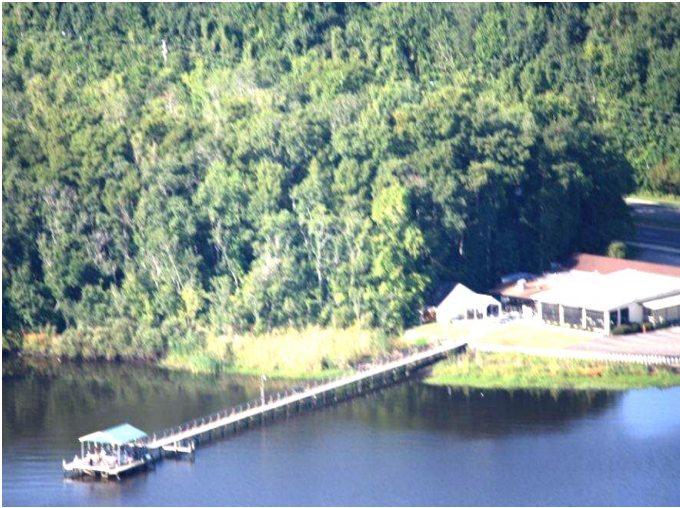


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for March is Jean Maddox who joined our Lodge in 2007. Jean is known for her strong work ethic and attention to detail. She provides steady, reliable service to our members, and helps maintain a smooth, calm operation on even the busiest evenings.

Jean is consistent and fair to all members, attentive without being intrusive, and a good listener. Jean is discreet with personal matters and observant of members' well-being, contributing to a welcoming yet orderly environment.

Behind the scenes, Jean readily shares her knowledge and expertise in support of Lodge efforts and activities. Utilizing her proven fundraising experience, she recently organized a "Box of Cheer" raffle that yielded \$900 for our Lodge Scholarship Fund, furthering our dedication to investing in local students and enriching our community.

In an Elks Lodge, a bartender is the key point of contact who helps shape the overall member experience. Jean excels in that role, and we are grateful for the positive spirit and steady presence she brings to our Lodge.

get-well and sympathy cards on behalf of the Lodge. Her beautifully written, heartfelt notes have been deeply appreciated by and brought great comfort to their recipients.

In addition to her regular duties, Cathy willingly offers her help and support with Lodge operations and outreach efforts throughout the year. She gladly lends a hand in the kitchen on Officer Cook Nights and on other Friday evenings as needed. She provides hands-on support across all aspects of our grant-funded initiatives, helping plan, prepare, and deliver programs that serve Veterans and families in our community.

Cathy's devotion to others is further reflected in her more than 30 years as an active member of her church. Since joining the congregation, she has taken on a variety of leadership roles, including Fellowship Chair and Mission Chair, consistently supporting and uplifting her fellow parishioners and those in need.

In all she does—within the Lodge and beyond—Cathy is ever guided by the principle of Brotherly Love, truly exemplifying what it means to be an Elk.

Important Dates in March:

March 5	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
March 12	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
March 19	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation and
March 28	5:00 PM Installation of 2026-2027 Officers

Officer of the Quarter

Our Officer of the Quarter is Cathy Sanders. Since 2023, she has served as Lodge Chaplain, leading all the prayers at our regular monthly meetings, required special services, and annual Installation of Officers, as well as at any of the DD Clinics and Visitations held here. Upon each occasion, Cathy brings a steady presence of dignity and reflection to the proceedings.

Beginning in 2024, Cathy became our Hospital Visitation Chair, assuming responsibility for sending out



Exalted Ruler's Message



As my term as Exalted Ruler draws to a close, I find myself filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving this tremendous Lodge. It has been an honor to work alongside such dedicated officers, committee chairs, volunteers, and members—each of you giving your time, talents, and hearts in service to our Lodge and our community.

Looking back over the past two years, I do so with great pride. Together, we have strengthened our fellowship, expanded our outreach, supported our Veterans and youth, improved our facilities, and continued to live out the values that define us as Elks. None of what we have accomplished was the work of one person—it was the result of teamwork, generosity, and a shared commitment to “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

Just as importantly, I look forward with confidence. Our incoming leadership team is strong, capable, and deeply committed to the future of this Lodge. I am certain they will build upon the solid foundation that has been laid and keep us moving onward and upward through the 2026–2027 Elk Year.

I hope you will join us as we mark this important transition at our Installation of Officers on Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 PM. This ceremony is a meaningful opportunity to honor outgoing officers, welcome new leaders, and reaffirm our shared dedication to the work of Elksdom.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the support you so generously gave, and for the many memories we have created together.

Jennifer Parker
Exalted Ruler
Together, Elks Make It Happen!

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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!

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Secretary's Message

You should have received your Membership Renewal in the mail. Thank you to the Members who have already sent in their dues. There are several options for renewing your dues. You can mail them in with the envelope included with the notice, you can go online, or better yet come in and pay at the bar or drop them in the Secretary's box. We'd love to see you! Please remember that our Elk year ends on March 31st, and you will be delinquent as of April 1st. New cards will be available at the end of the month. We look forward to celebrating another great year of Elksdom together!

Thank you,
Diane Watson
Secretary

Member Information



Initiated 2/19: Karl Hagar, Michael Barba, Michelle Toleu, and Eugene Graham

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.

Proposed: William Jones proposed by Christy McCarthy, James Link proposed by Rodney Snow, Janice Tucker proposed by Al Williams, and Donna Wefers proposed by Robert McCollum

Transfer: Nancy Johnston from Lake Placid, FL #2661, and Thomas and Julie Massicotte from St. Augustine, FL #829

Reinstatement: Cheryl Starnes

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.)



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

Elks Care - Elks Share

On Saturday, February 21, GCS Elks Lodge #1892 sponsored an art activity booth at the Augusta Savage Arts & Music Children's Festival at Spring Park. The 90+ children who visited the booth got to try a traditional printmaking technique and received an Elks Drug Awareness program bag. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make this outreach a success in support of our youth and community, including Amber Holley, Elizabeth McConney, Lodge Esquire Tracy Carroll PER, Trustee Laquetta Willimon, Trustee Ed Weston DDGER, Eddie Thompson, Trustee Ray Rosam, Betsy Rosam, Lynn Lemois, Gail Potter, and Sean & Sherry Auld.



BINGO News

Our Tuesday night charity bingo continues to support our local community. Recent donations were made to Take Stock in Children and Vineyard Transition Center. Be sure to spend Tuesday evenings with us!



Elks Read

On Tuesday, February 3, Exalted Ruler Jennifer Parker and Inner Guard Sharon Elizabeth visited the Episcopal Children's Services GCS Head Start Center to read picture books about Valentine's Day to the pre-K students! As part of the visit, each child received a copy of one of the featured books *The Day It Rained Hearts* by Felicia Bond.

On Tuesday February 17, PDD Greg Hughson and ER Jennifer Parker had a fun time visiting Head Start to read books to the children. If you would like to volunteer to read on one of our upcoming visits, please contact our ER for details.



On Thursday, February 19, Trustee Al Williams, PER attended the Clay High School NJROTC Annual Military Inspection (AMI) Pass-in-Review Ceremony at C. B. Bowles Stadi-

On February 3, 2026 at their Regular Session, the GCS City Council recognized and thanked Elks Lodge #1892 for their outstanding contributions to the 2025 Santa's Workshop and the Parade of Trees.



Thanks to everyone on the decorating committee and kitchen crew who helped make our Valentine's Dance so festive. A great time was had by all who attended!

On Saturday, February 7 at the 2026 February Quarterly Meeting of the Florida State Elks Association, Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 presented a check for \$7,000 to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.



Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 presents a

Silent Auction

Of Handmade Treasures
by Lodge Artists & Artisans

Sunday, March 15
2:00 – 5:00 PM

All proceeds benefit the

Elks National Foundation

Bid. Support &
Make a Difference.

2026 Annual Bozard Ford/FL Elks Northeast District Golf Tournament

Palatka Golf Club
1715 Moseley Ave., Palatka, FL 32177
Sunday, April 19, 2026 Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM

Four Player Captain's Choice
\$100 Per Player
Includes Green Fees, Cart, and Driving Range (balls included)

Contests: Closest to the pin on all par 3's
PUTTING CONTEST

Registration Deadline: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Name	Phone Number	Total \$
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

Pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to: Northeast District Elks

Hole Sponsors available For \$50.00

Print name legibly for SIGN _____

Phone _____

PAID \$ _____

Following the Golf Tournament Players are invited to enjoy our Pulled Pork Fixings. Family and Friends are welcome to eat for \$14.00 each.

Contact: DVP Alise Taylor-Sindab 847-682-2987

Mail forms with payment to:
DVP Alise Taylor-Sindab
3600 Lenin Peak Ct., Unit 10
Jacksonville, FL 32210-0200

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Keith Eppes 904-864-0664
Glen Gardner 352-275-1283
Wayne Reyes 904-540-0237

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
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Jim Martin
Gary Miller
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Sharon Murphy
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Dan Norton
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Gail Potter
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James Rae
Gene Rittenhouse
Ronald Robertson
Cheryl Royal
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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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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

March 2026

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

1 Cornhole Challenge Registration 12 PM Bags Fly 12:30 PM Sunday on the River \$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 Turkey, & Mashed Potatoes 6:00 PM \$12	7 Fish & Shrimp \$10 4:30 - 6:30 
8 Sunday on the River Fried Catfish, Boom-Boom Shrimp, Philly Cheesesteak, & More \$10 1-6 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  Pot Roast & Mashed Potatoes 6:00 PM \$12	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 Fish & Shrimp \$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 Bratwurst 6:00PM \$8	28 2026-2027 Officer Installation 5:00 PM Chicken Parmesan 6:00 PM \$20
29 Sunday on the River Fried Catfish, Boom-Boom Shrimp, Philly Cheesesteak, & More \$10 1-6 PM	30	31  Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM	 Beer of the Month Michelob Amber Bock			