



# GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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DECEMBER 2025

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# NEW YEAR

## Dinner

## Dance

# DECEMBER 31ST

Tickets are \$85 each

Doors open at 5PM • Dinner served at 7PM

Prime Rib and Chicken Marsala Dinner

Music by Tsunami

and a 12AM New Year Toast

RSVP (408) 842-9397 by December 15, 2025

Open to Elks members and their guests





## A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

November...whew it was busy; Casino Night was a blast. I wish all of you were there. My wife and I had a great time, saw and heard a lot of people having fun. Look forward to it again next year thanks to Frank Angelino, Steve McGinnis and their crew. Mid-Term was informational and I had a great time visiting with Elks from all over California. The State President came to our Lodge – the event was well attended. Veteran's Night on the 19<sup>th</sup> is where we thanked those vets that came for a meal and good fellowship. Thank you to those who sponsored a meal for the veterans. To Donna Manson – a personal thanks for the excellent Veteran's wall. AWESOME. Monday Night Football looks to be gaining interest and is starting to make a little money. Great job to Trevor, Jenny and John. We will be decorating the Lodge for Christmas,

November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come One, Come All. Many hands make light work. Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving – hopefully you got your reservations in for the following weeks before we went dark.

December will be a challenging month as we will be dark the week of Christmas December 22-26 other than Monday Night Football. On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our ELKS Memorial. Wreaths Across America on the 13<sup>th</sup> we will be putting the wreaths out at our local cemeteries. Please contact Rosemary to coordinate where to put them out if you wish to help. Tom and Jerry Night will, as always, be a lot of fun with an Ugly Sweater Contest and raffles. New Year's Eve is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

January 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Purple Pig Night with karaoke and raffle baskets. We'll have a Leading Knights Challenge Goal to raise \$1000. We will also have a Pig Weigh-Off / Greatest Amount in a PIG!!! Rib Night resumes January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Future events: Valentine's Day Dance, Super Bowl on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, and Ladies Fashion Show on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage all of you to come out and participate in all our events. Remember, we have the new convection ovens, but do not have the funds to install them yet. Your donations are appreciated, donations jars can be found in the Lodge bar area. This will make it easier to feed more people who come out to our Lodge events.

Yours in Service

Bruce W. Parker ER, PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

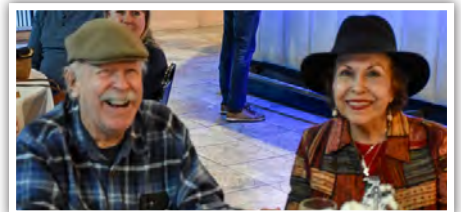


## OKTOBERFEST 2025

Oktoberfest 2025 at Gilroy Elks Lodge was an all-around great time with good food, and musical entertainment by **The Gondoliers** from **The Internationals** band. The guests enjoyed a German inspired meal that was prepared by the **Catering Angels**.

A big thank you goes out to all the **event donors, sponsors, and volunteers** and **especially to the guests** who came out in support of this fun Lodge event and made this year's Oktoberfest event a resounding success!

Sincerely,  
John Fancher Event Chair



# Elk Memorial

The First Sunday of December is designated as the official Date of Remembrance of Elk members who will come no more. Please consider this your official notice and invitation to gather at the Lodge with your brother and sister Elks on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:45 am for the ceremony to honor these departed members.

A light lunch will be served following the ceremony.  
Performance by Members of the Gilroy High School Choir



## IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

**Don Gage  
Douglas Buessing**

## **A TOAST TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS**

*By Tracy E. Kareha, 1977*

'Tis the hour of eleven, throughout Elkdom does it chime. As we remember our absent brothers and sisters, and their virtues at this time. One by one they've left us to carry on each day. Even though they've gone now, they'll help show us the way. While they were here with us, they served their country well, they will never be forgotten, as it makes our heart throb and swell. At the mystic hour of eleven, we remember the brothers and sisters we once knew. And on their journey through eternity, always thinking of them as we do. So, when we hear the tolling, we quietly stand, and remember our absent brothers and sisters, Whom we've walked with hand in hand.

## **"TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS AND SISTERS"**



I am reminded often that we should appreciate our members and friends before they pass. Take a moment in friendship and kindness to listen to a story or memory. History is meant to be passed down through generations. When I joined the lodge 37 years ago, I was the young one and even the old guys weren't old. I know that because I am the age they were back then. Spend a few minutes reading the names on the Tablets of Memory. You may not have known many of those Elks who have passed, and maybe you will, and it will trigger a memory or a story that was shared with you.

Life on earth is short, make it count. Pay it forward. Leave this world better than you found it. Make someone smile. Share your knowledge and learn from others. Be good to our children because they will be the future of our Lodge and of our Order. Family is blood, but it is also those people who care about and whom you care about.

*"The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."*

Fraternally,

*Steven G. Mayne Sr. PDDGER, Lodge Secretary & District Leader*



**The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA**  
has joined forces with **Donate Life America** to increase donations of  
organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.



# CASINO NIGHT 2025

Over 80 members and guests attended the Gilroy Elks Lodge Casino Night event to help raise funds for the Elks Charities and Special Lodge Programs. A BIG thank-you to the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and to the guests who came out to support and enjoy the evening's event at the Lodge.

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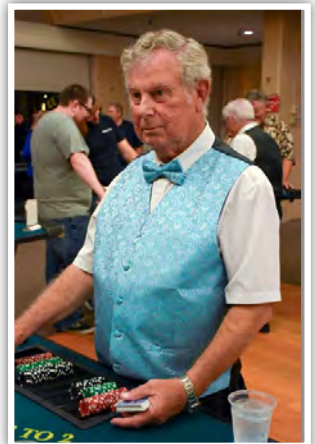
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*Event Co-Chairs, Frank Angelino, Steve McGinnis, & Sam Bozzo*





# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Gilroy Elks Lodge #1567 is



Sponsor a Wreath today to be placed  
on a Veterans Grave on

National Wreaths Across America Day

**December 13, 2025**

at Gavilan Hills & St Mary's Cemeteries in Gilroy  
Mount Hope Memorial Park, in Morgan Hill

Wreath Cost \$17.00

See Rosemary Anderson (USAF) for more information

**Gilroy Lodge Presents**

## The Lodge Holiday Favorite, Tom and Jerry Night Dinner and Ugly Sweater Contest

The Exalted Ruler of the Gilroy Lodge warmly invites all Lodge members  
and their guests to come join your fellow members for a mug of the classic holiday  
favorite "Tom and Jerry" prepared by Junior Moretti and his crew.

We will have the annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest with prizes.

### Event Date

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025**

Doors Open 5:00 pm • Dinner served at 7:00 pm • Cost: \$30.00

### Dinner Menu

New York Steak



Reservations and pre-payment are required (no paying at the door);  
cutoff time is Monday December 15th at 2:00pm.

Please call the Lodge office at 408 842-9397

Our caterer will need an accurate count so they can purchase enough supplies for the dinner.

## Save the Date Purple Pig Fund Raiser Friday Jan 9th, 2026



Rockin the Ages Karaoke

**DOORS OPEN**  
5:30 pm

**SOCIAL**  
6:00-7:00 pm

**DINNER**  
7:00 pm



**Gilroy Elks #1567**

## SAVE THE DATE GILROY ELKS 58TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW



**March 7, 2026**  
More Details to Follow

**Annual  
Gilroy  
Elks Lodge  
Scholarship  
Benefit  
Concert**  
with the  
Pacific  
Brass Band

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**  
2:00 PM  
Gilroy Elks Lodge

## HOOP SHOOT 2025











Throughout the month  
of December.  
For more information contact:

**Dr. Guy Bostock**  
**(408) 710-7242**



## THE GARLIC PRESS - DECEMBER CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	2 GILROY ELKS 58TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW MEETING 6:30PM	3 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI	4 SCOUTS MEETING	5	6 HOLIDAY PARADE IN GILROY
7 MANDATORY ELKS MEMORIAL - 10:45AM (TUXEDO)	8 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	9 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	10 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA	11 SCOUTS MEETING	12	13 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 
14	15 TOM & JERRY DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	16	17 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: NEW YORK STEAK TOM & JERRY NIGHT	18 SCOUTS MEETING	19	20
21	22 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	23 LODGE DARK	24 LODGE DARK CHRISTMAS EVE	25 LODGE DARK NO SCOUT MEETING 	26	27
LODGE OFFICE CLOSED						
28 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY 	29 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE DINNER/DANCE GALA 	JAN. 1 LODGE DARK NO SCOUT MEETING 	2	3 UNDECORATE LODGE 9AM
LODGE OFFICE OPEN		LODGE OFFICE CLOSED				

## WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

11/30 TO 12/6 – TREVOR ROCK  
 12/7 TO 12/13 – LARRY BRAGER  
 12/14 TO 12/20 – STEVE MAYNE, SR.  
 12/21 TO 12/27 – MITCH MARINOVICH  
 12/28 TO 1/3/26 – JENNY JUD

## Special Notes:

1. **When reserving a table of 6 or more prepayment of whole table must be done by one party. Lodge Phone (408) 842-9397.**
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"

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday, October 2. When you see these new members at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give these new members a warm Gilroy Lodge welcome and encourage them to participate at Lodge events.








Pictured (L to R) Danny Mitchell, Trustee, Bruce Parker, ER/PER, John Tognetti Trustee, Larry Brager Inner Guard, new members William Moitz, Mike McElvy, Sam Bozzo Chaplin, Jenny Jud Lecturing Knight, Patrick Psaila, Esquire and John Fancher, Trustee.





## THE GARLIC PRESS - JANUARY CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 LODGE OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY 	2 LODGE OFFICE CLOSED	3 UNDECORATE LODGE 9:00AM
4	5 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	6 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM GILROY ELKS 58TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW MTG. 6:30PM	7 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	8 SCOUTS MEETING	9 PURPLE PIG NIGHT PULLED PORK 	10
11	12 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	13 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	14 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN TERIYAKI	15 SCOUTS MEETING	16	17 DD CLINIC MONTEREY 9:00 AM
18 RITUAL FLOOR TRAINING SANTA CRUZ	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	20 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	21 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 12:00 NOON	22 SCOUT MEETING	23 RIB NIGHT - FIRST ONE IN 2026 	24
25	26 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	27 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM ORIENTATION	28 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: PORK CHOP	29 SCOUT MEETING	30	31

## WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

1/4 TO 1/10 - TBD  
 1/11 TO 1/17 - TBD  
 1/18 TO 1/24 - TBD  
 1/25 TO 1/31 - TBD

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## DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARD UPDATE

At Midterm Conference in Santa Clara, the topic of Digital Membership Cards was brought up and discussed. Resolution 2025-04 that was approved at Grand Lodge Convention this past July to allow the use of the Digital Membership Card the Grand Lodge has implemented. The copy of the membership card on a smartphone has been determined to be not valid.

To access the Digital Membership Card, you must first register on the Elks.org website. This is because the card displayed is linked into CLMS. To set up digital access on the website, go the tab marked as Members Only, click here and it will take you to the Member Center. This should display your name. Then, just below your name is a blue colored dialog box that says **DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARD**. Click here and your copy of the digital membership card will be displayed. The date on the lower right corner is the date you accessed the CLMS database and the card has the Lodge Secretary's digital signature. Be sure the color of the digital membership card displayed is the current color.

If you have questions or need assistance registering on the Elks.org website. See me as I am happy to be of assistance.

*Mitch Marinovich, PER*

## 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 #3694 was Steve Charron.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

# Announcement



December 3 . . . . . Social Night  
 December 7 . . . . . Elk Memorial  
 December 9 . . . . . Officer, House, & Trustee Meeting  
 December 10 . . . . . Lodge Meeting  
 December 13 . . . . . Wreaths Across America  
 December 17 . . . . . Tom and Jerry Social Dinner  
 December 22-26, and 31 . . . . . Lodge & Office Dark  
 December 25 . . . . . Christmas Day  
 December 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

## 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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 Very Important Elk*

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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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