

“957” the newsletter



AUGUST 2026

REGULAR MEETING
August 19th 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 DDGER, PER	Secretary
Stuart Topliff PDDGER, PER	Treasurer
Thomas DiPinto PER	Tiler
Dennis Baker	Trustee 5-year
John Leone	Trustee 4-year
Evelyn Hudyma	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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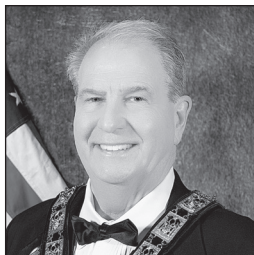
From the Exalted Ruler

Greetings Brother / Sister Officers and Members All!

I know you all missed my newsletter for July-however, if you look at your last newsletter, it incorporates June/July. So, with this welcome to August!

The summer months tend to slow Lodge business down a bit with only the third Wednesday of the months of July and August meetings being held. If you proposed a member, have them be patient with the process. Ensure your candidate attends the Investigation and Orientation meetings when invited. Their cooperation helps speed up their membership process.

New Britain 957 is immensely proud to announce the installation of Secretary, Paul Tesz, PER to District Deputy of the Northwest District. Paul was installed at the Elks National convention held in Chicago recently. Paul is a dedicated family man, married to wife, Kasia, they have two adorable children, Patience and Alex. Paul is successful in whatever he sets his hand to. A retired volunteer Firefighter, a Scoutmaster in his community, one who participates in his church and choir and a true upstanding Elk! Lodge 957 is lucky to have a man



of such character and dedication. Join me in congratulating Paul on his well-deserved District Deputy role!

Volunteerism from our Lodge membership really shined on June 27th. A Pasta Fundraiser was held at 957 In support of 16-year-old Reese who lost her mom in a tragic accident. I cannot say enough about our members who stepped forward upon my call to help. My sincere thanks to all of you that volunteered! Raffle baskets, monetary donations, and hard work prevailed. I am proud to say we made over \$6,200.00 for her future college expenses. Special thanks to Dale DeMille and Crossover / Vinyl Countdown bands for donating their time and talents to make this event successful!



A huge tip of the Antlers to the Golf Committee—Tommy Cronin, Michelle Bouffard, Tom Farrelly, and everyone else who helped make the tournament such a success despite the weather postponement. Can you say \$9,600.00 raised? OUTSTANDING! The tournament this year was dedicated to the memory of member Janet B. Bowen. Paul Tesz, DDGER, delivered a memorial address in Janet's honor. We are saddened by her loss; Janet and her sister, Carol, are dedicated volunteers at the tournament each year and at many other Lodge events. We will truly miss Janet.

During the July meeting, Evelyn Hudyma was duly voted in by the membership to the 3-year Trustee vacancy position. Evelyn brings a rich background of history and will be helpful in making decisions concerning repairs and restoration to our Lodge building. Appreciation to Past Trustee Dottie DiLernia who served honorably and we wish her the absolute best!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Watch for Sizzling Sunday food offerings and other events at the Lodge. Timely updates can be followed on our Facebook page as well. In Closing, I will gently remind you, your YELLOW CARD is now expired and you should renew promptly!

Fraternally, – Exalted Ruler Pat

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, Patrick Palmese, Catherine Cheney

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

Absent Members

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

It is our sad duty to report the deaths of

Janet Bowen – 06/06/2026

Dr. Richard Judd, LM – 07/15/2026



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

NO MARY'S MEATLOAF MONDAY



Will resume in September

NO TACO TUESDAY



**Will RESUME
IN SEPTEMBER**

STEAK NIGHT

Monday, August 3rd 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, July 30th.

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



When you become a member of the Fidelity Club, your Lodge may become eligible for increased Grant funding. It is a tax-deductible donation for you, and it is easy to enroll. Elks National Fund has provided grants for NB957 to provide school uniforms for 46 New Britain students, 200 Food Pantry bags for New Britain, CCSU, and Berlin food pantries, and built Welcome Home apartment supply kits for veterans in transitional housing. As little as \$5 a month and you can be a member of the Fidelity Club. Scan the QR code for more information.

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It's that time of year again!

We are providing uniforms and footwear gift cards for Prudence Crandall Center thanks to a generous Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

We are seeking donations of lunch bags, water bottles, school supplies AND socks for all ages (youth to high school students).

Please drop off donations at the Lodge by August 23rd and we are planning to deliver the supplies before school starts.

Thank you for all the continued support for this great cause.

Kids don't need to wear their living situation to school.

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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
Andrea Slifka @ 860-983-2375 or andrea.slifka@gmail.com



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

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

Sep-26 Philip Gegenheimer
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 Tancani
Jan-27 Steven Kieltyka
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 In Memory of Francis E. Gentile LM
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 Denuzzo
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 Vesch
Mar-27 James Motyka

Mar-27 Richard Czapkowski
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 Gantonio
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 Sunderland
Mar-27 Joseph Scalise
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 Cynthia 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 Grogan
Apr-27 Arthur Schneider
Apr-27 Shirley Osle
Apr-27 Andrew Kyriacou
Apr-27 Anthony Livino
Apr-27 Christopher Wodnicki
Apr-27 Laurie Kosich
Apr-27 Carlos Pina, Jr.
Apr-27 Brian Jendzejczyk
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
May-27 Cindy Ochankowski
May-27 Paul Petrisko
May-27 Cynthia Donofrio
May-27 Luke Szul
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 Vassellina
Mar-28 John Revell
Mar-28 Roger Ramm
Mar-28 Stephen Dygus
Mar-28 John Eshoo
Apr-28 Alina Kalisz
Apr-28 David Kalisz
Apr-28 Richard Scavilla
May-28 Paul J. Amenta
May-28 Joseph Shillinga
May-28 Andrew Donofrio, Jr.
May-28 Peter Brooks
Jun-28 Ken Kezer LM
Aug-28 Anthony Masciotra LM
Sep-28 Tracey Bacchus
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 Kislik

Jan-29 Fran Keating
Feb-29 In Memory of Peter Hart LM
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 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
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
Mar-31 Leonard Corto
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 Grove
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 Morran LM
Mar-07 Alfred Blumes
May-82 Thomas Farrelly LM
Feb-88 Edward Michalek
Jan-2142 Peter T. Bourdon

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August

New Britain Elks Lodge 957

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <i>"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."</i> - Ralph Waldo Emerson						1  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
Sizzling Sunday 2 TBD	Steak Night 3 6 PM \$25 	4	5 NO Lodge Meeting Dinner 6 pm	6	7 Crazy Kris's Karaoke 7PM	8  HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS 12-2 pm
Sizzling Sunday 9 Jason's Pulled Pork and Mac and Cheese 2-4 PM	10 NO Meatloaf	11 <i>Tasty Tuesday</i>	12 Dinner 6 pm	13	14	15  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
Sizzling Sunday 16 Mary's Chicken Enchiladas 2-4 PM	17	18	19 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	20	21	22  HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS 12-2 pm
Sizzling Sunday 23 Mary's Crab Cakes - 2-4 PM	24	25	26	27	28	29  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
Sizzling Sunday 30 Shannon & Steve Steak & Shrimp Dinner - 2-4 PM	31	NO Taco Tuesday	Dinner 6 pm			

Meatloaf Monday and Taco Tuesday will Resume in September

June/July 2026

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