



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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PRESENTS

SINATRA, MY WAY... SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

Bar Opens 5:00pm

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

Menu prepared by **ANITA SCIUTTO** and **ELAINE BONINO** includes Sinatra's Favorite Dishes and a Speciality Drink.

- **RELISH PLATE** (*Antipasti*)
- **CEASAR SALAD** (*Insalatini delli Impertore Ceasar Salad*)
- **CHICKEN SINATRA** (*El Pollo Vesuvio*)
(*Chicken Roasted with Potatoes and Peas in a Lemon Wine Sauce*)
- **LEMON RICOTTA CAKE** (*Dolci Lemon Ricotta Cake*)



**Featuring the music of Frank Sinatra
performed by JOHN MICHAEL**

TICKETS: \$40.00

Open to Elks Members and their Guests.

Reservations are required for this event, please call the Office at (408) 842-9397.



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A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

My My My, we are starting off a new Lodge year with a bang! Last month in March we had a great scholarship fund raiser concert on St Patrick's Day by the Pacific Brass Band conducted by our member and band leader Jim O'Briant. Thank you for organizing a wonderful event.

Coming up on the heels of this event on Friday April 19, is the Sinatra My-Way fund raiser featuring John Michael singing Frank Sinatra's hits and the caterers serving Sinatra's favorite menu selections. The event chaired by Sam and Judy Bozzo supported by their team of volunteers who all stepped up to make this Lodge Scholarship Fund Raiser a memorable event. So, to not be disappointed and miss the dinner and the evening's entertainment, be sure to call in and make your reservations.

On March 6 we had three fifth grade students from Ms. Niki Estacio and Ms. Marlene Manzo from Rucker School who wrote their Americanism Essay on the Grand Lodge Essay Theme of "What the Bill of Rights Mean to Me?" These teachers do a great job inspiring their students to develop their writing and critical thinking skills. Also, quick shout out to thank PER Mitch Marinovich for chairing the Americanism committee for our Lodge.

You may not know it, but our Lodge is run by Volunteers, both members and officers and without all their support we could not continue to have a positive impact in our community. So we can be known as a Great Lodge in Elkdom and earn accolades and be recognized again as an All-American Lodge Nationally and in CHEA. We need new officers who are willing to step up and help on the management side, either as a Lodge officer or as a committee chairperson or as a committee member with new and fresh ideas. Yes, there is an obligation on your time, I will not deny or sugar coat this. Let us all continue to work together to keep our Lodge great and be known as the "Friendliest Lodge in Elkdom."

Gilroy Lodge applied for four ENF Grants to help different organizations in our community. I need members to please give me feedback on where we can best use this years' grant monies here in the community that can use the support of the Elks.

Now as I embark on another year as leader of our great Lodge. I need input and help from you, the members of Gilroy Lodge, with your ideas and suggestions about what events we need to do, and which ones we should pass on this year. This is a team effort, let us make this another great year! God Bless and see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally, Angela Moore ER/PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

2022-2023 ALL AMERICAN LODGE



ER/PER ANGELA MOORE presented **JIM O'BRIANT** at the Pacific Brass Band's 2024 St Patrick's Day Concert the *CHEA Special Citation Award* for First Place in Division 1 for the Single Best Event Brochure with a copy of the brochure for the Pacific Brass Band Scholarship Fundraiser Concert.



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.

Thank You!

to our Sponsors, who make this event possible!



Thank you to our Sponsors and Donors of the St Patrick's Day Pacific Brass Band Scholarship Fundraiser event. And to everyone who came up to the Lodge and enjoyed the concert.

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Veterans' Corner by David Marano, PER & USN Veteran

The South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District/Gilroy Vets Hall is hosting a Veterans Resource Fair on Saturday, June 1 from 9am to 1pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, 74 West 6th Street in Gilroy. We already have Santa Clara County Office of Veteran Services, the VA Mobile Medical Outreach Team, Combat Vets Motorcycle Association Chapter 33-4, and PGA Hope is planning to be here.

Veteran Recognition Wall Coordinator ~ Donna Manson

To recognize and commemorate the service of our brother and sister Elks who are also veterans and to foster a sense of community, we would like to add your name to our recognition wall that will be on display in November.

Please provide our Lodge Veterans Wall Coordinator, Donna Manson with the following information:

Branch of Service, period of service and final rank at discharge. Please do supply a picture of yourself in your uniform that we can have copied, to be included in the display at the Lodge. You can drop the information off at the Lodge office during business hours. All original pictures will be promptly returned.

American Flag Retirement Box ~ Christine West

Did you know that Gilroy Veterans Hall has a Flag Retirement Drop Box? You can drop your tattered, worn, and faded flags to be honorably retired. The VFW Post 6309 works with the Gilroy Scouts to regularly retire flags through a flag burning ceremony. The drop box is located just inside the front door to the right. The building is typically open weekdays from 8:30am to 8:00pm and weekends from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mother's Day Breakfast
May 12, 2024



Father's Day Breakfast
June 16, 2024

More information to follow.

We need All Hands-on Deck to make these two popular Gilroy Elk Lodge community events a continued fundraising success for our Lodge. Without the volunteers' help, these events would not be possible. Please call or see one of us at the Lodge so we can plan the staffing for both events.

New Members, this is a great opportunity to meet and talk with other members.

Angela Moore ER/PER or Mitch Marinovich PER

Americanism Essay Contest Winners

The three top American Essay Writers and the families were treated to dinner at the Lodge and the writers read their essays to an audience of 60 Elk members and guests. The top three essays were selected by a review panel made up of three Elk Members and two Non-Elk members from the community. The top three essays the committee selected from the twenty-eight received were written by fifth grade students at Rucker Elementary School in Gilroy. These essays were published in the March issue of the Garlic Press. The theme for this year's Americanism Essay was "What the Bill of Rights mean to me?" All essay participants received Certificate of Participation, an American Flag Pencil along with a Pledge of Allegiance bookmark. The teachers also received a Certificate of Participation from the Lodge Americanism committee to recognize their support of the Elks Americanism Essay Contest.



Pictured (L to R) Mitchell Marinovich PER & Americanism Chair, Niki Estacio, Teacher, Brayden Ferrara, Jaxon Posey, Angela Moore ER/PER, Linda Diakova, and Marlene Manzo, Teacher

Americanism Essay Contest Update

In the March edition of the Garlic Press the three top Americanism essays were published for the Lodge membership to read. The students authored their essay on the theme of "What the Bill of Rights mean to Me." The students, their families, teachers along the with school principal joined us to hear these students from Rucker School read their essays at the Americanism Essay Family Night Awards Dinner held at the Lodge. The District Chair has notified us, and I am pleased to announce, the essay written by **Linda Diakova** was judged in the essay contest for the fifth-grade division for CHEA as first place! Linda's essay has now been forwarded to Chicago to compete with other fifth graders at the National Level. **Congratulations Linda, on a job well done.**



Mitch Marinovich PER & Lodge Americanism Chair



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 #4077 was Bruce Hachtmann.**

THE GARLIC PRESS - APRIL CALENDAR

FINAL

APRIL 2024

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MARCH 31	APRIL 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY NEW LODGE YEAR	2 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	3 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: GERMAN DINNER	4 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	5	6
7 NATIONAL BEER DAY  PER ASSOCIATION MEETING @ GILROY	8	9 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NAT'L GIN & TONIC DAY OHT MEETING	10 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN PARMESAN	11 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	12	13
14	15	16 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NATIONAL HUSBAND APPRECIATION DAY	17 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI STEAK RESERVATION FOR SINATRA MY WAY EVENT 2:00PM	18 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	19 FRANK SINATRA MY WAY FUNDRAISER  NATIONAL GARLIC DAY	20 DD CLINIC AT MONTEREY LODGE
21	22	23 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	24 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: STEAK RIB NITE RESERVATIONS CUTOFF 2:00PM	25 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM	26 RIB NIGHT 	27 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK DAY
28	29	30 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	MAY 1	2	3	4

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

3/31 TO 4/6 - TBD
 4/7 TO 4/13 - TBD
 4/14 TO 4/20 - TBD
 4/21 TO 4/27 - TBD
 4/28 TO 5/4 - TBD

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

Six new members were initiated into the Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday, February 4. When you see these new members at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give the new members a warm Gilroy Lodge welcome and encourage them to participate in the Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R) Barry Bowlds, Inner Guard, Alex Hernandez, PER & Treasurer, Trevor Rock, Angela Moore ER/PER, Vicki Sakamoto Benson, Jeff Johnson, Tiler, David Marano, PER & Trustee Chair, Mitch Marinovich PER & Loyal Knight, Bryan Aquino, Evan "Skip" Bloom, Steve Johnson, not pictured Jay Johnson.






THE GARLIC PRESS - MAY CALENDAR

TENTATIVE

MAY 2024

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
APRIL 28	29	30 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	MAY 1 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CHILE VERDE MOTHER GOOSE DAY	2 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	3	4
5	6	7 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	8 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN TERIYAKI	9 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	10	11 PREP FOR MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
12 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 	13	14 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	15 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI STEAK	16 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	17	18 WORLD WHISKEY DAY 
CHEA STATE CONFERENCE – FRESNO, CA						
19	20	21 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	22 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: NY STEAK RIB NITE RESERVATIONS CUTOFF 2:00PM	23 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM	24 RIB NIGHT 	25
26	27	28 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	29 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: PORK CHOPS	30 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM	31	JUNE 1

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Take Back Unneeded or Expired Medications Day is Saturday, April 27.

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.

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



Announcement



April 3	Social Night
April 9	Officer House and Trustee Meeting
April 10	Lodge Meeting
April 17	Social Night
April 19	Sinatra My Way Fund Raiser Event
April 20DD Clinic – Monterey Lodge
April 23	New Member Orientation
April 24Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
April 26Rib Night

REMINDER:
Reservations are requested: Call (408) 842-9397

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
Contact Lodge Secretary

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!!!

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