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GROTON LODGE OF ELKS #2163

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2022—2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

I want to start out by saying how deeply humbled, and honored I am to be your Exalted Ruler. The past two years have been tough on us all. We have lost some very dear friends and family; they are always in my thoughts and prayers. Things we took for granted have changed forever, however, with the pandemic in the rear-view mirror, lets come together as Elks. Let's do some good in our community, raise the necessary funds that go along with that, but most of all, let's have some fun doing it.

I have been asked many times by the membership, "Are you ready?" My answer is a resounding "Hell Yes!" I've also been asked "what's your priority?" or "what's your agenda?" My answer to that is "What do the members want? What are your priorities?" I am standing by ready to listen and ready to put ideas into action. This is our journey and I will need each one of you to help keep us moving in the right direction. Bring me your ideas, concerns, and questions and let's see what we can do.

I want to thank last year's suite of officers, committee chairs, and those behind the scenes making this work. To this year's officers, committee chairs, and volunteers, tighten your chinstrap we're gonna run at this hot right out of the gate.

Finally, all the best of luck in the future Joann Donnel PER, PDD.

Fraternally yours,

Al Atkinson

Updates regarding events and activities at the Lodge will be posted on our

Check us out on

Facebook

Groton Elks Lodge #2163



Facebook page and Website

WEBSITE

Groton Lodge #2163 Website

www.elks2163.org

LODGE MEETINGS
2nd & 4th TUESDAY
Each Month
At 6:00pm

TRUSTEES MEETINGS
2nd TUESDAY
At 6:00pm

OFFICERS MEETING
1st TUESDAY
At 6:30

HOUSE COMMITTEE
1st TUESDAY

IN MEMORY

The Clock of their day has stopped and across its dial, motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven, with us, the Golden Hour of Recollection.

Daniel R. Prescott

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Recuperating at Home:

Steve Harris, Al Richard, Peter Denobrega, Theresa Jorzs, Howie Schneider, PER., Joseph T. Longo, Bill Swanson, Bill Borysewicz, Richard Kozek PDD and George Goddard PSP

We wish you well and a speedy recovery. Please give your family the address and phone number of the Lodge and ask them to notify the Elks if you are ill or in the hospital. The new privacy law requires that only family members notify the Lodge. Let us know if you can have visitors or have any needs. Please contact PER Bob Boss, Chairman, at 860-448-1855 or the Lodge at 860-445-2163 with any requests.

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The Secretary's office is open Tuesday 4-7, Wednesday 4-7 and Saturday 11-2, or by appointment. The phone number is 860-445-2163, ext. 2; please leave a message or e-mail: ElksGroton2163@gmail.com.

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DUES FOR 2022-23 ARE \$128.50 FOR MEMBERS AND \$64.50 FOR LIFE MEMBERS. DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE.

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BALLOTING ON APPLICATIONS

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The following Applications have been forwarded to the Investigating Committee, for report to the Lodge. There will be balloting on these applicants at the regular meeting to be held on

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April 12, 2022. Should you know of any reason why any applicant would not be a good Elk, please immediately notify Chairperson Russ Roeder, 860-912-2496.

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Applicant	Address	Occupation	Age	Proposer
Terence Graham	Groton	Casino dealer	33	Susan Sawtelle
Joshua Davila	Waterford	Electrician	33	Ramon Masso-Flores
Elizabeth Brown	New London	Corrections Lt	42	Elena Lockett
Jacqueline Lockett	Groton	Buyer	27	Elena Lockett
Casey O. Ryan	Groton	Planner	33	Bryan Lockett
Stuke, Lottie (Beth)	Waterford	Office Mgr	54	Aimee Sadler

MEMBERSHIP as of 3/10/2022 - 886 TOTAL - REGULAR MEMBERS: 6854 LIFE MEMBERS: 202 APPLICATION FILE 912

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP— THOSE WITH 30 YEARS IN ELKDOM AND 65 YEARS OLD, Apply by contacting the secretary.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Applications for Membership and Reinstatement are available at the

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Members Bar. Initiation Fee is \$40.00. Please leave completed applications in the Members Bar box or mail slot in the secretary's door. Proposer must sign on the front and back pages.

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Fraternally,

John A. Espada PER

Secretary

*****The Bulletin Email address has changed to: Bulletin2163@gmail.com*****



CALLERS NEEDED 6:00-9:30pm
If you have experience as a Caller

Kitchen Help

- ◆ 3:00-3:30 pm put out coffee, set up sugar, milk, candy and chips
- ◆ 4:30—6:30 pm take orders and money
- ◆ Cooks from 4:30—6:30 pm, break until Intermission
- ◆ Intermission
- ◆ Kitchen clean up after intermission

BINGO (Floor Help)

4:30-9:30pm
Sell Game Cards and Specials
Check for valid BINGOs
Sealed Ticket Sales

Can you spare 1 Thursday night per month? If so, the Bingo committee can use help.

please contact Chairman, John A. Espada at 401-954-1494, if you can help in any way.

Thursday Nights

Doors Open at 4:30pm
Purchase BINGO Sheets,
Special Games, Quickies,
\$1,000 Progressive \$3,000 Progressive
Daubers, Food and more H

BINGO starts 6:30 pm

Located in the Lodge room, inside the main
building at the Groton Lodge of Elks #2163

Cancellation Hotline:
860-445-2163 ext. 5

ELK RIDERS ASSOCIATION



BLESSING OF THE BIKES MAY 15,
2022

\$10.00 Admission

New London Waterfront Park (City
Pier)

Gates open 11am Blessing 2pm

We would like to thank all Elks members and officers who voted the
Groton Elk Riders Association
into the Groton Elks Lodge #2163. Our first meeting was held March 3rd with the next meeting to
be held on April 7th, 2022.

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month and are open to all Elks members that may
be interested.

Patching in ceremony is currently being planned, Date and time TBD.

Our Founding Elk Rider Members are:

President: Joseph Dannibale

Vice President: Bryan Lockett

Treasurer: Christine McCarthy

Andy Nahornick, Gary Chavis, John McCarthy, Elena Lockett, and Ronnie Cooke

We are planning our first ride for the end of April if the weather allows. Date and Time TBD.
You don't have to be an Elk Rider to ride, so come out to enjoy the Ride with us.

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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LODGE

POT LUCK SUNDAYS Come hang out with us in the Member bar on Sundays! Bring your favorite dish to share from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Check the calendar for dates.



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT April 16... 12:00 - 2:00pm. Welcoming children and grandchildren 10 years old and younger. Contact Elaine Lombardi at 860.867.7678 to make reservations. Please provide number of children and their ages by April 6th.

MUSIC AND MUNCHIES Saturday April 16...7:00 to 10:00pm. Join us for open Juke Box and complimentary munchies in the Member Bar.

PULLED PORK LUNCHEON Saturday April 23...12:00 to 3:00pm...\$15.00 per person. BBQ Pork, Frankie's famous chili, red beans and rice, macaroni and cheese, corn bread and cole slaw. Tickets available in Member bar or call 860.912.5805 for reservations.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST Sunday April 24...9:00 am to 1:00pm... \$10.00 per person. Many yummy dishes to choose from. Drinks sold separately. Try our Mimosas and Bloody Marys!

MAJOR PROJECTS STEAK NIGHT Wednesday April 27 6:00 pm \$20.00 Antipasto salad, Ziti with meat sauce, potatoes with peppers and onions, ribeye steak, keg beer and coffee. Reservations can be made by calling Kate Atkinson at 860.460.7107.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MEETING

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:30pm at the Lodge. Come join us as we start the planning for the 14th Annual Golf Tournament. This event is a major fundraiser for the Lodge and we would love to have more members involved with the Committee. You do not have to be a golfer to be involved.

Tournament date for 2022 will be Friday, June 24, 2022. If you cannot attend, but would like to help please contact committee co-chairs Mary Hill at 860-912-7485 or Al Atkinson at 860.912.5805

Attention 260 Club Members

Next Session

Started Saturday, March 19, 2022 Numbers must be paid for to be included in the drawing, Unpaid for numbers will be reclaimed by the committee. For more information contact Dawn Mather (860.460.1750) or Kelly Martin (860.460.3544)

All paid tickets will be left in the Member bar. Winners will be posted in the bulletin.

Hurry down to the Lodge to get your RAFFLE TICKET for the Scooter raffle! Tickets are \$20.00.

Support the BEAUTIFICATION FUNDRAISER.

Winning ticket will be drawn on Memorial Day.

Stop in and check it out,

The scooter is on display in the Member bar!

On behalf of the entire 260 CLUB we would like to thank Dave Sneed, Charlie and Trish Warrington, Mary Hill, Aimee Sadler, Chris and John McCarthy, and Deb Galligan for helping with the 260 kick-off luncheon. Successful events don't happen without awesome volunteers!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM NEWS

March 31 marks the end of the 2021- 2022 Lodge year, and the close of donations to ENF, to receive credit for this year. As usual, Groton Lodge members have shown their incredible generosity in contributing to those less fortunate by donating to the ENF. We are on target to meet \$10 per capita for this year and we may reach \$10,000 total donations from our Lodge. This is an accomplishment to be very proud of!

In return, we get this money back when we apply for grants. This year Groton Lodge received the following grants: the Gratitude Grant for \$2500 to supply bike helmets and smoke alarms to local youth, the Freedom Grant for \$2500 to supply camp chairs, water, Gatorade, detergent, coffee pods, and hygiene items to the veterans at Rocky Hill VA Home, the Beacon Grant combined with the Spotlight Grant to supply towels, linens, clothing, gift cards, and money for counseling to Safe Futures, a local domestic violence program, and finally, the Impact Grant for \$6500 to support our monthly Donation Station that provides home cleaning and personal hygiene products to Groton Human Services for distribution to those in need as well as donations to Loving Hands of Southeastern CT, who provide support to the local homeless population.

All donations received after April 1 will start the fundraising for the next Lodge year, so feel free to keep them coming! Or better yet, consider signing up for a monthly donation at enf.elks.org/donate. This is a quick, convenient, environmentally friendly way to donate. For as little as \$5 per month, you can join this awesome club- the Fidelity Club and be a part of the Foundation in the easiest and best way possible! Again, my thanks to all the members who have donated to the Elks National Foundation! Groton Lodge members are truly amazing!

FACILITY RENTALS

Plan Your Next Function at the Groton Lodge of Elks #2163

Weddings ~ Showers ~ Retirements ~ After Funeral ~ Birthday Parties ~ Family Reunions

Contact the Lodge Facilities Manager Cheryl Bane

by phone: [860-445-2163 ext. 1](tel:860-445-2163) or email: rentals2163@gmail.com

Office Hours: Mondays 11:00am-6:00pm (bar 2:00-5:00pm) Saturdays 1:00pm-6:00pm

Our rental rates for rooms at the Groton Lodge have not gone up in ten years, so the House Committee and Trustees reviewed local rates to see how we compare and we will be raising our room rentals effective January 1, 2022. Pricing will be: **Lodge Room** \$325/member, \$650/non-member; **Bingo Room** \$225/member, \$450 non-member and **Zipper** \$275 member, \$550 non-member. All existing contracts and any signed before that date will be locked in at the current rates. All new contracts after January 1st, will be with the new rates.

On May 11th the Groton Elks will be hosting their annual Scholarship (Hot Dog and Beans) Dinner.

Donations are \$5.00 for a ticket, and there will be a 50/50 raffle from 5 -7 that evening.

Event: Groton's Annual Scholarship Dinner to support senior athletes within the district.

Date: May 11th from 5-7 pm

Donations: \$5.00 per meal to support two \$500.00 scholarships for one male and one female athletic within our district.

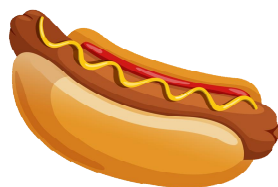
Additionally: There will be a 50/50 event during this time

Contact: thenkle@groton.k12.ct.us or oceanrsrch@gmail.com

Scholarship Applications: Need to be completed before 6/1/22.

Applications: available by the contact listed above, or at the Groton Elks at 700 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT 06340 or through the guidance or Athletic Director within your High School.

This event is to support outstanding area athletes to "offset" college expenses as student progress to their next chapter in life.



Terance Henkle

LCDR USN(Ret)

Meteorologist/Oceanographer

Earth Science/Biology Teacher

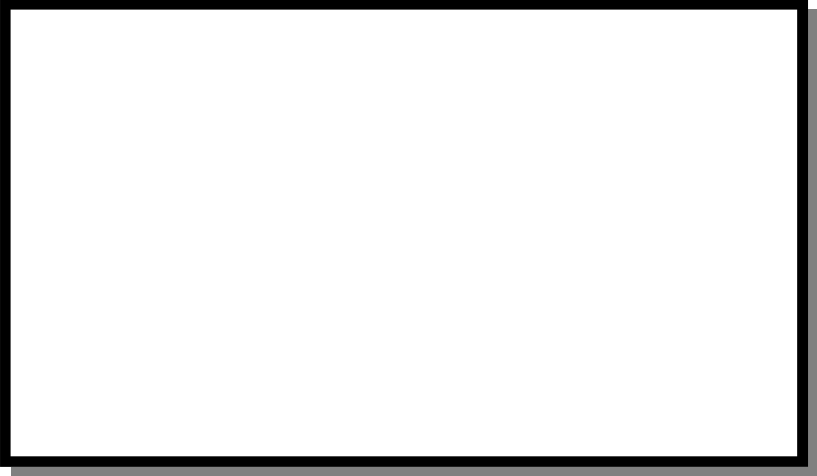
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April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				BINGO	1	2
3 POT LUCK SUNDAY	4	5 House Committee Mtg 5:30 Officers' mtg 6:30	6	7 ELK RIDERS ASSOC Mtg BINGO	8	9
10 POT LUCK SUNDAY	11	12 Trustee mtg 6:00 Lodge Mtg	13	14 BINGO	15 GOOD FRIDAY	16 CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT MUSIC AND MUNCHIES
17 EASTER	18	19	20 Orientation 6:30	21 BINGO	22	23 BBQ PORK LUNCHEON
24 BREAKFAST	25	26 Lodge Mtg Initiation 6:00	27 MAJOR PROJECTS STEAK NIGHT	28 BINGO	29	30