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# NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



*Our new pin commemorating  
our 125th anniversary is now available*  
**BULLETIN – JULY/AUGUST 2022**

#### **LODGE MEETINGS:**

**Lodge Meeting - Thursday, July 14th, 7 pm**

**Lodge Meeting - Thursday, August 11th, 7 pm**

**Directors Meetings: July 11th & August 1 630 pm**

*The Whaling City Lodge*  
*A Fraternal Organization*

## Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All,

In typical New England fashion, in what seemed like the blink of an eye we went from the cold blustery nights of winter to the warm bright sunny days of summer. And I for one am overjoyed! In that time we traveled to Sturbridge MA to witness the installation of James "100 percent" Money as our new state President. A very touching Memorial Day Service was held honoring those who gave there all for our country. We celebrated Flag Day. PER Pat Auger was installed as our new 1 year Trustee. And by the time of publication, we will have traveled down to Atlanta for the Elks National Convention.

Looking ahead now, we are thrilled to be celebrating Sailfest after a two year break. On July 9th Judy Libera will be serving up some of her delicious BBQ Chicken. Make sure to buy your tickets ahead. This will sell out quickly for sure! On August 19th Elks #360 will be having our Annual Golf Tournament. People can reach out to Leading Knight Mel Rivera with any questions. And I am very much looking forward to welcoming two new members to our lodge.

And lastly, with the valued input from the PERs, we have decided to move the date of our 125 year Celebration to October 1st, lowering the cost to \$10 and making it more of an Open House with a variety of appetizers, music and fun activities. The format will be casual and will provide you, our members, time to chat with your friends in a nonformal setting.

As always, keep an eye out on the Google calendar Social Media for additional dinners and events that may get added. Or enroll in our weekly emails and you will get them in your inbox each Monday or Tuesday.

May the Star of Fidelity continue to burn and guide us along our path.

**John Graham, 126th Exalted Ruler**

# 125th Anniversary

October 1, 430-830 pm

We're changing the format of the 125th Anniversary event. The new date is October 1 and will be an open house showcasing lots of Elks and Emblem Club memorabilia going back to our starting days. Hors d'oeuvres will be served together with a celebratory cake recognizing who got us to 125 years, which is you, our members.

Dress will be casual and the event will be informal. Come see some friends you haven't seen in awhile and celebrate this important milestone.

At 7 pm, our Exalted Ruler John Graham will make a short presentation.

*Do you have Elks photos or items you'd like to show at the event? Let us know!*



*Elks Care, Elks Share*

**Past Exalted Ruler Association Elects New Officers**

At the PER meeting held on June 21, new officers were elected for the 22-23 Elk Year.

**President** - Aaron Baldwin Sr. PER

**Vice-President** - Elizabeth McKee PER

**Secretary/Treasurer** - Josh Gray PER

Thanks to Torrance Jennings, outgoing President, for his service.

**5 Year Trustee Election**

Two nominations were made for 5 year trustee at the last meeting: Stuart Hanke and Jesse Pont were nominated. A vote will occur at the next lodge meeting on July 14th to decide the winner.

**Sailfest Help Needed**

**Judy Libera is asking for help with cooking** the Sailfest half-chicken BBQ dinner on Saturday, July 9th. Helpers are needed Friday from 3 pm for a few hours parcooking the chickens. Saturday, 1-2 servers and 3-4 in the kitchen are needed starting at 230 pm. Contact [elks360@gmail.com](mailto:elks360@gmail.com) or call the lodge if you can help.

**Parking help** is also needed on July 9th. The lodge will open at 2 pm. Chair Michael Tranchida requests help anytime after 3pm Saturday, one or two members, to check membership cards and help with bathroom breaks. They will also help collect money for parking from non-members.

**Grants Corner**

*Did you know that your ENF donation makes us eligible for Grand Lodge ENF grants?*

**Chelsea Groton Foundation**

We are pleased to announce the lodge has won \$2500 to support our children's programs in 2022.

**Are you aware of other grants we can apply for? Let us know!**

**Freedom Grant - ENF**

The lodge received \$1000 which will fund hard household goods to help homeless veterans

**The final status of the grants for the 2021-2022 year are below:**

**Gratitude Grant**

\$1200 for New London Wildcats; \$700 for Babe Ruth; \$600 for New London Youth Affairs

**Beacon Grant:**

\$3500 to support the Boots for Kids program

**Spotlight Grant:**

\$2000 to support Whalers Helping Whalers.

**LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2022-23**

Exalted Ruler.....John Graham  
Est. Leading Knight.....Melvin Rivera  
Est. Loyal Knight...George Hotchkiss  
Est. Lect. Knight.....Aaron Baldwin PER  
Secretary.....Erika Russo  
Treasurer.....Kellie Graham  
Tiler.....Velvette Royal Esquire.....Elizabeth McKee PER  
Chaplain.....Debra Sargent  
Inner Guard....Michael Tranchida  
Organist.....Vacant  
Trustee 1 yr.....Pat Auger PER  
Trustee 2 yrs.....Torrance Jennings PER  
Trustee 3 yrs..Scott Cooper PER  
Trustee 4 yrs.....Keith Robbins  
Trustee 5 yrs.....Vacant  
Presiding Justice.Atty... Scott Sawyer

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**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.





# SOCCKER SHOOT

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JULY 27, 630 PM**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

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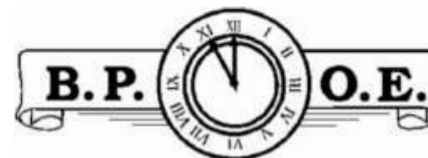


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### Newsletter Update

This month we're combining July and August's newsletter to save a little on costs during the summer when we are a little less busy than usual. We are definitely going to be adding a few more dinners than you can see in the calendar though. To get informed about those, please email Josh Gray at [jpg118@gmail.com](mailto:jpg118@gmail.com) so your email can get added to the newsletter list. We'll send you updates once a week on what is going on at the lodge. There's a dinner at least once a week down at the lodge, so come on down and hang with us!



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# SAILFEST JULY 9 - 430-630 PM



**1/2 BBQ CHICKEN,  
PASTA SALAD,  
COLE SLAW - \$15**

**LODGE WILL BE OPEN  
ALL DAY SATURDAY -  
YOUR HOME BASE  
DURING A GREAT  
WEEKEND!**

**PARKING JULY 9TH**

**360 MEMBERS WITH  
CURRENT MEMBER  
CARD - FREE**

**OTHER ELKS - \$10**

**NON-ELKS - \$20 OR  
MORE**

**LOT OPENS TO PUBLIC  
AT 2PM, NO RESERVED  
SPOTS SO GET THERE  
EARLY**



## **Secretary's Corner by Erika Russo**

Wow.... Here it is the beginning of July. Happy Independence Day to everyone. I am really hoping that more members come to the lodge for our upcoming events. Yes, gas prices are very high, but our drinks are cheap. You will get to see other members that you haven't seen in a long time. Come down to the lodge, stay awhile, enjoy each other's company, and help us support the community. Six officers and members will be attending the 157th Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA from July 3rd to July 6th. We, as Elks, are celebrating One hundred and fifty-seven years, and our New London lodge is celebrating 125 years!!! I am looking forward to meeting Elks from all over the nation.

We have several Elks members who have yet to pay their Dues for 2022 – 2023. The dues are \$125 for regular membership and \$65 for life membership. If you do not have the new Pink keycard then I haven't received your dues. You need the pink card to enter the New London Lodge, and you need your 2022-2023 membership card to gain access to another lodge. Please pay your dues online by going onto our website [www.elks360.org](http://www.elks360.org) and click on Store and Dues, or you can mail in your check to New London Elks, 81 Washington Street, New London, and also you can come on down to your lodge as we are open at 5:00pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. There is no better time than to come on down to visit and say Hi. Hope to see you all soon.

Three candidates voted favorably at Investigation: Mary Hanrahan, an educator from Waterford; Joyce Erpenbeck, a bartender from Niantic; Karen Kump, a postal worker from New London. Dennis Piscitello, age 69, and a member for 50 years has requested life membership. An application was received from Priscilla Ault, a bus driver from New London, proposed by Torrance Jennings, PER.

### **Sickness and Distress**

In convalescent homes - Lee Balch in Pendleton, Harry Chiapone in New London Convalescent, and James McCarthy Jr in Crescent Point. At Home- John Hunter, Diana James, Noah Levine, and Maureen Loughery.



# New London Elks Golf Tournament August 19



**\$110/player**

**Pequot Golf Course, Stonington  
Open to the Public**

## STEAK AND CIGARS \$30



**July 29th  
6:30 pm**



Steak, garlic mashed, creamed spinach, green salad, macaroni with red sauce, and bread. Served with two cigars from [www.thecigarbarusa.com](http://www.thecigarbarusa.com)

*Reservations by July 25th*



*Pictured from left to right are Josh Gray PER, Trustee Pat Auger PER, Leading Knight Mel Rivera, Robin Tine, Secretary Erika Russo, Lenore Auger PER, Treasurer Kellie Graham, and ER John Graham. Esquire Elizabeth McKee PER also attended (not pictured).*

The New London Lodge was very well represented at the annual CEA State Convention held June 4-5 in Sturbridge, MA. New London was awarded the Roz Edgecomb Award for having the highest participation in the Elks Training program last year.



**ELKS CARE**

**AUGUST 2022**

**ELKS SHARE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 closed	8 125th Mtng 7 pm	9 closed	10 Wing Nite	11 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	12 open	13 open
14 closed	15 closed	16 closed	17 Wing Nite	18 open	19 New London Golf Tourny	20 open
21 closed	22 closed	23 closed	24 Wing Nite	25 open	26 open	27 open
28 closed	29 closed	30 closed	31 Wing nite	Sep 1 DD Audit 630 pm	Sep 2 open	Sep 3 open
Sep 4 closed	Sep 5 Directors Mtng 630 pm	SEP 6 closed	Sep 7 Wing nite 125th 7 pm	Sep 8 DD Visit Lodge Mtng 7 pm	Sep 9 open	Sep 10 open

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**ELKS CARE**

**JULY 2022**

**ELKS SHARE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 closed	4 closed	5 closed	6 Wing Nite	7 open	8 Sailfest	9 Sailfest BBQ chikn 430-630 pm
10 Sailfest open	11 Directors Mtnng 630 pm	12 closed	13 Wing Nite Golf 6 pm 125th 7 pm	14 Lodge Mtnng 7 pm	15 open	16 open
17 closed	18 closed	19 closed	20 Wing Nite	21 open	22 open	23 open
24 closed	25 closed 125 mgt 7pm	26 closed	27 Wing nite Soccer Shoot Mtnng 630	28 open	29 Steak & Cigars 630 pm sharp	30 open
31 closed	1 Directors mtnng 630 pm	2 closed	3 Wing nite	4 open	5 open	6 open

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