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“A Fraternal Organization”

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Brothers and sisters of Elkdom,

As my term as Exalted Ruler comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support .

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Exalted Ruler this past year.

Your commitment to our lodge, our community, and the values we hold dear has been truly inspiring. Together, we have accomplished so much and made a positive impact in the lives of those around us. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and camaraderie have been the driving force behind our success.

I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me .

Your support and encouragement have meant the world to me. I am proud of all that we have achieved together and I look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of our lodge under new leadership.

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler. I will always cherish the wonderful memories we have created and the friendships we have formed .

Respectfully yours,  
Luisa Mihaela Ion

## March Military Milestones

As Elks, we proudly honor those who serve and have served in our armed forces. This March, we recognize key anniversaries that highlight their dedication and sacrifices.

### **Navy Reserve Birthday – March 3**

Since 1915, Navy Reservists have played a crucial role in our nation's defense, supporting missions worldwide in war and peace. We honor their service and commitment.

### **K-9 Veterans Day – March 13**

These four-legged heroes have served alongside troops and law enforcement since 1942, detecting threats and boosting morale. Let's take a moment to appreciate their courage.

### **American Legion Birthday – March 15**

Founded in 1919, the American Legion has been a strong advocate for veterans and their families. We celebrate their 105 years of service and shared commitment to our nation's heroes.

### **Medal of Honor Day – March 2**

On this day, we honor those who have received our nation's highest military award for extraordinary bravery and selflessness in service.

### **National Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29**

We recognize and thank those who served during the Vietnam War, ensuring they receive the respect and gratitude they deserve.

This March, let's reflect, remember, and continue our pledge to support our veterans and active-duty military.

## 2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler:	Luisa Ion
Esteemed Leading Knight:	Erik Hintze
Esteemed Loyal Knight:	Jason Snyder
Esteemed Lecturing Knight:	Joe Weiss
Treasurer:	Kristy Snyder
Secretary:	Anna Lange
Inner Guard:	Beth Goethel
Tiler:	Charlotte Snyder
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### GOVERNING BOARD

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Mike Roth

### 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 madate a closed session.

### PAST EXALTED RULERS

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Lange, Nick	Wiese, Bill

### 2024-2025 PER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	CRAIG GIESE
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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

Sherry Baldwin

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# Birthday Party

Join Us for Our Monthly  
Birthday Celebration!

Celebrate with us on the second Thursday of each month! Stop by to enjoy your birthday drink and a slice of delicious birthday cake. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## Thursday March 13th



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

01 Sherry Baldwin	10 Timothy Rutledge
01 Kendall Cady	17 John Carroll
01 Joseph Dietl	20 Bryan Espinoza
01 Laurie Dischler	22 Gretchen Pointon
02 Sherman Salter	23 Don Padley
02 Ashley Shreiber	25 Roger Rockwell
03 John Birrenkott	26 Robert Greenwood
04 Ronald Bupp	28 Barbara Opatik
05 Nicole Schomer	28 Bradley Pointon
07 Marty Beckwith	

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

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## To Our New Members

Please join us in welcoming Heather Godemann and Sierra Anacker-Swantz, who became members of our Lodge in February!

We're excited to have them on board and look forward to getting to know them. Be sure to say hello when you see them at the Lodge!



### Join Us for the Installation of Officers!

Mark your calendars! The Installation of Officers will take place on **Saturday, March 22nd, at 6:00 PM**. The Lodge doors will open at 5:00 PM, with hors d'oeuvres served before the ceremony.

We are proud to introduce our slate of officers for the 2025-2026 Lodge Year:

- ◆ Exalted Ruler – Erik Hintze
- ◆ Leading Knight – Jason Snyder
- ◆ Loyal Knight – Luisa Ion
- ◆ Lecturing Knight – Beth Goethel
- ◆ Secretary – Anna Lange
- ◆ Treasurer – Kristy Snyder
- ◆ 3-Year Trustee – Tony Kieffer
- ◆ 2-Year Trustee – Nick Lange
- ◆ 1-Year Trustee – Mike Burgos

Please join us as we celebrate our new leadership and their commitment to serving our Lodge. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Lodge of Sorrow was held for*

*Michael "Micky" Quindt*

*Alan Banner*

## BARABOO ELK'S #688 CASH RAFFLE

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The container has all 64 teams labeled as 1-16 East, 1-16 West, 1-16 South and 1-16 Midwest. The teams you have drawn will be your teams for the entire tournament. Deadline to draw teams is March 13, 2025.

Any teams not picked by then and win the terminate the payout will go to Elks and Elks charities.

# ELKS

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**\$10**

**Corned Beef &  
Cabbage Special**

**Wednesday March 19th**

**JOIN US AT THE LODGE!**

## March Special

**only  
\$6**

**Cheeseburger  
& Fries**



**Cheeseburgers are better  
with friends....and fries!!**

**Stay Connected with our Lodge!**

Did you know the Elks have an app? Stay up to date with everything happening at our lodge, from upcoming events to important announcements.

Check it anytime to see what's going on and never miss out on the latest news!

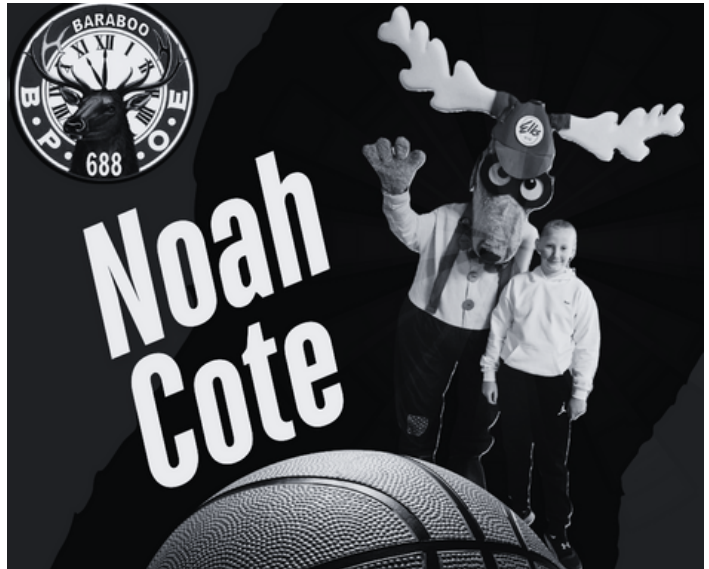
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**Introducing Game  
Night at the Lodge!**

Get ready for a night of fun and friendly competition! Starting this month, we're kicking off Game Night on the first Wednesday of each month. **Our inaugural event will be on March 5th**, and we'll be playing Left-Right-Center! Bring your quarters—or your dollars—and join in on the excitement. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, it's all about having a great time with fellow Elks.

Don't miss out on the fun—see you there!



Congrats to Noah Cote from Baraboo for placing 3rd at the Wisconsin Elks State Hoop Shoot in the boys 8-9 year old division.

**Chili**  
COOK OFF  
**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 16TH**

DOORS OPEN AT 12PM  
VOTING THROUGH 2PM

**\$5 FOR SAMPLING AND A  
CUP OF YOUR FAVORITE!!**

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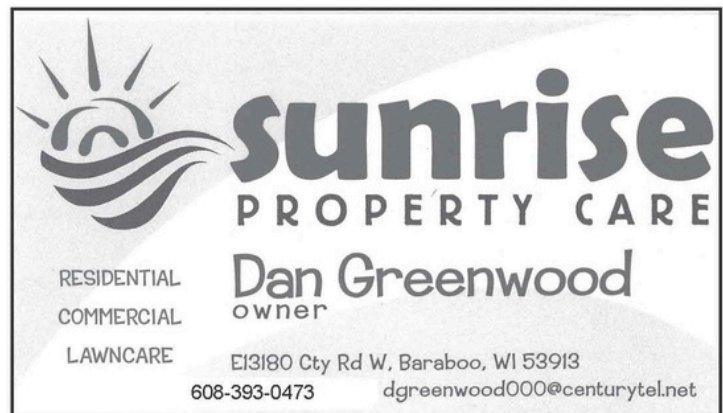
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2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 OPEN 5PM BOARD MTG 6PM LODGE MTG 7PM	5 OPEN 4-9PM GAME NIGHT 6PM	6 OPEN 4-9PM	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED
9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12 OPEN 4-9PM	13 OPEN 4-9PM MARCH BIRTHDAY PARTY	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED
16 OPEN 12PM CHILI COOK-OFF	17 CLOSED	18 OPEN 5PM BOARD MTG 6PM LODGE MTG 7PM	19 OPEN 4-9PM CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE SPECIAL	20 OPEN 4-9PM EUCHRE 6PM	21 CLOSED	22 OPEN 5PM INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 6PM
23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 OPEN 4-9PM	27 OPEN 4-9PM	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED