



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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Oktoberfest

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10/25/2026

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EIN PROSIT! CHEERS TO GOOD TIMES!



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello, Fellow Elk Members.

The summer is winding down, and I hope you all enjoy the warm weather. Here at your Elks Lodge, we were busy with many events in addition to our Wednesday night dinners.

Did you enjoy them? If you miss joining us, please consider joining your brother and sister Elks to visit now that the fall is approaching, schools are back in session and maybe give yourself a night off from cooking. Our catering team produces a fine variety of meals, so check out the monthly calendars which list the entrée for each Wednesday night meal now served at 6:30 pm.

Please check the flyer in this edition of your newsletter to see where you could volunteer to help beautify your Lodge grounds and help with our clean-up day.

Check out the calendars for September and October attached to this newsletter and see if there is a Wednesday night meal you might come enjoy with us. We would love to see more of you more often.

As a member of the Lodge, if you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, we could sure use you at our Lodge clean-up landscaping day. Contact me to plug you in.

I can be reached at dm.elk1567@gmail.com with your interest or call me at (831) 444-1749.

God's blessings,

Fraternally, Danny Mitchell ER

Elks Care - Elks Share



In Memoriam

MIKE BERNAL

Born: August 20, 1946

Init: December 22, 2010

Died: July 23, 2026

16 Year Member

DAVID WRIGHT

Born: October 14, 1952

Init: July 29, 2015

Died: 2026

12 Year Member

The clock of their last day has stopped.

"Tis the hour of eleven."

*Remember, the faults of our members we write on the sand;
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*

**The Elks National Foundation (ENF)
has kicked off the 2027 scholarship
year. Here are the details!**

LEGACY AWARDS

The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1, 2026. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. The application deadline is February 1, 2027. Please visit enf.elks.org/Leg for more details and the application link.

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT (MVS) CONTEST:

The 2027 MVS application will be open starting next week, on August 1, 2026. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS.

The application deadline is November 12, 2026.

For any questions, please contact me at mark@markgood.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



Gilroy ELKS Lodge #1567

In Cooperation with Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League

Presents the

20th ANNUAL SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Where? PA Walsh School in Morgan Hill

When? Saturday, October 3, 2026

Hours: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Age Groups: Under 6, 8, 10 Boys & Girls

Objective: Kick 15 Soccer Balls into 5 Different Size Goals

Cost: No cost to parents, players or OVYSL
Come Join the FUN!

ALL PARTICIPANTS will receive a Certificate of Participation!

For more information contact: Mitch Marinovich @ mmarinovich@yahoo.com
OR call 510-504-3720 (c-phone)



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

PURPLE PIG FUNDRAISER

A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!

TICKET PRICE \$35

★ 10/23/2026 ★

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM | **DINNER AT 6:30 PM**

\$5 FROM EACH TICKET SOLD WILL GO TO THE MAJOR PROJECT!

Thank you for supporting our kids!

PRIZES FOR HEAVIEST PIG! | **PRIZES FOR MOST MONEY!** | **DRAWINGS & RAFFLE PRIZES!**

Get Your Ticket Today! | **CONTACT THE ELKS LODGE OFFICE**
★ 408-842-9397 ★
- TO GET YOUR TICKET! -



Sunday October 18, 2026 @ Santa Cruz Elks Lodge

You are invited to attend the Opening Dinner that will kick-off the 400-mile **California Challenge Bike Ride** that begins in Santa Cruz and ends in Port Hueneme.

Santa Cruz and Gilroy Lodges come together to present their Lodge donation from the Freedom Spark Grant to Project Hero, a non-profit organization dedicated to help veterans and first responders affected by PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury) achieve rehabilitation, recovery, and resilience.

This is a great opportunity for members from both Lodges to come together and show their support. For more information about our event see Angela Moore, PAVP, PER.



Photo courtesy of Project Hero: Arroyo Seco Green Bridge - Monterey County

DAILY SCHEDULE

October 18
Santa Cruz, CA
(Registration Day)

October 19
Santa Cruz to Carmel, CA

October 20
Carmel to San Simeon, CA

October 21
San Simeon to Pismo Beach, CA

October 22
Pismo Beach to Solvang, CA

October 23
Solvang to Port Hueneme, CA

October 24
Port Hueneme, CA

RIDE. RECOVER. REBUILD.

PROJECT HERO EMPOWERS VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGH CYCLING, PROVIDING HOPE, HEALING AND RESILIENCE. BY SUPPORTING OUR MISSION, YOU HELP TRANSFORM LIVES, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED.



Scan the QR Code for more info about Project Hero.

Italian NIGHT

11/13/2026

DOORS OPEN @ 5

DINNER @ 6:30

BAND PLAYS 5:30 - 7:30

RAFFLE to follow THE BAND!

\$40 PER PERSON
KIDS UNDER 10 EAT FREE

FOR TICKET INFORMATION CONTACT
GILROY ELKS LODGE
@ 408-842-9397

Music by **THE GONDOLIERS**
aka **THE INTERNATIONALS**



VETERANS CORNER

SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER



During October and November, Donna Manson, with help from several volunteers, coordinates and assembles the display of Lodge members who answered Uncle Sam's call to protect our nation and defend our freedoms. The members of the Gilroy Elks Lodge honors all Veteran Lodge members for their military service with a photo displayed on our Veterans Appreciation & Recognition Wall during November.

To have your name and picture included on the wall, we would like to borrow your picture (in uniform) and make a copy, which will be returned. Here is the basic information Donna needs to include with your picture. Donna would like to receive your information on or before October 15, 2026. This is to have adequate time to prepare the Gilroy Elks Lodge Veterans Appreciation and Recognition Display. The sooner we get your information and picture; we can honor and add your name to the display.

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Service Branch: _____ Years of Service: _____

Where you Served: _____

'So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget'.

You can bring your picture along with this information up to the Lodge.

Fraternally, Donna Manson - Veterans Wall Coordinator



A Blast from the Past

The current Grand Exalted Ruler for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks when he served as President of California Hawaii Elks Association along with First Lady Sandy. visited the home lodge of Association Vice President, Phil Quast for the West Central District. In 2019, Gilroy Lodge was honored to have hosted the CHEA President Tim Jaegar and First Lady Sandy and the future Grand Exalted Ruler to our Cook-Your-Own Dinner event.



Pictured (L to R) Angela Moore ER & PAVP,
Tim Jaegar GER, Sandy Jaegar First Lady,
Phil Quast PAVP & PER



Gilroy Elks Lodge Landscape Clean-up Day

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026, - 8AM TO NOON

Let's brighten up our exterior landscape of the Lodge!

Sign-up at our Wednesday night dinners or
call the office to get your volunteer time signed up for.

(408) 842-9397



Bring your rakes, hedge trimmers, weed whackers

On Thursday August 6, was the Gilroy College Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony "*From Gratitude to Greatness*" where Gilroy Elks Lodge presented the Occupational Therapy Scholarship to this year's recipient, **Britney Prieto**.

Unfortunately, Britney was unable to attend the ceremony, and the scholarship award certificate from the Lodge was accepted by Anna Quinones, financial aid coordinator of Gavilan College on behalf of Ms. Prieto.



*Save the Date to
Ring in 2027
at the
Gilroy Elks Lodge
New Year's Eve Gala Event
December 31, 2026
More Details to Follow*

THE GARLIC PRESS - SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AUGUST 31	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	3 SCOUTS MEETING	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	8 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	9 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHILI COLORADO DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON PATRIOTISM WEEK	10 SCOUTS MEETING	11 PATRIOTS DAY OBSERVANCE 	12
13 NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY CORN HOLE	14	15	16 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON DDGER JEFF SANCHEZ VISIT	17 SCOUTS MEETING	18 NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY US AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	19
20	21	22 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION FALL EQUINOX WED. DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	23 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: TOP SIRLOIN	24 SCOUTS MEETING	25 RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM 	26
27 GOOD STAR MOM'S & FAMILY'S DAY PICNIC AT ONE STEP CLOSER CORN HOLE	28	29	30 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: MEAT LASAGNA DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	OCT. 1 SCOUTS MEETING	2	3

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

9/6 TO 9/12 – MITCHELL MARINOVICH
 9/13 TO 9/19 – ANGELA MOORE
 9/20 TO 9/26 – JULIA JONES
 9/27 TO 10/3 – WALTER MARTINEZ

Special Notes:

- Reservations are always urged. Cutoff time for Wednesday Night dinner is 12:00 Noon. When reserving a table of 6 or more prepayment of whole table must be done by one party. Lodge Phone (408) 842-9397.**
- Some events listed on the calendar may be purchased in advance by cash, check or credit card.
- Duty Officers are responsible to find replacement officer if you cannot cover your week.

"SUBJECT TO CHANGE"

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Andrew Slevin and **Michael Slevin** are the newest members initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday, July 22. When you see these new members at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give our new members a warm welcome to Gilroy Lodge and encourage them to participate in Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R): Todd Bruce, Tiler, Patrick Psaila, Esquire, Walter Martinez, Trustee, Steve McGinnis, Lecturing Knight, New Members Michael and Andrew Slevin, Danny Mitchell, ER, Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, Larry Brager, Inner Guard



THE GARLIC PRESS - OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEPT. 27	28	29	30	OCT. 1 SCOUTS MEETING	2	3 PA WALSH SCHOOL MORGAN HILL - SOCCER SHOOT
4	5	6	7 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	8 SCOUTS MEETING	9	10
11	12	13 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	14 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	15 SCOUTS MEETING	16	17
18 PROJECT HERO @ SANTA CRUZ LODGE 	19	20	21 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI SOCCER AWARDS FAMILY NIGHT WED. DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	22 SCOUTS MEETING	23 LAST RIB NIGHT FOR 2026 & PURPLE PIG NIGHT 	24 6 MONTH BUDGET REVIEW 9AM PHIL QUAST ROOM
25 	26	27 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	28 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: CHICKEN TERIYAKI DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	29 SCOUTS MEETING	30	31 HALLOWEEN 

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

10/4 TO 10/10 - LORRAINE MCLANE
 10/11 TO 10/17 - DANNY MITCHELL
 10/18 TO 10/24 - PATRICK PSAILA
 10/25 TO 10/31 - LARRY BRAGER

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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. **May hidden number reveal is #4288 - Tom Read.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

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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 as one of the top venues in Gilroy to hold weddings.



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Announcement



September 2 Social Night
 September 7 Office Closed – Labor Day
 September 8 Officer, House and Trustee Meetings
 September 9 Lodge Meeting
 September 16 Social Night & DDGER Visitation
 September 22 New Member Orientation
 September 23 Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
 September 25 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,
 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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LODGE OFFICE HOURS

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Monday - Friday
Weekdays

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Calls after 3:00 PM will
 be returned the next
 business day.



GILROY ELKS LODGE

Presents

Back to School Rib Night on the Hill

Want a great fall-off-the-bone BBQ Rib Dinner with Salad, Baked Potato, Chili Beans, Garlic Bread and Ice Cream for dessert prepared by the world-renowned Rib Night cooking crew at the Lodge?

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

Doors Open at 5:00pm **Dinner Served 6:30pm**

Price is \$30.00 per person Rib or Chicken

Salmon Price \$35.00 per person

Reservations are required by Wednesday, Sept. 23 so the rib crew can purchase and prepare enough rib, chicken or salmon dinners. Chicken or Salmon is available by only special request when making reservations

Call 408-842-9367

Open to Elk Members and their Guests

