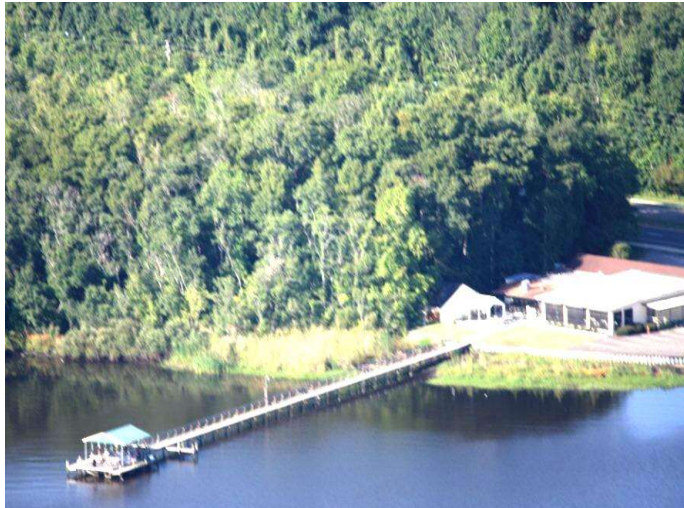


# Dockside News

## Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892



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## ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for June is Cheryl Royal. Cheryl has been a member of our lodge for 20 years and has served as an officer and committee member for many of those years. She currently heads up our Wednesday night Burger Team and is serving as the substitute Secretary of the House Committee while Barbara is travelling. Cheryl has also been a vital part of the Lodge's newest venture, The Bourbon and Whiskey Society. Cheryl's longtime dedication to the lodge and her detailed knowledge of its workings make her such a valuable volunteer. Thank you Cheryl for truly making a difference in our lodge!

### Important Dates in June:

June 4	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
June 11	5:30 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
June 14	Flag Day Ceremony 12 PM
June 18	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation

### Celebrating the Flag of Our Country

On Sunday, June 14th our lodge will celebrate Flag Day. This impressive ceremony celebrates not only the history of our flag, but also the history of our country. If you have never been to one of these ceremonies, I urge you to attend as we celebrate our great nation in this, our 250th Anniversary. After the ceremony we will have a light luncheon provided by the lodge, so I hope you will be able to attend.



## Officer of the Quarter

Our first Officer of the Quarter for the year is Ray Rosam. Last year Ray served as Trustee, and this year he has stepped seamlessly into the role of Lecturing Knight. As a member of the Board of Directors, Ray's business history serves as a valuable voice of knowledge and reason. Ray and his wife Betsy transferred into our lodge two years ago from West Palm Beach and quickly became very active, involved members. They are longtime attendees at our Charity PER Bingo, and they both have also become valued members of our Wednesday night Burger Team where Ray's assistance with the weekly 50/50 is invaluable. Ray and Betsy can be counted on every time we need volunteers, whether we're packing bags, handing out gifts, making deliveries in the community, or anything else. Thank you Ray for all you are doing to make a difference in our lodge.



# Exalted Ruler's Message



Members All,

May was a very busy month, and as you read this many of the officers will have just returned from Florida State Elks Association Convention where we had a wonderful time learning from other Elks across the state. In next month's newsletter we'll have pictures and more information to share. Last month we also celebrated Mother's Day, and I hope you were able to join us. It was a beautiful ceremony, and the food was fantastic. This month we have more exciting things lined up for our members, and we hope to see you at the lodge.

On Sunday, June 14th at 12 PM we will be celebrating Flag Day. This is an important day for us as Elks because the flag and all it represents is so important to us as an inherently American organization. As Elks we celebrate Flag Day every year with a ceremony honoring the history of our flag and our country. This year as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, it seems even more important that we continue this outstanding tradition. If you have never attended this event, please join us this year, and if you have you know how moving it is, and I hope to see you again. After the ceremony we will have a light lunch for all attendees.

This month we will also be celebrating Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st. As we honor our Fathers and the important role they play in our lives, we will be giving all Fathers a free entrée from our amazing Sunday menu.

I also want to let everyone know that we are planning a grand celebration for the 250th Anniversary of our country. We will be having a Dock Party on Saturday, July 4th and tickets will be on sale at the bar very soon.

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 this month!

Kristine Watson  
Exalted Ruler  
"Elks Make A Difference!"

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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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We are profoundly thankful for our **kitchen volunteers** who lovingly prepare meals for veterans, seniors, and families in need, providing not only nourishment but also comfort and care to those who need it most.

**THANK YOU!**

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CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES  
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## Secretary's Message

There are still many membership cards that have not been picked up at the lodge. Please come by to see us and pick up your cards soon. We'd love to see you!

Thank you,  
Diane Watson  
Secretary

# Member Information

## 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.

**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.

## Proposed:

Joe Brannan proposed by Mike Gunning, Ronald Burnell proposed by Robert Fowler, Daniel Dickson proposed by Clyde Mixom, Karen Jones proposed by Jeanne Calhoun, Ronald Powers proposed by Diane Watson, Robert Runyon proposed by Todd Sturch, James Symonds proposed by Clyde Mixon, Jared Twombly proposed by Clyde Mixon, Lisa Ullsperger proposed by Nancy Catudal, and John Williams proposed by Jeanne Calhoun

**Transfer of:** James Ward from Punta Gorda #2606

**Reinstatement of:** Ronnie Munsey

**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 -**  
elks gcs1892.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



## Elks National Youth Week

On Friday, May 1st our lodge began our celebration of Youth week with a proclamation by GCS Mayor Matt Johnson. We also honored Clay High School NJROTC cadet Nicholas Cox with the Elks JROTC Award and presented backpacks to our local Head Start Center for their rising Kindergarteners. We concluded the week by celebrating the 5th grade winners of the Elks Americanism Essay contest from our lodge who represented our district at the state level.



## Honoring Our Mothers

On Sunday, May 10th lodge members and officers came together to celebrate Mother's Day. After a beautiful ceremony, a delicious lunch was served to members and guests. A special thanks to everyone who made this special day so memorable!



On Thursday, May 14, Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 was proud to sponsor the Charles E. Bennett Elementary School 6th Grade Graduation Luncheon and Award Ceremony at the Lodge. It was a wonderful celebration of these outstanding students as they prepare to begin junior high school.



National Police Week honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across our nation and recognizes the important role they play in keeping our communities safe.

On Wednesday, May 13, our Lodge proudly presented 50 snack bags to the Green Cove Springs Police Department for its officers and staff as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service to our community.



**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!




Our annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration was a great day on the river! Many members and guests showed up to enjoy great Mexican food! Thanks to everyone who made the day such a great success!



### Elks Read

On Tuesday, May 5, Trustee Jennifer Parker PER and Inner Guard Sharon Elizabeth visited the Episcopal Children's Services GCS Head Start Center to read picture books about Gardening to the pre-K students! As part of the visit, each child received a copy of one of the featured books Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres.

### **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](mailto:ejthorsen@msn.com)

Finally, always check our website for the latest Calendar of Events: [elksgcs1892.com](http://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

# 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 - 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, 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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**SATURDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**MONDAY**

**SUNDAY**

# June 2026

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

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p><b>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM <b>BURGERS \$10.00</b></p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Hot Dogs \$5</p> <p><b>PER Meeting 6:00 PM Lodge Meeting &amp; Initiation 7:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Beef Brisket &amp; Sides</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM \$12</b></p> <p><b>Scam Alert Seminar w/ GCSPD</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Kids Art &amp; Music Day 9:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>Fish &amp; Shrimp \$12 4:30 - 6:30</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Sunday on the River Fried Catfish, Boom-Boom Shrimp, Philly Cheesesteak, &amp; More \$10 2-6 PM</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>  <p><b>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM <b>BURGERS \$10.00</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Hot Dogs \$5</p> <p><b>Orientation 5:30PM House Meeting 6:00PM BOD Meeting 7:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>  <p><b>Turkey &amp; Mashed Potatoes 6:00 PM \$14</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Story Time in Spring Park 10 AM</b></p> <p><b>Fish &amp; Shrimp \$12 4:30 - 6:30</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Flag Day Ceremony 12 PM Lunch to follow</b></p> <p><b>Sunday on the River 2-6 PM</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p><b>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM <b>BURGERS \$10.00</b></p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Hot Dog \$5</p> <p><b>Lodge Meeting &amp; Initiation 7:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>  <p><b>Porterhouse Pork Chops 6:00 PM \$15</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Fish &amp; Shrimp \$12 4:30 - 6:30</b></p> 
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Happy Father's Day Dads enjoy a free entrée.</b></p> <p><b>Sunday on the River 2-6 PM</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>  <p><b>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM <b>BURGERS \$10.00</b></p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Bar/Kitchen Closed</b></p> <p><b>Bourbon and Whiskey Society Meeting 6 PM</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Steak Night 6:00PM \$18</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Fish &amp; Shrimp \$12 4:30 - 6:30</b></p> 
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Sunday on the River Fried Catfish, Boom-Boom Shrimp, Philly Cheesesteak, &amp; More \$10 2-6 PM</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>  <p><b>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>Beer of the Month Sam Adams Summer Ale</b></p>			