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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	4 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	5	6 Friday Fun Night! Vinyl Countdown 6-8 pm	7 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
8	9 Meatloaf Dinner by Mary \$12 for dinner <small>Starts at 5 PM. A sign up sheet is located in bar area.</small>	10	11 Open Mic 6-8 PM 	12	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	18 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	19	20 Friday Fun Night! Greg Allen 6-8 pm	21 NO HOT DOGS House Committee X-mas Party 1-2 PM
22	23	24 NO TACO's BACK IN 2025 	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27 Friday Fun Night! Tony Gabriel 6-8 pm	28 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
29	30	31 HAPPY New Year Eve 				

“957” the newsletter



DECEMBER 2024

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

2024-25 OFFICERS

Shanon Tomassone Exalted Ruler
Timothy Bodine Leading Knight
Patrick Buden Sr. Loyal Knight
Michelle Bouffard Lecturing Knight
Paul Tesz PER Secretary
Stuart Topliff DDGER, PER Treasurer
Thomas DiPinto PER Tiler
Dorothy DiLernia Trustee 5-year
Mark Pruzin PER Trustee 4-year
Steve Shubat CHAIRMAN Trustee 3-year
Dennis Baker Trustee 2-year
Grant Gatzen Trustee 1-year
James Searle PER Esquire
Peter Morran LM Chaplain
Robert Martinchek Inner Guard
Michael Platosz Organist

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Robert W. Hansen HLM • Past Chairman Board of Grand Trustees,
Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard,
Past Special Deputy GER, PGLCC, PSP, PDD

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 membership 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 lodge 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 part 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 redone 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

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SICKNESS and DISTRESS

AT HOME - Dan Dombrowski, James Panetta, PER, Thomas Higgins, Robert Donofrio, Sr., Patricia Scarlett
PER FARMINGTON STATION - Farmington - Peter Denuzze

If you know of a member who is sick or in distress, please notify the lodge or email Paul Tesz, Lodge Secretary at pjtesz@yahoo.com

The ELKS RITUAL SERVICE is a privilege of ALL MEMBERS if you would like this ritual service for your deceased Elk family member please notify your funeral director or contact the lodge to make arrangements.

Absent Members

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

It is our sad duty to report the deaths of

George Sahadi – LM
Ronald T. Polaske, LM
Dean A. Sasso
Bert W. Anderson, LM



Official record has been made, thereof and a proper ceremony was held.

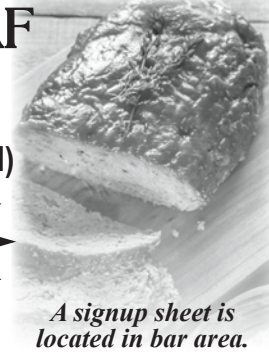
MARY'S MEATLOAF MONDAY

(mash potatoes, veggies and roll)

\$12 for dinner **Starts at 5 PM**

Monday, December 9th

A signup sheet is located in bar area.



NO TACO TUESDAY



FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.
WILL RESUME JANUARY 2025

STEAK NIGHT

Monday, December 2nd at 6 pm \$20

If you are planning to attend you need to either order and pay for the steaks online or pay at the bar.

Take out available

You must be paid up by Thursday, November 28th.

If you are signed up and cannot make the dinner PLEASE CANCEL by Thursday, November 28th.



Dues for 2024-2025

Because of the assessment of the CT State Elks Association and the dictate of the By-laws of New Britain Lodge, the dues for Lodge Year 2024-2025 will be increasing from \$2 per member to \$3 per member. Beginning on April 1, 2025 member dues will be:

- \$118.00 for Regular Membership
- \$66.00 for Life Membership
- \$15.00 Associate Member Dues
- \$12.00 Antlers Dues

If members have prepaid and owe \$1 please give to Paul Tesz, Lodge Secretary.

Friday Fun Nights

December 6- Vinyl Countdown
December 13 - Mixed Bag
December 20 - Greg Allen
December 27 - Tony Gabriel



Open Mic Night

December 11th – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Annual Polish Night

Saturday
December 14, 2024
Reception at 5:00 PM in the Parlor followed by dinner at 6:00 PM in the Hall

\$25 per person

Tickets will be sold at the bar or online.

“To go” HOT Meal on Saturday can be picked up at 7:00 PM (no earlier) in the Bar area upstairs.

A teacup raffle will be held upstairs after dinner.

Katrina and Mark Acoustic Duo will perform music upstairs from 8:00-11:00 PM



To Our Absent Members

This will be the 135th year that the Elks Memorial Day services will be held in our Lodges. At the Grand Lodge Session held in New York City in 1889, a resolution was passed dedicating the first Sunday of each December as the day Elksdom pays tribute to “Our Absent Members”. The date for this ritual to remember our “Absent Members” is Sunday, December 1st at 12:00 pm. This Annual Memorial Day Service will take place in our lodge room. This is a special day for families of our departed members and the surviving members, to come together to honor and remember those we have lost over the past year. All members and their families are invited to attend this inspirational and solemn Elk's ceremony. Please plan to attend this special event.

December 1st

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.

Wherever Elks may, roam, whatever their lot in life may be when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elksdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

“TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS.”

957 BOOSTERS

Dec-24 Frank E. Chiger LM
Mar-25 Eric Dietsch
Mar-25 Brendan Boyle
Mar-25 Stan Glowiak
Mar-25 Richard Mullins
Mar-25 Robert Martincich
Mar-25 Barbara Giansanti
Mar-25 Eric Giansanti
Mar-25 Susan Woerz
Mar-25 Carmelina Fidello
Mar-25 Roger Thorin
Mar-25 Deborah Wojas
Mar-25 Carin Mancini
Mar-25 Patrick Dorsey
Mar-25 Lanette Macaruso
Mar-25 James Motyka
Mar-25 Donald Nadeau
Mar-25 Nancy Cyr
Mar-25 Kenneth Marzi
Mar-25 Dr. Joseph Harrison
Mar-25 Raymond Gmeindl
Mar-25 Gerald Erwin
Mar-25 Evelyn Hudyma
Mar-25 Stephen Dygus
Mar-25 Paul Clavette
Mar-25 Thomas Cugno
Mar-25 Natalie Gmeindl
Mar-25 Faustino Zucchi
Mar-25 Natalie Autunno
Mar-25 Joseph Scallise
Mar-25 Joseph Dubin
Mar-25 Jacob Topf
Mar-25 James Baker
Mar-25 Mykola Hudyma
Mar-25 Joseph O'Brien
Mar-25 Michael Powers
Mar-25 Joseph Spagna
Mar-25 Peter Defazio
Mar-25 Lucian Pawlak
Mar-25 Lucia Rydecki
Mar-25 Andrew Rosado
Mar-25 Adrianna Rosado
Mar-25 Phyllis Vestuti
Mar-25 Rose Hyjek

Mar-25 John Napierski
Mar-25 Allen Procko
Mar-25 Louis Amodio
Mar-25 Solomon Karam
Mar-25 David Heckman
Mar-25 In Memory of Francis E. Gentile
Mar-25 Frederick Haddad
Mar-25 Patricia Haddad
Mar-25 Brad Fresher
Mar-25 Ezzio Partesano
Mar-25 Richard Dinda
Mar-25 James Violette
Mar-25 Patricia Maerz
Mar-25 William T. Costello
Mar-25 Kenneth "Grey, Jr."
Mar-25 Thomas Pilarski
Mar-25 Richard Borowski
Mar-25 Cindy Ochankowski
Mar-25 Michael Bard
Mar-25 Dianne Chase-Shubat
Mar-25 Virginia Osborne
Mar-25 John Bogdan
Mar-25 Alex Koutouvides
Mar-25 Patricia Lamb
Mar-25 Roland Cloutier
Mar-25 Kenneth Lavoie
Mar-25 Antonio Marino
Mar-25 Samantha Mercado
Mar-25 Frank Baldino
Mar-25 Roger Zaleski –
In Memory of Bev
Mar-25 David Zajac
Mar-25 Mary Ann Lombardo
Mar-25 Alfred Roy
Mar-25 Dennis Baker
Mar-25 Denis Turcotte
Mar-25 Donald Gary Trzasko
Mar-25 Salvatore Giarratana
Mar-25 Cheryl Danielewicz
Mar-25 Barry Pearson
Mar-25 Anthony Dangelo
Mar-25 Concetto Cugno
Mar-25 Lidia Chatham
Mar-25 Lynn Kuzina

Mar-25 Albert F. Urso
Mar-25 Leonard Bieringer
Mar-25 John Arcidiacono, Jr.
Mar-25 Gerald Berthiaume
Mar-25 Kyle Anderson
Mar-25 John Kane
Mar-25 Guy Anderson
Mar-25 Roger Gantenbein
Mar-25 Karen Ortol
Mar-25 Carlos Pina
Mar-25 Eugene Polaske
Mar-25 Jeffrey Wiehn
Mar-25 Richard Lyons
Mar-25 Ronald Polaske LM
Mar-25 Andrew Kyriacou
Mar-25 Christopher Wodnicki
Mar-25 Joseph Durante
Mar-25 Frank Messer
Mar-25 Peter Clavette
Mar-25 Joseph Kowalczyk
Mar-25 Brian Grogan
Mar-25 Ann Targonski Brown
Mar-25 Doreen Hellandbrand
Mar-25 Shirley Osle
Mar-25 Brian Jendrzeyczyk
Mar-25 William Yanchak
Mar-25 Wayne Fretz
Mar-25 Peter Rutovich
Mar-25 Arthur Schneider
Mar-25 John Yanchak
Mar-25 Richard Scavilla
Mar-25 Richard Varano
Mar-25 Henry Rodriguez
Mar-25 In Memory of Andrew Donofrio, Sr.
Mar-25 David Moskal LM
Mar-25 Ronald Muzzulin
Jun-25 John A. Amodio LM
Jun-25 William F. "Farrell, Jr."
Aug-25 Mark Q. Anderson
Aug-25 Kevin Morin

Aug-25 Joan Morin
Aug-25 Carol Bowen
Aug-25 Suzanne Bielsinski
Oct -25 Greg May
Nov-25 Paul Just
Dec-25 Thomas D'Attilio
Mar-26 Richard Diminno
Mar-26 Stan Glowiak
Mar-26 Thomas West
Mar-26 Brian Bagdasarian
Mar-26 Scott Rosado
Mar-26 John Eshoo
Mar-26 Scott Odell
Mar-26 Joseph Vaverchak
Mar-26 James Vasellina
Apr-26 Joseph Mineeweaser
Apr-26 David Kalisz
Apr-26 Alina Kalisz
Apr-26 In Memory of Kevin Glove
May-26 Paul Catanzaro
May-26 Cynthia Debonoe
May-26 Joe Shillinga
May-26 In Memory of Thomas Foy
May-26 Andrew Donofrio, Jr.
May-26 Adrienne L. & Rita Leclerc
Jun-26 David Kumits
Sep-26 Catherine Lizon
Sep-26 Stanley Lizon
Oct-26 Brian Martinchek
Dec-26 Sharon Simpson
Jan-27 Fran Keating
Apr-27 David A. Bailey
Mar-27 Peter Denuzze
Mar-27 Patrick McCabe
Mar-27 Anonymous
Mar-27 Gary Duran
Mar-27 Gary Loomis
Mar-27 Frederick Ambroszewski
Mar-27 Leonard Corto
Mar-27 William Sample LM
Apr-27 Patricia Albanese
May-27 David Bagdasarian
Jun-27 George F. Sahadi LM
Dec-27 Ronald Kisluk

Malcolm Kolpak, PER, LM – 10/08/2021
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Edward R. Arbour, LM – 10/04/2024
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Dean A. Sasso – 10/11/2024
George Sahadi, LM – 10/21/2024
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