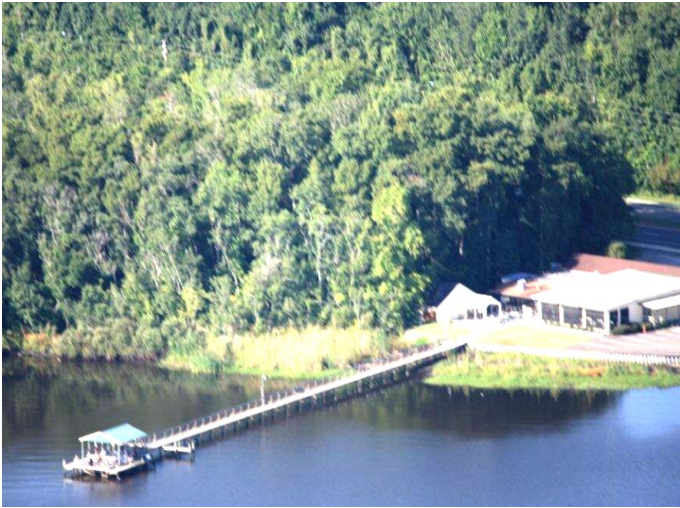


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for July is Jennifer Rivera. Jennifer joined our lodge a year ago and has become a great help in the kitchen. She and her husband Danny, have been regular volunteers helping out on Friday nights, and they were part of the rockstar crew that made our Cinco de Mayo celebration such a success this year. As a fully volunteer kitchen, we are so grateful to the members who show up every week and month to serve our lodge and our members. So thank you Jennifer (and Danny) for making a difference in our lodge.

Important Dates in July:

July 2	No Lodge Meeting
July 4	Independence Day
July 5-8	Elks National Convention Chicago, IL
July 9	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
July 16	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation

All-American Dock Party

We hope you will be able to join us on Saturday, July 4th as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country at the lodge. We'll be open at 2PM with food service starting at 5PM. There will be lots of fun and activities going on all day. Featuring low country boil, Old Jim's corn, steamed oysters, and more, Dock Party tickets are on sale at the bar, and a great time will be had by all! It's a not to be missed event! Can't wait to celebrate our country's birthday with you all!

Opportunity to Help Our Veterans

Our Christmas in July Angel Tree is back this month. Choose a tag with requested household and personal items from our Lodge's Christmas in July Angel Tree to help support Operation Barnabas and our local Veterans. Thanks go out to Barbara Thompson and Sally Thorsen for once again organizing this for the lodge in support of our Veterans.





Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All,

This month we will celebrate our Semiquincentennial, the 250th Anniversary of our country! As Elks this has a special significance because our order is distinctly American. We hope you will join us at the lodge on July 4th for our All-American Dock Party as we celebrate this once in a lifetime event.

Last month we celebrated Flag Day and Father's Day at the lodge. We had great turnouts for both of these, and I hope you were able to join us. We had some of the Veterans from Lassen's Veterans Nursing Home join us for an afternoon of fishing and lunch on the river on June 16th. We had our annual Kids Art and Music Day with more than 20 children spending the day having fun and being creative, and we started our Summer Reading in the Park with our local law enforcement officers.

Friday nights at the lodge are really the place to be! This month members of the Clay County Emergency Management team will be talking to us about Hurricane Preparedness on July 24th. At the end of the month the officers will once again be cooking and serving dinner on the 5th Friday. Be sure to sign up and join us for these nights as well as our 2nd Friday Karaoke and 3rd Friday Trivia nights.

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!"



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.

Member Information



Initiated 6/4: Front Row: Samara Runyon, Lisa Ullsperger, Ron Powers, Karen Jones, Dawn Weltzbarker, and Rebecca Wilcox
Back Row: William Runyon, Billy Finch, Rodney Symonds, and Jared Twombly



Initiated 6/18:
James Gray, Dan Dickson, Robert Runyon, James Zanda, Sheri Walters, James Seeman, Aaron Gonzalez, and John Williams

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.

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 Code below for direct access.)



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



Elks Care - Elks Share



Bingo News

Join us on Tuesdays for our weekly Lodge Charity Bingo. We've recently supported Haven Hospice in Palatka, The Way Clinic, the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, and the Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center in support of their Augusta's Legacy Family Celebration.



Veterans' Fishing Day

Thanks to Rick and Penny Kunze for coordinating the Lodge's annual Veterans Fishing Day. Lodge volunteers helped 14 residents of the Lassen Nursing Home and their family members and care takers enjoyed an afternoon of fishing and lunch.



Kids' Art and Music Day

Thanks to all the volunteers who made our June 6th Children's Activity Day, funded through ENF Beacon Grant, a big success! The children had a great time learning to play the Kalimba, painting, making bracelets and other crafts, and enjoying a pizza lunch.



Umbrella Auction

Over \$80 was raised for Harry Anna during our first-ever Umbrella Auction! Thanks to all who contributed.

Scholarship Recipients

Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 is proud to announce the recipients of our 2026 Elks Scholarships. This year, three outstanding students were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to help further their educational goals: Khalon Franklin, Megan Moran, and Abigail Turner. We wish these students great success!



Flag Day

Over 55 Members and guests attended our Lodge's annual Flag Day ceremony and luncheon on June 14th. Lodge Officers, Ernie Serna, and the Hughson Family conducted this moving and meaningful patriotic ritual honoring our country's flag.



Celebrating Young Readers

On Thursday, May 21, Trustee Jennifer Parker, PER, and Loyal Knight Stuart Williams had the honor of attending pre-K graduation at the Episcopal Children's Services GCS Head Start Center. It has been a great pleasure to work in partnership with them through our Elks Read literacy-initiative.



Memorial Day at the Lodge

Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 enjoyed a wonderful Memorial Day gathering filled with good food, great company, and a beautiful fireworks show courtesy of the City of Green Cove Springs that members were able to sit outside and enjoy. We are grateful to everyone who joined us for an evening of fellowship, patriotism, and remembrance.





3rd Annual Saturday Story Time in the Park

Featuring Special Guest Readers!

Children ages 4-9 are invited to meet at the
Spring Park Gazebo for story time at 10:00 AM on:

June 13, July 11, and August 8

Sponsored by the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892
Books will be available for the first 25 children in attendance.
(in the recommended age group)

**200 Spring Street,
Green Cove
Springs**

**Snacks provided!
Free to attend!**




Reading in the Park

On June 13th, Green Cove Springs Police Department Sergeant Whitney and Officer Heard, along with our Elk volunteers, distributed books to 22 children at our summer story time in Spring Park. Our next event will be on July 11th.

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: elksge1892.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

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

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*

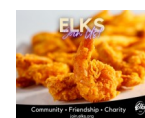
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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

July 2026

Please visit our website (<https://elksgcs1892.com/>) for the most up to date information.**1**5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**2****Lodge Closed****3****St. Louis Ribs
& sides
6:00 PM \$14****4****4th of July Dock
Party 2 PM****5****Lodge
Closed****6****7****Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM****8**5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**9****Chicken Stripss \$7****Orientation 5:30PM
House Meeting 6:00PM
BOD Meeting 7:00PM****10****Chichen Cordon Bleu
6:00 PM \$14****11****Story Time in
Spring Park 10 AM****Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30****12****Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
2-6 PM****13****14****Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM****15**5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**16****Chicken Strips \$7****PER Meeting 6PM
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
2-6 PM****20****21****Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM****22**5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**23****Bar/Kitchen Closed****Bourbon and
Whiskey Society
Meeting 6 PM****24****Steak Night
6:00PM \$18****Hurricane Prep with
Clay County
Emergency Services****25****Fish & Shrimp \$12
4:30 - 6:30****26****Sunday on the River
Fried Catfish,
Boom-Boom
Shrimp, Philly
Cheesesteak,
& More \$10
2-6 PM****27****28****Early Birds 6:00PM
Regular Games
6:30PM****29**5:30 –6:30PM
BURGERS
\$10.00**30****Lodge Closed****31****Officers Cook
Night****Spaghetti
6:00 PM \$12**