



PRIDE OF 688

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Brothers and Sisters of Elksdom,

Time sure flies by fast, fall has arrived and has brought beauty in the breathtaking color changing of the leaves.

Speaking of changes, we are also changing things at our lodge, either in membership growth or more members visiting; members donating materials/funds or their own time helping at the lodge; members are always greatly appreciated for all the things they are doing in making changes at our beloved lodge and in our community.

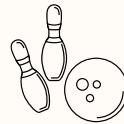
There are several events coming up soon, so please come and attend if you can for great camaraderie and fun!

- Our DD Audit is on October 1st.
- October 5th Fall Fair on the Square - come help out if you can, or stop by and say hi.
- October 19th Old-Timers /PER Dinner (5-9pm) - to honor our longtime members and Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge!
- October 26th we will bring back "Say Boo to Drugs" - an event that we held last year for the first time which had a great turnout. A Haunted Maze for kids of all ages.

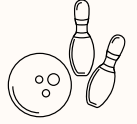
Coming sooner than you think, we will have our State President Visit on November 9th! Our theme will be Western, so put on your cowboy boots and hats, and come on down for a great time!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our beloved lodge!

Respectfully yours,
Luisa Ion
Exalted Ruler



Scratch Bowling Challenge



On Saturday, November 2, 2024, the Elks Lodge #688 will hold its 10th scratch bowling challenge at Thunderbird Lanes. 5pm sign up and the bowling starts at 6pm. This has been a great fundraiser for the Lodge. Please consider being a lane sponsor. Your name or business will be put on a poster where it will be on display on the concourse for a week. The price is \$100 per lane sponsor to be advertised. Please make checks out to Baraboo Elks Lodge #688.

We will also have basket raffles, cooler raffle, and a half back raffle. Please come out and support the Elks!

FACEBOOK COMMUNICATION

If you have not yet joined our Facebook page, please consider doing so. This page allows us to keep you informed between meetings and publication of our monthly Bulletin. This page is private to our members only. We have created another page open to all where we can share activities where guests are welcomed or announce what we are doing in our community. Just go to Baraboo Elks 688 and click the Join button. You will be asked to give your member number. There is another page that gives you information about Elks activities throughout Wisconsin. It is Wisconsin Elks Association. Again, this is a private page open only to members of the Elks in Wisconsin. You will be asked to give your membership number on this site when you join. There is a wealth of information on our charities, on our Lodges, and Elks state activities. You can gain some wonderful ideas on activities for your lodge, ways to improve membership growth, ENF information, and just about anything else Elks related! Stay up to date with what is happening. A few clicks is all it takes to join these two pages!

2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler: Luisa Ion
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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 madate a closed session.

PAST EXALTED RULERS

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Hoppe, Michael	Standiford, Brian
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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

E-mail: barabooelkslodge688@gmail.com



Bryan Espinoza

Monthly
Special

\$7



**Hashbrown
Cheeseburger
w/chips**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

01 Tony Kieffer	17 Shana Johnson
01 Kristy Snyder	17 Karen Schulze
02 Roman Statz	18 Harold Wickus Jr
05 Leonard Sprecher	19 Allen Koberstein
05 Michael Zajicek	20 Sharon Vinson
06 Brian Pierce	22 Jo Heath
09 Robert Pickett	22 Steve McMahon
12 Julie Klemm	23 Duane Hegna
13 Miguel Burgos	25 Skip Blake
13 Thomas Genovese	28 Patrick McNamara
14 Alan Banner	28 Roger Weyh
15 Sammy Howard	29 Charlotte Snyder

HAPPY
Birthday

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

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For Sale: Pool Table

The Board of Governors is accepting offers for the sale of the pool table located in the lodge. If you're interested in making an offer, please contact Anna Lange at 608-963-7782 or by email at BarabooElksLodge688@gmail.com for more details

We are in need of volunteers for our Hoop Shoot Program on Saturday Nov 9th! If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Beth Goethel.



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: Jack Young Middle School
HOSTED BY: Baraboo Elks Lodge LODGE NO. 688
DATE: Saturday, 11/9/2024 TIME: 8:30 AM
DIRECTOR: Beth Goethel CONTACT: 608-548-1058

State President Visit

There's a new sheriff in WEA Town. His name is Pat Moran. He and his posse are headin' to Baraboo on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 5pm as we honor him at our State President's Visit. We're fixin' dinner, enjoyin' the program, and because this isn't our first rodeo, we have a big surprise planned! Western attire is preferred. Please join us! Cost is \$20 per person please RSVP to Anna by email BarabooElksLodge688@gmail.com or call 608-963-7782



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR HALLOWEEN MAZE

26 OCTOBER 12-4PM

AT THE BARABOO ELKS LODGE
401 OAK ST BARABOO, WI

We will once again be hosting a Haunted Halloween Maze for area children to walk through and "Say Boo to Drugs!" If you would like to donate Halloween Candy for the Haunted Halloween Maze, please bring it into the Lodge on one of our open evenings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Nick Lange.

Join us for Hope House's Purple Thursday Donation Drive!

Our Lodge is excited to participate in the Purple Thursday Donation Drive to support Hope House, a domestic violence shelter and resource center serving Baraboo and the surrounding counties of Adams, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette, and Sauk. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we will be collecting wishlist items for Hope House from October 1st to October 17th.

Let's come together and show our support! Help us compete with local businesses in this friendly challenge and make a difference in our community. Check out the wishlist posted in the Lodge and donate what you can!



**25 yr+ member/PER
Annual Appreciation Dinner**

When: October 19th, 2024
Time: Dinner starts @ 4:30pm
Where: Baraboo Elks Lodge #688

You are cordially invited to attend a complimentary evening of dinner and comradery. We will be serving your choice of 8oz steak fillet or chicken breast, baked potato, salad bar & desserts. To show our appreciation to our 25yr + members & past exalted rulers for their service and fidelity to our great fraternal organization!

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE AN ELK!!

**Please RSVP with your choice by Oct 7th to:
Tom Genovese: 608-393-8919**

- If you decide to bring a spouse or friend, their dinner will cost \$25
- All current members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$25
- A cash bar will also be available
- There will be a reserved curbside drop-off/pick-up in front of the Lodge for your convenience. This will not be valet.

Baraboo Elks Lodge #688

Old Timer Members

73 – Years

Leonard Sprecher

69 – Years

George Graham

66 – Years

Neil Caflisch

65 – Years

Harold Wickus, Jr, PER

64 – Years

Robert Greenwood, PER

61 – Years

Donald Filip

Din Dovolos

Alan Banner

Neal Astle

61 – Years

Eugene Rau

David Koepf

60 – Years

John Welch

58 – Years

Robert Griffith

Michael Schell

57 – Years

Stanley Skupien

William Pierce

John Birrenkott

55 – Years

Michael Quindt

Lee Hoppe

54 – Years

James Messer, PER

Sammy Howard, PER

Kendall Cady

53 – Years

James Norman

Steve McMahon

James Adams

52 – Years

John Turner

Denis Terry

Paul Hasheider

51 – Years

Robert Gavin

50 – Years

Kenneth Knerzer

Gary Cummings

49 – Years

Merlin Zitzner

Tom Zinke

Lonnie Sutton, Sr

Roman Statz

Duane Hegna

48 – Years

William Wiese, PER

Patrick Terry

William Crowley

Gary Crawford

Maynard Benson

Gary Baker, PER

47 – Years

Allen Koberstein

Bruce Jackson

Jerrold Klingemeyer

Steven Blum

46 – Years

Don Huinker

Miguel Burgos

Dennis Brenton

Baraboo Elks Lodge #688

Old Timer Members

45 – Years

John Young
Richard Miller, PER
Joe Litscher
Randy Hinz
Todd Follendorf

44 – Years

Michael Tomsyck
Walter Ramsey
Bruce Galitz

43 – Years

Lawrence Luedtke
James Francisco, PER

42 – Years

Craig Giese, PER
Thomas Genovese
Frank Fisher

41 – Years

Brian Standiford, PER
Jerald Sprecher

40 – Years

Dave Schaefer
Patrick Reiger
John Greenwood

38 – Years

Daniel Hiller

37 – Years

Bruce Meyer, PER
George Bonham

36 – Years

Phillip Wedekind, PER
Rick Lewison
Mike Hoppe, PER

35 – Years

Steven Hanger

34 – Years

Michael Zajicek
William Daily
James Bonham

32 – Years

Michael Chinn

29 – Years

Kathleen Lee Uptagraw
Rhonda Larson

27 – Years

Janet Walrath
Bryant Hazard
Keith Bidne

26 – Years

Daniel Greenwood

25 – Years

Ryan Swantz, PER

PAST EXALTED RULERS

James “Andy” Larson, PER
Anthony Kieffer, PER
Nicholas Lange, PER

Thank You to our Sponsors!

PLATINUM

Fred Williams
Sherman Salter
Robert Fleming
George Graham
Bob Kieffer
Kim Thayer
Gary Crawford

GOLD

Eunice Yanke
Steve McMahon-In Honor of Walter McMahon
Bev Hinze

SILVER

Linda Grosinski
Patty Zirzow
Bob Greenwood

Silver Donors donate \$50 for six months of sponsorship. Gold Donors donate \$100 for a full year of sponsoring. Platinum Donors gift over \$100 toward the publication of our bulletin. We also welcome our commercial sponsors who chose to advertise in our monthly bulletin. All of these sponsors are members, so please consider becoming a patron of these businesses

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 DD AUDIT 4:45PM LODGE MTG 7PM	2 OPEN 4-9PM	3 OPEN 4-9PM	4 CLOSED	5 FAIR ON THE SQUARE FOOD STAND 10AM-3PM
6 Pancake Breakfast @ Camp Wawbeek 10am CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 OPEN 4-9PM	10 OPEN 4-9PM	11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED
13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 BOARD MTG 6PM LODGE MTG 7PM	16 OPEN 4-9PM	17 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 6PM OPEN 4-9PM	18 CLOSED	19 OLD TIMERS DINNER 4PM
20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 OPEN 4-9PM	24 OPEN 4-9PM	25 CLOSED	26 SAY BOO TO DRUGS 12PM-4PM
27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 OPEN 4-9PM	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN OPEN 4-9PM		