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NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2018

LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

Thursday, December 13th , 7 pm

Thursday, December 27th - NO MEETING

Directors Meeting Monday December 3rd, 6:30 pm

The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Members!

2018 has nearly ended. As I write this newsletter, I look back on a great year and look forward to the holidays that are soon upon us.

We will be having our annual Members Party on Saturday, December 15th at 4 pm. Members are free and guests are welcome for a nominal \$5 charge. We will be holding a basket raffle to raise money for the lodge. We are seeking basket contributions. If you're interested, please contact the lodge and let us know what kind of basket you plan on bringing.

At the last lodge meeting, we voted on how we were going to be applying for the Elks National Foundation grants that support our community. The Beacon grant will be used to support our Boots for Kids program in the amount of \$2000. The Anniversary Grant will be used to support the Veterans Equine Therapeutic Service (vetsct.org) in the amount of \$1500. We also voted to approve \$700 for New London Babe Ruth, \$700 for New London Youth Affairs, and \$600 to the New London Wildcats Special Olympic Volleyball team, from our Gratitude Grant. These grants enable us to directly impact our community. Donations to the ENF are a way that you can make a tax deductible contribution that supports some of our charitable work. **Our lodge's goal is \$4.75 a member per year.** Through direct donations and through the ENF Golf Tournament each year, we can make this goal.

Consider donating today at www.enf.org/enf, or call the lodge and let us know if you need a paper form. See page 6 of this newsletter for a special message from the Grand Exalted Ruler.

I've appointed Aldo LoDuca to fill the vacancy in the 1-year Trustee position. Aldo is a relatively recent member who has already volunteered on a number of occasions in our lodge, most recently helping to run the bicycle rodeo. He has agreed to help manage the list of repair projects that we have in the lodge and to interact with volunteers. At the December meeting, the position will be announced and nominations will occur. At the January meeting, an election will be held for the position. Until the election, Aldo will serve as an appointed Trustee.

On the first Sunday in December, Elks lodges throughout the United States remember our deceased members from the prior year at "Memorial Sunday". This year we are remembering 18 members who have passed away at 1 pm. Their families are invited to partake in a beautiful ceremony held in the lodge room and a light meal that follows. Please consider joining us as we remember virtues of our fallen members.

With warmest wishes for your family and friends,

Joshua P. Gray
Exalted Ruler
New London Lodge of Elks

Looking Forward:

January Events:

1/10 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm

1/11 - Friday Night Dinner 5-7 pm

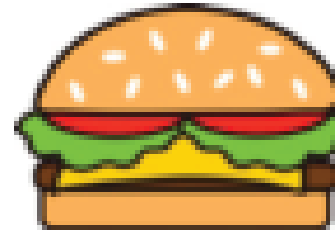
**1/17 - Center for the Blind Dinner
5-7 pm - volunteers needed**

1/18 - Fish & Chips Dinner 5-7 pm

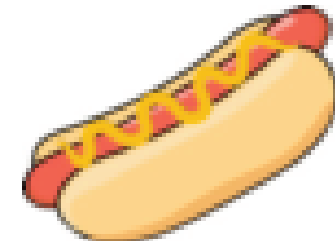
1/24 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm

1/26 - Midyear Convention

MMM-MMMM. THAT IS A TASTY BURGER!



\$3



\$2

NOW ON TUESDAYS* 5-7 PM

***EXCEPT STEAK NIGHTS**

Cooks Needed

The lodge is looking for people that are interested in cooking for our outside events. This is a paid position. Please contact Trustee Keith Robbins at 860 625-2377 for details.

*Elks Care,
Elks Share*

LODGE OFFICERS 2018-19

Exalted Ruler.....Joshua Gray
Est. Leading Knight....Torrance Jennings
Est. Loyal Knight.....Erika Russo
Est. Lecturing Knight.....Elizabeth Clark
Secretary.....Henry E. Nichols PER
Treasurer.....William Struzinski
Tiler.....Vacant
Esquire.....Scott Cooper PER
Chaplain.....Debra Sargent
Inner Guard.....Michael Tranchida
Trustee 1 yrs...Aldo LoDuca (appointed)
Trustee 2 yrs....Michael Tomaszek PDD
Trustee 3 yrs.....Keith Robbins
Trustee 4 yrs.....Ross Parker PER
Trustee 5 yr.....Scott Donovan
Presiding Justice.....Atty. Scott Sawyer

MEMBERSHIP DUES TAN KEY CARD

SHOULD READ 2018-2019

Regular Dues — \$85.00

Life Member Dues — \$35.00

Pay online at elks360.org

Announcement: 1-year Trustee Vacancy

Election for a 1-year Trustee will be held at the January 10th meeting. Nominations will be accepted at the December 13th meeting and on the night of the election. In the meantime, Aldo LoDuca has been appointed as a temporary 1-year Trustee.

PROPOSE A FRIEND FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ever ask a friend to join the Elks and have them ask you what do they do? Why not give them a few months of our Bulletin to look through. Each month there is always something showing where we are involved in the local community, or state and national level. Show them our website: elks360.org.

There are a number of small tasks that need to be done around the lodge. We are seeking volunteers to help us with these. Please contact Josh Gray if you can volunteer to help with any of them, and he will connect you with a Trustee to guide your work.



- Paint and caulk plywood entrance
- floor of the walk-in fridge
- Tile walk-in fridge
- Fix plywood upstairs behind bar
- Paint "Elks 360" letters on the side of the lodge building
- Shampoo carpets
- Cut weeds in parking lot
- Update Elks National Foundation donor board
- Scrape and paint the foyer
- Clean and organize walk-in storage area
- Organize the cleaning closet next to kitchen
- Clean HVAC room
- Organize area behind upstairs bar
- Buff banquet room floor
- Restore the historical paintings in the lodge room

LODGE AND BAR HOURS

Monday - Saturday: 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday Hours 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER By Henry E. Nichols PER

Making our Communities a Nice Place to Live

Your Dues helps us pay our bills and continue our charitable work in the community. Any questions that you may have, please contact me by phone at 860 629-8371 or email elks360@gmail.com.

As of this date we have 33 members who have not paid their dues. Remember you are not allowed to use the facilities if you are delinquent.

You are **delinquent** if your Key Card is not Tan and reads 2017/2018. It should read 2018/2019. You can pay your dues by mail, stopping into the lodge or on line at our website elks360.org. This is a secure site through Paypal.

— REGULAR \$85.00 — LIFE \$35.00 —

William Struzinski has requested Life Membership and will be voted on at the December 13 meeting.

INVESTIGATION AND BALLOTING

Will be Investigated. If approved will be balloted on at the next lodge meeting.

Name	Address	Sponsor	Occupation
Jane W. Price	New London	Joan Amato	Retired
Laura Fontarie	New London	Russell DiNoto	Bartender

SICK LIST

Convalescent Homes: Arthur and Frank Perry, in Bridebrook, Louise Taylor in Crescent Point. **Out of State:** Robert Joyce.

At Home: Lorraine Allen, William Boordsen, James Devlin PDD, Michael Doyle, John Hunziker, Diana James, Noah Levine, Lou Lupica, Joseph Marino PER and Fred Serluca.

Any member knowing of a member in sickness and distress should contact the Leading Knight Torrance Jennings, exalted ruler, lodge secretary or any officer, to see that they are taken care of.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT
OUR ADVERTISERS AND SPONSORS OF OUR EVENTS**

**Third Annual
Festival of
Giving
December 8th**

Join us for a wonderful evening of giving back to the community! 20 decorated Christmas Trees and wreaths will be auctioned off in a live auction. All proceeds go to the New London Community Meal Center. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and dessert while you view the auction items from 6-7 pm. Live auction starts at 7 pm. Donation requested at the door in lieu of tickets. Contact 2017 Citizen of the Year Amy Sarcia at amysarcia@gmail.com or (860)-287-0287 for more information. The Elks will be auctioning a tree at this event as well! Contact committee chairperson Keith Turner at keith.turner4@gmail.com for more info.

Interested in posting a classified advertisement? Send an email to elks360@gmail.com for pricing.

**PLAN YOUR
HOLIDAY PARTY
AT ELKS 360!!!**

We provide a full range of banquet items, from light buffets to Prime Rib dinners, in our upper and front dining rooms.

- Weddings
- After Funerals
- Showers
- Retirements
- Receptions

**Call The Lodge
(860) 442-0325**

**Donations
Needed for
Breakfast with
Santa**

The lodge is looking for stuffed animals and/or childrens books for our "Breakfast with Santa" event. The event occurs on 12/9 from 8:30-11:30 am.

If you have an item to donate, you can drop it off at the lodge or contact Judy Libera at (860) 739-2854 or pjl176@sbcglobal.net.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Sunday, December 9th

Serving From 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Bring your kids and the camera!

**Made-to-order eggs
bacon, sausage, home fries,
pancakes (Mickey for
the kids),
Assorted Breads and Toast
Coffee and Juice**

Just \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids (2-8 y.o.)

***Volunteers needed and
appreciated!***



**Ho!
Ho!
Ho!**



Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind you that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour tolls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."

Elks Memorial Service

To Our Absent Members

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., New London Lodge of Elks will hold its Annual Memorial Service to honor our members who left us this year.

Died

- Richard A. Erpenbeck....10/10/2012
- Robert F. Belanger.....06/28/2016
- William Bauman.....03/16/2017
- George A. Nocery Sr.....05/01/2017
- A. John Maloof.....06/13/2017
- Maria Diane Silva.....12/02/2017
- Armand Giroux.....01/03/2018
- Edward W. Hume.....01/08/2018
- Frank P. Burgess Jr.....02/08/2018
- George E. Wadsworth Sr...02/13/2018
- Louis Hochman.....02/20/2018
- Wayne T. Vendetto.....02/26/2018
- Richard A. Johnson.....03/12/2018
- Salvatore J. Carpenteri..04/09/2018
- Eugene N. Levy.....04/13/2018
- Charles E. Dyer Jr.....05/04/2018
- Ronald L. Guerette.....05/07/2018
- Lewis J. Zachas.....10/09/2018

All members, family and guests are invited to attend. A buffet will follow.

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A new Elks year means a new donation goal

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
MICHAEL T. LUHR

I am gratified and humbled to have been chosen as the National President of an organization that does so much for communities all across this great land. The hard work of every Local Lodge Member is what makes our charitable work possible, which is why I chose the theme "Working Together to Make a Difference" for this exciting new Elks year.

As Elks, we are all working toward a common goal, whether it be Lodge Members giving back to their communities, strengthening a charitable organization through a State Association's Major Project, or enriching a life because of a Grand Lodge Program. These are the ways we truly make a difference in people's lives.

This year, I have set the ENF donation goal at \$4.75 per Member. I encourage everyone to donate. When you give back to the ENF, Lodges throughout the country are able to take advantage of the numerous charitable opportunities it provides. The difference your Lodge can make in your community is more than doubled by taking advantage of these incredible opportunities.

I also encourage you to take a hard look at the programs and contribu-

tions your Local Lodge makes to your community. Is your community aware of the impact your Lodge makes on the lives of people living in your town? Are your contributions meeting your goals? Are you making the most of the ENF grants offered through Grand Lodge?

The Elks provide the perfect opportunity to get involved in projects that benefit the community while enjoying the personal rewards that come from unselfishly giving back. Best of all, we reap the rewards of benevolence while enjoying the camaraderie of our families and closest friends. Make sure that both current and prospective Members are aware of the good work you're doing in your community. Provide them with a well-maintained, inviting, and fun place to socialize. Not only will your Lodge grow, but you'll also find more people eager to volunteer.

Barb and I are looking forward to our travels across the United States to see the great work you're doing in your Local Lodges and State Associations. Most of all, we are looking forward to meeting all of the amazing Elks who are so dedicated to our grand organization. Hope to see you soon.

Member's Holiday Party!

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 15TH

From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Open to Elks, Family and Guests
*Members are FREE,
Guests \$5.00 Donation*

Stop by and Catch up with your Friends!!

BASKET RAFFLE DRAWINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.!!!

Buy your tickets at the lodge on the evening of the event.



Hoop Shoot!

The Hoop Shoot is returning to New London on December 1st at 2 pm at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School, 36 Waller St., New London.

Do you have children/grandchildren/neighbors who might want to participate? Simply bring them down between 2-3 pm. on the day of the event and sign them up.

Can you volunteer to help out? The hoop shoot works best when accompanied by many volunteers. You don't need to know anything about basketball to participate - we will teach you everything you need to know.

Have a question?
Email Loyal Knight Torrance Jennings for more information (tjswanjennings@gmail.com). See you there!

WINGS – WINGS

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DECEMBER 2018

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Memorial Sunday 1 pm Hanukkah	3 Directors Mtng 630 pm	4 Brgrs & Dogs 5-7 PM	5 Wings 6 pm	6	7	8 Festival of Giving
9 Breakfast with Santa 830 am	10	11 Brgrs & Dogs 5-7 PM	12 Wings 6 pm	13 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	14	15 Members' Party 4-8 pm
16	17	18 Brgrs & Dogs 5-7 PM	19 Wings 6 pm	20 Center for Blind Dinner 5-7 pm	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 Wings 6 pm	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5

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