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# NEW LONDON ELKS LODGE No. 360



*Join us October 1st for our  
125th anniversary celebration!*

**BULLETIN – October 2022**

**LODGE MEETINGS:**

**Lodge Meeting - Thursday, October 13th, 7 pm**

**No Second Meeting**

**Directors Meetings: Monday, October 3rd, 630 pm**

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Fellow Elks

September was an exciting month! We had a successful audit with our District Deputy Peter Berns and his suite. The following week he returned with his Esquire Josh Gray and several Dignitaries (including our State President James Money) to attend our Lodge meeting where we initiated our newest member, Judi Cox.

On September 11th we had our Soccer Shoot. Great thanks go out to our Soccer Shoot Chair Erika Russo and all the volunteers who helped make it a great event. On September 16th Judy Libera made her amazing Beef Stew for all to enjoy (for a modest price of \$5). Our ENF Golf Tournament was attended by 8 teams at Cedar Ridge golf course in East Lyme on September 18th. Afterwards the golfers enjoyed a luncheon with a choice of either Steak or BBQ Chicken, prepared by our own Keith Robbins. And we closed out the month with the Grand Exalted Ruler's dinner at the Westbrook Elks on the 25th which is always a great event!

Now for October, as the nights get a little cooler and the leaves begin to change we have some really great events to look forward to!

First and foremost is our 125th Year Celebration on Saturday 10/1. This will be an open house style event filled with music, food and memorabilia. Definitely mark your calendar for this one! The following Saturday, 10/8, is Italian Night. Gary and Doreen Gramolini have made this a Lodge favorite year after year - Buon Appetito! 10/24 is our Trunk or Treat event chaired by PER Liz McKee and our Haunted Lodge chaired by PER Torrance Jennings. Both were a huge hit last year. Bring the kids and try not to get too scared!

We'll be ramping up our Boots for Kids program soon. Through the support of the Beacon Grant and Lodge #360 member volunteers, we were able to provide winter boots and socks to 143 local youths last year. Our goal is to increase that to 150 this year. More details to come in future Lodge meetings and bulletins so keep a lookout for your opportunity to assist in this effort!

As always, check your calendars and social media for upcoming dinners and events. And bring a friend to show them how much you enjoy being an Elk and then put an application in their hand so that they too can enjoy!

**John Graham, Exalted Ruler**

**NEW LONDON ELKS 125TH ANNIVERSARY**

**OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**Celebrate our 125th Anniversary with us!**

Come see memorabilia from our historical lodge.

**\$10 per person**  
(Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment)

*casual attire*

**Major Raffle Drawing at 7 pm**

4:30 - close | 81 Washington St.  
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### ENF Golf Report

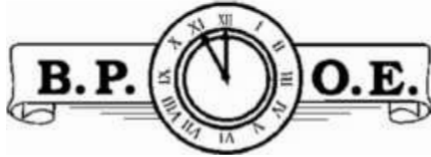
Thanks to our golfers & volunteers who participated in the golf tournament this year raising money for the ENF that supports our grants. Page 3 lists how we use the grants. - Mel Rivera, Chair

### Italian Night Committee

Italian Night will be held on October 8th. The last committee meeting is 9/28 at 7 pm. Committee Chairs Dorene and Gary Gramolni are seeking volunteers to help prepare and decorate.



Leading Knight Mel Rivera rappelled down Mohegan Sun tower to raise money for Special Olympics last month. Mel serves as District Chair for Special Olympics.



### GERARD GAYNOR JR.

**Born:** October 28, 1942  
**Initiated:** June 24, 1971  
**Life Member:** Feb. 14, 2008  
**Died:** August 29, 2022

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

### Tip of the Antlers

**125th Committee:** Thanks to Kellie Graham for chairing the 125th.

**Soccer Shoot Committee:** Thanks to all of those who came out to support this event, and to the Chair, Erika Russo!

**Painting Committee:** Thanks to our ER John, Coop, and Dillon who helped paint the back room.

PDD Mike Tomaszek, PDD Paul Libera, and Pat Auger for helping prepare for the DD Visit.

### 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.

### RESOLUTION

Motion for the Board of Directors to manage the repair of the roof at a cost not to exceed \$66,667 (\$50K in a grant from the City of New London and \$16,667 to be raised by the lodge), if approved by the board of directors and permitted by the Grand Lodge via a building permit."

The vote for this resolution will occur at the regular Lodge meeting on Thursday, October 13th. Competitive bids were solicited by the Board of Directors.

### 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.....Stuart Hanke  
Presiding Justice.Atty... Scott Sawyer



**Levi was a winner in our Soccer Shoot in September. Overall 5 children were sent on to the District Contest to be held in Groton on October 2nd.**



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**ITALIAN NIGHT**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH  
5:30 PM - \$15  
TICKETS AT ELKS360.ORG



**OCTOBIERFEST**  
OCTOBER 21 | 6 - 9 PM

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS!

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

Hello to all my Elks friends. I know I said it before, but I still can't get over how fast the days go. In all of the stores you see Fall season, Halloween, and 'yes' Christmas decorations. This I find absolutely ridiculous. I remember as a child we didn't even begin to think of Christmas until after Halloween and close to Thanksgiving, or maybe that was just my mother's rule. With that said, we are planning on another members Christmas party this year so why not get in touch with me and let me know you are willing to volunteer to put it together, or maybe you want to join us in our Thanksgiving FriendsGiving. These dates are not finalized yet, but I would love to know your interest in attending and/or volunteering.

This month was busy... we had our ENF Golf Tournament, which went very well, and also the Soccer Shoot. I have run the soccer shoot for about 4 years now and each year I get excited to see some familiar childrens' faces and some new ones.

Please remember we are open @5pm now on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. This is the time to come on in, re-visit the lodge you love, say hello to new and old friends, enjoy a cocktail, or take advantage of some of our upcoming events. Please, we would love to see each and every one of you.

I sent out a second notice to those members who have not paid their dues for this year, and I have received approximately 15 dues payments. This is terrific. Remember our lodge is only as strong as its members. Please, if you have not already done so, please mail in or go online to [elks360.org](http://elks360.org) to pay your 2022-2023 dues.

Wouldn't it be nice for you to come to the lodge and hang out with some of your current friends....please ask them to join.

**New Member: Judi Cox of Ne London**

### **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.

**ELKS CARE**

**OCTOBER 2022**

**ELKS SHARE**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 CLOSED	3 Directors 630	4 CLOSED	5 Wing Nite	6 OPEN	7 New member Orientation 630 pm	8 Italian Night 5 pm
9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12 Wing Nite	13 Lodge Mtng 7 pm	14 Cheesesteak 6-830 pm	15 OPEN
16 State Soccer Shoot	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19 Wing Nite	20 OPEN	21 Octoberfest 6 pm	22 Meriden visits NL ~330 pm
23 CLOSED	24 Trunk or Treat 630 pm	25 DD Home-coming GROTON	26 Wing nite	27 OPEN	28 OPEN	29 OPEN
30 Spooky Scramble	31 CLOSED	1 CLOSED	2 Wing nite Audit Cmte 6 pm	3 OPEN	4 OPEN	5 OPEN

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