

# Dockside News

## Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892

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### ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elks of the Month for August is the friendly, ever-helpful, and generous P.C. Barrett who has been a dedicated member since 2014. Known for her welcoming presence in our Lodge, she routinely sits near the front door and greets her fellow members as they enter. P.C. makes herself readily available when anything needs to get done and is happy to lend her time with no complaints. P.C. consistently volunteers for multiple dinner services each month, not only assisting with food preparation and serving but with kitchen cleanup as well. Additionally, she generously shares her culinary talents by contributing her delicious carrot cake for various special events as needed. P.C. is a team player who collaborates effectively with her fellow members, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie within our Lodge. At all times, she lends her support cheerfully with no expectation of recognition, demonstrating the true selflessness and humility of an Elk. Thanks for all you do, P.C.!

### Important Dates in August:

August 1	Lodge Closed No Meeting
August 8	5:00 PM Maintenance Team 6:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
August 10	10:00 AM DD Clinic at Jacksonville Lodge
August 15	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
August 17	VP Visitation at Gainesville Lodge

### Donations request

Help support local teachers and students as they head back to school. Please donate disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray, tissues, and hand sanitizer to the box at the Lodge throughout the month of August.





# Exalted Ruler's Message



The Elks National Convention was held in Austin, Texas this year from June 30-July 3. Thousands of Elks and guests from across 50 States gathered for this annual event! Delegates passed 18 resolutions to amend the Statutes and Constitution of the Order. Douglas A. Schiefer, of Bucyrus, OH Lodge #156 was elected Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2024-2025 year. I want to thank Ed Weston District Vice President for serving as Grand Lodge Alternate and for representing us there. On behalf of the Lodge, I also want to congratulate James Dean on his installation at the Convention as our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Mighty Northeast District and wish him a great year ahead!

August may be Summer's last hurrah but as for the Elks, we're gearing up for a whole new season of giving back to our communities!

August 1 marks the opening of scholarship opportunities at the state and National level. If you know of any incoming high school seniors, encourage them to apply for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship (<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>) sponsored by the Elks National Foundation or the C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship (<https://floridaelks.org/scholarships>) sponsored by the Florida State Elks Association. No relation to the Elks is necessary to win one of these scholarships!

GCS Elks Lodge #1892 will soon launch Elks Read, a literacy-based initiative intended to benefit our community's underserved children. 61% of children in the United States living at or below the poverty line have no books to call their own. Providing accessible reading materials for children and their families is the first step toward improving literacy rates. Through a Beacon Grant, we will be visiting the GCS Head Start twice a month to read to children as well as to put picture books in their hands, on the teacher resource shelf, and in the parent lending library. Elks interested in volunteering as readers should contact the Exalted Ruler for more details as soon as possible. We need men and women readers to serve and inspire a lifelong love of reading in our children.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Parker  
Exalted Ruler

## **Become a Sustaining Donor Today and Help Make a Difference for Our Youth!**

**We as Florida State Elks have a Youth Camp in Umatilla and the Mobile Children Therapy Services as our State Projects.**

**I am reaching out to the more than 700 Members of our Lodge to say that we currently have less than 20 sustaining donors.**

**Take a moment and think about the fact that \$19.00 a month from you will help keep both of these great programs strong.**

**What we do as Elks is believe in God and Country.**

**What our programs do is teach and reflect the values of God and Country.**

**An investment of \$19.00 a month from you helps each child that we touch be able to say the Pledge of Allegiance with pride and pray to God with a heart held high.**

**Because we, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, believe in the future of our children.**

**Visit [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org) or contact our Harry-Anna Chairman, Stuart Williams, to answer all of your questions about helping kids in need.**

# Member Information



## Initiated 7/18:

Front Row: Lucretia Maclay, Charles Ackerman, Lauri Milam, Trace Milam, Sharon Elizabeth, Kristen Leckband, and Maryse Andre

Back Row: Pat Caulfield, Jim Rhyme, Stephen Wallace, James Herald, and Richard Arnold

Not Pictured: Sharon & Danny Richardson and Susan & Larry 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.**

## Proposed:

Steve Crosby proposed by Mike Gunning, Robert Johnson proposed by Laura Welkenbach, and Doris Townsend proposed by Al Williams.

Reinstatement: Cari Knapp

## 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 everyone who supported the bulkhead plank project by sponsoring a plank and/or assisting with installation. It looks fantastic!!



On June 29th our Lodge used a portion of the ENF Beacon Grant to hold a kids' music, art, and activity day. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make this a fun event for the children and their families.

Watch for upcoming dates and sign up sheets for the remaining District VP Dinners. Come join us as we show our support for District Vice President Ed Weston and the Mighty Northeast District Lodges.



## Hoop Shoot Volunteers Needed!

The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw program for youth ages 8-13 offered by Elk Lodges throughout the US.

GCS Lodge #1892 has tentatively scheduled our local Hoop Shoot for October 19. We will need the following volunteers for our Hoop Shoot Contest: 2 Referees, 6 Score Keepers, 4 Rebounders, 3 Registration Assistants, and 4 Chaperones. If you are interested in filling one of these volunteer spots, please contact Bill Layton at (904) 314-4581! Thank you!

## 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!



On the second Friday of the month, we will also 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 August birthdays this month on Friday, August 9th.

# Florida Ladies of Elks

Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It's hard to believe the 61st Annual FLOE Conference being held at the beautiful Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Shores, September 19-20, 2024, is just right around the corner. Friday night entertainment will be provided by the Deep Creek Ladies of Elks. A Friday golf outing is planned for those interested. Visit [www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference](http://www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference) for more information and to make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services are now on sale. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each. 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 FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com) or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on [floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org). Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

On Monday July 1, 2024, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there was 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 was the host of the workshop. The event was a huge success with standing room only.

Just a reminder, EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies' organization. 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.



The Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 is now on **Instagram!** Please give us a like and follow on Instagram [@gcs\\_elks\\_lodge\\_1892](https://www.instagram.com/gcs_elks_lodge_1892) and on our Facebook page to stay up to date on Lodge activities and important announcements. (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



## STAY CONNECTED

**LODGE 1892 WEBSITE** - [elksgec1892.com](http://elksgec1892.com) (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



**FACEBOOK**- Green Cove Springs Elks1892 (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)



# 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

## 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  
Stuart Williams

## 2024-2025 Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention	Kristine Watson
Americanism	Kristine Watson
Audit & Accounting	David Miller
Bingo Chairman	Ed Weston, DVP
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	Cathy Sanders
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, DVP
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*

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