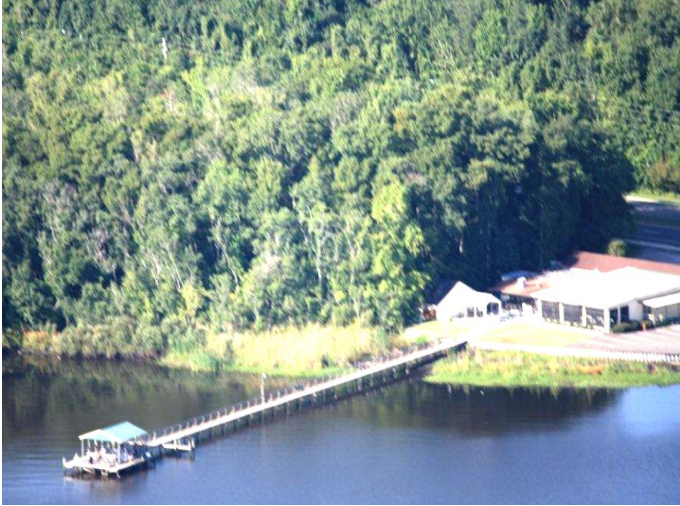


Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for May is Renee Kemp. Renee joined the lodge last year, but has quickly and quietly become a valued volunteer. She shows up to help the Friday night cook team each week. Most Friday nights she can be found in the kitchen cleaning up after dinner, wiping down trays and counters and washing dishes. Her generosity of time, effort, and spirit are the true qualities of Elkdom. Thank you Renee, for making a difference in our lodge!

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Lodge will be hosting the Charles E. Bennett 6th grade luncheon on Thursday, May 14th. Text Tracy at 904-860-9015 if interested in volunteering.

Lassen Veterans Nursing Home fishing event is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th. Please reach out to PER Rick Kunze if you're available to volunteer.

Important Dates in May:

May 7	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
May 10	12:00 PM Mother's Day
May 14	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
May 21	No Lodge Meeting
May 21-23	FSEA State Convention Orlando, FL
May 25	Memorial Day

Summer Fun

Kids Activity Day for ages 8-12 will be held at the Lodge early in June. Space is limited and preregistration applications are required. Informational forms will be located on the lodge bulletin board. Registration deadline is May 26, and participants will receive follow-up phone call to confirm space is allotted.





Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All,

I hope everyone enjoys this last month of Spring. It's going to be very busy at the lodge as we have so much planned. I hope you will be able to join us!

We're starting the month celebrating National Youth Week with some very special visitors. On Friday, May 1st the mayor of Green Cove Springs will be in attendance with a special proclamation, and we'll be honoring a NJROTC student from Clay High School for his commitment and service. Later that week on Wednesday, May 6th we'll be celebrating the 5th grade students who won the Americanism Essay Contest.

On Sunday, May 3rd we're going to be celebrating Cinco de Mayo a few days early with Mexican food and bar specials. This has become an annual tradition, and everyone has so much fun so we hope you'll join us!

On Sunday May 10th we will be honoring all of the Mothers in our lives and memories as we celebrate Mother's Day at the lodge. We will start with our traditional ceremony at noon followed by a complimentary luncheon for all moms that will be prepared and served by some of the men in the lodge.

On Thursday, May 14th we'll be welcoming the 6th graders from Charles E. Bennett Elementary School as they celebrate their upcoming graduation. We'll be serving them lunch and giving them a special afternoon in honor of their achievement.

On Sunday, May 17th Veterans from the Lassen Veterans Nursing Home will once again be coming by the lodge for lunch and an afternoon of fishing. Come out to visit with them and thank them for their service.

Many of the officers of the lodge will be travelling to Orlando from May 21-23 for the 2026 Florida State Elks Association Convention. We will be meeting with Elks from all over the state, voting on issues brought forth, honoring the service of the men and women who have served this state and the association this past year, and electing a new state president. I look forward to sharing all of the things that happen in next month's message.

On Monday, May 25th please join us as we celebrate Memorial Day at the lodge. We'll be cooking hot dogs and brats on the grill, and you'll have a perfect view from the back lawn and dock to see the fireworks over the water as the city of Green Cove Springs puts on a show!

Finally, on the fifth Friday of the month, May 29th, the officers of the lodge will be coming together to cook and serve dinner. Please come by, say hello, and meet the new officers of the lodge.

As you can see, there's a lot going on at the lodge, and we're always in need of volunteers. If you are able to help out with any of our special events or one of our regular meals please reach out to our House Committee Chair or any Lodge Officer.

I wish you all a happy, healthy month, and may God bless you and your families.

Kristine Watson
Exalted Ruler
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We are deeply appreciative of our volunteers who dedicate their weekends to **organizing Lodge events**, fostering fellowship and strengthening the bonds within our membership.



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Member Information



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.

Initiated 4/16:

Front Row: Paul Donovan, Joseph Croce, Ellen Provenzale, and Samantha Herrholtz

Back Row: Michael Matonak, James Link, James Hennigar, Janice Tucker, and Horace Tucker

Proposed:

Joseph Croce proposed by Diane Lang, Paul Donavon proposed by Gene Russin, Edward Gaw proposed by Scott Boyer, James Hennigar proposed by Richard Dulaney, Samantha Herrholtz proposed by Al Williams, Michael Matonak proposed by Stephen Whitfield, Ellen Provenzale proposed by Al Williams, Robert Runyon proposed by Todd Sturch, Dawn Weltzbarker proposed by Bryan Weltzbarker, Rebecca Wilcox proposed by Jennifer Parker, and James Zanda proposed by Laquetta Willimon

Reinstatement: JoAnn Phillips

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.)



STAY CONNECTED

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.)



Volunteers Needed:

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

- Meal preparation, service, and cleanup on Friday nights.
- 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 on a Friday night 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

Secretary's Message

Many of you have picked up your new membership cards, but there are still many cards left on the table. The second dues notices will be sent out this month to those of you who have not yet submitted your dues for this year. Please remember that your dues help support our Lodge and the great works we as Elks do not only in the Green Cove Springs community, but also through the Children's Therapy Services, and our wonderful Youth Camp in Umatilla. We do so much as Elks that you should be proud to belong to this wonderful organization. We initiated 9 new Members last month, and we currently have 8 candidates in the process of joining our Lodge, so if you see new faces, introduce yourself, and we can carry on with our reputation of having the friendliest lodge in the state.

Thank you,
Diane Watson
Secretary

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

Our Tuesday night charity bingo continues to be a popular event and is a great resource for the local community. Recent donations help support Village Improvement Association, GCS Friends of the Library, and Palmetto Community Development. Be sure to join us on Tuesdays for a fun time together!



Honoring Our Mothers

Join us at the Lodge for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th. We will start at noon with a beautiful, moving ceremony honoring our Mothers and the vital role they play in our lives. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon prepared and served by some of the men in the lodge. Lunch will be free for all Mothers, and \$15 for everyone else.

The "1892 Bourbon & Whiskey Society" (BWS) of the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge held its inaugural meeting on April 23, 2026. Set in the inviting atmosphere of Paradise Cove, the event focused on the education and appreciation of fine spirits.

Todd Paschall of Foley Family Wines & Spirits led an insightful presentation, guiding members through a curated selection of premium bourbons. Each member enjoyed a professional tasting set-up, allowing for a deep dive into the flavor profiles and histories of the featured spirits. It was a successful kickoff for the society, blending camaraderie with refined learning.

The next meeting of the BWS is scheduled for May 28, 2026.



"Fore!"

Lodge Members Bill Harwood, Doc Martinez, Rob Loryea, and DDGER Ed Weston, were joined by officers from the Clay County Sheriff's Department at the Northeast District Elks' Annual Golf Tournament where Bill, Doc, Rob, and Ed took home 1st place! Congratulations Guys!



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, DDGER
Esquire - Tracy Carroll, PER
Chaplain - Cathy Sanders
Tiler - Helen Cornelius
Inner Guard - Sharon Elizabeth
5 Yr Trustee - Jennifer Parker, PER
4 Yr Trustee - Laquetta Willimon
3 Yr Trustee - Regg 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
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, DDGER
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, 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*

District Leaders

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DDGER: Ed Weston
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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

May 2026

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

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**Beer of the Month
Dos Equis**

**Reuben Sandwich
w/Fries & Slaw**

6:00 PM \$12

2

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



3

**Cinco de Mayo
Specials
2-6 PM**



4

5



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

6

5:30 –6:30PM
**BURGERS
\$10.00**



7

**Bar/Kitchen
Closed**

**PER Meeting 6:00 PM
Lodge Meeting 7:00PM**

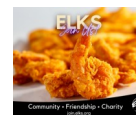
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**Winner, Winner
Chicken Dinner
6:00 PM \$14**

9

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



10

**Mother's Day
Celebration**

**Ceremony 12 PM
Luncheon to follow
Mothers eat free
All others \$15**

11

12



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

13

5:30 –6:30PM
**BURGERS
\$10.00**



14

CEB 6th grade Luncheon

Hot Dogs \$5

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

15



**Porterhouse
Pork Chops
6:00 PM \$15**

16

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



17

**Sunday on the River
Great Food served
2-6 PM**

**Veterans Fishing
Day & Luncheon**

18

19



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

20

5:30 –6:30PM
**BURGERS
\$10.00**



21

Lodge Closed

22

Steak Night

6:00PM \$18

23

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



FSEA State Convention at The Rosen Centre in Orlando, FL

24/31

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

25

**Memorial Day
Celebration
Hot Dogs,
Brats, & Fries,
5-7 PM
GCS Fireworks
after dark.**

26



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

27

5:30 –6:30PM
**BURGERS
\$10.00**



28

Bar/Kitchen Closed

**Bourbon and
Whiskey Society
Meeting 6 PM**

29

**Officers Cook
Night
Spaghetti
6:00 PM \$12**

30

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

