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Summer is right around the corner!

I imagine everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Memorial day festivities. Please remember that this is not just a long weekend to barbeque and have fun with friends. This is a day of remembrance for our fallen soldiers that gave their life to protect our freedoms!

May finally brought us a taste of summer weather and with that many Spring activities. We had our first Fair on the Square event on May 10th where we served Burgers, brats & hot dogs and drew for the winners of our Cash raffle. That same day we also attended the camp clean-up at our State Major project Camp Wawbeek. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> game night where two “families” battled it out in a game of whits at Family Feud. Although it was a small group of people we still had a blast! We handed out Mothers day lap blankets and gift bags to all of the mothers at our local nursing home facilities. We also held our 3rd annual wine & food pairing event on May 17th. Finally, we presented the Sauk County Veterans service office with \$1000 worth of Kwik Trip gift cards from our Freedom Grant.

Several officers and Elk members attended our Spring convention in Appleton the first weekend in May. One of our very own, Tony Keiffer, was voted in as our new Central District Vice President. We also learned a lot of great things from all the state committees. This month at the Elks Lodge, the first Wednesday will be game night again. This time around we are playing SPOONS! I HIGHLY recommend you attend this night! It is a fast paced last ELK standing fight over a table full of spoons. Our annual Flag day ceremony will be held on the courthouse lawn June 12th at 7pm. We will be handing out mini flags to all the attendees before music on the square starts. Our annual Sauk county fair food stand is coming up fast and we are in need of volunteers for cooking and taking orders in the front. There is a post on our private Facebook page where you can sign up for available spots. Please check it out. We have a ton of fun while working this event.

We are still looking for ideas for charitable organizations that could use our help. We have Two more grants that we can use funds from to help our community. If you have any ideas feel free to reach out to us. Keep in mind we do have guidelines to follow, but we would love to have some fresh input from our members that don't always come to meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge or at any of our many events.

Fraternally yours,  
Erik Hintze  
Exalted Ruler  
Baraboo #688

## 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 madate a closed session.

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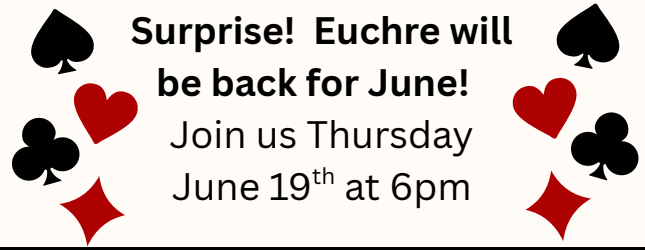
Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm except in July and August when sessions are held only once per month as noted in the Bulletin and in December only one session on the first Tuesday of the month.

### LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sherry Baldwin

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## Baraboo Elks Scholarship Reception

Join us at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, June 17th at 5:00 PM for a Scholarship Reception honoring local students who have been awarded one of our Elks Scholarships. Come meet these outstanding



young individuals and help us celebrate their achievements and bright futures.

Join Us for Our Monthly  
Birthday Celebration!

**Tuesday  
JUNE 17th**

Celebrate with us on the second Lodge meeting 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!



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

04 William Steinhorst	18 Randy Hinz
05 Richard Miller	20 Dennis Brenton
07 Paul Hasheider	21 Kathleen Francisco
08 Jerry Bristol	25 Brent Rick
10 Michael Johnson	28 Ben Koberstein
11 Loenard Pickett	29 Tracy Watkins
15 Robert Griffith	30 Joe Kleefisch
15 Walter Ramsey	

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

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# Game Night

## 1st Wednesday of every Month!

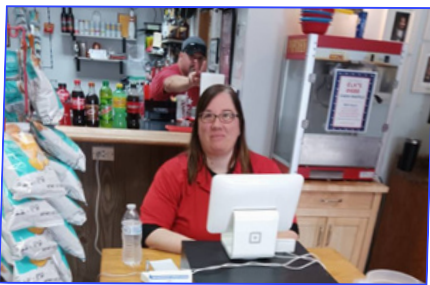
### Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



Join us for a fun game of SPOONS!!!

### Here's a Look at the Fun We Had in May at the Lodge!!

From our Wine Tasting Night to the lively Fair on the Square, May was filled with great company, good times, and plenty of memories!



The Club is currently looking for a part-time cook!

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact ER Erik Hintze or Secretary Anna Lange for more information.

**WE ARE HIRING**

*"June Special"* **\$6**

*Cheeseburger with french fries*



### Baraboo Elks Lend a Hand at Camp Clean-Up

Our Lodge was proud to be well represented at the recent clean-up day at the Elks Respite Camp, our Wisconsin State Major Project. It was a fantastic day of service, connection, and camaraderie as we joined fellow Elks from across the state to prepare the camp for the upcoming season.

We're especially lucky to be located so close to this incredible project and encourage everyone to get involved!

Mark your calendars: **Elks Day is coming on June 21st!** We'd love to see a strong turnout from Baraboo—let's show our support and celebrate all the great work being done!





# FLAG ETIQUETTE

## Displaying the Flag

Outdoor: Display sunrise to sunset. Illuminate at night.

Indoor: Union (blue field) at top left when viewed.

Half-Staff: Raise to the top, then lower to half-staff.

## Handling the Flag

Raising/Lowering: Hoist briskly, lower ceremoniously.

Respect: Never let the flag touch the ground.

Storage: Fold into a triangle with the union visible.

## Use of the Flag

Clothing/Accessories: Do not use as apparel or decor.


Ceremonies: Use properly in parades and events.

Saluting: Place right hand over heart; men remove hats.


## Disposal

Retirement: Burn respectfully when no longer fit for display.

Let's honor our flag with respect and pride!



## Join Us for a Flag Day Celebration



We invite all members to join us at Concerts on the Square in Baraboo on Thursday, June 12th at 7 PM for a Flag Day celebration.

Please wear your red Elk shirt (or anything red if you don't have one), as we'll be handing out flags to the crowd.

Our Exalted Ruler, Erik Hintze, will give a short speech before the concert, and the circus band will play some patriotic favorites before switching back to their classic circus tunes.

Let's show our Elk pride and celebrate together!

## Sauk County Fair Volunteers Needed for the Elks Food Booth!

The Sauk County Fair is right around the corner, and that means it's time to fire up the grills and serve up some of our favorite fair food at the Baraboo Elks Food Booth!

Fair week runs July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>, and we're looking for volunteers to sign up for a shift (or two!) to help keep things running smoothly. Whether you're a seasoned booth pro or a first-timer, there's a spot for you. It's a great opportunity to support the Lodge, connect with fellow members, and be a part of one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Shifts are fun, fast-paced, and always come with plenty of laughs—and maybe even a deep-fried treat or two!

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Lodge, or feel free to reach out to Mary Howard or Judy Spencer to claim your spot.

An online sign up is available on our private facebook group, Baraboo Elks 688!



## Baraboo Elks Lodge Supports Local Veterans with Freedom Grant

The Baraboo Elks Lodge is proud to share that it was awarded a \$1,000 Freedom Grant through the Elks National Foundation—an opportunity designated specifically for Lodges to serve veterans and military members in need.

With these funds, the Lodge purchased Kwik Trip gift cards, which were donated to the Sauk County Veteran Service Office. These cards will be distributed to local veterans facing hardship and can be used for both fuel and groceries—two critical needs that go beyond daily convenience.

For veterans experiencing housing insecurity, including those living out of their vehicles, these gift cards offer more than just gas. Access to fuel can mean warmth in the winter, air conditioning in the summer, and the ability to attend medical appointments, job interviews, or connect with community resources.

This initiative reflects the Elks' deep and ongoing commitment to serving those who have served our country. The Baraboo Lodge is honored to play a role in offering relief and dignity to our local veterans.



Pictured here is your newly installed Wisconsin Elks Association Central District Vice President, Tony Kieffer, proudly standing with fellow Baraboo Elks members who attended his installation ceremony. It was a moment of celebration, pride, and Elkdom at its finest.

Congratulations, Tony! We're proud to have one of our own representing the Central District – your dedication and leadership continue to inspire us all!

# Thank You to our Sponsors!

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1	2	3 OPEN 5PM 6PM BOARD MEETING 7PM LODGE MEETING	4 OPEN 4PM 6PM GAME NIGHT SPOONS!!	5 OPEN 4PM	6	7
8	9	10	11 OPEN 4PM	12 OPEN 4PM 7PM FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT SQUARE	13	14 FLAG DAY 
15 HAPPY Father's DAY	16	17 OPEN 5PM 5PM SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION 7PM LODGE MEETING JUNE BIRTHDAY'S PARTY	18 OPEN 4PM 6PM ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING	19 OPEN 4PM EUCHRE 6PM	20	21 PRIVATE PARTY 11:30AM ELKS DAY AT CAMP WAWBEEK
22	23	24	25 OPEN 4PM	26 OPEN 4PM	27	28
29	30					