



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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OCTOBER 2026

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Oktoberfest

GOOD FOOD • GREAT MUSIC • GOOD TIMES

10/25/2026

DOORS OPEN	DINNER SERVICE	BAND PLAYS
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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FOR TICKETS CONTACT
GILROY ELKS LODGE
408-842-9397

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EIN PROSIT! CHEERS TO GOOD TIMES!



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello, Fellow Elk Members.

The heat wave of September is behind us but we took some time to clean-up the areas around the Lodge and on the driveway to better present our beautiful setting at your Lodge. I thank all of you who volunteered to help with this project.

Come check it out and join us for Wednesday night dinners as we move into the fall months here at the Lodge. Would love to see you members we don't see very often.

I am always available to hear from any members about ideas you might have for me to improve your Lodge participation. We welcome new ideas as well as constructive critique to help us improve.

Please check out the calendar of events for October and November and find something you would like to support by volunteering or just participating as a member. We look forward to seeing more of you.

We still have Lodge Officer positions open here at your Lodge. The Lodge year is half over but we could use your support for the balance of this year to make your Lodge run better.

I can be reached at **dm.elk1567@gmail.com** with your interest or call me at **(831) 444-1749**. Look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

God's blessings,

Danny Mitchell ER

Elks Care - Elks Share

MEETING CHANGE NOTIFICATION

I will be attending and representing Gilroy Lodge at the midterm conference being held in Burbank from November 6th through 8th. I want to change our OHT meeting to Tuesday 11/3 and the lodge meeting to 11/4. On Wednesday 11/11 we would have our social night dinner. Don't forget 11/18 is our annual Adopt-a-Veteran night dinner to recognize our veterans and show appreciation for their service.

Fraternally, *Danny Mitchell ER*

Take Back Unneeded or Expired Medications Day is Saturday October 31, 2026

The Elks DAP promotes a take-back of unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications. The goal of the program is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means for disposing of prescription drugs while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. For more information and to find a drop-off location, go to dea.gov/takebackday. If you miss this one-day event this month, don't worry. The DEA provides a search engine to seek out year-round disposal locations near your Lodge. The search engine allows you to search a 5-, 10-, 20-, or 50-mile radius from your Lodge. Go to deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug disposal to find disposal locations. This bi-annual event provides a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications, helping to prevent drug misuse and abuse.

The CVS Pharmacies in Gilroy and Morgan Hill have drop boxes where you can safely dispose of unused and expired medications.

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!

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

Thank you for supporting our kids!

Elks USA 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

\$40 PER PERSON
KIDS UNDER 10 EAT FREE

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

DINNER MENU
ANTI PASTO, CHICKEN CACCIATORE, PASTA CON PESTO, ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP, SPUMONI & SURPRISE AFTER DINNER LIQUOR

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
"FISHABILITY" - CITY OF GILROY ADAPTIVE RECREATION
CHAIRMAN BY FELLOW ELK AND CHEF DAVE BOZZO
AND GILROY ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

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 honor 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.

Donna Manson - Veterans Wall Coordinator



GILROY ELKS LODGE

**Will be honoring Veterans and Members
on Active and Reserve Duty at the Annual
Veterans' Night Appreciation & Recognition Dinner**

"Adopt-A-Vet"

on Wednesday November 18, 2026 with

All cash donations received and designated for "Adopt-a-Vet" from October 9 through November 13 will be used to help offset the cost of the Veterans' meals as our way to say

"Thank You for Your Service"

Danny Mitchell ~ Event Chair



**WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA**

PROUD SUPPORTER

Gilroy Elks Lodge is a proud supporter of the **Wreaths Across America** and matches the cost of the first 50 Wreaths purchased.

- **Remember** The Fallen,
- **Honor** Those Who Serve,
- **Teach** the next generation the value of Freedom.

**December 14, 2026
Cost of each Wreath \$17.00**

See Rosemary Anderson (USAF) for more information

This year the PERs of West Central District sponsored the annual Family Picnic that was held at Monterey Lodge. The weatherman cooperated with nice blue sky and comfortable temperatures, despite the fires raging below Big Sur. The pool was open and the services of a lifeguard was engaged to make sure everyone using the pool was safe. The cooking crew for the picnic served up the usual American picnic food of hamburgers and hot dogs, but added a selection of salads, pasta along with the dessert. Gift baskets donated by each Lodge were raffled throughout the afternoon and the Jenga Challenge was a big hit. It was a great social event and wonderful seeing Elks from the West Coast District. It was a fun afternoon to spend with good friends and food. Watch in your newsletter for the picnic date to make plans to attend the 2027 WCD Family Picnic.

Mitch Marinovich PER & WCD Public Relations Chair



PLEASE NOTE:

Italian Night Dinner Tickets Go on Sale **October 15th** • 40.00 Adults / Kids Under 10 Eat Free

Tickets are \$85 each
Doors open at 5PM
Prime Rib and Chicken Marsala Dinner
Live Music
and a 12AM New Year Toast

RSVP (408) 842-9397
By December 15, 2026

Open to Elks members and their guests

2027

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

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.**
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- Duty Officers are responsible to find replacement officer if you cannot cover your week.

"SUBJECT TO CHANGE"

Gilroy Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler, Danny Mitchell
 and Mark Turner, Mayor of Morgan Hill, CA.
 Noting Patriotism Week with the Mayor's Proclamation.

Mark and Danny were
 privileged to have had
 the honor of placing a
 wreath at the Tomb of
 the Unknown Soldier
 in recent past.



THE GARLIC PRESS - NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV. 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	2	3 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	34 LODGE MEETING MENU: TBA	5 SCOUTS MEETING	6	7
			DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON		GILROY LODGE ATTENDING MIDTERM CONFERENCE IN BURBANK	
8	9	10 US MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY	11 SOCIAL NIGHT OFFICIAL VETERANS DAY MENU: STEAK	12 SCOUTS MEETING	13 ITALIAN THEME NIGHT DINNER	14
GILROY LODGE ATTENDING MIDTERM CONFERENCE IN BURBANK			DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON			
15	16	17	18 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: TBA	19 SCOUTS MEETING	20	21 DECOATE THE LODGE FOR HOLIDAYS
		VETERANS APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER	DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON			
22	23	24	25 LODGE DARK NO MEETING	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  NO SCOUTS MEETING	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30	DEC. 1	2	3	4	5

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

11/1 TO 11/07	ALEX HERNANDEZ
11/08 TO 11/14	STEVE MCGINNIS
11/15 TO 11/21	MITCHELL MARINOVICH
11/22 TO 11/28	TODD BRUCE

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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 #2735 - Richard Freedman.** 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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San Martin, CA 95046

Announcement



October 3 20th Annual Soccer Shoot
 October 7 Social Night
 October 13 Officer, House and Trustee Meetings
 October 14 Lodge Meeting
 October 18 Project Hero @ Santa Cruz Lodge
 October 21 Social Night & DDGER Visitation
 October 27 New Member Orientation
 October 28 Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
 October 30 Rib Night & Purple Pig Fundraiser

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

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567
 P.O. Box 488
 Gilroy, CA 95021-0488

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LODGE OFFICE HOURS

**BUSINESS OFFICE
 Monday - Friday
 Weekdays**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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



GILROY ELKS LODGE Presents

The Last Rib Night Dinner For 2026 & Purple Pig Fundraiser

*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, OCTOBER 23, 2026

2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

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

Price is \$35.00 per person Rib or Chicken

Salmon Price \$40.00 per person

**Reservations are required by Wednesday, Oct. 21 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 your reservation.**

Call the Lodge Office: 408-842-9367

Open to Elk Members and their Guests