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# December

## New Britain Elks Lodge 957

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Elks Memorial Day Services at 12 Noon.	2 STEAK NIGHT 6 PM 	3 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	4	5 Friday Fun Night! Vinyl Countdown 6-8 pm	6  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm	7
8 Meatloaf Dinner by Mary \$12 for dinner <small>Starts at 5 PM. A signup sheet is located in bar area.</small>	9 Open Mic 6-8 PM 	10 11 12 Friday Fun Night! Mixed Bag 6-8 pm	13 Friday Fun Night! Mixed Bag 6-8 pm	14  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm		
15 KIDS Christmas Party 12 Noon-2:00 PM	16	17 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	18	19 Friday Fun Night! Greg Allen 6-8 pm	20 NO HOT DOGS House Committee X-mas Party 1-2 PM	21  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
22	23 NO TACO's BACK IN 2025 	24  25 Merry Christmas	26 Friday Fun Night! Tony Gabriel 6-8 pm	27  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm	28	
29	30 	31  Happy Holidays!				

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# DECEMBER 2024

REGULAR MEETING  
December 4th & 18th at 7 p.m.



From the Exalted Ruler  
Greetings my Brothers and Sisters in ELKdom!

The holiday season is upon us and soon the white stuff will be covering the ground!

November was a busy month with many activities happening in the lodge! We had a very successful second annual Racking the Night Away to benefit our partnership with CTBHI. Many Kudos to Pat Buden and Mary Schmitt who together with a large team of volunteers spearheaded the efforts in the kitchen. Tip of the Antlers to Pete DeFazio and Avenue Groove for donating their time with excellent music. The members came together and donated many raffle prizes and their time and effort in setting up, working the event and breaking down the event. A great time was had by all! The lodge also held a successful Hoop Shoot at the Boys and Girls Club of New Britain. Welfare Night was a huge success! This event supports our members who are in distress and it was a pleasure to see our members come together.

We celebrated Stuart Topliff, DDGER for his homecoming. The dinner was prepared by Mary and Pat and was a huge success. The officer suite did an amazing job at the ritual and I have never been more proud of the efforts of the officer suite. We are Better Together!!!

Our Antlers prepared and baked many pies for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Antlers is a youth program for youth ages 12-20. They participate in fundraising efforts, leadership programs and participate in lodge events. If there is a teen in your life, I urge you to find out more about the program and sign them up.

The lodge holds our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month. I encourage you to come to a meeting to learn about the business and events. As a reminder, our member's lounge is closed during our business meetings. We are open before and after.

December is a busy month with many great things going on at the lodge. On Sunday December 1, we will hold our Memorial Sunday Service and Ritual. The ritual honors our departed members in a beautiful ritual. We will also be displaying our new Tablets of Love and Memory. December 14, is our popular Polish Night. Tickets are available at the lodge and online for this delicious ethnic night! Our Children's Christmas party will be held on December 15th. Please sign your children up at the lodge. On December 21st we will hold our members only House Party!

Tip of the Antlers to our new Decorating Committee! They have been sprucing up the lodge for the holidays and it has brought a lot of warmth to the member's lounge.

Our Trustees have been working hard to ensure our historic building remains in good shape. We have made many improvements to our member's lounge in the past year. We have recently refinished the floors in the Parlor. A gentle reminder to our members not to drag the tables and chairs in the parlor and member's lounge as they scratch the floors. Also, if you move tables, please return them.

On behalf of the officer suite, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. May your family be blessed with good health and happiness in the new year.

Fraternally yours,  
Shanon Tomassone  
Exalted Ruler

**KIDS** \$15  
Per Child  
**Christmas Party**

DECEMBER 15th  
12 Noon - 2:00 PM

Includes gift, visit from Santa food, games  
and goodie bags. Sign up required.

**HOUSE PARTY**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST | 1:00 - 2:00 PM  
MEMBERS ONLY

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