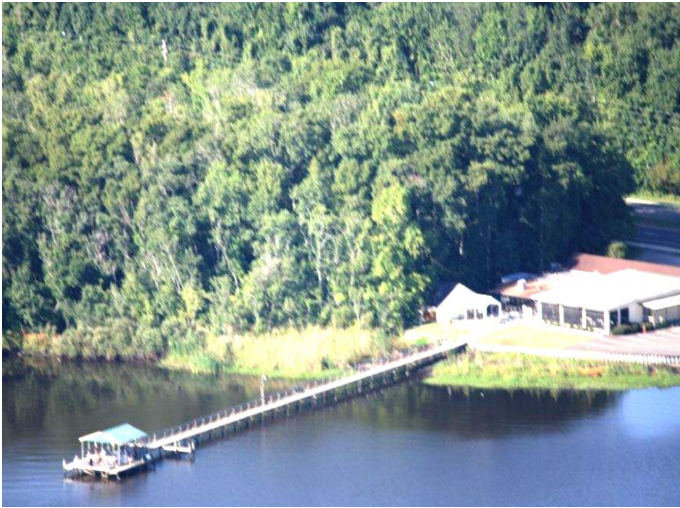


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for February is Keith Halbrook who joined our Lodge three years ago and, in that time, has become an invaluable member of our Maintenance team. A loyal Elk, he continues to maintain his membership with our Lodge though he resides in Gainesville—an enduring reflection of his dedication and pride in our Lodge.

Keith brings a strong range of skills and practical knowledge to every project he undertakes. He is a true self-starter who readily identifies issues, makes repairs, and keeps the House Committee Chair informed before and after the work is completed. His efforts have saved the Lodge significant expense while improving our facilities.

Over the past year, Keith has assisted with the Tiki Bar remodel in September 2025, replaced broken tile around the inside bar in November 2025, and modified the sneeze shield in the serving area that same month. In addition, Keith frequently volunteers in the kitchen as needed—most often on Saturdays and sometimes Fridays—always without hesitation.

Keith is consistently encouraging and supportive of the Exalted Ruler and House Committee Chair, offering both hands-on help and steady encouragement. His partner, Christine Borchers, regularly works alongside him and is also an important part of many of these successful projects.

An all-around great guy, Keith exemplifies the spirit of Elkdom through his reliability, initiative, and positive attitude. Please join us in thanking Keith—and Christine—for their continued service and commitment to our Lodge.

Important Dates in February:

February 5	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting PER Night and Officer Nominations
February 6-7	February Quarterly at Youth Camp in Umatilla
February 12	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
February 19	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation and Election of Officers

Annual Comfort Campaign

Please contribute a new, small stuffed animal to our donation box during the month of February. Help us reach our goal of 150 stuffed animals to present to local law enforcement officers to distribute to the children they meet on their calls.





Exalted Ruler's Message



The Lodge kicked off 2026 with great energy, fine fellowship, and a renewed spirit of service. January brought fun gatherings like the Prosperity Dinner and Music Bingo alongside meaningful community outreach through our Annual Community Baby Shower! Let's keep that momentum going by staying involved with Lodge activities and special projects in the months ahead!

February is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting month!

February 1-28: Through our Annual Comfort Campaign, we will be collecting new, stuffed animals in support of the Green Cove Springs Police Department and the Clay County Sheriff's Office. These toys will be given to children during law enforcement calls.

Thursday, February 5 at 7 PM: Past Exalted Rulers will conduct the first Lodge meeting of the month and accept nominations for the 2026-2027 slate of officers. The election of officers will then follow on Thursday, February 19 at 7 PM. Please attend and participate!

Thursday, February 5-7: The February Quarterly Meeting of the FSEA will take place at the Florida Elks Youth Camp n Umatilla featuring a visit by our National President/Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt & his wife Sisan! More info at: <https://floridaelks.org/february-quarterly>

Sunday, February 8 from Noon to 9 PM: Super Bowl Party! Be sure to come out and cheer for your favorite team while enjoying our excellent "Sundays on the River" menu and refreshing beverages!

Friday, February 13 at 6 PM: Valentine's Day Dance Party with a Lasagna dinner and the musical stylings of DJ Gary K. Advance tickets will be available through the bar for \$20!

Saturday, February 21, 10 AM-2 PM – At the Augusta Savage Art & Music Children's Festival in Spring Park, our Lodge will be sponsoring a booth featuring an art activity and free Elks Drug Awareness Program bags!

Thank you for all you do to support our Lodge, one another, and the work of Elkdom. I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Jennifer Parker
Exalted Ruler
Together, Elks Make It Happen!

JOIN THE CLUB

Automate your support of the Elks National Foundation with a monthly gift through your credit card or bank account. Becoming a Fidelity Club member is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation!

Scan the QR code or visit secure.elks.org/FidelityClub to learn more.



Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities



Elks Read

On Tuesday, January 20, Exalted Ruler Jennifer Parker and Entertainment Chair Patsy Weston visited the Episcopal Children's Services GCS Head Start Center to read picture books about Winter to the pre-K students! As part of the visit, each child received a copy of one of the featured books *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson.

Member Information



Initiated 1/15:

Corbin Pressly, Jay Fairbank, and Zack Hannay

Proposed:

Kenneth Anderson proposed by Rick Koenig, Eugene Graham proposed by Amein Joseph, and Karl Hagar proposed by Colleen Lemerand.

Transfer:

Richard Tierney from Grapevine, TX Lodge 2483

Reinstatement: Sonia Yvette Smith

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.

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.)



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LODGE 1892 WEBSITE -
elksgcs1892.com (Scan the QR
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FACEBOOK- Green Cove
Springs Elks1892 (Scan the QR
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Announcement

New Friday Night Meal Sign-Up Policy

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” – Winston Churchill

To continue providing high-quality, affordable meals while remaining good stewards of our Lodge's resources, we are transitioning to an advanced sign-up system for all Friday night dinners.

In light of rising food costs and the significant expense of essential supplies, this change allows us to purchase and prepare only what is needed. By reducing food waste and better managing our overhead, we ensure that every dollar spent goes directly toward the fellowship and service our members enjoy. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep our kitchen sustainable for years to come.

Timeline & Implementation

Official Start: The new policy begins in February 2026.

Advance Sign-Up: Starting January 2, 2026, sign-up sheets will be available in the serving area for February, March, and April.

Ongoing Scheduling: As each month ends, a sheet for the next upcoming month will be added to the board.

How to Pre-Order

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 6:30 PM. After 6:30 PM, unclaimed meals will be released to walk-ins.

Wait List: Walk-in members are encouraged to sign-in on the Wait List. If extra meals are available, walk-in members will be served in the order they signed in.

Questions & Volunteering

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

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

Observing Lent

Pre-Order a Fish Dinner for Fridays during Lent.

To all our members observing the 2026 Lenten season, Fish dinners will be available every Friday starting from **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, through **Friday, March 20, 2026**. As a fish dinner is not generally on the menu, we would ask you to pre-order your dinner by using the sign-up sheets in the serving area. Members who preorder a fish dinner are guaranteed a meal.

How to Pre-Order

Please ensure all reservations are made by **5:00 PM on the Friday before** the dinner date. To pre-order your Lenten fish dinner for 2026, please use one of the following methods:

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.

Advance Sign-Up: Starting January 2, 2026, sign-up sheets will be available in the serving area.

Important Details

Guaranteed Meals: Pre-ordering guarantees your meal. A limited number of extra meals may be available for walk-ins after all pre-ordered members are served, but they are not guaranteed.

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May you have a Blessed and Happy Easter season!

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 travelling, you will always have access to your Membership Card.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Community Baby Shower

On January 17th, the Lodge hosted its annual community baby shower, funded through the ENF Spotlight Grant. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a wonderful success as we showered 25 new moms with many gifts and baby supplies.



BINGO News

On January 6, our Lodge Bingo presented a check to Master Chief Donald Green to help support the Clay High JROTC program. He was also gifted a photo many of the program's hard-working cadets volunteering with the Parade of Trees. Be sure to join us at our Tuesday Bingo and help the lodge continue to support our local community.



Friday Nights at the Lodge!

Come join us at the Lodge for our fun Friday night activities! A great time is always had at our holiday parties, team trivia, and karaoke. Check your calendar each month and join in on the good times!



Officers and Committee Members

Officers for 2025-2026

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

2025-2026 Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention	Kristine Watson
Americanism	Kristine Watson
Audit & Accounting	David Miller
Bar Manager	Gale Klopfenstein
Bingo Chairman	Ed Weston, DDGER
Board of Directors	Kristine Watson
Building & Maint.	David Miller
Community Activities	Tracy Carroll, PER
Drug Awareness	Jennifer Parker, PER
Elks Memorial Day	Chair Officers
Elks Scholarship	Jennifer Parker, PER
Elks Training	Jennifer Parker, PER
ENF	Jennifer Parker, PER
Entertainment	Patsy Weston
Flag Day	Chair Officers
Fraternal Committees	Jennifer Parker, PER
Govt Relations	Diane Watson
Harry-Anna Trust	Kristine Watson
Hoop Shoot	Stuart Williams
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 2025-2026

Maryse Andre
Mark Andrews
Jim Arnold
Sherry Auld
Earl Barnhart
Carla Bartlett
Denise Beauchamp
Neil & MaryJo Beefelt
Ron Bendlin
Jacqueline Bernard
Mary Bolla
Joe Boyd
Carlos Brooks
David Burkhalter
Jeannie Calhoun
Tracy Carroll
Janice Caswell
Quamie Cole
James Cook
Helen Cornelius
Dorothy Degeneffe
William Dugan
Marsha Fields
Thomas Flatter
Bruce Fox
Robert Frey
Robert Goodbread
David Gutzwiller
Larry Hanline
Bill Harwood
Paul Haught
Linda Henning
Greg Hughson Sr.
Michael Jackson
William Jernigan
Locke King
Keith Kirker

Gale Klopfenstein
Nancy Klopfenstein
Penny Kunze
Rick Kunze
Joanne LaBeouf
Lisa Lowe
Michael Jackson
Jim Martin
Gary Miller
Susan Mitchell
George Morat
Sharon Murphy
Cheryle Newman
Dan Norton
Barbara Phelps
Gail Potter
Edward Poucher
James Rae
Gene Rittenhouse
Ronald Robertson
Cheryl Royal
Gene Russin
Valorie Shepard
Charles Skarbrevik
James Stricklen
Ed Szymanski
Lewis Taylor
Linda Lou Thill
Thomas Thomas
Eric Thorsen
Jay Veronko
Diane Watson
Kristine Watson
Ed & Patsy Weston
Keith Wilkes
Robin Wiscovitch
Marsha Zupan

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DDGER: Ed Weston
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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

February 2026

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

**Beer of the
Month
Tsingtao**

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

2

3

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

4
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$9.00


5
Hot Dog, Coleslaw,
& Chips \$5
PER Meeting 6:00 PM
Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

6
Prime Rib Sliders
6:00 PM \$12

7
Broccoli Cheese
Soup & Chicken
Salad Sandwich
\$10
4:30 - 6:30

February Quarterly at Youth Camp in Umatilla

8

Super Bowl Sunday
12-9 PM

9

10

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

11
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$9.00


12
Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw,
& Chips \$5
Orientation 5:30PM
House Meeting 6:00PM
BOD Meeting 7:00PM

13

Lasagna
6:00 PM \$20

14

Fish & Shrimp
\$10 4:30 - 6:30

15
Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM

16

17

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

18
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$9.00


19
Hot Dog, Coleslaw,
& Chips \$5
Lodge Meeting &
Initiation 7:00PM

20

Porterhouse
Pork Chops
6:00 PM \$15

21

Chili \$10
4:30 - 6:30

22
Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
1-6 PM

23

24

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

25
5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$9.00


26
Lodge Closed

27

New York Strip
Steak Dinner
6:00 PM \$18

28

Fish & Shrimp
\$10 4:30 - 6:30