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NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



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

BULLETIN – APRIL 2022

LODGE MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

Lodge Meeting - Thursday, April 14th, 7 pm

Lodge Meeting - Thursday, April 28th, 7 pm

Directors Meeting Monday, April 4th, 6:30 pm

The Whaling City Lodge
A Fraternal Organization

Exalted Ruler's Message

Members All,

As the newly elected Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #360, I would like to take this time to thank all those who preceded me. A special thanks to PER Elizabeth McKee who served not only one, but two terms as ER during a time of pandemic. Instead of cheerful gatherings and charitable events, her terms were filled with closings, restrictions, and conflicting opinions on how to proceed in the world in which we live. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Paul Libera, PDD, who graciously served as Grand Exalted Ruler for my installation. Thank you as well to all those who continue to volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of our lodge and community.

Over the past two years, we have proven, not only to those around us but to ourselves, that Covid is no match for our will to persevere and to continue helping the community around us. As Elks we may get knocked down but we get back up stronger and more determined than before. Though friendships have been strained and loved ones lost, good things have happened as well. We've had events such as Lids for Kids, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Trunk or Treat, golf tournaments, Friendsgiving and Boots

for Kids, just to name a few. Through the use of our facilities and the unwavering efforts of Chef Tomm and his crew of volunteers, Whalers Helping Whalers continues to provide food and clothing to those in need.

Moving forward, I would like to make this a time of renewal, restoration and growth as we celebrate our 125th anniversary. Spring is finally here and with it many opportunities to gather in celebration and in service to our community. This month we have our Elk of the Year dinner and Lids for Kids events while May brings our Mother's Day celebration and 125th Anniversary Gala. I look forward to working with the officers and members of Elks Lodge #360 on new initiatives as well as events for which we have been known. If you would like to be more involved at the lodge or know of someone who would like to become a member of our lodge, then please reach out to me or any other lodge officer.

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

Fraternally yours,

John Graham

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.



Elks Care, Elks Share



April 23, 2022

10 am - 2 pm

Hosted by the New London Elks

Ocean Beach Park

98 Neptune Ave. - New London

FREE Bike Helmets
FREE Bike Obstacle Course
FREE Family Activities

FREE Smoke Detectors
FREE Drawings for Bikes and other prizes

Event Partners



Event Sponsors



Signup information at
www.lidsforkidsNL.org
Share with your friends and family!
Pass the word!

Grants Report

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

Gratitude Grant

\$700 for New London Wild-cats; \$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 2021-22

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.....Vacant
 Trustee 2 yrs.....Vacant
 Trustee 3 yrs..Scott Cooper PER
 Trustee 4 yrs.....Keith Robbins
 Trustee 5 yrs.....Stuart Hanke
 Presiding Justice.Atty... Scott Sawyer



WING WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK BABY!

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY EMAILS?

Email the lodge at:
elks360@gmail.com
 with your name and email address.

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.



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

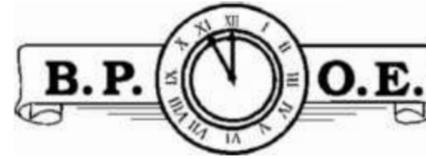


Cocktail Hour - 5 pm

Dinner - 6 pm

Ceremony - 7 pm

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



FRANCIS W. PERRY SR.

Born: October 20, 1919
Initiated: March 25, 1976
Died: February 13, 2022

The clock of his days has stopped and across the motionless shadows marks the hour of eleven. May he 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.





If you missed Liz's first craft night, you have another chance for a fun night of crafting and hanging with new friends. The price is \$20 and includes all of the art supplies that you will get to keep. This event is open to the public so please invite your friends and join us! Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Buy your ticket online or at the lodge.



Secretary's Corner **by Erika Russo**

Here we are.... April is right around the corner. We are going to start seeing a lot more green on the lawns, colorful flowers in the flower beds, and our trees will once again be inviting to sit beneath and just take everything in. The temperatures will hopefully also even out, and we can stop going from cold one day to very warm the next. For certain, the lodge is open and inviting. Come down to see friends you haven't seen in a while. Come down to partake in some of the upcoming events and dinners. Just come on down.

The members dues statements were mailed out and the dues for the 2022 – 2023 year are \$125 for regular members and \$65 for life members. The key card will change from green to pink this year, and will be installed and set up by first week of April. You need to have your new pink card to gain access. I will be mailing out the cards to all who have paid so far, and will of course mail out the other cards as I receive the dues. You can mail in your dues to 81 Washington Street, pay at the lodge, or you can pay online on the website www.elks360.org.

I again am asking those members who I have never met to come down to the lodge. I see so many names on the roster and I know only a small percentage. I am doing my best trying to follow Henry's footsteps and I hope I am not failing anyone. It has been 9 months since this wonderful man passed, and not a day goes by that I don't think of him and I miss him greatly.

Hoping to see many new faces soon. Thank you!

Sickness and Distress

In convalescent homes - Lee Balch in Pendleton, Lou Lupica in Greentree Manor, and Harry Chiappone at New London Convalescent. At Home: John Hunter, Diana James, William Lacey, Noah Levine, Peter Cascio and Maureen Loughery.

We are pleased to honor these individuals

**Elk of the Year
Dillon Rivera**

An active member of many committees, Dillon has served as volunteer bar tender, grill committee member, golf tournament, lodge maintenance, trunk or treat, breakfast with Santa, boots for kids, Lids for Kids, and many other committees. In just a few short years Dillon has quickly become an important member of the Elks.

**Officer of the Year
Debra Sargent**

An active officer who served as Tiler and then Chaplain for the past five years, Debra is our Drug Awareness chair and volunteers with Breakfast with Santa, Soccer and Hoop Shoot, Lids for Kids, Trunk or Treat, many dinners, and actively helps with Whalers Helping Whalers. A model officer we are lucky to have her as an officer, member, and friend

**Citizen of the Year
Rena Powers**

Leader of "The Blue Door" which provides durable medical equipment donations to people in need throughout her community. Operating out of her home, her organization has donated more than \$200k in equipment and \$35k in clothes to those in need at no cost. A true selfless community leader, the Elks are proud to recognize her good work.



**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 8:30-3 pm on the day of the event. See you there!

Every Friday During Lent!

FISH & CHIPS

Coleslaw

\$10.00 A Person

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 3/23, 4/6, and 4/19.

Advertisements for sale in the 125th Anniversary Gala Program book. Visit elks360.org/125 for more information.

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

ELKS CARE

APRIL 2022

ELKS SHARE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 closed	28 closed	29 close	30 Wing Nite	31 open	1 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm setup 630	2 Installation 3 pm
3 Cornhole 8 am Paint 11 am	4 Directors Mtng 630	5 closed	6 Wing Nite 125th plan mtng 615 pm	7 open	8 Fish & Chips Charcuterie 125th 6 pm	9 Open
10 closed	11 closed	12 closed	13 Wing Nite	14 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	15 Fish & Chips 5-7 pm	16 Open
17 Easter L&M Visit	18 closed	19 closed	20 Wing nite 125th 6 pm	21 open	22 Open	23 Lids for Kids 10-2 Ocean Beach
24 DD Clinic Waterbury 9 am	25 closed	26 closed	27 Wing nite Duathlon	28 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	29	30

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