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NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



*Thank you for those who attended the
125th anniversary celebration*

BULLETIN – November 2022

LODGE MEETINGS:

Lodge Meeting - Thursday, November 10th, 7 pm

No Second Meeting

Directors Meetings: Monday, November 7th, 630 pm

*The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization*

Exalted Ruler's Message

To My Fellow Elks,

As 2022 is rapidly speeding by, it's hard to believe it is already November and that I am halfway through my time as Exalted Ruler. Our 125th Anniversary Celebration on October 1st was a big success! It was wonderful seeing both familiar and unfamiliar faces from our lodge and others from around our district looking back in time as they strolled around viewing all of the memorabilia that had been set out. Thank you Kellie Graham for chairing this and to all who helped to pull off this once in a lifetime event. That was followed up the very next weekend by Italian Night, chaired once again by the power couple of Gary and Dorene Gramolini and their hard working crew of volunteers. The upstairs was nearly filled to capacity as we recognized two local Italian Americans, State Senator Paul Formica of East Lyme and New London City Councilor John Satti of New London. The local youths had a ghoulishly good time at our annual Trunk or Treat and Haunted Lodge chaired respectively by Liz McKee and Torrance Jennings. We closed out the month in classic Elk style with the Spooky Scramble Golf Tournament on the 30th at Fenwick golf course. Thank you Mel Rivera for chairing, his crew of volunteers and to all who attended.

And now that it's November I can almost smell the roast turkey and pumpkin pie. But this month is about more than just food. It is a time to be grateful for all that

we have and to renew our efforts to help those who struggle. If anyone would like to volunteer some of their time to work with Whalers Helping Whalers, Chef Tomm would be happy to have you help out on a Saturday morning. You can reach out to me at erjohngraham@gmail.com and I will pass along your contact information. Let's not forget about Friendsgiving. This will be held on Thursday 11/17 from 6:00 to whenever we decide to go home. Bring a dish of your favorite appetizer, side or dessert. We will provide the turkey.

Looking ahead to December, we will be having Memorial Sunday on 12/4. Kellie Graham will be chairing Boots for Kids. Email me if you would like to help her with this. We are thrilled to be bringing back Breakfast with Santa on Sunday 12/18. As always, keep an eye out for dinners and other events that may be added and remember to bring a friend the next time you stop by the lodge. Give them a tour. Introduce them to your fellow Elks. Let them know what we do and encourage them to fill out an application so that they too can become an Elk.

Fraternally yours,
John Graham
Exalted Ruler

**CRAB
PRIME RIB
SHRIMP
DINNER**

**SATURDAY
NOV 5
5 - 9 PM**

Prime Rib and Shrimp - \$25
Prime Rib and Snow Crab - \$30
Prime Rib, Shrimp, and Snow Crab - \$40

Whaling City Lodge
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Elks Care, Elks Share

Tip of the Antlers

125th Committee: Congrats to Kellie Graham and her committee for a really successful 125th Celebration. Keith Robbins for putting out such wonderful assortment of snacks and food for our members and guests to enjoy.

Painting Committee: Thanks to Keven McKee for helping out with painting!

Friday Night Dinner Committee: Chair Judy, Dorene, Keith, and everyone who made the Beef Stew Dinner a success.

Italian Night Committee: Congratulations to Gary & Dorene Gramolini and their entire committee for an outstanding job with Italian Night!

125th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who helped put together our 125th Anniversary Open House as well as those who attended. It was nice to see so many fellow Elks, family and friends in attendance to celebrate our lodge and all we have accomplished. A special thank you to Paul and Judy Libera, the Estate of Roswell Edgecomb, and Gary and Dorene Gramolini for lending us so many interesting and beautiful pieces of Elks memorabilia to accompany the many photos, plaques and pamphlets already in our collection. Kellie Graham



Major Raffle - \$5 ticket
Prizes are 25%, 15%, and 10%
of the total

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Clip and mail in this form and we will mail you tickets
Drawing at the Christmas Party on 12/17 @ 630 pm

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.

Scholarship Committee

The deadline for the MVS Scholarships is November 14th, and the scoring of the applications will commence on December 2nd. In addition, Youth Recognition Night is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023 beginning at 7 pm.

Elks Legacy Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of living Elks members in good standing. These are due February 6th.

Bill Struzinski - Chair

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.....Torance Jennings PER
Trustee 3 yrs..Scott Cooper PER
Trustee 4 yrs.....Keith Robbins
Trustee 5 yrs.....Stuart Hanke
Presiding Justice.Atty... Scott Sawyer



Pictured left to right are Mike Tranchida, John Satti (Italian of the Year), Dillon Rivera (Elk of the Year), State Rep. Anthony Nolan, Torrance Jennings PER, Leading Knight Mel Rivera. In front: Judy Libera (PEOY).



Pictured left to right are State President Jim Money from Bridgeport Lodge, Exalted Ruler John Graham, and Past State President Mike Stewart from Putnam Lodge.



Hoop Shoot
Volunteers needed!

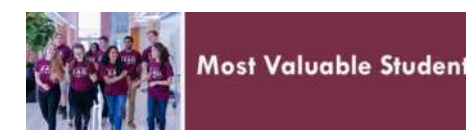
11 am Registration, 12 pm start time at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School. No basketball experience needed. Contact Torrance at elks360@gmail.com

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Memorial Sunday - December 4th, time TBD.

Members Christmas Party - December 17 - Members free, their Guests \$10



Due November 14th
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Secretary's Corner **by Erika Russo**

Happy Halloween! The month of October is here! I hope you can join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 24th. We need trunks, candy, and volunteers. The children look forward to this community event, and once again will be able to also see the haunted lodge room. PER Torrance Jennings has been gearing up to make this an extra spooky event. If you would like to volunteer for this specific part of the evening, please contact one of the officers, call the lodge 860-442-0325, or email elks360@gmail.com

Have any of you given any thought to speaking to your family and/or friends and recommend joining the New London Elks Lodge? Please be proud to be an Elk. There are still so many who do not understand what the Elks do, but you do understand. Tell your friends, tell your family. You will be helping them become part of the greatest fraternal organization in the United States. A new candidate can call the lodge and ask for an application, go to the website Elks.org and click on 'Membership Inquiry,' or better yet come visit the lodge. We are open at 5:00pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

I need to bring up some lodge business now. We still have 37 members who have not yet paid for the 2022-2023 year, and there is no better time than now to send in your payment, or pay online @ elks360.org. Click on Store on top right of menu bar. Dues are \$125 for regular members and \$65 for life members.

New Member: Steven Meakem, Carpenter, Resides in Mystic

Sickness and Distress

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

ELKS CARE

NOVEMBER 2022

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Spooky Scramble	31 CLOSED	1 CLOSED	2 Wing Nite	3 OPEN	4 New member Orientation 630 pm	5 Prime rib crab/shrimp 5-9 pm
6 CLOSED	7 Directors 630	8 CLOSED	9 Wing Nite	10 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	11 OPEN	12 Hoop Shoot 11 am Bennie Dvr
13 Veteran Brunch 9-1 pm	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 Wing Nite	17 Friendsgiving 6-9 pm	18 Open House 6-8 pm	19 Special Olympics OPEN
20 Special Olympics	21 CLOSED	22 PER Meeting 630-730	23 Wing nite	24 OPEN	25 OPEN	26 OPEN
27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 Wing nite	1 OPEN	2 New member orientation 630 pm	3 OPEN

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Upcoming Events:

- 12/4 - Memorial Sunday
- 12/5 - Directors Meeting
- 12/8 - Lodge Meeting
- 12/17 - Members Holiday Party and Major Raffle drawing
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve at the Lodge
- TBD - Boots for Kids Wrapping

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