

Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for June is Al Williams who is the epitome of Brotherly Love, one of the cardinal virtues of our Order. He is always ready with a warm smile and a hand extended in friendship for everyone he meets. Since becoming a Member in 2017, Al has remained dedicated to spreading the good news about the Elks and our Lodge. He regularly sponsors new Members and continues to mentor them long after their Initiation night. Using his skills as a performer and a DJ on Karaoke Night each month, Al creates a fun and vibrant atmosphere that promotes good fellowship and great attendance. For special services like Mother's Day, he provides moving, musical selections which give comfort and joy to our Members and their guests. Al's friendly manner makes him a great ambassador to the public on Bingo Nights when he mans the concession stand for the PER Association. Most importantly, Al is a pillar of support for our Lodge officers, actively participating in business meetings and offering assistance wherever necessary.

Volunteer Opportunity

Please text Tracy Carroll at 904-860-9015 if available to help at a children's activity day on June 29.

Our Lodge will be hosting a children's activity morning on Saturday, June 29th for children ages 10-14. Space is limited. Application forms available on the bulletin board. Please return to the Lodge by June 15. Follow up phone calls will be made to confirm attendance.

Important Dates in June:

June 6	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
June 13	5:00 PM Maintenance Team 6:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
June 15	12:00 PM Flag Day Ceremony
June 20	Lodge Meeting with Initiation
June 22	VP Visitation ay Mandarin/ St. Johns Lodge

Officer of the Quarter

The Officer of the Quarter is Diane Watson, who has served as our friendly and efficient Lodge Secretary for over 8 years. Her office is one of the most important jobs at the Lodge as she is responsible for the countless administrative tasks that ensure the Lodge's success. Diane faithfully attends to these duties and actively works to meet the needs of all its Members. She is particularly adept at welcoming and interviewing new candidates for membership on Orientation nights. At all times, she has sought to work harmoniously with her fellow officers and to lend each Exalted Ruler her full support during their tenure. Our Lodge is so fortunate to have such a dedicated, knowledgeable, and accomplished officer as Diane Watson.



Exalted Ruler's Message



May was a whirlwind of activity! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make sure all our events and activities this month ran so smoothly! Our Lodge would not be all that it is without our wonderful Members, volunteers, employees, the PER Association, and my fellow officers! Thanks for all you do!

Several items of special note for May which demonstrate our Lodge commitment to the Elks Care! Elks Share! ideal:

- The Condo Raffle fundraiser to benefit the Harry-Anna Trust netted \$1380. Thanks to all those who donated in support of physical therapy services for children throughout the State of Florida and the Elks Youth Camp at Umatilla. Kudos to our Esteemed Leading Knight Stuart Williams on the success of this campaign!
- At the beginning of May, the Lodge presented 12 backpacks filled with school supplies to Head Start for their pre-K students who will be graduating to Kindergarten in the Fall. 100% of children served by Head Start are at the poverty level and are in great need of our help.
- Toward the end of May, our Lodge Scholarship Committee concluded their review of over 29 applications received and selected Clay High Student Mikayla Wyrick to receive a 2-year scholarship totaling \$3,000 to the school of her choice. Congratulations, Mikayla! Many thanks go to the following Members of the Lodge Scholarship Committee for the numerous hours spent reading student essays and letters of recommendations: Chairperson Pam Fore, Terreca Hurley, Sally Thorsen, and Esteemed Leading Knight Stuart Williams. This scholarship was made possible by the generous donations of our Elks Lodge Members.

In related news, we have been successful in securing the ENF grants for which we have applied thus far. This means that we can now put our exciting plans into action and serve our community with the help of this generous funding and our enthusiastic volunteers. Many of you have already signed up to help with various upcoming projects and events like Story Hour in the Park, Art Day at the Lodge for Kids, and the Elks Read visits to Head Start. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to having fun together while making a difference. For those interested in getting more involved, please contact Tracy Carroll, our Lodge Activities Chair or me.

June is shaping up to be another busy month! Flag Day will be observed on Saturday, June 15 at Noon this year and our Father's Day Cookout will take place on June 16 at Noon. Please continue to consult our monthly newsletter, website, email blasts, and social media to see what is going on each week.

By the time you receive this publication, we will have returned from the FSEA State Convention and will have so much good info and exciting news to share! Please consider coming to the next Lodge meeting on Thursday, June 6 at 7 PM to hear all about it!

Jennifer Parker
Exalted Ruler Elect
"Together, Elks Make It Happen"



Member Information



Initiated 5/16:

Front: Leonard Morrow, Guy Cyr, Margaret Lennox, and Elaine Ginder

Back: Michael Kossuth, Victoria Zaenglein, Silvia Sisk, and Linda Henning

ENF Coin Jar Campaign

We continue our Coin Jar Fundraising Campaign to support ENF. If you wish to have a jar, please either send us an email or add your name to the notepad on the Secretary's door. Remember that the funds raised for ENF help not only support our scholarships, but they also support our grant efforts which helps us fund the many projects we use to help our community.

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.

Proposed:

Jay Armstrong proposed by Charlie Walters, Brandon Bishop proposed by Chrys Bishop, Peter Hayes proposed by Harry Pruitt, James Herald proposed by Jason Grimm, and Laura Welkenbach proposed by Helen Cornelius

Reinstatement of Mary Ellen Meisenheimer

Attention Committee Chairpersons!

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

- ◆ 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.

You can obtain blank forms from the Lodge Secretary's Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & APPRECIATED!

Volunteers are the life blood of any Lodge and there is no way we could do the many things we do without you. We can never give out enough kudos to thank everyone who steps up whenever and however asked. With that being said, we are always in need of more volunteers, and we will find a place for you and your special talents. When you cook 6 days a week, Tuesday bingo night, Wednesday burgers, Thursday chicken tenders, Friday dinners, Saturday Fish/Shrimp, and Sunday Catfish there are never enough volunteers to go around. If cooking or serving is not your thing, we can certainly use your help with maintenance, cleaning, painting, organizing, decorating, setting up, and dismantling tables for our many events, etc. We will find you a position that fits your awesome talents! If you want to volunteer, see the House Committee, the ER, any Officer, or our bartenders, and they will gladly get you going in the right direction.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elks National Youth Week

On May 1st, the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 hosted an Elks National Youth Week Observance, recognizing our Junior Citizens for their remarkable accomplishments and contributions to our community, state, and nation.

The ceremony commenced with Green Cove Springs Mayor Connie Butler presenting a National Elks Youth Week Proclamation to Exalted Ruler Jennifer Parker on behalf of the City Council.

The student honoree of the evening was Caden L. Rivers, an NJROTC cadet at Clay High School in Green Cove Springs, FL. In acknowledgement of his achievements, Caden was chosen by his instructors to be the inaugural recipient of the Elks JROTC Award for the area. Caden was presented with a framed certificate and a medal to mark the occasion. NJROTC instructor Master Chief Donald Green of Clay High as well as Cadet Rivers' family and friends were in attendance.

ER Jennifer Parker also presented backpacks to the local Head Start center to their students getting ready to go to kindergarten.



On May 19, our Lodge hosted it's annual Veterans Fishing Day. Thanks to Rick and Penny Kunze for coordinating the event, and to the many volunteers who helped make it a wonderful afternoon for our Veterans.



Bingo News

On April 30, our PER Charity Bingo presented a check to Janey Fox and Jessica Carroll of the Village Improvement Association. Join us on Tuesdays to have fun playing bingo and help support our local charitable organizations.



ENTERTAINMENT

On May 12, Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 held a Mother's Day Celebration which was attended by 120 members and guests! This annual event featured a special service conducted by the Officers and a delicious luncheon courtesy of Pat Buerhaus and her crew! A big thank you also goes out to Patsy Weston and her team for decorating the Lodge so beautifully and to Al Williams for selecting such moving, musical pieces for the ceremony. Our further thanks goes out to our bartenders Helen and Bryce for prepping the night before and serving the day of the event respectively.



Our Cinco de Mayo Party was a huge success!!! Thanks to all the volunteers who made Cinco de Mayo who prepared the delicious food and helped make it such a fun and festive afternoon!



Birthday Celebrations!

We've brought back the monthly birthday celebrations. On the second Friday of the month, we will be celebrating our Members who have birthdays in that month. We'll have cake for everyone, and all Members present with birthdays that month will receive a free drink and get to participate in a special drawing for a free dinner. So please join us in celebrating June birthdays this month on Friday, June 14th.

Family Game Night at the Lodge on 2nd Friday!

Come down to the Lodge for a great meal starting at 6 PM and stay for games with friends! Our own Bingo Master Paul Orvosh, will start us off with a few free games of Bingo for fun little prizes! Board, card and dice games will be available at each table. Feel free to bring your own favorite games to share! Don't forget we have Video Bowling and Billiards too!

May 11 was Spring Cleaning Day at the Lodge! A big thanks goes out to Jessica Carroll of the Maintenance Committee for organizing this work day! Kudos to the 15 members who volunteered and worked so hard!



Florida Ladies of Elks

Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We are happy to announce that the Smith Conference Center for the Ladies Weekend, held April 12-14th 2024, was a huge success. We had 62 ladies from across the state. Many new friendships were made, and a great time was had by all in attendance.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. The weekend promises to be full of fun, food and friendship. This is a family friendly event. Don't miss your chance to register. Visit floridaelks.org for more information and to register. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). It is a weekend you won't want to miss. We hope to see you at the Ocala North RV Resort.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. There will be 300 tickets sold at a donation of \$20 each. We are pleased to say we have sold nearly 150 tickets as of the time of this article. We will launch ticket sales for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1st prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift car, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler/ adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, they will be available at the FSEA State Convention or please email us at floeinformation@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be at the FSEA State Convention on Saturday morning 5/25/2024. Election of Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be held at this meeting. Stop by our hospitality room and say "Hi". We will have adult slushies and other goodies for you to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

We also have some exciting news to share. On Monday July 1, 2024, at 12:30 pm during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there will be a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida will be the host of the workshop. Ladies, if you will be in Austin, please stop by the working.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions or ideas. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

Just a reminder, EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.

Officers and Committee Members

Officers for 2024-2025

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

2024-2025 Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention	Kristine Watson
Americanism	Kristine Watson
Audit & Accounting	David Miller
Bingo Chairman	Ed Weston, PER
Board of Directors	Kristine Watson
Building & Maint.	Jason Carroll
Community Activities	Tracy Carroll, PER
Drug Awareness	Jennifer Parker
Elks Memorial Day	Chair Officers
Elks Scholarship	Jennifer Parker
Elks Training	Jennifer Parker
ENF	Jennifer Parker
Entertainment	Patsy Weston
Flag Day	Chair Officers
Fraternal Committees	Jennifer Parker
Govt Relations	Diane Watson
Harry-Anna Trust	Stuart Williams
Hoop Shoot	Bill Layton
Hospital Visitation	Joy Elrod
House Committee	Eric Thorsen
Interlodge Visitation	Kristine Watson
Investigation	Diane Watson
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, PER
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.
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OUR BOOSTERS 2024-2025

Thomas Abbate
Jim Arnold
Earl Barnhart
Carla Bartlett
Denise Beauchamp
Neil & Mary Jo Beefelt
Ron Bendlin
Al Benson
Jacqueline Bernard
Mary Bolla
Arthur Borde
Joe Boyd
Joseph Brenny
Carlos Brooks
David Burkhalter
Jeannie Calhoun
Tracy Carroll
Danny Clark
James Coffman
Scott Collins
Toney Crews
Noel David
Dorothy Degeneffe
Thomas Dorsky
Lynn Elrod
Marsha Fields
Thomas Flatter
Bruce Fox
Robert Goodbread
Jodie Graves
John Graves
Alfred Grover
Michael Gunning
David Gutzwiller
Larry Hanline
Bill Harwood
Paul Haught
Gregory Hughson

Michael Jackson
Steven Kirker
Penny Kunze
Rick Kunze
Jim Martin
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Gary Miller
Susan Mitchell
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George Morat
Janet Morse
Sharon Murphy
Cheryle Newman
Thomas Nickler
Dan Norton
Barbara Phelps
Edward Poucher
James Rae
Gene Rittenhouse
Robie Robertson
Ronald Robertson
Cheryl Royal
Wayne Royal
Gene Russin
Terry Spann
James Stricklen
Ed Szymanski
Lewis Taylor
William Taylor
Thomas Thomas
Barbara Thompson
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Eric Thorsen
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