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NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



BULLETIN – JANUARY 2020

LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

Thursday, January 9th, 7 pm

Thursday, January 23rd - No meeting

Directors Meeting Monday, Jan. 6th, 6:30 pm

The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization

Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello my fellow members,

We have once again reached the beginning of a new year! We have grown as lodge, both in number and in spirit, in the year 2019. This year, I hope to set us on a path that continues that progress and open new opportunities for the membership to become involved in our lodge.

December was a month filled with brotherly love. On Memorial Sunday, we celebrated the lives of eighteen of our beloved members who had passed away this year. And, as I write this message, we will be preparing for our annual member party and our New Year's celebration. Both, of which, promise to be exciting and fun-filled experiences where we will celebrate our fellowships together in Elkdom.

Breakfast with Santa was once again an outstanding success. This event chaired by Judy Libera continues to grow every year. Donations for the event flowed in from the membership and the community. Each child was able to leave with a present from dear Santa himself. Upstairs, New London Main Street held their annual Christmas Tree auction and were successful in raising over \$5000 for the New London Community Meal

Center! Kellie Libera, our volunteer coordinator, once again purchased the boots for the children this year. She was able to acquire \$2500 this year through the Beacon grant, giving the lodge the ability to buy extra boots for the children of the community.

With the new year, come new cooks! Several of our members will be adding to our dinners this year. PER Andrew Gilday has started a crockpot dinner rotation on the meeting nights. PER Joshua Gray has brought back his very popular cheeses-teak nights. We look forward to enjoying the culinary talents of our membership as we spice up things in the kitchen.

I wish you all the best in this upcoming year. I look forward to the experiences we will have together. May you and your families prosper. Remember that the hand of every Elk on the face of the Earth is stretched out toward you in fellowship and that no Elk is ever forgotten or forsaken

Fraternally,

Torrance Jennings
Exalted Ruler
New London Lodge of Elks

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Your Membership Card should read 2019-2020 and your key card should be Blue.

It will be my duty to send members who are delinquent for the lodge year 2019/2020 notices asking for them to pay their dues for this lodge year, or on March 31, 2020, I will be forced to drop them for non payment of dues.

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.

Your lodge is active in making our communities a nice place to live. Your dues is contributing to our success.

Regular Dues \$85.00 — Life Members \$35.00

SECRETARY'S CORNER By Henry E. Nichols PER

Congratulation to Ryan Burns who was initiated into our lodge at the December lodge meeting.

INVESTIGATION AND BALLOTING

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

Name	Address	Sponsor	Occupation
Keven McKee	Norwich	Elizabeth McKee	Manager
Thomas Crockett Jr.	Wethersfield	Renate Wilson	Unemployed

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, John Hunziker, Diana James, 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

Breakfast with Santa Report

Thank you to everyone who donated stuffed toys and/or books for this year's Breakfast with Santa. We had a huge turnout and every child was able to take home a special friend and a book of their choice. Events like this aren't successful without all your support. Have a Happy and Health New Year! - Judy Libera, Chairperson.

Scholarship

Committee Update

Raphael Ledoux, Kailliu Davis, and Kierra Burlingame McCord of New London High School, Cassandra Cannon of New London STEM School, and Carly Potts of the Saint Bernard School advanced to the District Level Competition. Youth Recognition Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Chairman Bill Struzinski

WINGS – WINGS

WE WILL OFFER
TWO CHOICES

MOST WEDNESDAYS
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
CALL LODGE TO CONFIRM

WINGS 4 FOR \$3
YOU CAN MIX

Shuffleboard League on Tuesday Nights Starting in January!
\$40 per team covers one match per week, play-offs, trophy, and end-of-season party. Beginning on Tuesday, Jan 14th, teams will compete weekly. A tournament follows the regular season to determine the championship. Contact Andrew Gilday PER at 860-303-2772 to sign up.



On December 7th, the New London Elks hosted the Hope for the Holidays Christmas Tree Auction, a fundraiser that raised money for the New London Community Meal Center. The event was organized by Heather O'Connor of Lady Boss Productions. The lodge sponsored a unicorn-themed tree that was auctioned for \$150. Overall the event raised over \$5000. Pictured are Miria and Josh Gray (left and center) and Erika Russo (right).

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A DELICIOUS MEAL

Friday Jan 10th,

6:30 pm sharp

POT ROAST DINNER

MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, FRESH ITALIAN BREAD, AND SALAD

\$10

Looking Forward:

February Events

- 2/2 - Superbowl Party**
- 2/3 - Directors Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 2/7 - Steak and Cigar Social 5-8 pm**
- 2/10 - PER Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 2/13 - Lodge Meeting - PER Night, Nominations of Officers**
- 2/20 - Center for Blind 5-8 pm**
- 2/22 - Elk of the Year Dinner**
- 2/25 - Fat Tuesday**
- 2/27 - Lodge Meeting - Elections**
- 2/28 - Fish & Chips 5-7 pm**

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

Help the New London Elks with a deductible business expense* by purchasing an advertisement in our monthly newsletter. You will be featured on the calendar page on a rotating basis and also prominently displayed with a hyperlink to your business on our **website**. Costs are \$100-300 per year, for 1-3 inches, respectively. Email elks360@gmail.com for more information. *check with your accountant

ENF Update

We're currently at \$7.01 per member, making us eligible for grants from the Elks National Foundation next year! This month your donations supported "Boots for Kids" and a grant to the new Miracle Field in East Lyme. To make your donation, visit www.elks.org/enf.



Elks National Foundation, Inc.

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.

Only **\$10.00**

Featuring a special drink - Hurricanes
 Open to Elks, Family and Guests

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

Elks Care, Elks Share



Trustee John Graham is pictured in front of the boots and socks to be given away to children in need.

We've 'wrapped' up another successful Boots for Kids program! The funds we received through this year's Beacon Grant were used to purchase 66 pairs of boots coupled with a package of socks for each recipient. Thank you, Henry Nichols, Karen Harden, and John Graham for assisting in the shopping and wrapping of the boots. No easy task for sure when you have so many moving parts! The boots were delivered the week before Christmas to Safe Futures, the Waterford Country School and other local families. A word of thanks also to Elizabeth McKee and Josh Gray for helping find more families in need. At a time of year when we have many demands on our time and energy, I am humbled by the generosity of all our Elks Elves who made this possible. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! - Chair Kellie Graham

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 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A capital campaign has begun 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 canvas in the lounge

FOUNDER - \$225

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

PRESTIGE - \$375

Lifetime humidor spot and a unique pin 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.



MELVIN E. OLSSON

Born: April 18, 1941

Initiated: June 27, 1974

Life Member: March 13, 2018

Died: November 12, 2019

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

Gratitude Grant
Our application for the 2019 Gratitude Grant has been approved. We will be distributing this grant to the New London Babe Ruth League, New London Youth Affairs, and the Special Olympics Volleyball (Wildcats) Team. The lodge also received \$725 from the CT State Association which will be donated to the Miracle Field being built in East Lyme.



Exalted Ruler Torrance Jennings and Aaron Baldwin PER are pictured with the winners of this year's New London Hoop Shoot.

ELKS CARE

JANUARY 2020

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE ROARING 20's	1 Wings 6 pm	2	3	4 East District Hoop Shoot
5	6 Directors Mtng 630 pm	7 BRGRS & DOGS	8 Wings 6 pm	9 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	10 Pot Roast Dinner 630 sharp!	11
12	13	14 BRGRS & DOGS	15 Wings 6 pm	16 Center for Blind 5-8 pm	17	18 CT State Hoop Shoot
19	20	21 BRGRS & DOGS	22 Cheesesteak Night 530-730 pm	23	24	25 CEA Midyear Convention
26 Feb 2 Superbowl Party!	27	28 Brgrs & Dogs	29 Wings 6 pm	30	31	1

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