

# Dockside News

## Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892

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### ELK OF THE MONTH

Our Elk of the Month for October 2024 is Gene Russin, our wonderful Trivia Host! He has been a loyal Elk since 2007! For quite a number of years now, Gene has generously volunteered his time each month to meticulously research and compile questions that challenge, engage, and entertain us. He regularly introduces new categories that keep the events fresh and exciting. From pop culture to history, there's always something for everyone! Gene's commitment to making Trivia Night a success goes well beyond the questions he curates. Through these friendly competitions, Gene has helped strengthen the bonds within our Elk community. Trivia Night has become a staple event where our members look forward to reconnecting and sharing stories. As we celebrate Gene this October, we encourage our members to join us on the third Friday for Trivia Night. Let's show our appreciation for all his hard work and enjoy an evening filled with fun, learning, and laughter! Thank you, Gene, for your unwavering dedication and for being a shining example of what it means to be an Elk. Keep up the fantastic work!

### Important Dates in October:

October 3	6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
October 7	5:00 PM Maintenance Team
October 10	6:00 PM Orientation 6:00 PM House Meeting 7:00 PM BOD Meeting
October 12	District VP Visitation at St. Augustine Lodge
October 17	7:00 PM Lodge Meeting with Initiation
October 19	Lodge Hoop Shoot
October 27	Brotherhood Riders visit Green Cove Springs

### Volunteers Needed

Our Lodge is once again organizing and setting up the trees in Spring Park for the

Christmas holidays. We will be starting this on Saturday October 26th at 9 AM. We will be working Saturday morning November 2nd and 9th as well. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours to unload, set up the trees, check lights, and get them ready for decorating by the community. Please contact Laquetta Willimon at (904)449-3050 or the lodge at [bpoe1892@bellsouth.net](mailto:bpoe1892@bellsouth.net) if you can help with this project that is so important to our community.





# Exalted Ruler's Message



Goodbye, Summer! Hello, Autumn! As of October, we have reached the six month mark in our Elk year, and I could not be more proud of our Lodge!

I am happy to report that we have passed our District Deputy Audit and Inspection with flying colors! I want to commend our Lodge Secretary Diane Watson, our Lodge Treasurer Paul Orvosh, our Board of Directors Chair Kristine Watson, and our House Committee Chair Eric Thorsen for working together to make certain all was in readiness for this annual assessment. Furthermore, I want to thank all the officers and volunteers who made DDGER James Dean, his Esquire Aaron J. Smith Sr. PER, and DDGER Auditor Glen Gardner PDD welcome during their visit.

GCS Lodge #1892 is well and truly blessed in our leadership! At all times, the members of our Board of Directors, House Committee, sub-committees, and PER Association work diligently in cooperation to conduct the day-to-day business of our Lodge, spearhead facility improvements, and strengthen the Elk presence in our community.

For October, our dedicated team of volunteers has planned a variety of fun events and delicious dinners for you to enjoy including First Friday Karaoke & Beef Bourguignon on October 4; the District Corn Hole Challenge on October 5 featuring our Lodge's famous Fish and Shrimp fare; "A Taste of Germany" supper with Jaeger Schnitzel & Spätzle on October 11; Oktoberfest Sunday featuring a wide selection of German foods on October 13; the ever popular Trivia & Porterhouse Pork Chops on October 18; and our Annual Halloween Dance Party featuring a Filet Mignon Dinner and the music of DJ Hill on October 25! Please continue to consult our monthly newsletter, website, email blasts, and social media to see what's happening each week!

On October 12, the St. Augustine Lodge #829 will be hosting District VP Ed Weston's fifth Visitation! We would love to have as many GCS Elks attend as possible. A sign up sheet will be posted at the bar as soon as our hosts provide more info!

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](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



## ENF Parking Space Auction

On the last Wednesday of each month, we will be auctioning off the ENF Sponsor Parking Space to the highest bidder following the Elk of the Month Announcement and the regular 50/50 drawing. Winning bid must be paid out in cash that evening.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This charitable organization helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. To learn more, visit [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf).

**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 9/19:

Bobby McCollum, Steve Crosby, Janet Willem, Hal Horton, and Michael Espey

## Proposed:

Sherry Lee Auld proposed by Gail Potter, Steve Crosby proposed by Mike Gunning, John Griggs proposed by Al Williams, Patricia Holton proposed by Sharon Elizabeth, Robert Johnson proposed by Laura Welkenbach, Donald Lewis proposed by Barbara Thompson, and Robert McCollum proposed by Cheryl Michaels,

## Transfer::

Ronald Cleveland and Nancy Loschen from Lakewood Ranch Lodge #2855 and Everett and Elizabeth Rosam from the West Palm Beach Lodge #1352

## 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

## Donations Requested

Help support our local community by bringing a bag of wrapped Halloween candy to the lodge before October 17. These bags will be donated to the GCSPD for their annual Trunk of Treat event.



The Brotherhood Riders will be arriving at our Lodge Sunday late afternoon on October 27. Please plan to come greet these riders who are traveling the state of Florida in honor of fallen first responders.

Congratulations to Rick and Penny Kunze for receiving the Florida Health Care Association's Group Volunteer of the Year award! Their years of dedication to the residents at the Lassen Veterans nursing home on behalf of our Lodge enriches the lives of the residents every month.

## BINGO NEWS

Recent donations were made to the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, Quigley House, Augusta Savage Community Center, Challenge Enterprise, and Clay High School's Clay Cares Boutique. Come join us on Tuesdays to play bingo, have fun, and help continue to support these and many other local organizations.



## ELKS READ

Exalted Ruler Jennifer and Lodge Member Susan Phillips had a delightful time reading books to the children at the local Head Start daycare center on August 26. If you would like to volunteer for one of these twice-monthly visits, please contact ER Jennifer Parker.






In September, shark coating was installed in the outside grill area! Stop by on a Wednesday night for a Hamburger and see how great it looks! Kudos to the members of the Tiki Bar Committee and House Committee Chair Eric Thorsen for moving forward with this the first of many planned improvements!


Thanks to Maintenance Committee members Eddie Thompson and John Lochner for their assistance with moving the cooking equipment out of the way of the installers and then moving it back again after installation was complete respectively. Thanks also to Clyde Mixon and Howie Feinstein for deep cleaning the fryers.

**The Mighty Northeast District Elks Lodge  
Cornhole Challenge!**

GCS Elks Lodge #1892  
702 S Orange Ave.,  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043




**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!

### 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!

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.)



## Fidelity Club Membership Contest

The Mighty Northeast District has challenged its Lodges to sign up 5 or more new members to the ENF Fidelity Club before 3/1/25!

Prizes will be in the form of a donation to the Elks National Foundation in the name of the winning Lodges from the District account.

\$300 for First Place  
\$150 for Second Place  
\$50 for Third Place

The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Sustaining givers have a recurring monthly payment (minimum \$5) that is automatically debited from a bank account or charged to a credit card. Monthly giving is safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not to mention, members receive Fidelity Club stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving.

[Visit enf.elks.org/recurring to enroll today.](https://enf.elks.org/recurring)



## ENF Scholarships

In 2022-23, the Elks National Foundation will award \$4.4 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for our nation's youth. As important members of the Elks family, Elks scholars have many social and service opportunities to connect with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs, and for ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, visit [enf.elks.org/scholars](https://enf.elks.org/scholars).

## MVS

For 2022-23, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$2.8 million to fund the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$50,000. For more information about the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, including eligibility and deadlines, visit [enf.elks.org/MVS](https://enf.elks.org/MVS).

## Legacy Awards

For 2022-23, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$1.4 million to fund 350 Legacy Awards scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Elks. If you know any Elks children who are high school seniors, encourage them to visit [enf.elks.org/leg](https://enf.elks.org/leg) for information, including eligibility and deadlines.

**DONATE BLOOD**

**GCS Elks Lodge**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
**2:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:  
- **\$20 eGift Card**  
- **Halloween T-shirt**  
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*

Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](https://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **75212**

**ID REQUIRED**  
\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](https://oneblood.org/details).

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Share your power

**LEGACY AWARDS**

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF ELKS CAN APPLY FOR A \$4,000 SCHOLARSHIP.

**Elks National Foundation, Inc.**

CONTINUE THE ELKS LEGACY OF CHARITY  
APPLY ONLINE [ENF.ELKS.ORG/LEG](https://enf.elks.org/leg)

# 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.	David Miller
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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