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# NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



## **BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2017**

### **LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:**

**Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 28, at 7 p.m.**

**Directors Meeting Wednesday Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

*The Whaling City Lodge*

*A Fraternal Organization*

## Exalted Ruler's Message — BY AARON E. BALDWIN SR.

### Greetings Members!

It's been a busy month at the New London Lodge! I'm happy to report that our District Deputy Audit went smoothly as did our DD Visit. We were pleased to have friends visit from the other lodges throughout the East District. And just last week many New London representatives were in attendance at the DD Homecoming in Williamantic. We also have a busy month ahead of us as we look forward to Christmas and the New Year.

In late October we held a Safety Day in Niantic at the Fire Department. It was unseasonably warm for October and the turnout was fantastic. Between Niantic's event in October and New London's event in September, we gave away over 100 bike helmets, 100 smoke alarms, a dozen car seats, and 60 carbon monoxide detectors. We also held a raffle to raise some money for the CT State Major Projects which actually helps support these events throughout the state.

In early December, Loyal Knight Torrance Jennings is Chairing the Hoop Shoot at the Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School. We had decent turnout last year and we are hoping that through more advertising we can get a few more students to show up. One of our students made it to the Northeast Regional championships last year - he scored 24 out of 25 baskets at our local competition, did the same thing for the District, and went on. We always need more help for this so please contact Torrance if you can help out - see page 13 for details.

During the first week of December the Elks will be hosting the 2nd Annual Evening of Giving. This community event is a fundraiser for the New London Community Meal Center. Amy Garcia, who was our Citizen of the Year in 2017, is running the event and Keith Turner, will be chairing the event on behalf of the lodge. Our lodge will be putting together a tree to donate to the event. We hope you can make it to the event and consider buying a

tree. For more details, see page 11.

As we look forward to the holidays, you might have noticed that we are not having a Major Raffle this year. Participation in the raffle has been declining for some years and the amount of funds raised to support the lodge activities had been dropping. If you've been to the lodge for the Member's Christmas Party the last few years, it would have been impossible to miss the basket raffle run by Maureen Sneider and Dawn Piccione. Last year we had over 20 baskets and this raffle raised a lot of money for the lodge. So, we decided to go all-in on the basket raffle instead of the major raffle. Tickets are only available at the lodge, but this time you don't have to be present to win. The names of the baskets will be by the time you get this newsletter in early December and you will be able to see them before the night of the event. Or, take your chances and your tickets will be randomly split among the available baskets. It's your choice!

Speaking of the Member's Party, Members are free and their guests are \$5 to cover the cost of food. We hope you can make it to one of my favorite events of the year to see some old friends and make some new ones.

Last but not least we have our Breakfast with Santa on December 10th, starting at 8:30. We could use some volunteers to help out with this fun event as well - we need three kitchen staff and a few servers. Any volunteers who help out get to have their picture taken with Santa himself!

We look forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Sincerely,  
**Aaron E. Baldwin Sr.**  
**Exalted Ruler**  
**New London Lodge of Elks**

## Looking Forward:

### January Events:

**1/3 - Director's Meeting 6:30 pm**

**1/11 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm**

**1/12 - Friday Night Dinner 5-7 pm**

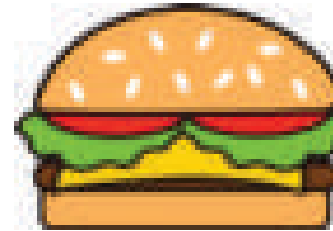
**1/19 - Fish & Chips 5-7 pm**

**1/21 - East District Hoop Shoot**

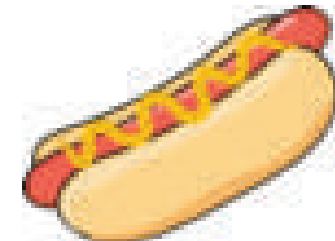
**1/25 - Lodge Meeting 7 pm**

**1/27 - Connecticut Elks Association Mid-Year Convention in Groton**

## MMM-MMMM. THAT IS A TASTY BURGER!



**\$3**



**\$2**

**EVERY THURSDAY 5-7 PM**

# WINGS – WINGS

WE WILL OFFER  
TWO CHOICES

MOST WEDNESDAYS  
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

CALL LODGE OR CHECK FACE-  
BOOK TO CONFIRM

WINGS 4 FOR \$3  
YOU CAN MIX

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

We will be open late for  
New Year's Eve! Come  
see in the new year in  
style with your friends!



### LODGE OFFICERS 2017-18

Exalted Ruler.....	Aaron E. Baldwin Sr.
Est. Leading Knight.....	Joshua Gray
Est. Loyal Knight.....	Torrance Jennings
Est. Lecturing Knight.....	Diane Silva
Secretary.....	Henry E. Nichols PER
Treasurer.....	William Struzinski
Tiler.....	Debra Sargent
Esquire.....	Scott Cooper PER
Chaplain.....	Erika Russo
Inner Guard.....	Michael Tranchida
Trustee 1 yrs.....	Scott Donovan
Trustee 2 yrs.....	VACANT
Trustee 3 yrs.....	Michael Tomaszek PDD
Trustee 4 yrs.....	Keith Robbins
Trustee 5 yr.....	Ross Parker PER
Presiding Justice.....	Atty. Scott Sawyer

## Back Room Crew Update!

The Back Room Crew met in November to do a little cleaning and prepare the new Cigar Lounge (former Card Room) for painting. It was nice to hang out and socialize after work on a Wednesday evening and make some progress on this. Special thanks to Dave Sabala, Dan Roe, Ashley Akins, and Alex Armstrong for their enthusiastic efforts. interested in helping out the Backroom Crew? Contact PER Andrew Gilday for more information through our lodge email at [elks360@gmail.com](mailto:elks360@gmail.com).

## 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} 442-0325.



**Leading Knight Josh Gray (left) and Chaplain Erika Russo (right) volunteered at the annual Connecticut Special Olympics Volleyball event on November 18th. Pictured is the New London Wildcats team which is sponsored by our Lodge. The team will have their annual celebration event at the Lodge in December. Congrats to the team for their excellent performance this year!**

## Donate your Books and Clothes

The lodge's Past Exalted Rulers are collecting clothes and books to earn money for their annual scholarship. For every pound you donate, we earn \$\$\$! Bring down your items (no magazines or encyclopedias) and place them in the donation bins in the lodge parking lot. A deserving high school student will benefit from your generosity.

"Thank You" from the lodge PER Association



Niantic Safety Day was held on October 22nd at the Niantic Fire Department. Pictured are members Skip Goss, Renate Wilson, Judy Libera, Exalted Ruler Aaron Baldwin, and Leading Knight Josh Gray. Over 50 smoke alarms, 20 carbon monoxide sensors, and 50 bicycle helmets were given away to children and their families at this great event. Special thanks to Maureen Sneider, Dawn Piccione, and Judy Libera for making the gift baskets that were raffled away to raise money for the CT State Major Project, the Safe Kids Program. More than a hundred dollars was raised for the program! This was our second Safe Kids program this year - the first one was held in New London in September. We're looking for volunteer leaders who want to run programs in our other two towns - Waterford and Montville. If you're interested, contact Josh Gray at [jpg118@gmail.com](mailto:jpg118@gmail.com).

# Hoop Shoot!

The Hoop Shoot is returning to New London on December 9th from 2-5 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 2-2:30 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](mailto:tjswanjennings@gmail.com)). See you there!

**Member's Holiday Party!**  
**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 16TH**

*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 DRAW-  
 INGS BEGIN AT  
 6:00 P.M.!!!**

***You may now buy your tick-  
 ets ahead of time and don't  
 need to be present to win.***



**Account-  
 ants Needed  
 for Audit Team**  
 Contact Exalted Ruler  
 Aaron Baldwin if you  
 can help out!



***Have you made your do-  
 nation to the ENF this  
 year? Visit  
 www.elks.org/enf  
 to contribute.***

**Two year  
 Trustee  
 Vacancy**  
 Cathy Foster, PER  
 was nominated to the  
 position of two year  
 Trustee at the Novem-  
 ber 9th meeting.  
 Election for the posi-  
 tion will occur on  
 December 14th.

**Volunteers  
 needed!**  
 Did you know that  
 every event in our  
 lodge needs volun-  
 teers to make them  
 happen? Don't have a  
 lot of time? Just a  
 few hours of your  
 time each month  
 would make a huge  
 difference in what we  
 can do. Contact  
 Keith Robbins  
 860.625.2377

**Volunteer  
 Bartenders  
 Needed!**  
 Bartender needed  
 for Sundays noon to  
 close. New to bar-  
 tending? No prob-  
 lem. Contact Keith  
 Robbins  
 860.625.2377

# Second Annual Festival of Giving

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](mailto: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 [keitht@mccuemortgage.com](mailto:keitht@mccuemortgage.com) for more info.

**Interested in posting a classified advertisement? Send an email to [elks360@gmail.com](mailto: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 12/10 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](mailto:pjl176@sbcglobal.net).



### 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 call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him 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."



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**Elks Care,**  
**Elks Share**

## Elks Memorial Service

*To Our Absent Members*

On Sunday, December 3, 2017 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

- Edgar J. Tanguay.....11/14/2016
- Robert L. Senkow.....12/17/2016
- Edward S. Hancock.....12/27/2016
- Thomas W. Tonucci.....02/16/2017
- Timothy J. Morgan.....03/01/2017
- Eric W. Smith.....05/01/2017
- David A. Kelly.....05/07/2017
- Lester Soltz.....07/06/2017
- Albert F. Lewis.....07/07/2017
- Charles M. Haney.....07/31/2017
- Thomas L. Bentley.....08/14/2017
- Stephen W. Boska.....09/20/2017
- Hugh J. Devlin.....10/09/2017
- John J. Dipollina.....10/14/2017

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



**Dart Leagues Starting this Winter!**

**Details and Sign-ups at the Lodge**

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS**

We received \$600 from the CT State Elks Assoc. part of an ENF grant. The lodge voted to give the Montville Food Bank \$300 and the New London Rotary \$300.

The lodge has applied for the \$2,000 Beacon Grant and voted to use these funds toward supplying Winter Boots to the communities that we serve.

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

Congratulations to Erik Bentley, Walter Klenk and Daniel Czikowsky for becoming members of the lodge.

Phillip V. Brown has requested life membership.

— REGULAR \$84.00 — LIFE \$34.00 —

You are *delinquent* if your key card *is still Orange*. Your **Membership card** should read **2017/2018**. You can pay your dues on line at our website *elks360.org*. This is a secure site through Paypal.

Any questions that you may have, please contact me by phone at 860 389-1013 or email *elks360@gmail.com* which I monitor daily.

**INVESTIGATION AND BALLOTING**

The applicants listed below will be read on the floor of the lodge and referred to the Investigation Committee. If approved will be balloted on at an upcoming lodge meeting.

Name	Address	Sponsor	Occupation
Kathryn Amanti	Salem	Lewis Zachas	Hair Stylist
John Landreneau	Pawcatuck	Andrew Gilday PER	Engineer

**SICK LIST**

**Convalescent Homes:** Arthur and Frank Perry in Bridebrook.

**At Home:** John Hunziker, Diana James, Noah Levine, Lou Lupica, Fred Serluca, Lecturing Knight Diane Silva.

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

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!**

Sunday, December 13th

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  
**Volunteers needed and  
appreciated!**



**Ho!  
Ho!  
Ho!**

**ELKS CARE**

**DECEMBER 2017**

**ELKS SHARE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Wings 6 pm	Brgs & Dogs 5-7 pm	1	2 Evening of Giving 6-9 pm
3 Memorial Sunday 1 pm	4	5	6 Directors' Mtng Wings 6 pm	7 Brgs & Dogs 5-7 pm	8	9 Hoop Shoot 8:30 am
10 Brkfst w/ Santa 8:30 am	11	12 HAPPY HANUKKAH!	13 Wings 6 pm	14 Brgs & Dogs 5-7 pm Lodge Mtg 7	15	16 Members Holiday Party 4-8 pm
17	18	19	20 Wings 6 pm	21 Center for Blind 6 pm	22	23
24/31 New Year's Eve Open late!	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Wings 6 pm	28 Lodge Mtg 7 Brgs & Dogs 5-7 pm	29	30

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