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**January 2024**

**January**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1		2 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	3	4 Friday Fun Nights Alex Lentina	5 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm EVERY SATURDAY
	7 STEAK NIGHT 6 pm	8	9 Open Mic 10 6-8 PM	11 Friday Fun Nights Tony Gabriel	12	13 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm EVERY SATURDAY
14	Meatloaf 15 Dinner by Mary \$12 for dinner A signup sheet is located in bar area.	16	Lodge Meeting 7 PM	17	18 Friday Fun Nights Back in The Day	19
21	22 TACO TUESDAY 7 PM	23	24	25	26 Friday Fun Nights TBA	27 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm EVERY SATURDAY
28	29	30	31			Happy New Year

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**January**

**New Britain Elks Lodge 957**

**the 957 newsletter**

**JANUARY 2024**  
REGULAR MEETINGS  
January 3rd & 17th at 7 p.m.

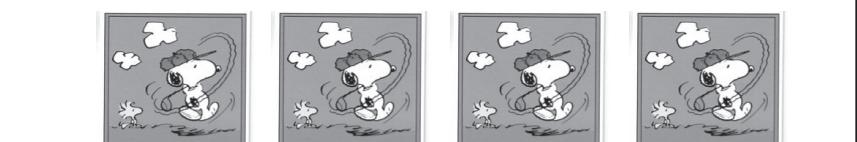
<b>2023-24 OFFICERS</b>	Suzanne Topliff..... Exalted Ruler Vacant..... Leading Knight Shanon Tomassone..... Loyal Knight Timothy Bodine..... Lecturing Knight Paul Tesz PER..... Secretary Stuart Topliff PER..... Treasurer Thomas DiPinto PER..... Tiler Mark Pruzin PER..... Trustee Steve Shubat..... Trustee Patrick Buden..... Trustee Grant Gatzem..... Trustee David Moederndorfer CHAIRMAN..... Trustee James Searle PER..... Esquire Peter Morran LM..... Chaplain Robert Martinchek..... Inner Guard Michael Platoss..... Organist
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**Home Lodge of**  
Robert W. Hansen HLM • Past Chairman Board of Grand Trustees,  
Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard,  
Past Special Deputy GER, PGLCC, PSP, PDD

**UPCOMING 957 EVENTS**

**STEAK NIGHT**  
**Monday, January 8th**

You can purchase tickets ahead of time at the lodge or sign up online.



**New Britain Elks Lodge 957 2023 Golf Update**

**THANK YOU!**  
—COMMITTEE MEMBERS—  
For your energy and dedication!  
—GOLFERS—  
For your participation to support the event!  
—SIGN SPONSORS—  
For advertising your company, personal or family!  
—RAFFLE PRIZE DONATORS—  
For your prize(s) helped the raffles success!  
THANK YOU! Cochairs, Tom & Andy

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Fraternally yours,  
Suzanne Topliff  
Exalted Ruler

**From the Exalted Ruler**  
Greetings Elk Brothers and Sisters!

Happy New Year! Hard Hittin' New Britain Lodge 957 is ready to get this year started! A quick look back first: our lodge has shown that we focus on the core principles of Elkdom through our charitable donations and participation in so many Grand Lodge events. From supporting Prudence Crandall, the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative, Boxes to Boots, Warm the Children and the Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation we have gone above and beyond to raise money to lighten the burden of many and help others fight for their lives. Members have participated in the Soccer Shootout to raise money for Regional, championed the Hoop Shoot, handed out lunches at Special Olympics and raised money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Special Olympics. Not to be outdone, our Trustees have seen to the replacement of HVAC system in the Parlor, sealed our parking lot, provided electrical work, painted and started renovations on the Hall and kept our ice machine running.

House members and officers have been cooking dogs and burgers on Saturdays, revived the Friday Night music scene and made Welfare Night and the House Party events of the season. Thank you to all who have led the way. I challenge our members to make sure you find time to participate and bolster our volunteerism for 2024.

The momentum won't continue without you. Come visit the lodge; visit the website, check Facebook and the newsletter for events. Don't be afraid to drop in to volunteer at an event. We have a bowling tournament coming up that needs bowlers, gift baskets or gift cards to raffle off. If you have a business and you want to donate to the tournament in some way or serve on the Bowling committee it will be a fun time! Bring your friends down to the Lodge, get out of the house and have some fun. There is French Night, a Wolf Pack Hockey Night and don't forget Steak Night, Meatloaf Monday and Taco Tuesday.

I have been thanked and complemented for all that has been done for and at this Lodge during my term as ER: no big secret, I am responsible for very little of it. I show up, I have a great time, and sit back and watch with gratitude the dedicated members and officers who give so much time, energy and enthusiasm to our home away from home. I am gratified by the growing number of members who are stepping up to participate and take over committees, the newsletter and the dinners. We are all a part of something really great here. We are THE Elks, as GER Randy Shook says. We have many mentors who participate at District, Regional and State levels in our Lodge. They provide guidance, encouragement and want us to continue to step up. Join me in making sure we have a sensational! Speak of your Elks membership with pride, invite a friend to join and come in for a hotdog and some great conversation. I look forward to seeing you.

