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# February

## New Britain Elks Lodge 957

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	<b>Steak Night 2</b> 6 PM <b>\$25</b>  <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3	<b>Lodge Meeting 4</b> 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	5	<b>Martin Piggott 6</b> 6-8 PM Dinner \$12	<b>HOT DOGS 7</b> 12-2 pm Irish Parade Sash 6 PM Ceremony
<b>SUPER BOWL PARTY 15</b> BUFFET  <b>\$20</b>	<b>Meatloaf 9</b> Dinner by Mary <b>\$15 for dinner</b> <small>Starts at 5 PM. A signup sheet is located in bar area.</small>	10	11 Dinner 6 pm	12	<b>Trivia w/ 13</b> Quizmaster Steve starting at 7PM	<b>HOT DOGS &amp; 14</b> HAMBURGERS 12-2 pm Valentines Dinner 6-8 PM
<b>OLD TIMERS 15</b> INITIATION 12 Noon Ritual 1 PM Lunch	 <b>16</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	17	<b>Lodge Meeting 18</b> 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	19	<b>Fried Dough Night 20</b> 6 PM \$7 Per Person	<b>HOT DOGS 21</b> 12-2 pm <b>Bowling Fundraiser</b>
22	23	<b>TACO TUESDAY 24</b> 3 for \$7 5 PM till we run out 	25 Dinner 6 pm	26	<b>Cub Scouts 27</b> Pack 322 Pasta Dinner \$10 Per Person	<b>28</b> <b>HOT DOGS &amp; HAMBURGERS</b> 12-2 pm
 <p>HAPPY <i>President's</i> DAY</p>						

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## FEBRUARY 2026

### REGULAR MEETING

February 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 PDDGER, PER	Treasurer
Thomas DiPinto PER	Tiler
John Leone	Trustee 5-year
Dorothy DiLernia	Trustee 4-year
John Wilkinson PER, LM	Trustee 3-year
Steve Shubat CHAIRMAN	Trustee 2-year
Dennis Baker	Trustee 1-year
James Searle PER	Esquire
Peter Morran LM	Chaplain
Shanon Tomassone PER	Inner Guard
Virginia Osborne	Organist
Andrew Jortner	Associate Trustee

#### 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

#### Welcome February Fun!

February is a month that reminds us why our Lodge is such a special place - friendship, tradition, and a little fun mixed in along the way. I'm excited to share several events that truly showcase the spirit of our membership.



On February 14th, we invite you and your special someone to our Valentine's Dinner. This evening is a celebration of love, friendship, and good food. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy a delicious meal. Tickets are limited, so act fast.

Next up is a proud tradition we hold every year with our very own Old Timers Ritual on February 15th. This meaningful ceremony pays tribute to our long-standing members and Past Officers of the Lodge that have guided us through the years. Something worth seeing!

Finally lace up those bowling shoes and get ready for a great night of bowling February 21st at Bowl-O-Rama in Newington. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just there for laughter, this is always a great time. Come out, roll a few frames, and enjoy the fellowship with me and my Angels that makes our Lodge strong! You must register your team of 4 beforehand online or at the lodge. \$30 per bowler goes to a great cause. Get a team or come alone. We can always place you on a team.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge and at the meetings this February. Officer Nominations are the first meeting of the Month, February 4th. So come throw your hat in the ring if you think you have what it takes!

Fraternally yours,  
Exalted Ruler,  
Timothy Bodine



### Nominations for Officers

for the 2026 – 2027 Elk Year will  
be held at the lodge meeting to be  
held on February 4th, 2026.

### Elections of Officer

for the 2026 – 2027 Elk Year will be  
held on at the lodge meeting to be  
held on February 18th, 2026.

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## SICKNESS and DISTRESS

**AT HOME** - Dan Dombrowski, Sandy Ryiz, Kristoffer Lubas, Linda Thompson and Patrick Palmese

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

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

**AT MIDDLEWOODS OF NEWINGTON:** Joseph Shilinga

**AMBERWOODS OF FARMINGTON:** John 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 [pjtesz@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## MARY'S MEAT- LOAF MONDAY

(mash potatoes, veggies and roll)

**\$15** for dinner  Starts at 5 PM



A signup sheet is located in bar area.

**Monday, February 9th**

## TACO TUESDAY



**3 FOR \$7**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026**  
**5:00PM TILL WE RUN OUT**

## Friday Fun Night

Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27th
Martin Piggott 6pm – 8pm French Dip Sandwiches w/German Potato Salad <b>\$12</b> Per Person	Trivia with Quiz Master Steve – 7pm	Fried Dough Friday by the Trustees – 6pm <b>\$7</b> Per Person	Cub Scout Pack 322 Fundraiser Pasta Dinner – 5pm <b>\$10</b> Per Person

## STEAK NIGHT

Monday, February 2th at 6 pm **NOW \$25**

*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, January 29th.**

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



# Irish Night SATURDAY, March 14



**Appetizer @ 5:00pm in the Parlor**

**Dinner @ 6:00pm in the Hall**

**TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND  
CABBAGE, ROASTED POTATOES, IRISH  
SODA BREAD AND DESSERT !**

**Proceeds to benefit the Building Fund.**

## Please Note

*If you have paid your dues, but have not received your membership card please contact the lodge secretary.*

## Dues for 2026-2027

Beginning on April 1, 2026 member dues will be:

- \$117.00 for Regular Membership
- \$65.00 for Life Membership



**NB Elks 957**

## An Unforgettable Valentine Night Dinner!

We are offering a 3 course meal with Choice of Steak, Stuffed Shrimp, or Surf & Turf, thoughtfully paired with whipped mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, accompanied with a Dessert.

**\$60 per couple or \$30 per person**

 6 PM - 8 PM  
Saturday, 14 February 2026

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### Saturday February 21, 2026

### 5:00pm - 8:00pm

### Callahan's Bowl-A-Rama

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#### Ticket Price Includes:

3 Games of Bowling, Shoe Rental, Pizza,  
Pitcher of Soda, 50/50 Raffle and More!



Registration will be from  
**4:00-5:00PM**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler #4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mar-26 Thomas West  
Mar-26 Scott Odell  
Mar-26 John Saccente  
Mar-26 Paul Scalora  
Mar-26 Eric Dietsch  
Mar-26 James Norton  
Mar-26 Ezzio 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 Hovhanessian  
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 Nicole Descheneaux  
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 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 Criniti  
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  
Mar-26 In Memory of  
Francis E. Gentile LM  
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  
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Apr-26 Ann Targonski Brown  
Apr-26 David Ciarcia  
Apr-26 Anthony Uvino  
Apr-26 Brian Jendzejczyk  
Apr-26 Alice Milardo  
Apr-26 Laurie Kosich  
Apr-26 Ronald Debonee  
May-26 Joe Shilinga  
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May-26 Adrienne LM & Rita Leclerc  
May-26 Ronald Muzzulini  
May-26 Eugene Polaskie  
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May-26 Carol LePage  
Jun-26 David Kumitis  
Jun-26 William F. "Farrell, Jr."  
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Aug-26 Mark Q. Anderson  
Sep-26 Thomas Satalino

Sep-26 Philip Gegenheimer  
Sep-26 Melanie Scelza  
Dec-26 Gary Debenian  
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 Anute  
Mar-27 David Heckman  
Mar-27 Roger Ramm  
Mar-27 Stephen Dygus  
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*This is a list of our Boosters and  
the date they are paid through.*

*Thank you*

# New Britain Elks 957 **Old Timers Day** Sunday, February 15, 2026

**Initiation: 12:00 Noon - Dinner at 1:00 PM**

On Sunday, February 15, 2026, the Lodge will Honor members who have reached five-year milestones in our Order, beginning with 30 years of membership.

A class of new members will be initiated in Honor of these long-standing members. The Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge will perform the Initiation Ritual. Dinner will be served at 1:00 PM and the Initiation Ritual will be held at 12:00 Noon.

**This year's Honorees are:**

## 65 Dear Members

Michael Stanton

## 60 Dear Members

Louis Marino, PER  
Joseph B. Sachetti

## 55 Dear Members

Joseph J. Cisz  
William McCue  
Frederick W. Odell

## 50 Dear Members

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Thomas A. Bozek  
David A. Johnson

## 45 Dear Members

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Robert J. Ondrick  
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Richard J. Scavilla  
Craig Schmitt  
Joseph D. Shilinga  
Richard Wiszniak

## 40 Dear Members

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R Scott Groman  
Frederick J. Jortner, Sr.  
Bruce D. Larson  
George H. Millerd  
John A. Napierski  
Frederick R. Pindar  
Vernon U. Pindar  
Philip S. Suprynowicz  
John J. Ustilla  
Wallace W. Wasielek  
John L. Zinzalet



## 35 Dear Members

Peter T. Bourdon  
Steven G. Chatlas  
Daniel J. DePinto, Sr.  
Ronald Kisluk  
Thomas J. Satalino  
Dean Spilka  
James Vasellina  
William A. Weber

## 30 Dear Members

Gary A. Duran  
Raymond M. Grzegorzec  
Joseph L. Milluzzo  
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