

“957” the newsletter



MAY

2026

REGULAR MEETING

May 6th & 20th at 7 p.m.

2026-27 OFFICERS

Patrick Buden Sr.	Exalted Ruler
Michelle Bouffard	Leading Knight
Robert Martinchek	Loyal Knight
Jason Nadeau	Lecturing Knight
Paul Tesz PER	Secretary
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Thomas DiPinto PER	Tiler
Dennis Baker	Trustee 5-year
John Leone	Trustee 4-year
Dorothy DiLernia	Trustee 3-year
John Wilkinson PER, LM	Trustee 2-year
Steve Shubat CHAIRMAN	Trustee 1-year
Timothy Bodine, PER	Esquire
Peter Morran LM	Chaplain
Shanon Tomassone PER	Inner Guard
Virginia Osborne	Organist
Andrew Jortner	Associate Trustee

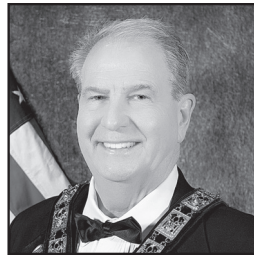
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Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard,
Past Special Deputy GER, PGLCC, PSP, PDD

From the Exalted Ruler

Greetings Brother / Sister Officers and Members All!

Now that our officers are seated the celebrations over, our Lodge work begins. We are a busy little hive as the month of May blossoms with new life and hope. Highlighting hope for many is the Race in the Park.



**JOIN THE RACE. JOIN THE CAUSE.
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**

One of 957 charities we support is the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative. The CT RACE IN THE PARK returns to Walnut Hill Park Mother's Day Weekend. The annual tradition is back and depending on your support!! Participants can support this great cause and be a part of the action by choosing from the 5K Run or the 4K/1 Mile Walk. Sign up at www.ctbhi.org. Visit our Elks Booth to support this event and to further the cause of the fight against breast cancer. Also, in conjunction, mark your calendar for November 22nd when the band Avenue Groove performs at our Lodge in support of CTBHI. Always a special night with this awesome band!! That volunteers their talents. --- Clue – buy your tickets early when available – this event sells out fast!

May 8th will host Youth Appreciation Night at the Lodge. Youth that have participated in our youth programs, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Scholarship, Drug Awareness, Antlers Youth Group and Americanism Essay winners will be invited to this awards evening to recognize them for their accomplishments. A dinner will be served on this special night.

May 10th Honor thy mother on Mother's Day. A brunch

crafted by Mary Schmitt will be served for Mom and family. Tuxedoed Officers of the Lodge will perform the Mother's Day Ritual on the Lodge floor. Please try to attend this ritual as we honor our mothers' living or those that have passed.

Many of you know our Lodge pipe organ has been silent for several years. The pipe organ, installed in 1916, needs TLC and is temporarily repaired. The original builders of the organ, Austin Organs, visited the Lodge recently and brought this beautiful voice back to life. We have our estimates and a tentative game plan to make the fix more permanent. Thank you Chaplain Peter Morran for taking the lead on this. I envision musicians playing our organ with gatherings of members to sing holiday cheer when the holidays arrive, amongst other functions.

Moving on, please congratulate the Welfare Committee on their successful drive this year. This fund provides aid to distressed or incapacitated members, consistent with the Order's founding purpose of mutual support. Nice work Chair Jim Searle PER and committee members.

The generosity of our members does not go unnoticed. A tip of the antlers to you! We thank those who supported this cause and donated their hams to the cause. Secretary Paul Tesz, PER, and I visited the



Plainville Food pantry with 15 donated hams. The Director of the Food Pantry, Suzie Woerz, told us this was a blessing, the day before Easter, to provide Easter dinner for those in need.

A huge thank you to the House Committee who will explore extended operating hours at the Lodge. The Pandemic set us back a bit and now it is time to enjoy the Lodge a bit later in the evening. The schedules are being worked out, and it will be a slow process. Thank you Shanon Tomassone, PER, and committee members for this undertaking.

Hoping to see you at the Lodge as baseball season is firing up, we have the TVs and I invite you to the Lodge to get your baseball fix in.

One more thing, if you still hold a yellow member card, it is expired. You will lose out on Lodge benefits and lose access to our Lodge and others. Please spread the word to other brother and sister members.

Fraternally Yours,
Patrick J. Buden Sr.
Exalted Ruler Lodge 957

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SICKNESS and DISTRESS

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

FARMINGTON STATION - Peter J. Denuzze, LM and Nicholas Denigris, LM

JEROME HOME - Dr. Richard Judd, LM

AT MIDDLEWOODS OF NEWINGTON - Joseph Shilinga, 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

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.

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

MARY'S MEAT- LOAF MONDAY

(mash potatoes, veggies and roll)

NOW \$15 for dinner  Starts at 5 PM

Monday, May 11th



A signup sheet is located in bar area.

TACO TUESDAY



3 FOR \$7
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2026
5:00PM TILL WE RUN OUT

STEAK NIGHT

Monday, May 4th 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, April 30th.**

If you are signed up and cannot make the dinner **PLEASE CANCEL** by Thursday, April 30th.



Setback League is having their banquet at the Lodge on

Thursday

May 14th

at 7pm

in the Parlor



THANK YOU

Thank you to those that supported the Ham Raffle which went to the lodge's Building Fund.

12.74%
Participation

Total
Donations
\$6,085

Total Profit for
Building Fund
\$4,547

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Gabriel M.



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Student Winner
John Platt

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our third-party apparel vendor and
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Toast POS Update – Important Information



Dear Lodge 957 Members,

As we've been using our new Toast point-of-sale system over the past few months, we want to address a few common questions.

Because the system is designed for restaurant ordering, some steps in the online process may look different and cannot be removed (per Toast Support), such as selecting a pickup date and time—even for memberships or event purchases.

Important Notes:

- Enter your membership number in the “Special Instructions” box for renewals, reinstatements, or demits
- Membership renewals are mailed via USPS to the address on file; please note any address changes in the comments so our Lodge Secretary can update records
- Your emailed receipt is your ticket for online event purchases
- For in-person purchases, the receipt provided by the bartender serves as your event ticket and must be shown for entry

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

957 BOOSTERS

May-26 In Memory of Thomas Foy
May-26 Adrien LM & Rita Leclerc
May-26 Eugene Polaske
May-26 Carol LePage
Jun-26 David Kumitis
July-26 Donna Sgro
Sep-26 Philip Gzegenheimer
Sep-26 Melanie Scelza
Dec-26 Gary Debenian
Jan-27 Paul Shaker, Sr.
Jan-27 Jeffrey Wiehn
Jan-27 Paul Giannaris
Jan-27 Dianne Harper
Jan-27 Anthony Altomaro
Jan-27 John Podbielski,
PDDGER, HLM
Jan-27 Philip Gregory
Jan-27 Lumnao Taricani
Jan-27 Steven Kietlyka
Jan-27 Susan Woerz
Jan-27 Paul Archaski
Jan-27 Steven Banasiewicz
Jan-27 John Leone
Jan-27 Antonio Fazio
Jan-27 Peter Toner
Feb-27 Angelo Fiducia
Feb-27 John Mangiafico
Feb-27 Kevin Morin
Feb-27 Paul Lombardo
Feb-27 Robert Michaud
Feb-27 Ralph Hedenberg II
Feb-27 Vernon Pindar
Feb-27 Daniel Salerno
Feb-27 Virginia Osborne
Feb-27 John Greco
Feb-27 Sebastian Amenta
Feb-27 Pamela Lavery
Feb-27 Richard Barry
Feb-27 Linda Raynis
Feb-27 Henry Matuszak
Feb-27 William Bergenty
Feb-27 Laura Foran
Feb-27 Ellen Gentile
Feb-27 Brian Whalen
Feb-27 Anthony D'Angelo
Feb-27 Frederick Wallner, Jr.
Feb-27 Kelly Foy
Feb-27 David Zashut
Feb-27 Sharon Malone
Feb-27 Sandra Schoen
Feb-27 Donald Nadeau, LM
Feb-27 Albert Spranzo

Feb-27 Wayne Gineo
Feb-27 Thomas Trigila
Feb-27 James Violette
Mar-27 Kenneth "Grey, Jr."
Mar-27 David Zajac
Mar-27 Gabriele Paciotti
Mar-27 Jeffrey Paradis
Mar-27 Raymond Gmeindl, LM
Mar-27 Natalie Gmeindl
Mar-27 David A. Bailey
Mar-27 Peter Denuzze
Mar-27 Anonymous
Mar-27 Gary Loomis
Mar-27 David Heckman
Mar-27 Frank Baldino
Mar-27 Salvatore Giarratana
Mar-27 Scott Rosado
Mar-27 Sandy Ryiz
Mar-27 Andy Ryiz
Mar-27 Robert Martinchek
Mar-27 Joseph Dubin
Mar-27 Linda Retano
Mar-27 John Bogden
Mar-27 Ezzio Partesano
Mar-27 Thomas Cugno
Mar-27 John R. D'Onofrio, Jr.
Mar-27 Patti D'Onofrio
Mar-27 Tyler D'Onofrio
Mar-27 Michael D'Onofrio
Mar-27 Denis Turcotte
Mar-27 Janet Bowen
Mar-27 Thomas West
Mar-27 Joseph O'Brien
Mar-27 Brendan Boyle
Mar-27 Alex Koutouvides
Mar-27 Eric Dietsch
Mar-27 Deborah Hartney
Mar-27 Leonard Bieringer
Mar-27 Gary Hovhannessian
Mar-27 Mary Ann Lombardo
Mar-27 Faustino Zucchi
Mar-27 Joseph Spagna, Sr.
Mar-27 Kyle Anderson
Mar-27 Chet Formica
Mar-27 Angelo Dalfonso
Mar-27 Daniel Garofalo
Mar-27 Concetto Cugno
Mar-27 Maria Monica Holton
Mar-27 Thomas Pilarski
Mar-27 John Arcidiacono, Jr.
Mar-27 Dennis Baker
Mar-27 Joseph Pistrutto, Sr.

Mar-27 James Norton
Mar-27 Carmelina Fidelio
Mar-27 Kevin Kossbiel
Mar-27 Nicole Descheneaux
Mar-27 Donna Veach
Mar-27 James Motyka
Mar-27 Richard Zzapkowski
Mar-27 Allen Procko
Mar-27 Marianne Salerno
Mar-27 Roger Thorin
Mar-27 Christopher Gagnon
Mar-27 Gary Cicotti
Mar-27 Nancy Aparo
Mar-27 Kenneth Giantonio
Mar-27 Roman Borysiuk
Mar-27 George Petit
Mar-27 Donald Gary Trzasko
Mar-27 David Dietsch
Mar-27 Nancy Kaczynski
Mar-27 Cynthia Kosakowski
Mar-27 Lynn Lyde
Mar-27 Alfred Roy
Mar-27 Suzanne Bielinski
Mar-27 Terese Sunderliand
Mar-27 Joseph Chalisse
Mar-27 William Kirby
Mar-27 Deborah Wojas
Mar-27 Frederick Haddad
Mar-27 Patricia Haddad
Mar-27 Richard Kwasniewski
Mar-27 Christina Michaud
Mar-27 Lynn Kuzina
Mar-27 Henry Wasik
Mar-27 Paul Scalora
Mar-27 Cynthia Nolan
Mar-27 Ken Marchetti
Mar-27 Peter LaRosa
Mar-27 Beth-Ann LaRosa
Mar-27 Kenneth Marzi
Mar-27 Roger Gantenbein
Mar-27 Roy Brancifort
Mar-27 Gerald Erwin
Mar-27 Paul Clavette
Apr-27 William Yanchak
Apr-27 John Yanchak
Apr-27 David Moskal LM
Apr-27 Henry Rodrigue
Apr-27 Brian Gregson
Apr-27 Arthur Schneider
Apr-27 Shirley Osyle
Apr-27 Andrew Kryciacou
Apr-27 Suzanne Uvino

Apr-27 Christopher Wodnicki
Apr-27 Laurie Kosich
Apr-27 Carlos Pina, Jr.
Apr-27 Brian Jendrzeczcyk
Apr-27 Ann Targonski Brown
Apr-27 Peter Clavette
Apr-27 Marlene Linnon
Apr-27 Joseph Milluzzo
Apr-27 Lynne Rapisarda
Apr-27 Dr. Joseph Harrison
May-27 Elizabeth Parent
May-27 Cynthia Debonee
May-27 Ronald Muzzulini
Jun-27 George F. Sahadi LM
Jun-27 William F. Farrell, Jr.
Aug-27 Mark Q. Anderson, LM
Sep-27 Thomas Satalino
Dec-27 Sharon Simpson
Jan-28 Miro Tanski
Jan-28 Nancy Cavaliere
Jan-28 Clifford Czellecz
Jan-28 Bruce Theriault
Feb-28 Jessica Foligno
Feb-28 Michael Powers
Mar-28 Scott Odell
Mar-28 James Vasellina
Mar-28 John Revey
Mar-28 Roger Ramm
Mar-28 Stephen Dygus
Mar-28 John Eshoo
Mar-28 Maryann Dibenedetto
Mar-28 Brian Bagdasarian
Mar-28 Jeff Anute
Mar-28 Joseph Vaverchak
Mar-28 Richard Dinda
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May-28 Peter Brooks
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Aug-28 Anthony Masciotra LM
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Sep-28 Thomas J. Luddy
Sep-28 Frank "Teti, Jr."
Sep-28 Stanley Lizon
Sep-28 Catherine Lizon

Oct-28 Brian Martinchek
Dec-28 Ronald Kisliuk
Jan-29 Fran Keating
Feb-29 In Memory of Peter Hart LM
Mar-29 Leonard Corto
Mar-29 Michael O'Connor
Mar-29 James Bogdan
Mar-29 Leonard Corto
Mar-29 Gary Duran
Mar-29 Patrick McCabe
Mar-29 Patricia Crawford
Mar-29 William Sample LM
Mar-29 Donald Leitao
Apr-29 Brian Balavender
Apr-29 Donald Geschimsky
Apr-29 Maureen S. Kolpak
Apr-29 Daniel Steiner
Apr-29 John Zinzalet
Apr-29 In Memory of John Balavender
Apr-29 Patricia Albanese
Apr-29 Lisa Gaudreau
May-29 David Bagdasarian
June-29 Albert Proulx
Nov-29 Josephine Moreno
Mar-30 Ron Mais
Mar-30 Kelly Viera
Mar-30 Christina Benvenuto
Mar-30 Richard Diminno
Mar-30 Joseph Cisz LM
Mar-30 Diane Kral
Mar-30 Frederick Jortner, Sr.
Apr-30 Richard Krumins
May-30 James J. Cullum LM
Sep-30 Daniel J. Cullum
Dec-30 Richard Oulundsen
Feb-31 In Memory of David J. Barton
Feb-31 Michael Alos
Feb-31 Ernest Farley
Mar-31 Howard Begley
Mar-31 Frederick Ambroszewski
Apr-31 Ronald J. Kolpak LM
May-31 Paul Catanzaro
Mar-32 Mykola Hudyma
Mar-32 Evelyn Hudyma
May-32 Anthony Scierka
May-32 Richard Diminno, LM

May-32 Michael Spranzo
Oct-32 Stanley Kasica
Oct-32 Elaine Wass
Oct-32 William Wass
Dec-32 John J. Zotter LM
Aug-33 Gary Debenian LM
Mar-34 Randy Williams LM
Mar-34 Pat & Walter Florkowski LM
May-34 Peter Smulski
Sept-34 Geoffrey Fowler
Oct-34 Mary Jane Parlow &
Late Al Parlow "PER, PDD"
Mar-35 Frederick Odell, LM
Mar-35 In Memory of Kevin Giove
Sep-35 Michael McKinstry
Apr-36 John Carroll
Jun-36 Jan Lonski
Jan-37 Robert "Ferrone, SR."
"PDD, HLM"
Feb-37 Bruce Larson LM
Mar-37 Selden K. Griffen III
Nov-37 Dr. Richard L. Judd
Apr-38 Walter Ochankowski
Mar-39 Richard Drezek
Sep-39 Thomas Bozek
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
May-43 Rosalind Terranova
Dec-44 Donald Perrotta "LM, PER"
Jun-46 Richard Wiszniak
Mar-50 Stephen Osakowicz LM
Jun-51 Dean Sasso
May-54 Italian American War Veterans
Dec-54 Paul J. "Manafort, Sr." LM
May-57 Bryan Anderson
Mar-58 Vincent Perez LM
Apr-69 Michael J. Symolon
Apr-74 William McCue
May-76 Peter Moran LM
Mar-07 Alfred Blumes
Jan-42 Peter T. Bourdon
May-82 Thomas Farrelly LM
Feb-88 Edward Michalek

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the date they are paid through.*

Thank you

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2026

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MONDAY

JUNE 22, 2026

8:00 AM Breakfast & registration
9:00 AM Shotgun start
Steak Dinner at lodge after golf

Register early and save
Includes breakfast, green fee,
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May

New Britain Elks Lodge 957

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>May is the month of beauty, where we can appreciate the world around us. - Unknown</i></p>					1 Martin 6-8 PM	2 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm <hr/> Kentuck Derby 5PM Must Sign Up
3 Steak Night 4 6 PM \$25 	5 	6 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	7	8 Trivia w/ Quizmaster Steve starting at 7PM	9 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm <hr/> Race in the Park	
10 	11 Meatloaf Dinner by Mary \$15 for dinner <i>Starts at 5 PM. A signup sheet is located in bar area.</i>	12	13 Dinner 6 pm	14 Setback Banquet 7PM in Parlor	15 Karaoke	16  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
17	18	19	20 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	21	22 Fried Dough Night \$10	23  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
24 LODGE CLOSED <hr/> 31	25  Memorial Day	26 TACO TUESDAY 3 for \$7 5 PM till we run out 	27 Dinner 6 pm	28	29	30  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm

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