

Dockside News



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ELK OF THE MONTH

Bob Edwards has been selected as the Elk of the Month for July due to his dedicated service to the Lodge. With 4 years of experience as an Elk, he plays an important role in supporting bartender Helen Cornelius in serving the Members and guests at the Tiki Bar which greatly contributes to its smooth operation. Bob regularly volunteers as a bar back on Wednesday nights and during special events. Furthermore, he is proactive in maintaining the cleanliness of "Paradise Cove" by handling such tasks as taking out the trash and sanitizing the counters without prompting. Additionally, Bob is always willing to assist the Exalted Ruler with setting up for Thursday Lodge and Committee meetings by moving tables and chairs, demonstrating his reliability and team spirit. Despite his invaluable contributions, Bob remains humble and quietly goes about his duties without expecting any praise or recognition in return, embodying the true spirit of selfless service within the Elk community. Congratulations Bob, our newest Elk of the Month!

Donations request

Please help support local Veterans by donating toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, and socks. A donation box will be set up at the Lodge July 1-15.

Important Dates in July:

July 4	Happy Independence Day Lodge Closed No Meeting
July 11	5:00 PM Maintenance Team 6:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
July 13	VP Visitation at Orange Park Lodge
July 18	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
July 27	VP Visitation at Jacksonville Lodge

A message from the House Committee:

Membership Has Its Privileges

The Elks Lodge is a private club with social quarters providing food, liquor and entertainment for its membership. For a Member to enjoy the benefits of our Lodge, proof of current membership is required to enter the facility, and to purchase food and beverages.

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 also required to take part in the Queen of Hearts and other drawings we may have. Thank you for your cooperation.



Exalted Ruler's Message



Summer is in full swing and I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot temperatures! If you are traveling around the country this summer, keep in mind that Elks Lodges are great places to take a break from the long, open road! Don't forget to pick up some Lodge pins from our bartenders before you go so you can trade for other Lodge pins along the way!

Our Lodge was well-represented at the Florida State Elks Association Convention in Orlando on May 22-26; a total of 19 officers and members attended! We learned so much and were so inspired by all the presentations detailing the impact the Elks have on the lives of Florida citizens!

At the General Business Session on Saturday, our Lodge received the 2nd Place Award in the Lodge Bulletin Contest for our Division! Congratulations to our Trustee Kristine Watson for this recognition of the fantastic job she does in keeping our members well-informed year round!

The highlight of the weekend for all of us was seeing our own Ed Weston, PER installed as District Vice President for the Mighty Northeast District at the Florida Elks Awards Luncheon & Major Projects Meeting on Saturday. Ed has announced his Visitation schedule for the months ahead! Members are invited to sign up at our Lodge for each of these dinners!

One of the best things about State each year is getting to socialize and make friends with fellow Elks from across the State by visiting the different district Hospitality Rooms each evening! The Mighty Northeast District's Suite was definitely the place to be! Thanks to the following Lodge members for their valuable contributions to its success: Al Williams, PER for providing Karaoke Entertainment; Kitchen Manager Pat Buerhaus and her volunteers for prepping all the fruit and vegetables for our guests; and Esteemed Leading Knight Stuart Williams for transporting these supplies and assisting with setup and breakdown.

The month of June was a busy one here at the Lodge with so many special events including the Summer Kick-Off Cookout on May 27, the Potluck Feast on June 7, the Flag Day Celebration on June 15, the Father's Day Cookout on June 16, and the Kid's Art Activity Day on June 29! My thanks to all the officers, committee chairs, volunteers, and members who gave so generously of their time and effort in support of these Lodge activities!

Our House Committee has so many exciting and fun events planned for your enjoyment! This month, we're having our "Christmas in July" event on July 28 from 5 to 9 PM in support of the Lodge Scholarship! Join us for great food and live music! More info to follow through the weekly blasts and our Facebook page!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Parker
Exalted Ruler
"Together, Elks Make It Happen!"



Member Information



Initiated 6/20:

Front: Denice Flannery, Rachel Nagel, Cristi Kiley, and Jennifer Viola

Back: Tom deLong, Jay Armstrong, Preston Mangus, Laura Welkenbach, and Jo Ellen Purdy

Proposed:

Charles Ackerman proposed by Helen Cornelius, Thomas deLong proposed by Ernest Serna, Brion DeMarco proposed by Rick DiVita, Sharon Elizabeth proposed by Jacinthe Littlefield, Ken Herald proposed by Jason Grimm, Crish Kiley proposed by Elizabeth Feingold, Troy LaClair proposed by Al Williams, Kristen Leckband proposed by Rob Loryea, Lawrence Mangus, III proposed by Pamela Tierney, Lauri Milam proposed by Richard Felkey, Tracy Milam proposed by Richard Felkey, Jo Ellen Purdy proposed by John Lochner, Danny Richardson proposed by Stuart Williams, Sharon Richardson proposed by Stuart Williams, Jim Rhyne proposed by Kathleen Copeland, Jennifer Viola proposed by Ryane Cruz, Stephen Wallace proposed by Clyde Mixon, and Janet Willems proposed by Stuart Williams.

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.

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

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the CEB 6th grade luncheon a great success and for letting the children of GCS know we support their school. Congratulations go out to all of the graduates and their families.



Our Lodge's Summer Reading in the Park kicked off with a successful storytime read by GCSPD Officer Holien. Children ages 4-8 are invited to join us at Spring Park on Saturday, July 6th and Saturday, August 3rd.

On June 19, Leading Knight Stuart Williams and Scholarship Committee Member Tereca Hurley presented Clay High student Mikayla Wyrick with our Lodge Scholarship. Congratulations, Mikayla!



Our Lodge held its annual Flag Day ceremony on Saturday, June 15. Special thanks to PDD Greg Hughson, PDD Paul Orvosh, Member Ernie Serna, and our flag bearers Thomas, Izzy, Ayana, Wendy, and Greg for helping make this patriotic service even more special.



ENTERTAINMENT



Thanks to everyone who helped celebrate our fathers at our Lodge's Fathers' Day lunch on Sunday, June 16. It was a great turnout and there was no shortage of silly dad jokes on hand!



The mighty GCS Elks Lodge was well represented at the annual state convention in May. Congratulations to Ed Weston for being installed as the District Vice-President, to ER Jennifer Parker for showcasing the spirit of GCS during the roll call of Lodges, and to bulletin editor Kristine Watson for another award winning year!



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 July birthdays this month on Friday, July 12th.

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!



Happy birthday to June birthday celebrants Peggy and Alice! Be sure to join us on Friday, July 12 as we celebrate July birthdays, and enjoy the fun after dinner with bar bingo and board games.

On the evening of Monday, May 27, the Lodge held a Summer Kick-Off Cookout which was well attended! Following dinner, many Members stayed to enjoy the fireworks display put on by the City of Green Cove Springs!



Volunteering is fun! Jeff and Barbara Eskens donned these matching Hawaiian tourist outfits to take donations for the 50/50 at Hamburger Night on Wednesday, June 5! Members who donated that night were given leis by Barbara while Jeff “serenaded” them on his tiny ukulele!

Florida Ladies of Elks

Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally “Camping for the Kids” benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp was a huge success. We had 19 RV families in attendance. A great time was had by all. Save the date for the 3rd Annual RV Rally May30-June 1, 2025. More information will be forthcoming.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Children's 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 more than half the tickets as of the time of this article. Tickets are also available 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 card, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler w/adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email floeinformation@gmail.com or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on floridaelks.org.

Registration for the 61st Annual FLOE Conference being held at the beautiful Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Shores, September 19-20, 2024, is now open. The Deep Creek Ladies of Elks will provide Friday night entertainment. A Friday golf outing is planned for those interested. Visit <https://www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference> for more information and to make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 workshop. More information can be found on elks.org or by reading page 30 in the recent Elks Magazine.

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
Mike McNaney
Gary Miller
Susan Mitchell
Donald Moore
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
Bill Thompson
Eddie Thompson
Kathie Thompson
Eric Thorsen
Diane Watson
Kristine Watson
Ed & Patsy Weston
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