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NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



*Our new pin commemorating
our 125th anniversary is now available*

BULLETIN – MARCH 2022

LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

Lodge Meeting - Thursday, March 10th, 7 pm

Lodge Meeting - Thursday, March 24th, 7 pm

Directors Meeting Monday, March 7th, 6:30 pm

The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization

Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All,

As this message marks the end of my journey here as Exalted Ruler. I would first of all like to thank all of you as you have been no less than family to myself, Keven, and Gregor. We will of course continue to support the lodge and its endeavors over time.

New London Lodge 360 has made great strides throughout the past two years to survive throughout the pandemic and is continuing to create new opportunities for the membership to participate in the legacy of its lodge. I look forward to enjoying these with you all as they come to fruition.

An incomprehensible amount of thanks goes out to my fellow officers who have been an instrumental help during these months. I could not have had such an easy go of it without them.

This year, the lodge will be working with the City of New London for our Lids for Kids event on April 23rd down at Ocean Beach! I'm excited to

see this event grow every year. If you're interested in assisting, please reach out to Josh Gray.

The same evening we will be holding our Elk of the Year dinner celebrating Dillon Rivera, our Officer of the year Debra Sargent, and our Citizen of the year Rena Powers! These three individuals have gone above and beyond this year and deserve every bit of appreciation.

The plans for our 125th anniversary gala are underway. If you have any interest in assisting with that please reach out to Kellie Graham, our volunteer coordinator.

Thank you all for a wonderful two years as Exalted Ruler. I look forward to continuing to help the lodge as a PER!

Fraternally yours,

Elizabeth McKee PER



New London Lodge 360's 125th Anniversary Gala

For the past 125 years, the members of New London Elks Lodge 360 have been supporting the citizens of New London, East Lyme, Montville, and Waterford through numerous charitable events and programs. To date, these efforts have enabled us to give over \$4 MILLION to our local community. We will be celebrating these accomplishments at our 125th Anniversary Gala on May 14, 2022. This historic event will be held at our lodge located at 81 Washington St., New London and include a social hour, formal dinner and live entertainment. Local, state and regional community leaders will be in attendance as well as fellow Elks and friends from around the state.

We've had quite the crowds at our "I Am Elks 360" membership campaign events over the past two months, and we're not stopping. Maybe you've seen our Facebook ads highlighting a different Elk member each week? Maybe you've seen the fun, different events we've run like Trivia Night, Paint Night, and Chocolate and Charcuterie Board Night. Even if you can't make it down, please tell your friends about these great events and tell them what Elks 360 is all about.

Each week our "I Am Elks 360" member spotlight is the host at that week's event. Next month we have more fun events and we're looking for some other ideas. What fun event would YOU like to see? What would get you and your friends down to the lodge to join us? Let us know at elks360@gmail.com.

Upcoming we have a painting night, where you get a canvas and learn to paint with Liz McKee, a Fish & Chips hosted dinner, another trivia night with Erika, and a crafting day with Liz at the end of the month. We also have some great events not part of the campaign to come to also, including the installation of next year's slate of officers which will feature a band and music! We hope to see you soon.

Since the campaign began, we have had 7 applications and we hope to see many more!

TUESDAY
MARCH 1ST
5:30-7 PM

FAT TUESDAY

Choice of a Muffaletta or a Po'boy (Pulled Pork or Shrimp) served with hand cut French Fries and Cole Slaw.

\$10

Eat-in or Take out
Order online to guarantee your sandwich by Feb 25th - quantities are limited and this event ALWAYS sells out.

Grants Report

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

Gratitude Grant

\$700 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.

Scholarship

Committee Report

Madison Gates of Waterford High and Karyna Fowler of Wheeler High have been promoted to the State level.

Bill Struzinski, Scholarship Committee Chair

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2021-22

Exalted Ruler. Elizabeth McKee PER
Est. Leading Knight.....John Graham
Est. Loyal Knight.....Melvin Rivera
Est. Lecturing Knight. George Hotchkiss
Secretary.....Erika Russo
Treasurer.....Kellie Graham
Tiler.....Velvette Royal
Esquire.....Joshua Gray PER
Chaplain.....Debra Sargent
Inner Guard.....Vacant
Organist.....Vacant
Trustee 1 yr....Michael Tranchida
Trustee 2 yrs.....Scott Donovan
Trustee 3 yrs.....Stuart Hanke
Trustee 4 yrs..Scott Cooper PER
Trustee 5 yrs.....Keith Robbins
Presiding Justice. Atty... Scott Sawyer



WING WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK BABY!

NOMINATIONS FOR 2022-23

Exalted Ruler.....John Graham
Est. Leading Knight..Melvin Rivera
Est. Loyal Knight. George Hotchkiss
Est. Lecturing Knight...A. Baldwin PER
Secretary.....Erika Russo
Treasurer.....Kellie Graham
Trustee 5 yrs.....No Nominations

THE NEW LONDON ELKS PRESENT THE ELK OF THE YEAR DINNER

APRIL 23

Elk of the Year - Dillon Rivera
Officer of the Year - Debra Sargent
Citizen of the Year - Rena Powers



Cocktail Hour - 5 pm

Dinner - 6 pm

Ceremony - 7 pm

\$18 - tickets at elks360.org or at the lodge



ANITA LOUISE TAYLOR

Born: August 18, 1944

Initiated: September 11, 2013

Died: February 5, 2022

FRANCIS W. PERRY SR.

Born: October 20, 1919

Initiated: March 25, 1976

Died: February 13, 2022

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



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Newsletter Update

These days, Elks 360 uses Facebook, email, and the website to communicate with its members. There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned paper newsletter, but it does cost significantly more for us to produce and mail it, about \$280 a month.

If you're comfortable with an electronic newsletter, please consider switching. We need your written permission to do so. Please email us at elks360@gmail.com if electronic delivery works for you!

And if you prefer the paper newsletter, that's okay! We'll keep sending it unless we hear from you.





It has been a long winter, and we are all waiting for Spring! Enjoy a night out painting this cherry blossom themed artwork with friends. Price of \$35 includes all art supplies and an 11x14 canvas that you get to keep at the end. This event is open to the public.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Buy your ticket online or at the lodge.

Liz will be running this event and another craft event on March 25th. Watch the website for details.

Tip of the Antler

Men's Room: Thank you to Jeff Cashio and John Graham for repairing the plumbing in the downstairs Men's Room and Justin Graham for helping to install the drop ceiling in the same room.

I Am Elks 360 Campaign: Thanks to Josh Gray PER and his wife Miria for running the I Am Elks 360 Campaign.

Sincere gratitude from your fellow Elks!

Secretary's Corner by Erika Russo

Wow, we are nearing the end of February 2022. This is unbelievable! Honestly, where has the time gone. This winter has provided us with typical New England weather. Some snow, a quick blizzard, temps down to 55, and then the next day we awake to snow which continued to fall all day. I have seen much worse winters so I will not complain. If you know me, you know I absolutely hate snow. It is rare you will hear me say, 'oh look how pretty the snow-covered trees are.' I do love living in New England though so I doubt I will move anytime soon. This past month at the Elks has been lively. We held trivia nights, a paint night, a chocolate and charcuterie board making night, a superbowl party, Cooper's famous chicken sandwiches, Wednesday night wings, and a taco night. It is so wonderful to see more and more members come back to the lodge, and I look forward to new members joining.

Notice to Delinquent Members: If you wish to remain in good standing and continue to be a New London Elk, I need to have your 2021 – 2022 dues paid immediately.

Your Membership Card should read 2021 – 2022 and key card is green. I will be mailing the new Dues Statements for the 2022 – 2023 mid-February. If you have NOT paid your 2021 - 2022 membership dues, there is still time. Please pay your delinquent dues to remain in good standing with the lodge. The dues for 2021 – 2022 are \$120 for regular members and \$60 for life members. You can pay your dues via mail making checks payable to New London Elks, 81 Washington Street, New London, CT 06320, or pay online @ www.elks360.org using a secure payment site.

Propositions for Membership:

Torrance Jennings sponsoring Tamara Thornton
George Hotchkiss Jr sponsoring Travis Huntington
Isadoria Anthony sponsoring Judi Cox
Aaron Baldwin sponsoring Manuel 'Jesse' Pont
Dillon Rivera proposing Michael Myri

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Secretary's Corner
by Erika Russo

The 2022 – 2023 Dues statements is in process of being mailed, and the dues are:

Regular Member: \$125 (Our lodge dues remain \$99 with an additional \$26 added for Grand Lodge Assessment and State Dues) New key card will be pink.

Life Member: \$65 (Our lodge dues remain \$39 with an additional \$26 added for Grand Lodge Assessment and State Dues) New key-card will be pink.

Note that Grand Lodge raised their insurance assessment by \$5 per member and that our lodge has no control over this expense. This increase goes entirely to Grand Lodge to support their liability insurance program for local lodges.

Investigation and voted favorably: Travis Huntington and Tamara Thornton

Sickness and Distress:

In Convalescent Homes: Lee Balch, Lou Lupica, and Harry Chiapone.

At Home: John Hunter, Diana James, William Lacey, Noah Levine, Peter Cascio, and Maureen Loughery

Any member knowing of a member in sickness and distress should contact the Esteemed Leading Knight John Graham, or any other officer, to see that they are taken care of. Thank you.

**Lids for Kids - April 23, 10-2 pm at
Ocean Beach Park**

Last year's Lids for Kids event was a huge success, with over 150 helmets and two dozen bicycles given away. This year we're partnering with the City of New London's Department of Recreation and holding the event a little earlier. The City of New London runs a Duathlon program for children on May 1, and they've asked us to run our event the weekend before so that children have helmets.

The event will be open to all children, with a limit of about 150 helmets depending on the donations we receive.

Bike New London is joining us again, and the Rotary Club of New London has donated \$500 to purchase helmets. If your business would like to contribute, you can get your name recognized for a \$200 donation - \$500 for a logo in the advertisement.

This year we're holding the event in the Ocean Beach Parking lot on April 23. We need a lot of volunteers to make this event go well. Please contact Josh Gray at jpg118@gmail.com or call 860-718-6876 if you can help. We need volunteers from about 830-3 pm on the day of the event. See you there!

Every Friday During Lent!

FISH & CHIPS

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5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND**

Cocktail Hour - 3 pm
 Installation- 4 pm
 Dinner - 5 pm
 Entertainment - 6pm-??
 \$12 - tickets at elks360.org
 Buy your tickets by March 26th

NEW LONDON ELKS
125th
 ANNIVERSARY GALA

\$60/PP
 HORS D'OEUVRES
 PRIME RIB, STUFFED SOLE, OR
 VEGETARIAN
 DESSERT
 SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 2022
 SOCIAL 430, DINNER 6 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING ELKS 360'S
 HOUSE BAND "UNDIVIDED"
 TICKETS ONLINE AND AT THE LODGE

Volunteers: Volunteer meetings this month are 2/26, 3/11, and 3/23.

Advertisements for sale in the 125th Anniversary Gala Program book.

Advertisements range from \$10 for a Patron ad to \$150 for a full page, outside back cover ad. Visit elks360.org/125 for more details or call Mel Rivera (631-276-7556) or Judy Libera (860-739-2854).

ELKS CARE

MARCH 2022

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 closed	28 Paint Night \$35 6 pm	1 Fat Tuesday 530-7 PM	2 Wing Nite	3 open	4 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	5 Open
6 closed	7 Directors Mtng 630	8 closed	9 Wing Nite	10 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	11 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm 125th 6 pm	12 Open
13 closed	14 closed	15 closed	16 Wing Nite	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	19 Open
20 closed	21 closed	22 closed	23 Wing nite 125th 6 pm	24 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	25 Fish & Chips Craft Night 6 pm	26 Open
27 closed	28 closed	29 closed	30 Wing nite	31 open	1 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	2 Installation 4 pm

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