

# “957” the newsletter



## JUNE/JULY 2025

### REGULAR MEETING

June 4th & 18th at 7 p.m.

2025-26 OFFICERS

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

#### 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

### From the Exalted Ruler

#### To my Brothers and Sisters!

We've got some exciting (and delicious) updates this month! Be sure to be here for Mary's meatloaf June 9th! She will be taking July and August off for Meatloaf Mondays and Taco Tuesdays. (She will be back in September!) While we'll miss those comforting staples, we will be offering up new things during the warm months of summer. Come by and see what surprise dishes we have in store. You won't be disappointed! Steve Archaski and I will be doing Hamburger and Hotdogs June 7th and June 21st. Mary will be covering the other Saturdays throughout the summer. I'll be trying to grab a few more Hamburger days in July. Stay tuned and check the New Britain Elks website (Elks957.org) for updates. There will be no newsletter for July.



As always, we strive to keep our lodge a welcoming space for everyone. Please remember that political clothing, including hats, shirts, or other apparel showing political party affiliations or slogans, is not permitted during lodge events or in the bar and dining areas. Let's keep the focus on friendship, community, and fun.

Some more reminders for the next few months. June 6th will be game night, possible trivia June 13th and a summer solstice party June 20th with Jason Nadeau. We also have Sizzling Sundays starting in July throughout the summer! Next house meeting is June 10th, come on down!

June has some more exciting events coming up! Including the Fran Joyce dedication on June 7th Flag Day ritual June 14th and Father's Day June 15th which we will also do a ritual as well. Taco Tuesday this month will be June 24th! Last one until September so come on down!!

This year's convention is June 27th in Kansas City, so I'll be bringing back some new and exciting information from the Grand Lodge.

Finally, I leave you with a few personal messages. First Take the Plunge! Volunteer where you can. We are ALL in this together, and if you can't, support those who are. Second, come to a meeting!! First and 3rd Wednesday of every month except July and August. (3rd Wednesday) Finally ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! Be safe and hopefully I'll see you down at the Lodge!

Fraternally yours,  
Exalted Ruler Timothy Bodine

## POLISH FESTIVAL IN NEW BRITAIN

June 8th is the Polish Festival in  
New Britain and we will be serving  
food to celebrate starting at 1:00 PM.

### Your choice of

Martin Rosol Kielbasa, with homemade  
pierogies and sauerkraut, with **\$12**  
rye bread and butter for only

Or

a Kielbasa sandwich with **\$8**  
chips and a pickle for

**SIGN UP IS REQUIRED AT THE LODGE!**



www.elks957.org • phone: 860.223.2027 • email: pjtesz@yahoo.com

30 WASHINGTON STREET, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06050

## SICKNESS and DISTRESS

**AT HOME** - Dan Dombrowski, James Panetta, PER,  
Robert V. Darin, LM, Pater W. Smulski, LM, Sandy Ryiz

**FARMINGTON STATION** - Farmington - Peter J. Denuzze, LM

**MASONICARE AT MIDDLEWOODS OF NEWINGTON** -  
Roger Zaleski, LM

**JEROME HOME** - Dr. Richard Judd, LM

**MONSIGNOR BOJNOWSKI MANOR** - Jack Nixer, LM

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

## SIZZLING SUNDAYS ARE BACK!

Returns for July and August  
Each Sunday 2-4 PM

We will have food and some  
entertainment.

## MARY'S MEATLOAF MONDAY

(mash potatoes, veggies and roll)

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

Monday, June 9th



A signup sheet is  
located in bar area.

## TACO TUESDAY



**3 FOR \$7**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2025**  
**5:00PM TILL WE RUN OUT**

## STEAK NIGHT

Monday, June 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, May 29th.

If you are signed up and cannot make the dinner  
PLEASE CANCEL by Thursday, May 29th.



## PROPOSITION for LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following member has requested Life Membership and will be  
balloted on.

• **Richard C. Mullins, Jr. Member #3514**

## Dues for 2025-2026

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**
- **\$12.00 Antlers Dues**

## Francis A. Joyce Parlor Dedication

June 7th

Dedication in  
parlor at 4 PM

Dinner and Remarks at 5 PM

Pork Roast dinner with  
potatoes and vegetables.

Cost is \$25 per person

YOU MUST PURCHASE  
IN ADVANCE.

Tickets will be available  
online or at the bar.

All proceeds will go to the  
Youth Activities Fund.



**Maria (Jola) Turczanik**

REALTOR® • Mówię po polsku

**860.573.5326**

MariaTurczanik@bhhsne.com

**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**  
HOMESERVICES

**NEW ENGLAND  
PROPERTIES**

196 Berlin Turnpike, Suite 5  
Berlin CT 06037

A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



# NEW BRITIAN ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 25, 2025

HAWK'S LANDING COUNTRY CLUB  
SOUTHINGTON, CT

Shotgun 9:00 am

Cost Per Person: \$130

Rain Date Sept 8th, if date stays open

Promote your business or your company's business  
with a sponsor sign displayed at the course \$100.

APPLICATIONS AT  
THE LODGE

CASH BAR

**PRE-PAY ONLY**

**NO COLLECTION AT COURSE**

**No Exceptions**

**PAY EARLY - CUT OFF DATE 8/18/25**

**FIRST PAID - FIRST PLAY**

Dinner and Prize Raffle will be  
held at the NB Elks Lodge 957



## DEVELOPING AN ANTLERS LODGE

Do you know a child who would like to  
contribute to the community and learn  
important leadership skills?

We are looking for Antlers ages 12 to 20 to join.

The Antlers are about the future of our young people, the  
future of the community, our nation, and the future of the  
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

For more information, contact

Kim Cierniewski @ 860-729-6194 or Kasia Tesz @ 860-996-2333.



**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**

Also, please visit <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/antlers.cfm?>  
for more information.

## 957 BOOSTERS

Jun-25 John A. Amodio LM  
Aug-25 Kevin Morin  
Aug-25 Joan Morin  
Aug-25 Carol Bowen  
Aug-25 Suzanne Bielinski  
Oct-25 Greg May  
Nov-25 Paul Just  
Dec-25 Thomas D'Attilio  
Mar-26 David Dietsch  
Mar-26 Stan Glowiak  
Mar-26 Thomas West  
Mar-26 Scott Odell  
Mar-26 John Saccente  
Mar-26 Paul Scalora  
Mar-26 Robert Martinchek  
Mar-26 Eric Dietsch  
Mar-26 James Norton  
Mar-26 Ezio Partesano  
Mar-26 Allen Procko  
Mar-26 Kenneth "Grey, Jr."  
Mar-26 Gabriele Paciotti  
Mar-26 Diane Houle  
Mar-26 Cheryl Trovato  
Mar-26 Louis Amodio  
Mar-26 Joann Neifelt  
Mar-26 Antonio Marino  
Mar-26 Thomas Cugno  
Mar-26 Raymond Gmeindl  
Mar-26 Thomas Pilarski  
Mar-26 Gerald Erwin  
Mar-26 Joseph Pistrutto, Sr.  
Mar-26 David Obedzinski  
Mar-26 Lucian Pawlak  
Mar-26 Jeffrey Paradis  
Mar-26 Joseph Dubin  
Mar-26 Phyllis Vestuti  
Mar-26 Gary Hovhannessian  
Mar-26 Natalie Gmeindl  
Mar-26 Patricia Maerz  
Mar-26 James Motyka  
Mar-26 Frederick Haddad  
Mar-26 Joseph Spagna, Sr.  
Mar-26 Daniel Garofalo  
Mar-26 Cheryl Danielewicz  
Mar-26 Alex Koutouvides

Mar-26 Cindy Ochankowski  
Mar-26 Joseph O'Brien  
Mar-26 Robert Vasil  
Mar-26 Deborah Hartney  
Mar-26 Robert Cacchillo  
Mar-26 Leonard Bieringer  
Mar-26 Nancy Cyr  
Mar-26 John Kane  
Mar-26 Roger Thorin  
Mar-26 Susan Smith  
Mar-26 Brendan Boyle  
Mar-26 Maria Holton  
Mar-26 Concetto Cugno  
Mar-26 Denis Turcotte  
Mar-26 Patricia Lizon  
Mar-26 Mary O'Brien  
Mar-26 Barry Pearson  
Mar-26 Kenneth Giantonio  
Mar-26 Kevin Kossbiel  
Mar-26 Donald Gary Trzasko  
Mar-26 Donna Veach  
Mar-26 Faustino Zucchi  
Mar-26 Kenneth Lavoie  
Mar-26 Janet Bowen  
Mar-26 Paul Clavette  
Mar-26 Nicole Descheneaux  
Mar-26 David Zajac  
Mar-26 Chet Formica  
Mar-26 John Arcidiacono, Jr.  
Mar-26 John Bogden  
Mar-26 Ellen Gentile  
Mar-26 Richard Kwasniewski  
Mar-26 Scott Whitman  
Mar-26 Richard Mullins  
Mar-26 Patricia Crawford  
Mar-26 John Gotchis  
Mar-26 Joseph Palmese  
Mar-26 Mary Ann Lombardo  
Mar-26 John R. D'Onofrio, Jr.  
Mar-26 Tyler D'Onofrio  
Mar-26 Michael D'Onofrio  
Mar-26 Patti D'Onofrio  
Mar-26 Dennis Baker  
Mar-26 William Ackerman II  
Mar-26 Glenn Alonzo

Mar-26 Dominique Mendes  
Mar-26 Kyle Anderson  
Mar-26 Cynthia Nolan  
Mar-26 Carmelina Fidelio  
Mar-26 Angelo Dalfonso  
Mar-26 Michael Ciniti  
Mar-26 John Napierski  
Mar-26 Richard Czapkowski  
Mar-26 Lidia Chatham  
Mar-26 Kathryn Favreau  
Mar-26 Linda Retano  
Mar-26 Deborah Wojas  
Mar-26 Kathleen Leiner  
Mar-26 Tim Holcomb  
Mar-26 Richard Dinda  
Mar-26 Kenneth Marzi  
Apr-26 In Memory of Kevin Glove  
Apr-26 Henry Rodrigue  
Apr-26 Carlos Pina, Jr.  
Apr-26 David Moskal LM  
Apr-26 Paul Petrisko  
Apr-26 Peter Rutovich  
Apr-26 Brian Gregson  
Apr-26 William Yanchak  
Apr-26 Wayne Fretz  
Apr-26 Andrew Kyriacou  
Apr-26 Arthur Schneider  
Apr-26 Richard Scavilla  
Apr-26 Frank Messer  
Apr-26 John Yanchak  
Apr-26 Christopher Wodnicki  
Apr-26 Doreen Hellandbrand  
Apr-26 Peter Clavette  
Apr-26 Shirley Osle  
Apr-26 Ann Targonski Brown  
Apr-26 David Ciarcia  
Apr-26 Anthony Uvino  
Apr-26 Brian Jendrzeyczyk  
Apr-26 Alice Milardo  
Apr-26 Laurie Kosich  
May-26 Cynthia Debonee  
May-26 Joe Shilinga  
May-26 In Memory of Thomas Foy  
May-26 Adrien LM & Rita Leclerc  
May-26 Ronald Muzzulini

May-26 Eugene Polaske  
Jun-26 David Kunitis  
Jun-26 William F. "Farrell, Jr."  
Aug-26 Mark Q. Anderson  
Sep-26 Thomas Satalino  
Dec-26 Sharon Simpson  
Mar-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 Jeff Arute  
Mar-27 David Heckman  
Mar-27 Roger Ramm  
Mar-27 Stephen Dygus  
Mar-27 Maryann Dibenedetto  
Mar-27 Frank Baldino  
Mar-27 John Revey  
Mar-27 Salvatore Giarratana  
Mar-27 Joseph Vaverchak  
Mar-27 John Eshoo  
Mar-27 Brian Bagdasarian  
Mar-27 Evelyn Hudyma  
Mar-27 Mykola Hudyma  
Mar-27 Scott Rosado  
Mar-27 Ronald Kisluk  
Mar-27 Andy Ryiz  
May-27 Andrew Donofrio, Jr.  
May-27 Elizabeth Parent  
Jun-27 George F. Sahadi LM  
Sep-27 Catherine Lizon  
Sep-27 Stanley Lizon  
Oct-27 Brian Martinchek  
Dec-27 Ronald Oulundsen  
Mar-28 Diane Kral  
Mar-28 Richard Krumins  
Mar-28 William Sample LM  
Mar-28 James Vasellina  
Apr-28 David Kalisz  
Apr-28 Alina Kalisz  
May-28 Richard Diminno  
May-28 Paul J. Amenta  
May-28 David Bagdasarian  
Jun-28 Ken Kezer LM

Aug-28 Anthony Masciotra LM  
Sep-28 Tracey Bacchus  
Sep-28 Thomas J. Luddy  
Sep-28 Frank "Teti, Jr."  
Jan-29 Fran Keating  
Feb-29 In Memory of Peter Hart LM  
Mar-29 Leonard Corto  
Mar-29 Michael O'Connor  
Mar-29 Frederick Ambroszewski  
Mar-29 James Bogdan  
Mar-29 Joseph Cisz LM  
Mar-29 Leonard Corto  
Mar-29 Fred Jortner, Sr.  
Apr-29 Brian Balavender  
Apr-29 Donald Geschinsky  
Apr-29 Maureen S. Kolpak  
Apr-29 Daniel Steiner  
Apr-29 John Zinzale  
Apr-29 In Memory of John Balavender  
Apr-29 Patricia Albanese  
May-29 Paul Catanzaro  
Oct-29 Stanley Kasica  
Nov-29 Josephine Moreno  
Mar-30 Ron Mais  
Mar-30 Kelly Viera  
Mar-30 Howard Begley  
Mar-30 Christina Benvenuto  
Mar-30 Richard Diminno  
Mar-30 Mark Letizio: In Memory of  
Kevin Glove  
May-30 James J. Cullum LM  
May-30 Michael Spranzo  
Aug-30 Gary Debenian LM  
Sep-30 Daniel J. Cullum  
Dec-30 Richard Oulundsen  
Feb-31 In Memory of David J. Barton  
Apr-31 Ronald J. Kolpak LM  
Oct-31 Elaine Wass  
Oct-31 William Wass  
Dec-31 John J. Zottler LM

Mar-32 Stephen Osakowicz LM  
May-32 Anthony Scierka  
Mar-33 Randy Williams LM  
Mar-34 Pat & Walter Florkowski LM  
May-34 Peter Smulski  
Sep-34 Michael McKinstry  
Sept-34 Geoffrey Fowler  
Oct-34 Mary Jane Parlow & Late Al  
Parlow "PER, PDD"  
Dec-34 Donald Perrotta "LM, PER"  
Mar-35 Frederick Odell, LM  
Jan-36 Robert "Ferrone, SR." "PDD,  
HLM"  
Jun-36 Jan Lonski  
Feb-37 Bruce Larson LM  
Mar-37 Selden K. Griffen III  
Sep-37 Thomas Bozek  
Nov-37 Dr. Richard L. Judd  
Apr-38 Walter Ochankowski  
May-38 Rosalind Terranova  
Mar-39 Richard Drezek  
May-40 Roger Drezek LM PER  
Jun-40 Brendan Kennedy LM  
Apr-41 Michael Platosz  
Apr-41 Adam Platosz  
Nov-41 In Memory of D.J. Barton  
Jun-46 Richard Wisznick  
Jun-51 Dean Sasso  
May-53 Bryan Anderson  
Mar-54 Vincent Perez LM  
May-54 Italian American War Veterans  
Dec-54 Paul J. "Manafort, Sr." LM  
Apr-64 William McCue  
Apr-69 Michael J. Symolon  
May-72 Thomas Farrelly LM  
May-2073 Peter Morran LM  
Mar-2107 Alfred Blumes  
Feb-2184 Edward Michalek  
Jan-2341 Peter T. Bourdon

*This is a list of our Boosters and  
the date they are paid through.*

*Thank you*



### Dog Boarding

\$35 per evening for the 1st dog,  
\$25 per evening for an additional dog.

Located in Southington, CT

We also offer roundtrip services for  
\$50 per trip pending distance.



Carrie's Pet Sitting Services

860.919.5153



Be Community Kind.™



Anna Podkowiak  
Mortgage Loan  
Officer

c 860-402-7076

f 860-704-2043

apodkowiak@liberty-bank.com

NMLS #529133

747 Farmington Avenue

New Britain, CT 06053

www.liberty-bank.com/anna



liberty-bank.com



**THE HONORABLE ERIN E. STEWART**

Mayor

City of New Britain

www.newbritainct.gov

CITY HALL  
27 WEST MAIN STREET  
NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051

TEL: (860) 826-3303  
FAX: (860) 826-3308  
mayor@newbritainct.gov

**AMODIO & CO.**  
— REAL ESTATE —

**SOLD  
SOLD  
SOLD**

Award Winning Service Since 1919

**REAL ESTATE SALES & LEASING  
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL**

AMODIO.COM

860-674-8908

**PLEASE SUPPORT  
OUR ADVERTISERS**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

One-hour sessions each week, one-to-one classes with Adult Learners

If you can speak it, you can teach it.

All books and training are provided

Contact Nancy Rodriguez

**860-348-0622**

114 West Main Street, Suite 315

New Britain, CT 06051



**SIENA LEARNING CENTER**

A Ministry of The Dominican Sisters of Peace



**GO FASTER WITH  
GONETSPEED  
100% FIBER INTERNET.**

gonetspeed.com | 855.891.7291



**SCAN TO SIGN UP TODAY!**



**JPM Elite  
Appliance Repair**

**Jeremy P  
Morgan**

**Veteran Owned**

- ✦ *Where Service  
Meets Excellence*
- ✦ *Find me on  
Facebook*

**860-518-9059**

**f FARRELL**  
FUNERAL HOME  
& CREMATION

*110 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051  
860.225.8464*

*FarrellFuneralHome@att.net  
www.FarrellFuneralHome.com*



*Do you have questions about  
Medicare?  
I have Answers !!*

**Sheila Dow**

(860)965-0091

New Britain area

SDow@ASB.Insure

Office: Waterside Dr  
Farmington, CT

**Independent Insurance Agent**

Contracted with 8 Insurance

Companies offering Plans in CT

*Understand your Coverage*

*Know your options*

**PLACE YOUR AD HERE!**

.....  
Your ad will appear in our  
957 newsletter and web page for 1 year.

.....  
Business Card size Ad 2"x3.5" – **\$150**

.....  
Quarter Page size Ad 4"x5" – **\$200**  
.....

Send us your COPY and CHECK to:

New Britain Elks Lodge 957

Attn. 957 Newsletter

PO Box 957

New Britain, CT 06051-0957

Electronic Ads can be sent to:

nb957news@yahoo.com

Your check **MUST** be received  
before publication of your ad

Simple **FREE** Ad design

is available; contact

nb957news@yahoo.com



**Electrolux**

Paul Quagliaroli, Franchise Owner

105 Elm Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

T: 860.388.0811 | Cell: 860.830.1669

Norwich: 860.889.1356

Portland: 860.342.2882








Email: frolidsaybrook1@aerusonline.com

www.aerusofoldsaybrook.com

*Independently  
Owned  
Franchise*

# June

## New Britain Elks Lodge 957

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	<b>Steak Night</b> 6 PM 	3	<b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	5	<b>Game Night</b>	7  <b>HOT DOGS &amp; HAMBURGERS</b> 12-2 pm
<b>Polish Festival</b> 1:00 pm 	<b>Meatloaf</b> Dinner by Mary <b>\$12 for dinner</b> <i>Starts at 5 PM. A signup sheet is located in bar area.</i>	10	11	12	<b>Trivia Night</b>	<b>HOT DOGS</b> 12-2 pm <b>FLAG DAY 11:00 AM</b>
 <b>15</b> Brunch 10-12 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>Summer Solstice Party</b>	 <b>HOT DOGS &amp; HAMBURGERS</b> 12-2 pm
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5 PM 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Friday Fun Night!</b> <b>TBD</b>	 <b>HOT DOGS</b> 12-2 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

June/July 2025

DATED MATERIAL  
PLEASE PROCESS

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
New Britain, CT  
PERMIT No. 156

**NEW BRITAIN LODGE OF ELKS #957**  
P.O. Box 957  
New Britain, CT 06050-0957

