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# NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



**BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 2020**

**LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:**

**PER Night - Thursday, February 13th, 7 pm**

**Elections - Thursday, February 27th - 7 pm**

**Directors Meeting Monday, Feb. 3rd, 6:30 pm**

*The Whaling City Lodge*  
*A Fraternal Organization*

## Exalted Ruler's Message

### Hello my fellow members,

The holidays have flown by so fast, with many activities around the lodge. Our New Year's Eve Roaring 20s Countdown event went well this year! Many came down for food, drinks, and dancing!

An extraordinary Tip of the Antler (pg. 3) to all those who helped with substantial lodge maintenance this last month, repairing the plumbing. It was an emergency and these members stepped up to help us. Please tell them thank you, and buy them a beverage or two if you can.

The Cigar Lounge is coming along very nicely, and now you have an opportunity to earn a special place as a Cigar Lounge Founding Member (pg. 10). Work continues in this room as we add televisions, lighting, and other amenities.

Leading Knight Elizabeth McKee will be introducing a few new events to the lodge! She will be hosting a periodic craft night occurring on the last Monday of the month. Keep an eye out for those new and exciting details.

Wednesday Wing Nights will be taking a bit of a rest for a couple of weeks out of the month. We hope to bring new and exciting options for the evening that is soon to host our Shuffleboard league! If you have not signed up your team yet, please see PER Andrew Gilday soon! Matches will begin in February.

Superbowl Sunday is ap-

proaching us! Come down for the game and a chili cookoff, together with tacos! Enjoy the game on one of the now SIX SCREENS in the lodge, including the new TV in the cigar room. Speaking of our cigar room, PER Andrew Gilday and Trustee Keith Robbins will be hosting another Steak and Cigar fundraiser on February 7th, and once again the meal promises to be amazing.

PER Night will be held this month during our first meeting, Feb. 13th. A dinner will be held just beforehand. We will also be celebrating our Elk of the Year, Dorene Gramolini, our Officer of the Year, Elizabeth McKee, and our Citizen of the Year, Judy Libera on February 22nd. Judy will then be hosting her Fat Tuesday dinner on February 25th!

The Hoop Shoot was a great success this year with two children advancing to State Finals, one of whom is a great-grandson of a departed member of our lodge.

Stay tuned for the next few months which include Polish Night and the Elk of the Year Banquets. Tickets are available online and at the lodge. Stay warm-minded and warm-hearted for the winter!

Fraternally,

**Torrance Jennings**  
**Exalted Ruler**  
**New London Lodge of Elks**

## SECRETARY'S CORNER By Henry E. Nichols PER

I will be mailing out the Dues Statements for the 2020/2021 Lodge Year the middle of February. The Grand Lodge raised their dues \$2.00 per member because of the Liability Insurance Policy premium increase. Local Lodge dues had no increase.

### 2020/2021 Dues Increase To:

**Regular Dues \$87.00 — Life Members \$37.00**

Regular \$65+Grand Lodge \$19+CT State Assoc. \$3 = \$87.00

Life \$35+Grand Lodge \$19+CT State Assoc. \$3 = \$37.00

William Lacey Jr. has requested Life Membership. The lodge will vote on this the 2nd meeting in February.

### DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Members who have not paid their 2019/2020 dues, there is still time. You should have received in the mail, this January, a Dues Statement. You can pay online, mail a check or stop at the lodge.

### INVESTIGATION AND BALLOTING

The applicant listed below having been read on the floor of the lodge is referred to the Investigation Committee. If approved will be balloted on at a lodge meeting.

Name	Address	Sponsor	Occupation
Wayne A. Rawls	New London	Aaron Baldwin PER	Disabled

Theodore Crockett Jr. in last month's newsletter was mistakenly listed as Thomas.

## SICK LIST

**Convalescent Homes:** Arthur and Frank Perry, in Bridebrook, Leland Balch in Pendleton Health and Rehabilitation.

**Out of State:** Robert Joyce.

**At Home:** Walter Barry, Peter Curtis, John Hunziker, Diana James, William Lacey, Noah Levine, Lou Lupica, Maureen Lowery, Mariano Pica.

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

**LODGE OFFICERS 2019-20**

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

**NL St. Pat's Day Parade**  
**3/15 1 pm**

Enjoy a post-parade meal of corned beef and cabbage served after the parade, 2-5 pm. Of course we have Guinness on tap!

Eileen Firmin  Michael Firmin

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I would like to thank everyone who jumped in to help with our **Breakfast With Santa**. It was a huge success. Seeing the smiles and hearing the laughs of the kids made all the work worthwhile. Each child was able to take home a stuffed toy and a book due to everyone's generosity. Again, thank you. Judy Libera, Chairperson

# Tip of the Antler

**A thanks for all of the extraordinary work done by our volunteers.**

**Boiler Repair:** Chris Tomaszek, Chris Carnot, Bob Burke; for getting the boiler to provide heat to the second floor of the building and for repairing 3 circulators.

**First floor men's room:** Bob Burke, Chris Tomaszek, Gary Gramolini; for repairing and replacing flush valves and replacing broken cast iron waste pipe.

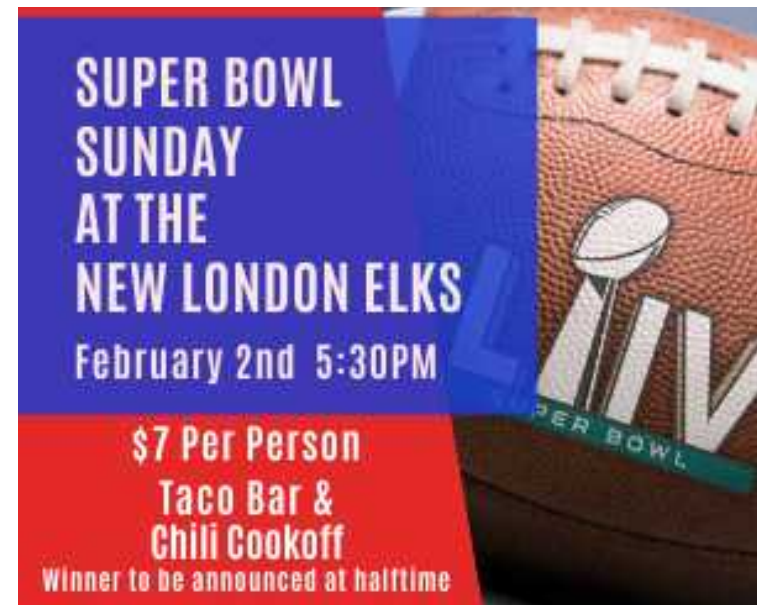
**Second Floor men's room:** Bob Burke, Gary Gramolini, Rusty Stromberg, John Graham, for cutout of the ceiling and walls to replace waste pipe from the urinals, repairing all leaks in the urinals, ripping out most of the cast iron waster pipe and replacing it with PVC pipe. They have spent more than 50 hours, intermittently working on these projects saving the lodge about \$15,000.00 so far with more work to be done completing the men's room.

*Sincere gratitude from your fellow members*

# Most Valuable Student SCHOLARSHIPS

**Raphael Ledoux, Kailliu Davis, and Kiera Burlingame McCord** all of New London High School have advanced to the State Level competition of the Elks MVS Scholarships! Youth Recognition Night will be on May 6th at 7 pm.

**- Scholarship Chair Bill Struzinski**



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
**AT THE NEW LONDON ELKS**  
 February 2nd 5:30PM

**\$7 Per Person**  
**Taco Bar & Chili Cookoff**  
 Winner to be announced at halftime

# **Cigar Dinner Surf & Turf**

## **FRIDAY, FEB 7TH**

Hors d'oeuvres 5 pm

Dinner, 6:30 pm

Enjoy steak, flounder with crab meat stuffing, garlic mashed potato, creamed spinach, pasta with red sauce, green salad, and bread. Includes two cigars.

**Event begins at 5 pm**

**Dinner served at 6:30**

**Cash bar**

**\$40.00 per person**

*Tickets available at the lodge.*



## **Looking Forward:**

### **March Events**

**3/1 - State Bowling Tournament**

**3/2 - Directors Meeting 630 pm**

**3/7 - Polish Night 4-7 pm**

**3/12 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm - Old Timer's Night**

**3/15 - St. Pats Parade, corned beef and cabbage 2-5 pm**

**3/19 - Center for Blind 5-8 pm**

**3/20 - Fish & Chips 5-7 pm**

**3/21 - Installation of Officers 3 pm**

**3/26 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm**

## **CRAFTING CLASS**

*with the New London Elks*

**FEBRUARY 24 6:30PM**

*Join us for a monthly project on the last Monday of the month!*

**THIS MONTH  
RUSTIC HOME SIGN  
\$40 MATERIALS INCLUDED  
LIGHT SNACKS AND DRINK SPECIALS  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AHEAD  
OF TIME  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

# ELK OF THE YEAR DINNER

ELK OF THE YEAR - DORENE GRAMOLINI  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR - ELIZABETH MCKEE  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - JUDY LIBERA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5PM - SOCIAL HOUR  
6PM - DINNER AND  
AWARD CEREMONY

TICKETS - \$15



# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

## FAT TUESDAY!

Muffaletta, choice of Pulled  
Pork or Cajun Shrimp Po'boys  
with Cole Slaw &  
French Fries (regular or Cajun)

*Serving 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

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*Come celebrate like they do in New Orleans!  
(you gotta bring your own beads)*

*Elks Care, Elks Share*

## Lodge Capital Campaign

Members,

Sometime ago you were asked, and you delivered, extra funds to our lodge in order to facilitate much needed capital and infrastructure repairs. Those funds were utilized in the replacement of the two awnings covering our Washington Street and parking lot entrances. The funds also covered the replacement of our hot water holding tank and various minor repairs to parts of our plumbing and heating system. As our building continues to age, the need for replacement and repair of various systems grows greater.

I am writing to inform you of our upcoming capital campaign, which is needed to replace the fire suppression system in our kitchens that will soon be out of code compliance. We are also in need of a complete boiler replacement; our aging boiler continues to need regular repairs in order to provide heat to the lodge. We have also begun to replace various parts of our plumbing systems, some of which are 70 plus years old and have exceeded the serviceable life.

Through the largess of lodge members and friends, we have been able to do most of the work to date with little to no labor costs. Utilizing other donations and countless hours of member and friends labor, we have also painted and cleaned the rear bar area, begun to create a cigar lounge for members, and much more.

Fellow members, your lodge needs \$40,000 to \$50,000 to facilitate the repairs listed above as well as other capital projects. We, as a lodge, are attracting new members on a regular basis because of the improvements we have made. In order to continue to grow in membership and fulfill our mission in the communities we serve, we must raise the funds and make the needed repairs. In the near future we will begin a capital campaign to raise needed funds for our lodge.

Please reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Keith J. Robbins  
Trustee  
860.625.2377



**POLISH  
DINNER  
MARCH 7TH  
\$12\***

Home-made cabbage soup,  
golumpki, pierogies, kielbasa,  
sauerkraut, potato, pork roast,  
pickled beets, half sour pickle  
and rye bread and butter  
prepared by our Polish Chefs.

**SERVED FROM 4-7 PM**

\*\$6 FOR CHILDREN UP  
TO 12 YEARS OF AGE

# CIGAR LOUNGE FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Efforts continue to raise money for the renovation of the cigar lounge. One feature of this lounge is a large humidor. Private spots within the humidor may be rented to individual members.

## There are three giving levels:

### **ASSOCIATE - \$75**

Bulletin mention, picture of campaign participants printed on canvases in the lounge

### **SUPPORTER - \$225**

One year humidor spot and a unique challenge coin in addition to associate donor privileges.

### **PRESTIGE - \$375**

Lifetime humidor spot and a unique challenge coin in addition to associate donor privileges.



*The lounge is nearing completion. Get in now before the spots run out. Contact Andrew Gilday PER at 860-303-2772 for more details.*



### **MICHAEL JOYCE**

**Born:** July 31, 1953

**Initiated:** March 24, 1988

**Life Member:** March 14, 2019

**Died:** December 22, 2019

*The clock of his days has stopped and across the motionless shadows marks the hour of eleven. May he rest in peace.*

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Kellie Graham at [kelliegraham73@gmail.com](mailto:kelliegraham73@gmail.com) or 860-859-7881 if you are in need of volunteers for Elks sponsored events or are interested in participating in a particular event here at New London Lodge. Be sure to check your email for volunteer opportunities. Thanks for your support!

## *Shuffleboard League*

We'll be starting up a shuffleboard night each Wednesday in February with the goal of starting a league in March. Come down for the great food offerings on Wednesdays and some pick-up games afterwards.

## **Funeral Service**

The Funeral Service Ritual must be requested by a family member. This can be done by either making the request at the funeral home or calling the lodge, {860} 629-8371.

**Interested in posting a classified advertisement? Send an email to [elks360@gmail.com](mailto:elks360@gmail.com) for pricing.**

**ELKS CARE**

**FEBRUARY 2020**

**ELKS SHARE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Superbowl Party!	3 Directors Mtng 630 pm	4 BRGRS & DOGS	5 Cheesesteak 530-730 pm	6	7 Steak/Cigar Nite 5 pm	8
9	10 PER Mtng 630 pm Mball grndrs	11 BRGRS & DOGS	12 Sausage and Peppers	13 Lodge Mtng 7 pm PER Night	14	15
16	17	18 BRGRS & DOGS	19 Meatball Grinders 530-730	20 Center for Blind 5-8 pm	21	22 Elk of the Year Dinner 5-8 pm
23	24	25 FAT TUESDAY 5-7 PM	26 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm Lent begins	27 Lodge Mtng 7 pm Election Nite	28 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	29
1 State Elks Bowling Tourny	2 Directors Mtng 630 pm	3 Brgs & Dogs	4 Food TBD	5	6 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	7 Polish Night 4-7 pm

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