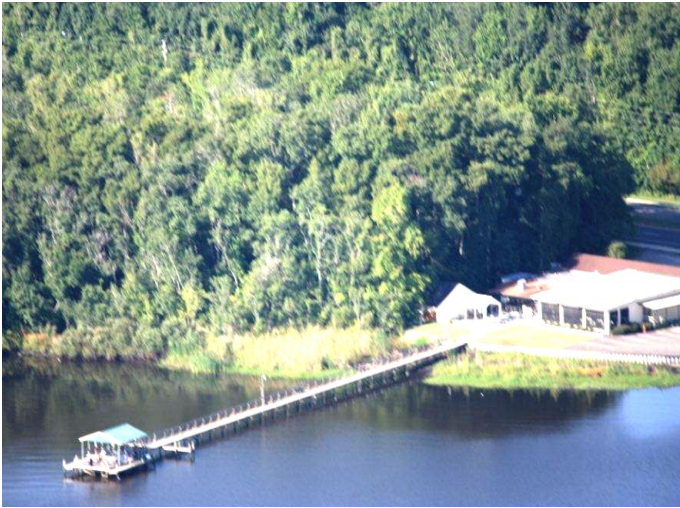


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for August is Betsy Rosam. Betsy and her husband Ray joined our lodge two years ago and quickly became active volunteers. Betsy is an invaluable member of our Wednesday night Burger Team, taking orders each week. She has also really stepped up as part of the kitchen team helping with the organization of our inventories and menus which has been a huge asset. Betsy is a talented artisan and donated her work to our craft auction for ENF earlier this year, and her time and skills to our recent Kids Activity Day where she helped the kids make their own bracelets. She has also taken on the role of lodge auditor, working with our Secretary and Treasurer each quarter to make sure we are in compliance with Grand Lodge. Betsy has become such a valued volunteer, and I really want to thank her for all she continues to do making a difference in our lodge!

Important Dates in August:

August 1	5:00 PM VP Visitation Green Cove Springs
August 6	No Lodge Meeting
August 13	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
August 15	10:00 AM DD Clinic at Jacksonville
August 20	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
August 29	5:00 PM VP Visitation at Jacksonville

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



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LODGE 1892 WEBSITE -
elksges1892.com (Scan the QR
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FACEBOOK- Green Cove
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Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All,

As we approach the end of the summer, we still have a lot going on. We will be wrapping up several community projects this month. We have completed our Christmas in July Giving Tree for Operation Barnabas, and they will be joining us for dinner on Friday, August 7th so we can present everything you have donated to them for the veterans they serve. On Saturday, August 8th we will have our final Summer Reading in the Park event for the children in our community. Finally, on Saturday afternoon August 29th, we will be having the drawing for our Box of Cheer supporting the Army of Hope.

As Elks we work hard to take care of our community through our projects, grants, and fundraising. This is something that makes us all so proud to be Elks! Right now we are in need of some help for ourselves. The flat part of our roof is in need of being replaced. You will soon see our "Raise the Roof" fundraiser activities being promoted at the lodge. It's going to cost almost \$22,000 for this project, so we're going to need your support. When you see these special events and fundraisers, we hope everyone shows up like you always do for our community. If you would like to make a direct donation, that would also be greatly appreciated.

Our District VP, Becky Spence will have her first Visitation at our lodge on August 1st, and her second Visitation will be at the Jacksonville lodge on August 29th. We will be having our first District Deputy Clinic with our new DD, Alise Taylor-Sindab at the Jacksonville lodge on August 15th at 10 AM. These district sponsored events are great ways to learn about what is going on in our district and engage in fellowship with our fellow Elks from the other lodges in the Northeast District.

I wish you all a happy, healthy month, and may God bless you and your families. I look forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Kristine Watson
Exalted Ruler
"Elks Make A Difference!"



Member Information



Initiated 7/16:

Kurt Ensell, Ashley Spears, Charles Hust, William Antweiler, Elizabeth McConney, and Oma Holley

Proposed: Michael Allen proposed by Barbara Voi, Linda Anderson proposed by Robin Lulsdorf, Richard Chadwell proposed by Robert Loryea, Jerry Feltner proposed by Richard Kennedy, James Horne proposed by Ernest Serna, Darren Kicklighter proposed by Robert Fowler, Marlene Pelletier proposed by Judy Lind, Christian Smith proposed by Al Williams, and Jennifer Szala proposed by Judy Lind

Transfer of: Gail Rich and Judy Reyes from St. Augustine, FL

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.

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.

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.

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



Bingo News

Please come out on Tuesdays and help our Lodge's charity bingo support our local community. Recent donations to GCS Food Pantry, The Way Clinic, and Miriam's Basket.



Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to the 19 members who showed up for our Lodge Clean Up day. Their efforts helped get the lodge ready for our 4th of July celebration.



On Thursday, July 9 at the VIA's "Fun in the Sun" event, Josie Wilcox, a local Girl Scout, volunteered to distribute "Honor the Flag" decals in support of the Elks' patriotism campaign.



A Day of Art and Patriotism

On Thursday, July 9, our Lodge sponsored an art activity booth at the VIA's "Fun in the Sun" event at Vera Francis Park. The 200+ children who visited our booth received Elks Drug Awareness Program bags, while their parents learned about Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services (FECTS). Thanks to the 8 Lodge members who volunteered their time and efforts to make this outreach a success!

Happy 4th of July

A great time was had by all as we celebrated the 250th Birthday of our country. Members and guests enjoyed great food and fellowship as we celebrated our country and capped off the evening with a beautiful fireworks display. Thanks go out to all of our volunteers who made the day such a success!



National Convention

The Northeast District was well represented in Chicago at National Convention last month. We wish a successful year to DDGER Alise Taylor-Sindab and GER Timothy Yeager who were installed for the upcoming year. Congratulations also go out to the Florida State Elks Association for awards given out for most improved membership and our state publications.



CALL TO Artists & Artisans!

WE NEED YOU!

We are collecting donated items for our

Fall SILENT AUCTION

Original Art
Handmade Goods
Crafts & Décor
Jewelry
Home & Garden Items
And more!

DONATE. SUPPORT. GIVE HOPE.

All proceeds from our fall silent auction will benefit Army of Hope and their mission to support our troops, veterans, and their families.

Sponsored by

GREEN COVE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #1892

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | GREEN COVE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #1892
702 S. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Follow our Facebook page for auction updates and ways to get involved!

TO DONATE AN ITEM Please message us on Facebook.

Thank you for being part of the hope!

TOGETHER, YOUR TALENT AND GENEROSITY CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.



Reading in the Park

Our July Reading in the Park event went well, and we are looking forward to our last event on August 8th. Thanks to Ed for being our guest reader when the police were unable to attend.

Volunteers Needed:

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

- Meal preparation, service, and cleanup on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.
- 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 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

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, PDDGER
Esquire - Tracy Carroll, PER
Chaplain - Cathy Sanders
Tiler - Renee Taylor
Inner Guard - Sharon Elizabeth
5 Yr Trustee - Jennifer Parker, PER
4 Yr Trustee - Laquetta Willimon
3 Yr Trustee - Gregg Taylor
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, PDDGER
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, PDDGER
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
Neil & MaryJo Beefelt
Jacqueline Bernard
William Bland
Mary Bolla
Carlos Brooks
David Burkhalter
Jeannie Calhoun
Tracy Carroll
Bill Charleston
Quamie Cole
James Cook
Dorothy Degeneffe
Tom Dorsky
Marsha Fields
Milton Finney
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
Cheryle Newman
Dan Norton
George Platt
Gail Potter
Edward Poucher
James Rae
Bob Reeder
Gene Rittenhouse
Robie Robertson
Gene Russin
Cathy Sanders
Frank Smith
Robert Spann
James Stricklen
Ed Szymanski
Lewis Taylor
William Taylor
Eric Thorsen
Jay Veronko
Diane Watson
Kristine Watson
Ed Weston
Patsy Weston
Stuart Williams Jr.
Robin Wiscovitch

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DDGER: Alise Taylor-Sindab
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

August 2026

Please visit our website (<https://elksgcs1892.com/>) for the most up to date information.

1

VP Visitation
at Green Cove 5PM

Roast Turkey
Dinner at 6PM
\$ 20

2

Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM

3

4



Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM

5

Beer of the
Month
Sierra Nevada
Pale Ale

5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00



6

Lodge Closed

7

Beef Brisket
& sides
6:00 PM \$14

8

Story Time in
Spring Park 10 AM

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30

9

Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
2-6 PM

10

11



Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM

12

5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00



13

Chicken Strips \$7

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

14



Chicken Alfredo
6:00 PM \$14

15

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30



16

Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
2-6 PM

17

18



Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM

19

5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00



20

Chicken Strips \$7

PER Meeting 6PM
Lodge Meeting &
Initiation 7:00PM

21



Porterhouse
Pork Chops
6:00 PM \$15

22

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30



23/30

Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
2-6 PM

24/31

25



Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM

26

5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00



27

Bar/Kitchen Closed

Bourbon and
Whiskey Society
Meeting 6 PM

28

Steak Night
6:00PM \$18
Presentation
by GCSPD
following dinner.

29

Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30

VP Visitation
at Jacksonville 5PM