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Hello all my wonderful brothers and sisters in Elksdom!

It is extremely hard to believe that it is already August! Where has the time gone? Where has summer gone? Well, we are still doing some amazing things in the Lodge for sure! The beginning of July, Myself, Kristy, Tony, Joy, Ryan and Luisa went to convention in Chicago for Grand Lodge. A few of us were blessed to be able to attend the 100th anniversary rededication ceremony for the Elks National Memorial. That was truly an amazing event to be able to attend. We were 2 of about 1000 members chosen to go to the event. If you would like to hear more about the event, please reach out or stop by the Lodge, and I'd be happy to tell you all about it. We witnessed our new Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy F. Jaeger be installed. We also got to see Wisconsin's own Dennis Daley of the Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge be installed as Grand Leading Knight. It is exciting to see someone from Wisconsin sitting this position for the coming year! Also, congratulations to Terry Buck of Neenah-Menasha lodge being sworn in as our central district DD.

When we arrived back, our Sauk County Fair Food Stand was in full swing! I want to extend a HUGE thank you to all the members that helped with this event! To all the volunteers that helped to plan, move goods and supplies out to booth, helped support during the week and for all that cleaned up the booth afterwards. Thank you to everyone that participated and helped in any way for this event! It was HOT, but still a good time together!

Then Beth Goethel got us to be a vendor for an event on 3rd street. We thank her for all she did for this event. After that weekend, we hosted our Lodge's 125th anniversary celebration on July 25th! This event was truly amazing to be a part of! We did a rededication event for the Lodge! We were blessed with the presence of many Elks throughout the state and Local dignitaries. First and foremost, we were blessed with many of our Lodge's amazing members! It was amazing to see all of you that could attend! Thank you for coming out! Also, thank you to all the members of the committee for organizing this event! It was such a memorable event!

July was extremely busy for us, but it was fun for sure! Thank you to all the many members that made July successful and amazing! We now shift gears into August. August will start out with our trip to the Mallards game, a Name That Tune Event, and many other fun activities scheduled for August and September and thereafter.

I would like to share some history with you all. Maybe some of you already know it. In 1901 there were approximately 85 new lodge charters delivered. Baraboo was one of these Lodge charters, that is still going strong. A fair amount of these have been forced to merge or relinquish their charter for their Lodges. This is sad to think about because these are now all communities that do not have the presence of a great lodge like we do in Baraboo. Us, along with 8 other Lodges in Wisconsin are celebrating 125 years this year! If you think about that, it is such a great accomplishment to remain active within the community for half of the country's age. So with that said, YOU are ALL part of the Best People On Earth! I invite you to the lodge to have a drink, eat some food, and have some fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Elksdom! I would be happy to tell you all about the Memorial Celebration I was able to witness in Chicago!

Fraternally,

Jason Snyder, Exalted Ruler

Exalted Ruler's Message



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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.

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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

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Supporting Our Fellow Elks on the Fairway



Several members of Baraboo Elks Lodge #688 recently hit the links to support the Exhausted Rulers Golf Outing benefiting Portage Elks Lodge #675. We were also proud to be a Hole Sponsor for this great event.



August Special



Chicken Tender Sandwich w/ Cheese & fries



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

03 Terry Bristol	22 Joe Litscher
04 Kelly Hess	25 Chase Stevens
06 Todd Follendorf	25 Lonnie Sutton Jr
10 Gabrielle Jensen	29 Gary Crawford
14 Michael Chinn	29 Steven Pointon
17 Kenneth Knerzer	30 Denis Terry
17 Kim Thayer	31 Michael Fichter
19 Charles Brandt	

Stop in for your free
BIRTHDAY DRINK during your
birthday month!

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New Keyless Entry System Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce an upgrade to our Lodge's entry system!

In the coming weeks, we'll be replacing our current membership card access lock with a new electronic keypad entry system. Instead of swiping your membership card, you'll simply enter your membership number on the keypad to unlock the door.

This new system offers several benefits:

- Convenient access using a number you already have.
- Cost savings by eliminating the need to replace our entry lock each year.
- A more modern, reliable system that will better serve our Lodge for years to come.

Your membership number can be found on your current membership card, so we encourage everyone to take a moment to familiarize yourself with it before the new system is activated.

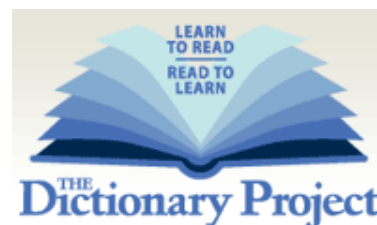
We're excited to bring this new technology to the Baraboo Elks Lodge and appreciate your patience as we make this transition. We'll share the activation date and any additional instructions as we get closer to the switch.

The Dictionary Project is Coming Up!

We're gearing up for one of our favorite community projects—the Elks Dictionary Project! We're excited to reach out to area third graders, order and deliver the dictionaries, and share a little about who the Elks are and what we do in our community. If you'd like to help support this wonderful tradition, donations are always appreciated. You can mail your donation to:

Baraboo Elks Lodge
PO Box 103
Baraboo, WI 53913

or drop it off at the Lodge anytime we're open. Thank you for helping us put dictionaries—and smiles—in the hands of local kids!



NAME THAT TUNE

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

**August 20th, 2026
6 PM**

EUCHRE NIGHT

Euchre will be coming back on Thursday Sept 17th!

BARABOO ELKS #688

CASH RAFFLE

ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD!!!

\$20 EACH

★ GRAND PRIZE	\$1,000
★ SECOND PRIZE	\$500
★ THIRD PRIZE	\$250
★ FOURTH PRIZE	\$250
★ 5TH -10TH PRIZE	\$50

DRAWING HELD SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

All proceeds benefit BARABOO ELK CHARITIES

Join the Fidelity Club

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is really the heart of what we do as Elks. Thanks to donations from members like you, the ENF makes it possible to offer scholarships, support our veterans, run youth programs, and give out community grants that make a real difference all across the country – including right here at home. Last year we gave out \$10,500 in community grants and this year we're planning to give an additional \$1,000! August is Fidelity Club Month, and we'd like to give a special shoutout to our members who give monthly and help keep this good work going all year long. If you're not a Fidelity Club member yet, it's easy to join – just scan the QR code below to get started!



That's a Wrap on the 2026 Sauk County Fair!



Another Sauk County Fair is in the books, and once again, the Baraboo Elks Food Booth was THE place to grab a great meal!

This fundraiser wouldn't be possible without the incredible dedication of our members. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the 65 members who volunteered to cover 120 shifts over six days. From opening to closing, cooking, serving, taking orders, washing dishes, and everything in between, your willingness to pitch in made another successful year possible. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and our Lodge certainly proved that again this year.



A special thank you goes to Nick Lange, Tony Kieffer, Rick Miller, and Jason Snyder for all of their behind-the-scenes work ordering supplies, organizing food, and getting the booth set up before the fair even began. Your planning and preparation laid the foundation for a smooth and successful week.



Thank you also to Mary Howard and Judy Spencer, who spent countless hours coordinating volunteers and making sure every shift was covered. Keeping a schedule like this together is no small task, and we appreciate all the time and effort you dedicated to making it happen.

Finally, thank you to Beth and Pete Goethel for lending your expertise to the end-of-fair cleanup. While everyone enjoys the excitement of fair week, it's the teardown and deep cleaning that truly marks the finish line, and we appreciate your hard work in getting the booth cleaned and ready for another year.



To every member who volunteered, stopped by for a meal, or supported our food booth in any way—thank you! Your time, teamwork, and dedication continue to make the Baraboo Elks a valued part of the Sauk County Fair tradition. We couldn't do it without you, and we're already looking forward to next year!

Please join us for a fun and joyful

END OF SUMMER PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEP 13TH, 2026
AT 11 AM

AT THE LODGE



Packer Game @ 3:25

Bring a dish to pass



Thank You to our Sponsors!

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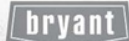
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AUGUST

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2 MALLARDS BUS TRIP LEAVE @ 2PM, BACK TO LODGE @ 8:30PM	3	4 NO MEETING FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST	5 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	6 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	7	8
9	10	11	12 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	13 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	14	15
16	17	18 OPEN 5PM BOARD MEETING 6PM LODGE MEETING 7PM FRYER FOOD & PIZZA AVAILABLE	19 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	20 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM NAME THAT TUNE 6PM	21	22
23	24	25	26 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	27 OPEN 4PM FULL MENU SERVED 5-8:30PM	28	29