

We would like to give a huge thank you to Mike Burgos and Andy Larson for their many years of dedicated service as Lodge Officers. Both Mike & Andy have given so much of their time, energy, and leadership to help keep our Lodge running strong. From meetings to events and everything in between, they’ve been a big part of what makes our Lodge what it is today.

Thank you, Mike & Andy, for all you’ve done – and continue to do – for the Baraboo Elks Lodge!

### Why Your Support of the ENF Matters—Right Here in Baraboo

When you donate to the Elks National Foundation (ENF), you’re not just supporting a national cause—you’re investing right back into our own community. This past year, we utilized over \$10,000 in ENF-funded grants to support local programs and those in need. That’s a powerful example of how your donations come full circle. Simply put, it’s a great return on investment.

### Join the Fidelity Club

An easy way to give is by joining the Fidelity Club, which allows you to make a small monthly donation. It’s simple, consistent, and adds up to make a big difference. Every dollar you give helps bring more funding back to our Lodge and our community. Let’s keep the momentum going—together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact.



**NAME THAT TUNE**

**VACHT ROCK THEME**

Think you know your music?  
Prove it for a fun round of Name That Tune!!!

**APRIL 9TH, 2026  
6 PM**

**EUCHRE NIGHT**

**Baraboo Elk's Lodge  
Thursday  
4/16/26  
at 6pm sharp!!**

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5	6	7 OPEN 5PM BOARD MEETING 6PM LODGE MEETING 7PM FRYER FOOD & PIZZA AVAILABLE	8 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	9 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM NAME THAT TUNE 6PM	10	11
12	13	14	15 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM ACTIVITY COM MTG 6PM	16 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM EUCHRE 6PM	17	18 PUTT PUTT PUB CRAWL OPEN 10AM
19	20	21 OPEN 5PM BOARD MEETING 6PM LODGE MEETING 7PM FRYER FOOD & PIZZA AVAILABLE	22 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	23 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		