



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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Gilroy Elks Lodge # 1567

and

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Benefit Brass Band Concert

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Gilroy Elks Lodge, 2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

2:00 PM: Hosted "Bubbly & Appetizers" Reception

3:00 PM: Concert



Silent Auction - - Surprise Guest Conductor

Open to Elks Members and Guests

\$40 / Person - - - Sponsored Table of 10 / \$450

Tickets through Gilroy Elks Lodge office, 408-842-9397,

payable at time of reservation

Proceeds go to the Gilroy Elks & the Lodge Scholarship Fund





A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

My Brother and Sister Elks,

As we step into the second month of 2026, we are inching closer to the end of the Lodge Year. I am excited to share the latest news and upcoming events at our lodge.

In February, we nominate and elect a new slate of officers, some of whom will repeat or step into a new position. It is important that everyone has a voice in the decision process of who will be taking over the reins. For your voice to be heard and your vote to count, I cordially invite you to come into the Lodge Room on February 11 and February 25. Here is what will happen: Officer nominations will be on February 11, and then we will cast our vote on February 25. Now, if you are displeased about events or activities at the Lodge, here is your opportunity as an officer to help steer the direction of our Lodge.

On the calendar in February is the fun-filled Super Bowl 60 tailgate and watch party on Sunday, February 8. We do have our popular Rib Night dinner on February 27. As this Rib Night dinner falls during Lent, the Rib Crew will have salmon on the menu.

The officer corps tries to come up with new ideas for different fun events and activities to support our Lodge that everyone can enjoy, and sometimes they hit a block coming up with ideas. So, here is your opportunity to have a say and input of fun new events your fellow members might enjoy. On this note, I have a serious dislike of having to cancel any Lodge events due to a lack of support and attendance.

Gazing further into the crystal ball of events for March, we have the 59th Ladies Fashion Show on March 7, followed by the Lodge Benefit Concert with the Pacific Brass Band on March 15. Not to mention the installation date for the new officer corps, which is yet to be determined.

Looking in the rear-view mirror of events, we had a well-attended New Year's Eve dinner dance, the Purple Pig fundraiser with Rockin' the Ages Karaoke. Unfortunately, not enough people called in to make reservations, so I made an executive decision to combine the Purple Pig night with the first Rib Night dinner. All funds from this event, including the purple pigs turned in, go towards the CHEA Major Project Leading Knight Challenge and credited in your name. The Elks were well represented at the Court of Honor Ceremony for the new Eagle Scout, Jason Shorey. Congratulations Jason.

Yours in God's Loving Service,
Bruce W. Parker ER, PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE ELSE

We are saddened to learn this week of the death of one of the organization's most valuable members: Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Else had been with us for many years. Someone did far more than a normal person's share of work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else can work with that group" Whenever there was a job to do, a committee to chair, or meeting to attend, one name on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it." Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can do only so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is GONE!

We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you have a chance to participate in your own organization, remember: WE CAN'T DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANYMORE!

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Thank You for Supporting Wreaths Across America

Thank you to the Elks and Friends, along with the Gilroy Elks Lodge, who purchased wreaths to remember those who have served to protect our American Freedoms that were placed at their final resting place with the Wreaths Across America. Let us all continue to support this worthy cause to recognize those who have served.

Steve McGinnis

Mike & Sherry Hawkes

Danny & Nita Mitchell

Frank & Betty Angelino

William & Linda Moitz

Darryl & Donna Manson

Rosemary Anderson

Dave & Peggy Hartwig

Liz Robinson

Sam Nijmeh

Mike Hughes

Steve Mayne

Mary Barber

Anita Sciutto

Scott Thomas

Patrick Day

Don Sanches

Ardyce Swenson

Guy Bostock

Carolyn Tognetti

Bruce Parker

John Fancher

David Jeter

Joe & Julia Cardoza

Jan Patterson

Sam Bozzo

Pam Erickson

Mrs. Harold Whitlock

Janice Weiler

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Fraternally, Rosemary Anderson (USAF Veteran)

Tom and Jerry Night

The Valley View Room was packed with a sell-out crowd of members and guests for the popular holiday event, the annual Tom and Jerry Night Dinner. A big thank you goes out to **Catering Angels, Tony and Irene Altamirano**, for preparing and serving the delicious holiday dinner. Another important group that we also must not forget and recognize is the **crew led by Junior Moretti**, who prepared the holiday favorite Tom and Jerry beverage. Along with a variety of gift baskets for raffle prizes that were donated, the evening's fun entertainment included the Ugly Sweater contest.



Gilroy Flks Lodge Presents



STEP BACK INTO THE FABULOUS 50'S

THE GILROY ELKS LODGE

Doors Open 11:00 am Lunch Served 12:00 Noon

TICKET PRICE \$45.00

MENU

Teriyaki Chicken sliced over Asian Noodles, Green Salad and Hawaiian Rolls followed by an assortment of tarts, lemon, chocolate, custard and fruit

ENTERTAINMENT

Models showing many fashions from different stores, Classic 50's Music, Reward Prizes and Raffle, Playhouse Auction

Advance Ticket Sales available on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Lodge 2765 Hecker Pass Highway from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Call the Lodge Office 408-842-9397 for reservations after that date.

ALL PROCEEDS HELP FUND OUR MAJOR PROJECT AS WELL AS THE GILROY ELKS LODGE

COME WATCH SUPERBOWL 60 AT THE GILROY LODGE TAILGATE WATCH PART



Super Bowl LX (60) in 2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Doors open at 3 PM

Kickoff 3:30 PM

Chicken Wings, Little Smokies, Meatballs, and Pizza Rolls will be served at halftime.

\$20 per person.



EAGLE SCOUT HONOR

Gilroy Elks Lodge was the site for the Court of Honor ceremony for the newly minted **Eagle Scout, Jason Shorey**. The ceremony was well attended by around 60 guests, which included 7 Elks, including the District Scouting chairperson, the current AVP, and a PAVP, along with the Mel Baker PER/ER, who helped to bring a Scout Troop to our Lodge. On behalf of the Lodge, congratulations, Jason.

*Mitch Marinovich PER
& Lodge Youth Activities Chair*

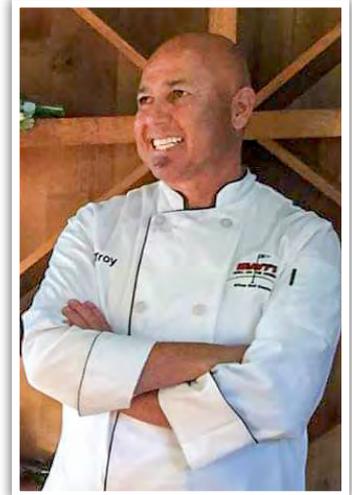


CATERING FOOD SELECTIONS

The new caterer has provided us with a list of 25 different menu choices from which he will prepare our weekly dinner, excluding the weeks when calamari and steak are served. This is not, I repeat, NOT a restaurant where everyone can select different items.

Now, here is where we do need your assistance. You can help us know your top 5 items that you would like him to prepare and have for dinner. We will tally the choices and select the menu choices to publish in the Garlic Press Newsletter. We want you to have a voice in choosing the dinner choices. We hope that members' participation in making the dinner selections will entice more members to join your brother and sister Elks for dinner at our Lodge.

Please notify the House Committee Chair, John Fancher (fancher@me.com), of your favorite choices using the corresponding number. How frequently would you like to review the menu selection choices?



- 1) Teriyaki Chicken w/ Asian noodles, green salad, Hawaiian rolls
- 2) Baked chicken w/ garlic mashed veggies, green salad, dinner rolls
- 3) BBQ 1/4 leg chicken w/ homemade chili beans, potato salad, garlic bread
- 4) Chicken Alfredo w/ green salad, garlic bread
- 5) Chicken Picatta w/ herb rice pilaf, veggies, green salad, dinner roll
- 6) Chicken Marsala w/garlic mash, grilled veggies, green salad, dinner rolls
- 7) Salmon picatta w/ rice pilaf, veggies, green salad, dinner rolls
- 8) Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, dinner rolls
- 9) Beef stew, w/ sourdough bread, green salad
- 10) Clam chowder w/ sourdough bowl, Caesar salad
- 11) Chile Verde, rice, beans, tortillas, salsa & chips
- 12) Enchiladas w/ rice, beans, salsa & chips
- 13) Chile Colorado w/rice, beans, salsa & chips
- 14) Taco's carne asada, marinated chicken, rice, beans, salsa & chips
- 15) Cowboy pork chops w/ roasted potatoes, veggies, green salad, dinner rolls
- 16) Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, and potato salad
- 17) Spareribs w/ chile beans, green salad, garlic bread
- 18) Pepper steak sandwich w/ pesto pasta, green salad
- 19) Meat lasagna w/ green salad, garlic bread
- 20) Meatloaf, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies, green salad, dinner rolls
- 21) Italian-style ribs in marinara over pasta, green salad, and garlic bread
- 22) Taco salads bar w/rice & beans and all condiments
- 23) Grilled Tilapia w/ rice pilaf, veggies, salad, dinner rolls
- 24) Pasta Bar - Bolognese, Alfredo, pesto green salad, garlic bread
- 25) Top Sirloin w/ cheese Ravioli, Caesar salad, garlic bread

Does our Lodge Secretary have your Current Address, Email, & Telephone Numbers on file to contact you?

Have you moved recently to a new address or gotten a new email address, dropped your landline service, and now only use a cell phone?

Please let us know so that we may update our records and make sure you continue to receive The Garlic Press and other important messages timely. It also helps us save on postage because the Post Office returns mail to us when it is incorrectly addressed, and then an additional cost is incurred to send it out again with the correct address.

Send your new mailing address via email to Gilsec@garlic.com or via regular mail to P.O. Box 488, Gilroy, California 95021

PS. You can also stop by the office and give me the information.

HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your membership number hidden somewhere in this issue of the Garlic Press, you will receive one free dinner during the month. It is identified by the # sign. **Last month's hidden #4307 was Patrick Day.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

THE GARLIC PRESS - FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 NATIONAL GROUNDHOG DAY	3 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	4 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	5 SCOUTS MEETING	6 NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY	7
8 SUPERBOWL TAILGATE PARTY 	9	10 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	11 LODGE MEETING NOMINATION OF OFFICERS MENU: BBQ -1/4 CHICKEN LEG	12 SCOUTS MEETING	13	14 EVENT IS CANCELLED VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER
15	16 ELKS FOUNDING THIS DAY 1868 LODGE OFFICE CLOSED	17 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	18 SOCIAL NIGHT ASH WEDNESDAY MENU: CALAMARI	19 SCOUTS MEETING	20	21 BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING STARTS
22	23	24 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	25 LODGE NIGHT ELECTION OF OFFICERS (TUXEDO) INITIATION MENU: CLAM CHOWDER RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 12:00 NOON	26 SCOUT MEETING	27 P. QUAST ROOM DEDICATION RIB NIGHT 	28

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 2/1 TO 2/7 JOHN TOGNETTI
- 2/8 TO 2/14 JOHN FANCHER
- 2/15 TO 2/21 KAY SPENCER
- 2/22 TO 2/28 TREVOR ROCK

Special Notes:

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2. Some events listed on the calendar may be purchased in advance by cash, check or credit card.
3. Duty Officers are responsible to find replacement officer if you cannot cover your week.

"SUBJECT TO CHANGE"

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Who will step up and volunteer to be a part of the officer corps of Gilroy Elks Lodge for 2026-2027?

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 11 is Nomination of Officers**
- Feb. 25 is the Election of Officers**

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BEST OF GILROY

The Best of Gilroy 2025 survey by the Gilroy Dispatch, The Lodge on the Hill, Home of the Gilroy Elks Lodge was named one of the top three venues in Gilroy to hold weddings.

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THE GARLIC PRESS - MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	4 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	5 SCOUTS MEETING	6	7 FASHION SHOW
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS	9	10 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	11 LODGE MEETING MENU: ROAST BEEF	12 SCOUTS MEETING	13	14
15 BENEFIT CONCERT	16	17 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM ST. PARTICK DAY OFFICIAL	18 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI	19 SCOUTS MEETING	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 BUDGET MEETING 9AM LODGE YEAR 2026-2027
22	23	24 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00P NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	25 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: MEAT LASAGNA RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 12:00 NOON	26 SCOUTS MEETING	27 RIB NIGHT 	28
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31	APRIL 1	2	3	4

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 3/1 TO 3/7 – JENNY JUD
- 3/8 TO 3/14 – BRUCE PARKER
- 3/15 TO 3/21 – MITCH MARINOVICH
- 3/22 TO 3/28 – SAM BOZZO

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ENF BEACON GRANT

We, Elks, are truly fortunate. The Elks Care ~ Elks Share” motto can be seen by the reinvestments made to our community through the grant funds we receive from the Elks National Foundation Community Investments Program, or by a much shorter name, we affectionately referred to as ENF.

What better use of the ENF Beacon Grant funds we applied for and received by reinvesting the funds in our service area communities, to help reduce issues related to food insecurity?

This year, we have again selected the St. Joseph’s Family Center here in Gilroy and the St. Catherine’s Reach Out Food Bank in Morgan Hill to benefit and receive funds from the ENF Beacon Grant to help reduce hunger and food insecurity. Both organizations have the resources to reach out and help those who need assistance. We can all be proud that, as Elks, our contributions to ENF do make a difference and have a lasting impact on those needing assistance.

The St. Catherine’s of Alexandria Reach Out Food Bank also has a Clothes Closet. If you have any warm coats that you no longer wear or need, they will gladly accept your donation. They will accept gently used children’s clothes. The Clothes Closet is located in the rear of the church at 17400 Peak Avenue n the building closest to Noble Street. The days and hours you can drop off are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 am and 2:00 pm.



Pictured (L to R) Carol Illig, Co-Manager, St. Catherine’s Reach Out Food Bank, Bruce Parker ER, Mitch Marinovich PER

Pictured (L to R) Sam Bozzo, Chaplain, Vicky Martin, Interim Executive Director, St Joseph’s Family Center, Bruce Parker, ER, Danny Mitchell, Trustee



Announcement



- February 4 Social Night
- February 10 Officer House & Trustee Meeting
- February 11 ... Lodge Meeting & Officer Nominations
- February 16 President's Day (Office Closed)
- February 18 Social Night
- February 24 New Member Orientation
- February 25 Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
& Election of Officers
- February 27 Rib Night

Planning A Party, Reunion, Anniversary, Wedding or Special Event?

Our Lodge has so many possibilities. From weddings, to conferences, to luncheons, our facility can be perfect for you. Renting our venue will not only give you outstanding food and excellent service, but also memorable views for miles. We will make your event a lasting memory for everyone to treasure.

PLANNING A PARTY...

For more information call our Event Coordinator, Jenny Jud at (408) 842-9397, Monday through Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm. See you at your next event!!!

REMINDER:

Reservations are requested: Call (408) 842-9397

AD SPACE AVAILABLE

Contact Lodge Secretary

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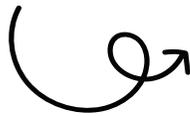
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GILROY ELKS LODGE

Presents

Rib Night Dinner at the Lodge on the Hill

Want a great BBQ Rib Dinner with Salad, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Garlic Bread and Ice Cream for dessert prepared by the World-Renowned Gilroy Elks Lodge Rib Night cooking crew?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

Doors Open at 5:00 pm Dinner Served 7:00 pm

Dinner price is \$30.00 per person

Reservations are required by **February 25th** so the rib crew can prepare enough rib dinners. **Limited to 200 guests.**

Chicken is available by special request.

By special request during Lent, Salmon is available for an extra \$5.00

Call the Lodge office 408-842-9397 to make your reservations
(Open to Elk Members & their Guests)