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

BULLETIN – AUGUST 2021

LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

Regular Mtng - Thursday, August 12th, 7 pm

Directors Meeting Monday, August 2nd, 6:30 pm

The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization

Exalted Ruler's Message

Members all,

As the heat of summer draws to an end, we have a number of our traditional events to look forward to in a more normal fashion. I encourage the membership to come down to the lodge and participate in anything that they can. We need your support to continue to be a pillar of charity in the communities that we know and love.

September brings us the ENF golf tournament. We are excited to see all of the golfers out and about on the green. Lecturing Knight Mel Rivera has truly stepped up to the plate with our golf tournaments this year and for that he deserves a great amount of thanks. There was no shortage of prizes at the New London Elks Golf tournament, and he left players excited for our next event!

Looking a bit ahead to the future, September will hold our Elk, Officer, and Citizen of the Year dinner on the 26th. Traditionally, we hold this dinner in late February, early March, but due to COVID, there has been a delay in the showing of gratitude to these three outstanding individuals. I hope everyone will come out in full force to show their ap-

preciation. We expect this to be a sell out event and tickets will be available for purchase prior to the event. Ticket sales for dinner WILL END the week before the event. Anyone who doesn't make the cutoff is still welcome to come down to the lodge and socialize with us, however we will be requiring a firm head count for this dinner.

We need you to volunteer! The lodge has been surviving off of the hard work of the same volunteers since our COVID shut down. If you want to see the events and dinners that you love return, we need your help to make it work! If you are interested in helping with cooking, bartending, maintenance, or merely just cleaning up after an event or two, please reach out to our volunteer coordinator Kellie Graham.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming days,

Elizabeth McKee, PER
Exalted Ruler



Friday, August 20th
FISH & CHIPS
 Coleslaw
\$10.00 A Person
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

NEW LONDON LODGE OF ELKS 360 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Registration: 8:15 AM
Shot Gun Start: 9:00 A.M.
Cost: \$75.00 per player
Payment due by September 10, 2020

Mail or bring to the Lodge
Pay on line at elks360.org,
click store and pay at tab
for golf tournament

Cedar Ridge Golf Course
34 Drabik Road
East Lyme, CT 06333

Join us in supporting Elks National Foundation. Twenty-Five dollars Of the entry fee goes directly to the Foundation and is Tax Deductible This supports, Drug Awareness, Scholarships, youth programs, Veterans and much more

Lunch/Hor d'oeuvres will be at the Lodge 30 minutes after golf. **Beef or Chicken** Please Circle Choice

- Team Players:
- _____ Beef or Chick
 - _____ Beef or Chick
 - _____ Beef or Chick
 - _____ Beef or Chick

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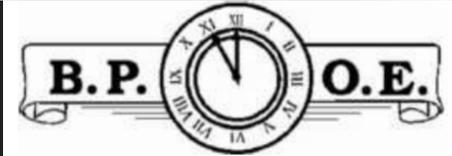
Cut out this page and mail it in, drop it off with a check, or go to www.elks360.org and click on the store button to register by credit card.

Italian Night Organizational Meeting, Monday August 16th, 6 pm.
Dorene and Gary Gramolini are chairing this event once again. Come on down to help us out!

Soccer Shoot will be either 8/21 or 9/4. Contact Erika Russo if you can help
volleygirl1314@yahoo.com
Meetings will be announced by email.

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Golf Tournaments 2021
Change of dates!
9/19 - Elks National Foundation Tournament
10/30 - Spooky Scramble Tournament



ROBERT A. PERRY PER
Born: December 15, 1936
Initiated: June 25, 1970
Life Member: June 27, 1991
Died: July 1, 2021

HENRY E. NICHOLS PER*
Born: September 25, 1941
Initiated: February 24, 1977
Life Member: January 25, 2007
Died: July 19, 2021

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

**Henry's family has requested his name be read at the September 9th meeting.*

Sunday Football

It's football season again! The lodge bar will open at noon on Sundays so you can watch the game on any one of our TV's. We're going to expand the food offerings available during the game for your enjoyment. We have a bigger selection of beverages on tap as well, and games are available for playing in the back bar!

New London Elks Attended Grand Lodge in Tampa this July

Hello to all my Elks brothers and sisters. Last month I told you about the upcoming Elks National Convention. I can now report that myself, PER Joshua Gray, PER Andrew Gilday, and Exalted Ruler Elizabeth McKee all attended the 156th Grand Lodge National Convention, which ran July 4th through July 7th.

I was able to meet, interact and rediscover fellow Elks from other states, gain some insight as to my new position as Secretary for this lodge, as well as learn about the programs and scholarships that are provided nationally. Once we arrived, you could feel the energy of all Elks as many were on our flight and many were arriving from other states. As we rode through the city of Tampa, we could see Elk members almost as far as the eye could see. They were all proudly displaying their polo shirts with the Elks logo or wearing their Elks Credentials.

The Opening Ceremonies held on July 4th was incredible. It was one of the biggest conference rooms I have ever seen, over 200,000 square feet. We learned more about the Pearl Harbor Campaign and our many charities at work. These included Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Grants & Scholarships, Veterans, and Drug Awareness. After this event we were delighted with the band that played, The Party Crashers,

as well as the fireworks display. This was an all-around wonderful day. That was only the beginning.

The entire convention offered opportunities to learn about the new FRS (Financial Reporting System), as well as new ideas about increasing our membership. The new Connecticut State President, Michael Stewart, was installed for the 2021 to 2022 year. Mike is from the Putnam Lodge of Elks. Congratulations to Mike.

There were so many Elks in attendance, and we met them, dined with them, and exchanged numbers and information about each other's lodge. I got to see everyone's dedication to being an Elk. Many of these members have been Elks for years, and they continue on to sit in other roles and all wanting to give back to their communities with children and Veterans.

I am looking forward to the 157th National Elks Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Won't you join us? I am proud to be a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Erika Russo
Lodge Secretary
 (see photo on page 9)



Five New London Elks members attended Grand Lodge in Tampa. Pictured left to right are Lodge Secretary Erika Russo, member Zak Jordan, Exalted Ruler Liz McKee PER, Leading Knight Andrew Gilday PER, and Esquire Josh Gray PER.

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See Bartender For The Order/Envelope

Anyone up for a game of Pool or Shuffleboard?



Tables are clean and ready for play!

Expanding Hours

WE NEED YOUR HELP.
We have not been able to expand beyond Thursday, Friday, and Saturday due to a lack of bartenders. Can you help out? Please Contact Keith Robbins at elks360@gmail.org if interested.

If you can't bartend, we'd love to have you back at the lodge enjoying a meal or a beverage.

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2021-22

Exalted Ruler.Elizabeth McKee PER
Est. Leading Knight.....A. Gilday PER
Est. Loyal Knight.....John Graham
Est. Lecturing Knight.Melvin Rivera
Secretary.....Erika Russo
Treasurer.....Kellie Graham
Tiler.....Velvette Royal
Esquire.....Joshua Gray PER
Chaplain.....Debra Sargent
Inner Guard.....George Hotchkiss
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

Secretary's Corner **by Erika Russo**

Another month has gone by. I am seeing some progress with receiving dues from our members. I know that this past year has been extremely tough on everyone, and I assume all are excited to get out of the house. Come visit your lodge! Please forward your dues for the 2021 - 2022 year as soon as possible. You can pay by check, cash at the lodge, or with debit/credit card through our secure program which can be found on our website Elks360.org. Click on 'Store' button at the upper menu. Upon receipt of payment, I will mail your member card and the green key card which allows entrance to our lodge. For those members who enjoy visiting other lodges, please note that your member card has to be up-to-date as well.

Our ENF Golf Tournament is coming up on September 19th. This will be a great opportunity for you to get back outside, enjoy a round of golf, and reconnect with other members of your lodge.

REGULAR DUES \$120 - LIFE MEMBERS \$60

Sick List

Convalescent Homes: Frank Perry in Bridebrook, Lee Balch in Pendleton Health & Rehab, and Harold (Hap) Chappell in Bayview.

At Home: John Hunter, Diana James, William Lacey, Noah Levine, Maureen Loughery, Lou Lupica, Kenneth McKenna, and Mariano Pica.

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

ELKS CARE

AUGUST 2021

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Volunteer bartender needed	2 Directors Mtng 630 pm	3 closed	4 Volunteer bartender needed	5 open	6 open	7 open
8 Volunteer bartender needed	9 closed	10 closed	11 Volunteer bartender needed	12 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	13 open	14 DD clinic 9 am Meriden bus
15 Volunteer bartender needed	16 Italian Night Meeting 6 pm	17 closed	18 Volunteer bartender needed	19 open	20 Fish & Chips 530-730	21 open
22 DD clinic @ Waterbury	23 closed	24 closed	25 PER Mtng 630 pm	26 open	27 open	28 Cheesesteak 6-830 pm
29 Volunteer bartender needed	30 closed	31 closed	1 Volunteer bartender needed	2 open	3 open	4 open

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