

“957” the newsletter



OCTOBER 2026

REGULAR MEETING

October 7th and 21st at 7 p.m.

2026-27 OFFICERS

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From the Exalted Ruler Greetings Brother / Sister Officers and Members All!

October brings the little pleasures of pumpkin spice wafting through the air, the changing leaves and other little pleasures all things October. Our Elk year is moving fast and with the fall months, there are some interesting things happening at your Lodge.

FIRST! - The long-awaited return of Taco Tuesday has arrived! Thanks! Mary Schmitt! – hope you rested up well and get back to those awesome tacos!

Friday Fun nights are in full swing with menus to be determined. Check out our Facebook site for meal offerings. Huge appreciation to all who donate their time in the kitchen for these meal offerings for both Wednesday and Fridays and special thanks to Shanon Tomassone, PER, House Committee Chair for organizing and all you do! Friday Fun nights, October 9, will be our beloved band, **CROSSOVER**, for your entertainment. Also, mark your calendars for upcoming events, on 10/25 – **TRUNK Or TREAT**, for the kids which will showcase members of the NBPd, Fire Department and EMS Services, our **DRUG AWARENESS TRAILER** with handouts, by our DAP Chairperson, Jill Limberger, and of course, **ELROY** will be there! Also, **BOXES TO BOOTS**, supporting our military will be present accepting donations in support of our military abroad.

On October 10th look for a posting of a Date Night Dinner by Susan and me. We will keep the menu a mystery for now. I will post on FB and the Lodge in a timely manner for signing up.

Upcoming events that sell out, namely Racking the Night Away, on November 14th, and Polish night, December 12. Our good friends and supporters, **Avenue Groove**, will be performing for this third annual event. On the 14th. To support Connecticut Breast Health



Initiative. Watch for future ticket sales. You’ve been forewarned about these sellout events.

Your Elks members that went on the Alaska Cruise all survived. There were over 164 cruisers comprised of Middletown, Southington and others from across the USA, and of course, well represented, 957! We couldn’t herd everyone in the photo, but here’s our visit to Skagway, Lodge 431.



We had the pleasure of visiting a few Elks Lodges in Alaska and Seattle with the finest in hospitality to welcome us. Next ELKS group cruise, Mediterranean for Sept 2027. Watch FB for details and postings at the Lodge. Your membership holds the key to all approx. 1,900 Lodges in the US, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Philippines and yes, Panama! So, get traveling!

Let’s change gears here and talk about our Lodge, our home, where we have celebrated, laughed, performed some great volunteerism and charitable work for our communities and for those in need. Right now, we are in need – our building and I’m going to put it here.

Exploring our roster, we have 1,383 active members with 32 more awaiting initiation as of this writing. We must be doing something right. In a previous newsletter, I addressed the health of our building.

Our roofline / soffits around the entire building and palladium windows need restoration. Nothing much is asked of you as members except your dues and an ENF donation that forwards our mission. The work is out of the scope of our hard-working volunteer Trustees whom I do not expect to erect scaffolding around the building and dangle from high above. This takes specialized work. Yes, we have the organ too we like to get in order. But we know where the priorities lay.

There will be an appeal letter mailed to you sometime in December. Imagine if \$100.00 per, we can take care of the roofline and other building ills. If all contributed \$100.00. That’s an estimated \$141,500. 00. We can do this. The Lodge is corner stoned 1911 – She’s 115 years old and in need of that critical work.

Some members will pledge more and whatever you can, it’s from the heart and for our Lodge, your Lodge. So, whatever is affordable for you please consider your tax-deductible donation.

In closing, please renew your membership – your yellow card is now expired. You soon will not be getting newsletters or Elks Magazines.

Fraternally Yours,
Patrick J. Buden Sr.

Exalted Ruler New Britain Elks 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.



MARY'S

MEATLOAF MONDAY

(mash potatoes, veggies and roll)

NOW \$15 for dinner  Starts at 5 PM

Tuesday, October 12th



A signup sheet is located in bar area.

TACO TUESDAY



3 FOR \$7
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2026
5:00PM TILL WE RUN OUT

STEAK NIGHT

Monday, October 5th at 6 pm **NOW \$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, October 1st.

If you are signed up and cannot make the dinner **PLEASE CANCEL** by Thursday, October 1st.



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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Save the Date

Annual Polish Night

Saturday

December 12, 2026

The Polish committee is always looking for additional help.

You can email Committee Chairmen Robert Martinchek at robert.martinchekjr@yahoo.com for volunteer opportunities.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Boxes to Boots and **TRUNK OR TREAT** from 11 am – 2 pm Sunday, October 25



Bring your cars to the lodge, pop your trunks
and decorate for the kids!

Don't forget to bring items for the troops!

We will have First Responders for the kids to meet as well.

Come on down!

957 BOOSTERS

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 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 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 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 Eric Koutouvides
Mar-27 Eric Dietsch
Mar-27 Deborah Hartney
Mar-27 Leonard Bieringer
Mar-27 Gary Hovhanessian
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 Czapkowski
Mar-27 Allen Procko
Mar-27 Marianne Salerno

Mar-27 Roger Thorin
Mar-27 Christopher Gagnon
Mar-27 Gary Ciccotti
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 Joseph 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 Henry Wasik
Mar-27 Paul Scalora
Mar-27 Cynthia Nolan
Mar-27 Henry Rodriguez
Mar-27 Peter LaRosa
Mar-27 Beth-Ann LaRosa
Mar-27 Kenneth Marzi
Mar-27 Andrew 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 Rodriguez
Apr-27 Brian Gregson
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 Jendrzeyczyk
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

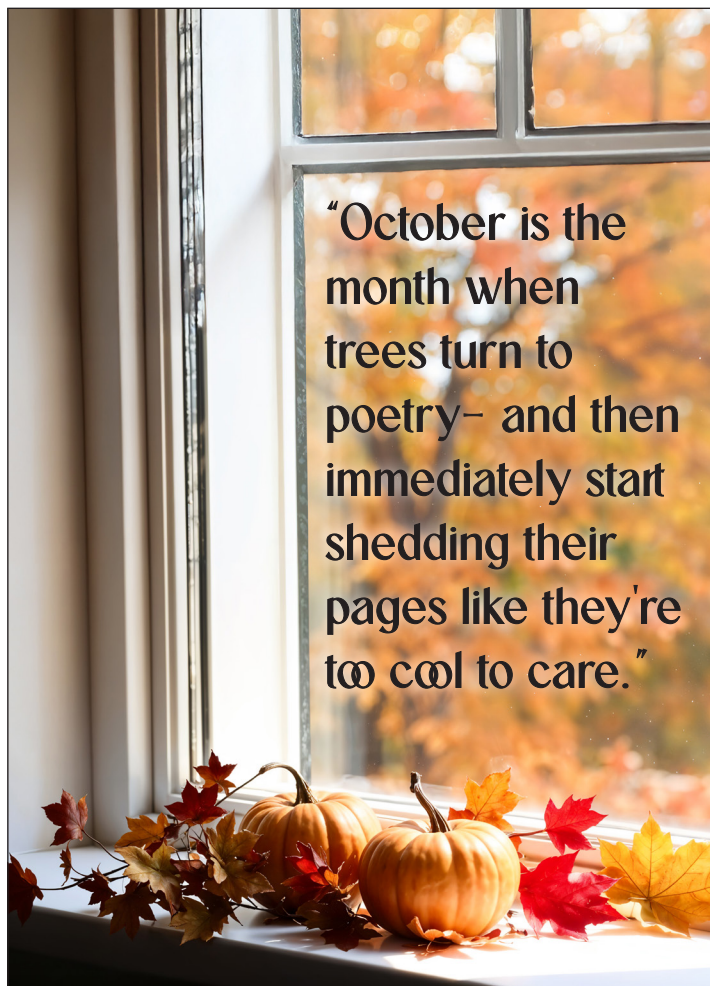
May-27 Elizabeth Parent
May-27 Cynthia Debonee
May-27 Ronald Muzzulin
May-27 Cindy Ochankowski
May-27 Cynthia Donofrio
Jun-27 Luke Szul
Jun-27 William F. Farrell, Jr.
Aug-27 Mark Q. Anderson, LM
Sep-27 Thomas Satalino
Sep-27 Lucian Pawlak
Sep-27 Paul Piffier
Sep-27 Philip Gegenheimer
Sep-27 Ciro Simonetti
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 Revel
Mar-28 Roger Ramm
Mar-28 Stephen Dygus
Mar-28 John Eshoo
Mar-28 Maryann Dibenedetto
Mar-28 Brian Bagdasarian
Mar-28 Jeff Arute
Mar-28 Joseph Vaverchak
Mar-28 Richard Dinda
Mar-28 Stan Glowiak
Mar-28 Nicole Macniak
Mar-28 Anne Niziolek
Apr-28 David Kalisz
Apr-28 Alina Kalisz
Apr-28 Richard Scavilla
May-28 Paul J. Amenta
May-28 Joseph Shilinga
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 Kisluk
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 Brien 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
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 Giove
Sep-35 Michael McKinstry
Jun-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 Wisniak
Mar-50 Stephen Osakowicz LM
Jun-51 Dean Sasso
May-51 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
May-76 Peter Moran LM
Mar-07 Alfred Blumes
May-82 Thomas Farrelly LM
Feb-88 Edward Michalek
Jan-2142 Peter T. Bourdon

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
4  Sunday *FOOTBALL	5 Steak Night 6 PM \$20 	6	7 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	8	9 Crossover	10  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
11  Sunday *FOOTBALL	12 Meatloaf Dinner by Mary \$15 for dinner Starts at 5 PM. A signup sheet is located in bar area.	13	14 Dinner 6 pm	15	16	17  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
18  Sunday *FOOTBALL	19	20	21 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Dinner 6 pm	22	23 Trivia w/ Quizmaster Steve starting at 7PM	24  HOT DOGS 12-2 pm
25  Sunday *FOOTBALL 	26	27 Taco Tuesday 3 for \$7 5:00 PM till we run out 	28 Dinner 6 pm	29	30 Karaoke	31 HOT DOGS 12-2 pm 

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