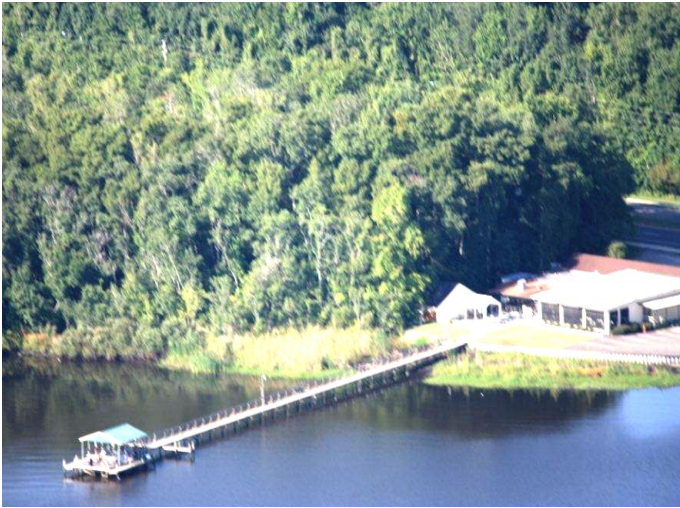


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ron Cleveland, our Elk of the Month for April. Ron joined our lodge two years ago and has been integral to the new upgrades to our lodge in recent months. He was part of the team that renovated and remodeled our Tiki Bar last fall, and he helped with the installation of the new barrier poles in the parking lot last summer. More recently Ron has taken on the daunting task of upgrading our internet service in the lodge and install new wi-fi enabled security cameras and televisions. This process will ultimately allow the lodge to save money and still provide our members access to all of the sporting events they love to see and better support the wireless needs of our officers, bartenders, and members. I want to thank Ron and all of the volunteers who work so hard to improve our lodge and the experiences of our members. Please join me in thanking Ron for all of his hard work and congratulate him on being our newest Elk of the Month!

Important Dates in April:

April 2	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
April 4	10:00 AM DD Clinic Orange Park Lodge
April 9	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
April 16	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation and

Something New for Our Lodge!

Join us for the inaugural Bourbon & Whiskey Tasting on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM!

The Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge Bourbon & Whiskey Tasting Club is dedicated to fostering good fellowship and enhancing our members' happiness through the disciplined, educational exploration of fine spirits. Our mission is to provide an environment for sensory education and fraternal bonding.

The tasting will be held at the Lodge on Thursday, April 23, at 6:00 PM. (Note: The Lodge is normally closed on the 4th Thursday of every month, so it will open only for this event.) This is a tasting event—no food will be served. We look forward to a great evening of camaraderie and learning!



Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All,

I am honored to have been elected as the Exalted Ruler of Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 for the upcoming year. I remember the first time I came to the lodge with my friends Tracy Carroll and Kaye Regan. That night I ended up volunteering in the kitchen serving potato salad and then filling out a membership application. That was more than 15 years ago, and this lodge and its members have become a second home and family to me. Over the years I have served as Inner Guard, Lecturing, Loyal, and Leading Knight, spent three years as Chaplain, two years as a Trustee, and two years as House Committee Chair. Everyone who knows me well knows that I am more of a behind the scenes worker. I have spent so many hours working the cash register at Bingo, and at many lodge events, and I continue as I did on that first day, volunteering in the kitchen. I never thought I would become ER, but I am humbled by the support I've been given as I take on this responsibility. We have an amazing group of officers, committee members, and volunteers who I am proud to work alongside as we continue the good works of this great Lodge, and I want to thank them in advance for all they have already done and will continue doing this year.

This lodge has a great history of service to our community, and I look forward to continuing that through our various grants and projects. Helping our Veterans and children is what we as Elks do, and that will always be our focus. I know that what we do as Elks makes a difference in our community, and that's the reason I chose my motto for the year "Elks Make A Difference!" I am proud of the things we do, and I hope that you are too. I look forward to all we're going to accomplish together this year.

Kristine Watson
Exalted Ruler
"Elks Make A Difference!"



Secretary's Message

I would like to thank all of you who have submitted your dues for the new Elk year. Your new cards have been placed in boxes on the pool table again this year. They will be in alphabetical order in the boxes, Member and spouse card will be rubber banded together. If you pick up your card, please also pick up your spouse's card. You would be surprised how many are left behind. For those of you who have not submitted your dues yet there is still time, you can mail a check, pay at the bar, or make an on-line payment. Once I have received your dues you can come by the lodge and pick up your card, or I would be happy to mail it to you if you include a self addressed stamped envelope with your dues.

Thank you,
Diane Watson
Secretary

Member Information



Happy Birthday from your Lodge!!
Celebrate your birthday with a drink at the Lodge.
Visit the bar anytime during your birthday month
and present your membership card for a
COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE.

Membership ID Required

The Elks Lodge is a private club with social quarters providing food, liquor, and entertainment for the membership. For a member to enjoy the benefits of our Lodge, proof of current membership is required to enter the facility, to purchase food and beverages, and to participate in our drawings.

There are guidelines from the State of Florida and the Elks Grand Lodge we must follow in order to maintain our licenses and charter. One of those being, only members are permitted to make purchases at our Lodge. We ask you to present your membership card to the bartender on duty prior to making your first purchase. Proof of membership is required to take part in the 50/50 raffle, Queen of Hearts, and other drawings we may have. Please cheerfully cooperate with our volunteers when they ask for your membership card.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we ask our bartenders to verify your membership card upon entering the facility.

Any member dropped for non-payment of dues shall not be permitted on the property.

Initiated 3/19:

Front Row: Carolyn Jones-Norman, Marilyn Hogan, Sharon Burke, Teresa Moore, Cheryl Gonzalez, and Barbara Street

Back Row: Robert Basham Jr., Mike Rasnake, Bill Rucker, Donna Wefers, William Jones, and Teresa Scott

Proposed: Robert Basham Jr., Sharon Burke, Cheryl Gonzalez, Marilyn Hogan, William Jones, Carolyn Jones-Norman, Teresa Moore, Mike Rasnake, Bill Rucker, Teresa Scott, Barbara Street, and Donna Wefers

Transfer: Peter Bradish and Nancy Johnston

Reinstatement: Cheryl Starnes

Don't forget to give the Lodge Secretary all address, email, phone, and name changes as soon as possible to make sure that you continue to receive the bulletin and any other special notices.

Attention Committee Chairpersons!

It is your responsibility to submit activity reports for all Lodge Activities to the Lodge Secretary.

- ◆ Turn receipts into the Secretary.
- ◆ Use Payment Request form for Expenses.
- ◆ Complete post Special Event & Data Collection Survey forms.
- ◆ Report results to the Lodge at the next regular meeting after the event.
- ◆ Prepare a brief narrative after action report.

The Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 is now on **INSTAGRAM!** .
(Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



STAY CONNECTED

LODGE 1892 WEBSITE -
elksgcs1892.com (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



FACEBOOK- Green Cove Springs Elks1892 (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



House Committee News

Dear Fellow Elks,

As we continue to steward our Lodge responsibly amid ongoing economic pressures, the House Committee has made a few necessary adjustments to keep our operations sustainable while preserving the quality fellowship and services our members value. We appreciate your understanding and support as these changes help ensure the long-term health of our Lodge.

Credit Card Processing Fee

Due to increased costs imposed by our financial institutions, we are implementing a 4% credit card processing fee (Convenience Fee) on all credit card transactions effective April 01, 2026. Please note that this fee is not included in the cash price—paying in cash remains the most economical option.

Bar Price Updates: Takes effect April 1, 2026:

- All beer and seltzers will now be \$3.50.
- A bucket of 5 beers is available for \$16.00.
- The Beer of the Month will be offered at \$2.75.
- Soft drinks remain \$2.00 with free refills.

Upcoming Food Price Adjustments: Takes effect April 1, 2026:

- 1st and 2nd Fridays: \$14
- 3rd Friday (Pork Chops): \$15
- 4th Friday (Steak): \$18.00
- Hamburgers: \$10.00
- Fish and Shrimp: \$12.00

These modest increases allow us to maintain the high-quality meals our members enjoy.

Dinner Reservations – A Key to Sustainability

We're pleased to continue the sign-up system for all Friday night dinners. With rising food costs and supply expenses, pre-ordering helps us buy and prepare only what's needed—reducing waste, controlling overhead, and directing every dollar toward the fellowship and service we all cherish. Thank you for your continued cooperation; it will keep our kitchen strong and sustainable for years to come!

How to Pre-Order

Important: Please ensure all reservations are made by 5:00 PM on the Friday before the dinner date.

- **In-Person:** Use the sign-up sheets in the serving area. Print your name and indicate the number of guests in your party for your chosen date(s).
- **By Text:** Message our Kitchen Manager, Pat Buerhaus, at 410-340-5562 with your name, the date(s), and the number of guests.
- **By Email:** Send your reservation request to patriciabuerhaus@yahoo.com.

Important Details

- **Guaranteed Meals:** Members who pre-order are guaranteed a meal.
- **Walk-Ins:** A limited number of extra meals may be available, but they are not guaranteed. If available, walk-ins will be served after all pre-ordered members.
- **Service Time:** Dinner is served from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **Hold Policy:** Pre-ordered meals will be held until 6:15 PM, then unclaimed meals will be released to walk-ins.
- **Wait List:** Walk-in members are encouraged to sign up on the Wait List. If extra meals are available, walk-in members will be served in the order they signed in.

Volunteers Needed:

Our Friday night dinners and Lodge operations rely on the generosity of our members. Volunteers are always needed for:

- Meal preparation, service, and cleanup on Friday nights.
- Maintenance tasks, including general groundskeeping (trimming bushes and trees, gutter cleaning, seasonal major cleanup projects, etc.), equipment maintenance, and minor repairs.

Your help makes a real difference — thank you to everyone who already pitches in!

Questions & Volunteering:

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen on a Friday night or on the maintenance team, please contact:

Eric J Thorsen, House Committee Chair, Telephone: 407-739-2496 or Email: ejthorsen@msn.com

Finally, always check our website for the latest Calendar of Events: elksgcs1892.com.

Thank you for your continued membership and support. Together, we keep the spirit of the Elks strong in Green Cove Springs!

Fraternally,
The House Committee

Information Technology and Entertainment Systems Upgrades

The House Committee has been working to bring our Information Technology and Entertainment Systems up to 2026 technology. The goal was having better systems and saving cost without any loss of capability. There have been a lot of questions and concerns by members that have seen this transformation in progress.

Members will see the following improvements now:

New/faster internet service (10 MBPs to over 200 MBPs)

New guest logon only - for security purposes

Guest Wi-Fi now available at the Tiki Bar

New password sheets posted

Direct TV replaced with You Tube TV

Only TV remote now being required for operation

You Tube TV Operating instructions at each TV

There are 6 TVs total with You Tube TV installed

Patio TV and small Tiki Bar TV replaced with modern TVs

We are happy to report that with all of these improvements there is a cost savings of about \$3,500 per year.

Digital Membership Cards

All Members now have access to a Digital Membership Card. This card is available to all Members in good standing and can be used as proof of Membership for any Lodge in the country. All you need to do to access this card is to log into elks.org and create an online account. You will need your membership number which is located on your card to set up your account. Once you set up your online account you will see your digital card listed under your Member Profile. Now even if you've lost your card or left it at home when you are traveling, you will always have access to your Membership Card.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elks Read

On Tuesday, March 3, Jennifer Parker, PER and Entertainment Chair Patsy Weston visited the Episcopal Children's Services GCS Head Start Center to read picture books about Spring to the pre-K students! As part of the visit, each child received a copy of one of the featured books ~~one~~ When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes.



Silent Auction Supports ENF

The March 15 Silent Auction in support of the Elks National Foundation was a great success! Thanks to our donating artists and artisans—Patsy Weston, Betsy Rosam, Faith Verrasse, Pat Buerhaus, Sally Thorsen, Kent Rutherford, Barbara Feingold, Lucretia Maclay, and Jennifer Parker—as well as to our event volunteers: Trustee Laquetta Willimon, Trustee Ray Rosam, Betsy Rosam, and Kitchen Manager Pat Buerhaus.

Proceeds support ENF scholarships and community grants that strengthen our Lodge and community.

BINGO News

Be sure to join us each Tuesday for bingo night as we continue to support our local community. Recent donations were made to the Wes Whiddon Scholarship Fund and Clay High's Clay Cares Boutique.



Our annual Comfort Campaign was a huge success, exceeding our goal! Because of all the Members and guests who donated, we were able to present 170 stuffed animals to the Green Cove Springs Police Department and the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Cornhole Challenge

Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, and players who helped make the Cornhole Challenge a fun and festive fundraiser. This was our biggest turnout yet! Be sure to watch the bulletin for our next event and join in the fun.



Officers and Committee Members

Officers for 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler - Kristine Watson
Leading Knight - David Miller
Loyal Knight - Stuart Williams Jr.
Lecturing Knight - Ray Rosam Jr.
Secretary - Diane Watson
Treasurer - Ed Weston, DDGER
Esquire - Tracy Carroll, PER
Chaplain - Cathy Sanders
Tiler - Helen Cornelius
Inner Guard - Sharon Elizabeth
5 Yr Trustee - Jennifer Parker, PER
4 Yr Trustee - Laquetta Willimon
3 Yr Trustee -
2 Yr Trustee - Al Williams, PER
1 Yr Trustee - Greg Hughson, Sr., PDDGER

2026-2027 Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention	Laquetta Willimon
Americanism	Mary Bolla
Audit & Accounting	Betsy Rosam
Bar Manager	Gale Klopfenstein
Bingo Chairman	Ed Weston, DDGER
Board of Directors	Greg Hughson, Sr., PDDGER
Building & Maint.	
Community Activities	Tracy Carroll, PER
Drug Awareness	Kristine Watson
Elks Memorial Day	Chair Officers
Elks Scholarship	Kristine Watson
Elks Training	Kristine Watson
ENF	Kristine Watson
Entertainment	Patsy Weston
Flag Day	Chair Officers
Fraternal Committees	Kristine Watson
Govt Relations	Jennifer Parker, PER
Harry-Anna Trust	David Miller
Hoop Shoot	Stuart Williams, Jr.
Hospital Visitation	Cathy Sanders
House Committee	Eric Thorsen
Investigation	Diane Watson
Kitchen Manager	Pat Buerhaus
Lapsed Membership	Diane Watson
Lodge Scholarship	Pam Fore
Lodge Activities	Tracy Carroll, PER
Lodge Advisor	Garfield Hurt, PDDGER
Membership	Diane Watson
Newsletter	Kristine Watson
Orientation	Tracy Carroll, PER
PER Association	Ed Weston, DDGER
Public Relations	Tracy Carroll, PER
Relief	Lodge Officers
Veterans	Rick Kunze, PER
Youth	Wendy Hughson

*Please contact a committee
chairperson if you are interested in helping.
(904)284-9049 Lodge*

OUR BOOSTERS 2026-2027

Maryse Andre
Jim Arnold
Sherry Auld
Earl Barnhart
Denise Beauchamp
Jacqueline Bernard
William Bland
Mary Bolla
David Burkhalter
Jeannie Calhoun
Tracy Carroll
James Cook
Dorothy Degeneffe
Tom Dorsky
Marsha Fields
Bentley Fishel
Tina Fishel
Thomas Flatter
Bruce Fox
Robert Goodbread
Jodie Graves
David Gutzwiller
Larry Hanline
Bill Harwood
Paul Haught
Linda Henning
Greg Hughson Sr.
Michael Jackson
Scott Joseph
Keith Kirker
Steve Kirker
Gale Klopfenstein
Nancy Klopfenstein

Penny Kunze
Rick Kunze
Lisa Lowe
Donald MacGregor
Jim Martin
Mike McNaney
Cheryl Michaels
Gary Miller
Donald Moore
George Morat
Janet Morse
Sharon Murphy
Steve Nelson
Dan Norton
George Platt
Gail Potter
Edward Poucher
James Rae
Bob Reeder
Gene Rittenhouse
Robie Robertson
Gene Russin
Cathy Sanders
Frank Smith
Ed Szymanski
Lewis Taylor
Eric Thorsen
Jay Veronko
Diane Watson
Kristine Watson
Ed Weston
Patsy Weston
Robin Wiscovitch

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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

April 2026

Please visit our website (<https://elksgcs1892.com/>) for the most up to date information.**Beer of the Month
Shock Top
Wheat Ale****1**
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**2**

PER Meeting 6:00 PM
Lodge Meeting 7:00PM**3**

Shrimp Scampi

6:00 PM \$14**4**

DD Clinic
Orange Park
10 AM

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30**Lodge Closed****6**

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Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games 6:30PM**8**
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**9**

**Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw,
& Chips \$5**

Orientation 5:30PM
House Meeting 6:00PM
BOD Meeting 7:00PM**10**

St. Louis Style Ribs
6:00 PM \$14**11**

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30**12**
Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM**13**

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Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games 6:30PM**15**
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**16**

**Hot Dog, Coleslaw,
& Chips \$5**

**Lodge Meeting &
Initiation 7:00PM****17**

Porterhouse
Pork Chops
6:00 PM \$15**18**

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30**19**
Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM**20**

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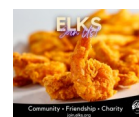
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Regular Games 6:30PM**22**
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**23**

Bar/Kitchen
Closed

Whiskey and
Bourbon
Tasting Club
Meeting 6 PM**24**

T-Bone
Steak Night

6:00PM \$18**25**

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30**26**
Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM**27**

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Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games 6:30PM**29**
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**30**

Lodge Closed