

Dockside News

Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892

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Important Dates in September:

September 5	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
September 7	10:00 AM DD Clinic at Jacksonville Lodge
September 12	5:00 PM Maintenance Team 6:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
September 19	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
September 22	District Poker Tournament

ELK OF THE MONTH

Barbara Thompson has been selected as Elk of the Month for September. Since joining our Order in 2019, she has repeatedly demonstrated her dedication to our Lodge and its values. Her positive attitude, problem-solving abilities, and organizational skills have allowed her to excel in various leadership positions within the Lodge. Barbara's wealth of knowledge and unique perspective, gained through her experiences, enable her to offer valuable guidance and support to the Exalted Ruler and Committee Chairs she currently works alongside. In the past year, Barbara has taken on the role of Secretary for two essential Committees. She diligently records detailed notes for each meeting and circulates the minutes well in advance, ensuring smooth operations and clear communication. Barbara is also an active member of our Lodge Scholarship Committee, contributing to the selection of deserving candidates for this annual Award. She is always ready to help out, whether in the kitchen on Pork Chop Night or in the social quarters during Bingo. Barbara's fidelity to our Lodge is truly inspiring to others.

Officer of the Quarter

The Officer of the Quarter is Stuart Williams who serves as our Esteemed Leading Knight! Since assuming office, Stuart has fully committed himself to the role of "Vice President" in the Lodge, has shown an eagerness to learn, and has given his entire support to the Exalted Ruler in the performance of her duties. He consistently demonstrates a ready willingness to roll up his sleeves and help wherever needed. As Harry Anna Chair, Stuart successfully raised \$1,380 through a Condo Raffle in April alone! He actively promotes weekly Lodge activities through our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Stuart serves as Secretary for the Board of Directors and is a member of the Lodge Scholarship Committee as well. He regularly assists the grill team on Hamburger Nights with cooking and delivering food. Stuart is consistently friendly, kind, and encouraging toward his fellow officers and members which creates a positive and supportive environment within the Lodge. As a true Elk should, he stands ready to offer aid to those in need, embodying the spirit of Charity which is the motto of his station and the chief virtue of our Order. Well done, Stuart!



Exalted Ruler's Message



Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 is growing at a good pace! Since the start of April, we have initiated 47 new members and reinstated 4! We ask that all our members continue spreading the word about Elks and all the good that we do for our community!

We have some important dates coming up!

On Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30 to 6:30, we will be inviting local first responders to join us for a free hamburger, fries, and a soda here at the Lodge in observance of Patriot's Day! As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations, we as Elks are dedicated to remembering the heroes and victims of 9/11 while reaffirming their commitment to service and community. Join us that night to thank and celebrate those who protect and serve.

On Saturday, October 5 starting at 2 PM, we're inviting the whole of the Mighty Northeast District to come out for our Cornhole Challenge to benefit the Florida Elk's Army of Hope which provides aid to the families of Florida's active-duty military personnel. Put your cornhole skills to the test and make new friends from other Lodges! Cheer on your favorite Football Team and enjoy our Famous Fish and Shrimp Dinners at the Tiki Bar! Entry fee for the Challenge is \$10. Meal and drinks are not included in the price. To register, call Rob Loryea at: (980) 207-4583.

The Cornhole Challenge Event will also feature a silent auction to benefit the Lodge Scholarship! Several nice gift baskets and items have already been donated in support of this cause! If you wish to contribute a prize, please contact the Exalted Ruler.

On Friday, October 25 starting at 6 PM, we're having our Annual Halloween Party! Costumes are encouraged but not required! More details to follow!

On Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 7 PM, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in cooperation with OneBlood, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community asset responsible for providing safe, available, and affordable blood. The Big Red Bus will be here at the Lodge with cookies, juice, and a gift for each donor. Every person has the power to save a life. Donating blood only takes a little of your time, and it can mean a lifetime for patients in need.

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

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 help 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 or contact our Harry-Anna Chairman, Stuart Williams, to answer all of your questions about helping kids in need.

Member Information



ENF Coin Jar Campaign

The Elks National Foundation Coin Challenge for our Lodge is being retired. It was no longer an efficient or reliable means of raising funds.

Starting in August, we will be auctioning off the ENF Sponsor Parking Space to the highest bidder on the last Wednesday of each month following the 50/50 drawing that evening. Bids must be paid out in cash that evening.

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.

Initiated 8/15:

Shayne Rollen, Susan Phillips, William Mills, Donna Yarde, and Scott Lewis

Not Pictured: Rick DiVita

Proposed:

Sherry Auld, Steven Crosby, John Griggs, Peter Hayes, Patricia Holton. Robert Johnson,

Transfer: Ronald Cleveland from Lodge 2855 Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota, FL and Nancy Loschen from Lodge 2855 Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota, FL

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



On Friday, August 9, our Lodge presented Stephanie Vogt and Carol Thorsen-Hood of K9s for Warriors with donations made possible by ENF Gratitude Grant and our Lodge PER Bingo Association.



On Friday, August 2, 2024, our Lodge presented \$1,000 worth of household supplies to James Burse, Hal Horton, and Christopher Riendau of Operation Barnabas, a local organization that supports veterans. The donation was made possible by ENF Freedom Grant.



Our PER Charity Bingo recently presented checks to Father's Heart Food Ministry and the Art Guild of Orange Park. Join us on Tuesday nights to play bingo and help support our local community.





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 scheduled our local Hoop Shoot for October 19 at 10 AM in the gymnasium of the Green Cove Springs Junior High School at 1220 Bonaventure Avenue in Green Cove Springs, FL.

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!

On Thursday, July 25, Exalted Ruler Jennifer Parker presented Eagle Harbor Dental with the Grand Lodge Recognition Certificate of Honor for properly flying the flag of the United States of America. Dr. Curtis M. Standish, D.M.D. and his wife Amy Standish, R.N. are both Navy Veterans who take great pride in flying the US flag at their place of business.

Bill, Anna, and Paul! We had a fun time celebrating August birthdays with cake, bar bingo, and games. Be sure to join us on the second Friday to celebrate September birthdays!



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!

The Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 is now on **Instagram!** Please give us a like and follow on Instagram @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 - elksgcs1892.com (Scan the QR Code below for direct access.)

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



Harry-Anna Fundraiser

Escape to the High Country in Banner Elk, NC for a relaxing getaway in the mountains! This cabin at the Eagles Nest River Club offers amenities like no other! With access to the Elk River, providing one of the most coveted trophy trout fishing waterways on the East Coast, there is no better way to escape your hectic schedule to relax in Banner Elk. When staying in Moonlight View, you will have access to the amenities in Eagles Nest, one of the most exclusive communities in the High Country! This cabin sleeps up to 6 people, so bring your family and friends!

The winner of the drawing will receive a week of their choice subject to calendar availability. Proof of membership is required to participate. The winner of the drawing must book the stay within one year of the date of the drawing. The use of the cabin has been graciously donated by a member of the lodge, and a one week stay is valued at approximately \$2,200.00. Pictures of the cabin and calendar availability can be found using the QR code:



Tickets will be \$20 and available starting September 1st. The drawing will be held on Friday, October 4th. All proceeds raised will benefit the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. Stuart Williams, Esteemed Leading Knight, will be taking all donations for these tickets. Please talk with him if you have any questions.

The Mighty Northeast District Elks Lodge Cornhole Challenge!

GCS Elks Lodge #1892
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When: Sat. Oct. 5, 2024
Sign-in: 1:00 pm
Bags Fly at 2:00pm



OPEN DRAW
\$10/player
PRIZES
And more...!

Cornhole

Community • Friendship • Charity

Think you have what it takes? Come out and put your Cornhole skills to the test! Enjoy our famous fish and shrimp, College Football & more while benefiting

ARMY of HOPE!

Florida Elks:
Honoring Our
Defenders of Freedom

So long as there are deployed
military and veterans, the
Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks will never forget.



TO REGISTER : Call Rob Loryea; (980) 207-4583

Featuring a Silent Auction Fundraiser supporting the Lodge Scholarship!



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*

District Leaders

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SUNDAY**MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

September 2024

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

<p>1</p> <p>Football Sunday Food Served 3-6 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM BURGERS</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Chicken Tenders, Cole Slaw & Potato Wedges 5:30—6:30 \$7</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:00PM</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Spaghetti & Meatballs</p> <p>6:00 PM \$10</p>	<p>7</p> <p>DD Clinic at Jacksonville Lodge 10:00 AM</p> <p>Fish & Shrimp 4:30 - 6:30 \$10</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Football Sunday Food Served 3-6 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM BURGERS \$9.00</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Chicken Tenders, Cole Slaw & Potato Wedges 5:30—6:30 \$7</p> <p>Maintenance 5:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 6:00 PM BOD Meeting 7:00PM</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Pot Roast, Pota- toes, & Veggies</p> <p>6:00 PM \$12</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tiki Bar Closed Inside Bar Open Taco Bar or Taco Salad 4:30 - 6:30 \$9</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Lodge Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM BURGERS \$9.00</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Chicken Tenders, Cole Slaw & Potato Wedges 5:30—6:30 \$7</p> <p>PER Meeting 6:00PM Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7:00PM</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Porterhouse Pork Chops</p> <p>6:00 PM \$13</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fish & Shrimp 4:30 - 6:30 \$10</p>
<p>22</p> <p>NE District Poker Tournament</p> <p>Football Sunday Food Served 3-6 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Early Birds 6:00PM Regular Games 6:30PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 –6:30PM BURGERS \$9.00</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Lodge Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lodge Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NE District Jewelry Packing 9AM</p> <p>Fish & Shrimp 4:30 - 6:30 \$10</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Football Sunday Food Served 3-6 PM</p>	<p>30</p>					