



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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APRIL 2026

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**Gilroy Elks Lodge # 1567
and Exalted Ruler Danny Mitchell and his Corp of Officers
cordially invite you to attend
the Installation of our New Corp of Officers
on Sunday, April 12, 2026 starting at 3pm**

OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:00pm – Social Hour

4:00pm – Installation of Officers

5:00pm – Buffet Dinner

Featuring:

**Roast Beef – Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Steamed Vegetables – Green Salad – Pasta Salad – Garlic Bread
Dessert**

Dinner – \$25.00 per guest

Please RSVP to our Lodge Office by April 9, 2026

(408) 842-9397

Or

Email at: gilelkoffice@garlic.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS • EFFECTIVE APRIL 8, 2026

The Wednesday and Rib Night dinner service will start one-half hour earlier at 6:30 pm.

Danny Mitchell Exalted Ruler and Lodge House Committee



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello, Elk Members.

My year as your Exalted Ruler begins. I want to thank my fellow Elk members who came out to support me in the election for this position. I will do my best to represent all our 310+ members of this Lodge.

I will start by soliciting your concerns and suggestions as to how we can make your membership as an Elk a successful one. Please reach out to me at our Wednesday night dinners. We will start at 6:30pm from now on. This is an earlier time slot than in the past. I hope this will allow more of our members to consider joining us for dinner.

We all joined the Elks for a reason, so please come out and share those reasons and ideas to make your membership an active one, and a rewarding one.

To the incoming officers: you have my respect and my support. Lead with courage, listen deeply, communicate plainly, and stay faithful to the Obligation.

My wife, Nita and I, look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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

Hope to see you and hear from you. Let us make this a great Elk's calendar year.

God's blessings,

Fraternally, *Danny Mitchell ER*

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

BEQUESTS AND LIVING TRUSTS LEGACY GIVING MADE SIMPLE

Have you ever wondered what Bequests and Living Trusts (BLT) Legacy is all about? It's really very simple. These are gifts made to help fund the Major Project. One way to think of BLT is to compare it to ENF. Funds that go to BLT provide future dollars to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. When the monies raised through the purple piggy banks are insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to the children, the BLT Legacy Giving Program is there to meet that need.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Pig work hand-in-hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii. To learn more, contact our Lodge Secretary at gilsec@garlic.com or 408-842-9397.

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Leave your card at home? No problem!

- 1 Go to Elks.org and click on "login"
- 2 Create an account or login
- 3 Click on [Digital Membership Card](#)

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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.

59th Gilroy Elks Lodge Ladies Fashion Show "50's Sock Hop"

The 59th Gilroy Elks Lodge Ladies Fashion Show with the theme "50's Sock Hop" is now in the history books. This great fund raiser event was started in 1963 by Dortha Brodersen as a way for this Lodge to help support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The team who organized this year's event were; **First Lady Caroline Parker, Rose Hernandez and Courtney Blake-Little.** I want to acknowledge everyone who directly and indirectly participated and most of all, the guests, without which this event would not be a success.

Organizing Committee: **Bruce Parker, Alex Hernandez, Sam Bozzo, Steve McGinnis, odd Bruce, Julia Brodersen, Pamela Erickson, Julia Jones, Mary Barber, Mary Garcia, Phyllis Berger, Courtney Blake Little, Rose Hernandez and Caroline Parker**

Vendors: **Alpaca Peruvian Headquarters, Mrs. B's, Nordstrom Rack, Princess Boutique, and Mainstream Boutique**

Raffle prizes were generously donated by merchants, **Alpaca Headquarters, Habitat for Humanity, Mrs. B's, Mainstream Boutique, IMX Pilates Studios, Vintage Rose Antiques, Old City Hall, Rosy's at the Beach, Guglielmo Winery and Merchants of San Juan Bautista**

The special door prizes were a handmade quilt by Nancy Marano and a two-night stay at the Anaheim Hotel and Water Park from Heather Brodersen

Member donations: **Darryl & Donna Manson, Nancy Marano, Mel & Beverly Baker, Julia Brodersen, Mike Hughes, Dave & Peggy Hartwig, Rose & Alex Hernandez, Courtney Blake Little and Bruce & Caroline Parker**

Models: **Melinda Hattaway, Kylie Jean Silvia Bessom, Bryce Nielsen, Heather Brodersen, Rochelle Digman, Phoebe Digman, Evangeline Barber, Lily Fiorito, Fran Hopkins, Rachelle Stanley, Ed Stanley and Dalal Bibi. A special thank you to the little models Avery Mendoza, Charli Marie Creer and Laurie' Stanley**

Music provided by **DJ HIM** Beverage crew: **Erin Evanger and Joel Myrick**

Hair styling: **Mary Lou Amaro, Julia Hernandez and Alexia Salcido**

Sponsors: **Western Tree Nursery, Desmon Hernandez Photobooth, Edward Boss Prado Foundation, and John Giancola**

Catering: by **Chef Troy Garcia of Heavy's Catering**

Front office: **Sandy Cranford and Christine McElroy**

Elks: **Bruce Parker, Mitch Marinovich, Sam Bozzo, Larry Brager, Steve McGinnis, Steve Mayne, Alex Hernandez and Mike Hughes.**

If anyone was left out of this list, it is an unintentional oversight with sincerest apologies.

I thank everyone for all your support in making this event a success,

First Lady Caroline Parker

Elks Care - Elks Share



UPCOMING EVENTS

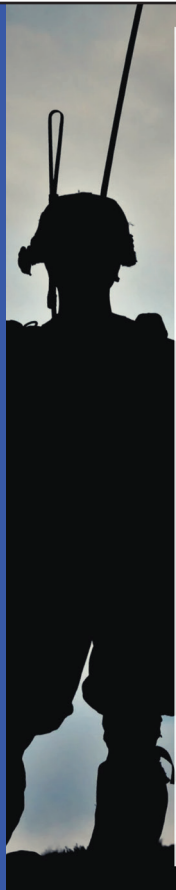
VETERANS CORNER

ARMED FORCES OBSERVANCE DAY

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May, which falls this year on May 16, 2026.

It is a day to pay tribute to the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May. Observances are days to celebrate or remember an event, similar to holidays. While holidays usually grant a day off work, observances do not.

God Bless, Protect and watch over our Troops.



JOIN US FOR
Mother's Day Brunch

Honor and Treat Mom at the Gilroy Elks Lodge
May 10, 2026

Cost at the Door: Adults \$26, Children 3 to 12 - \$16, Under 3 Free
Serving 8:30am to 12:30pm
Reservations: Table of 6 or more must be Reserved. Call the Lodge office at: (408) 842-9397

MENU
Buffet Brunch to include:
Pancakes, Hash Browns and Toast, Sausage or Bacon, Scrambles Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Martinelli Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk, Other Beverages

SAVE THE DATE
GILROY ELKS LODGE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLAY 18 HOLES FOR \$100 PER PERSON INCLUDED IN THE FEE,
BEST BALL, HOT DOG ON THE TURN
BALL LAUNCHER ON HOLE 17
SPORTS MEMORABILIA FOR SALE
LUNCH SERVED AT THE LODGE AFTER THE EVENT
PASTA, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

GILROY GOLF COURSE

AT **23rd MAY, 2026** TICKET
8AM SATURDAY \$100

For Tee-Time reservations call :
Steve McGinnis (408) 710-9610



FATHER'S DAY CHARITY BREAKFAST

at
The Gilroy Elks Lodge on the Hill
2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2026

Serving Breakfast from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Door Price: Adults-\$26.00
Children 3 to 12-\$16.00 • Under 3-Free



Reservation for table of 6 or more requires payment by one party by June 17th
All Guests must be present to be seated.
Tables are held for 10 minutes from seating time

For Reservations and Information call Lodge Office 408-842-9397

Dedication Ceremony – Phil Quast Room

The Gilroy Elks Lodge room that was once known to all as the Members Lounge, or as the Mt Madonna Room or simply as the Madonna Room is now officially renamed and dedicated to the honor the memory and legacy of Phil Quast for his past service and dedication to the order. Going forward this room shall henceforth be known as the Phil Quast Room.

Phil was initiated into the order on October 10, 1984, and was a dedicated long-time member for 40 years. In 2022 Phil received honorary life membership for all his work. Over the years, Phil held several offices and was chairman of many different committees and events the Elks members participated, including the Mushroom Mardi Gras and the Gilroy Garlic Festival. Phil served as a 2-time PER and Association Vice President. Using his organizational skills as a detail-oriented pharmacist Phil or as many also knew him as Dr. Pill, was always willing to share his vast knowledge as he mentored many Elks over the years.



*Mitch Marinovich PER &
Garlic Press Newsletter Editor*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS




Three new members were initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday February 25, 2026. 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):
Patrick Psaila, Esquire, Sam Bozzo, Chaplain,
Trevor Rock, Trustee, Bruce Parker, ER,
Danny Mitchell, Trustee, New Members,
Taylor Pollard, Jodi Barr, Patricia Maroudas,
John Fancher, Trustee, Alex Hernandez, PER*

THE GARLIC PRESS - APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MARCH 29	30	31 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	APRIL 1 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK APRIL FOOLS DAY FIRST DAY OF NEW LODGE YEAR	2 SCOUTS MEETING	3 GOOD FRIDAY 	4
5 EASTER 	6	7 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	8 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA	9 SCOUTS MEETING	10	11
12 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LODGE UNIFORM	13	14 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	15 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI TAX DAY	16 SCOUTS MEETING	17	18 9AM DDGER CLINIC AT @ SUNNYVALE LODGE (TEMPORARY HOME OF SANTA CLARA)
19 BRUNCH ON THE HILL 9AM TO 1PM NATIONAL GARLIC DAY	20	21 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	22 LODGE MEETING & INITATION (TUXEDO) MENU: CHILI VERDE RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	23 SCOUTS MEETING	24 RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM 	25 NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY
26	27	28 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	29 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: BEEF STEW	30 SCOUTS MEETING	MAY 1	2

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 3/29 TO 4/4 - DANNY MITCHELL
- 4/5 TO 4/11 - STEVE MAYNE
- 4/12 TO 4/18 - LARRY BRAGER
- 4/19 TO 4/25 - PATRICK PSAILA

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”

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. **March hidden number reveal is #4324 - Susan Miyata.** 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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THE GARLIC PRESS - MAY CALENDAR

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1 G	2
3	4	5 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	6 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	7 SCOUTS MEETING	9	9 PREP FOR MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST
10 MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST 	11	12 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	13 LODGE MEETING MENU: ENCHILADAS	14 SCOUTS MEETING	15	16 ARMED FORCES OBSERVANCE DAY
MAY 13-16 CALIFORNIA HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - PALM SPRINGS, CA						
17 BRUNCH ON THE HILL 9AM TO 1PM	18	19 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	20 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI	21 SCOUTS MEETING	22 RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM 	23 GILROY LODGE GOLF TOURNAMENT UNOFFICIAL KICK OFF WEEKEND TO MEMORIAL DAY.
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	27 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: PULLED PORK SANDWICHES	28 SCOUTS MEETING	29	30
31						

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 4/26 TO 5/2 - TREVOR ROCK
- 5/3 TO 5/9 - TINA MARTINEZ
- 5/10 TO 5/16 - JENNY JUD
- 5/17 TO 5/23 - STEVE McGINNIS
- 5/24 TO 5/31 - JOHN FANCHER & JULIA JONES

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ENF GRATITUDE GRANT SUPPORTS GAVILAN COLLEGE FOOD PANTRY

Gilroy Elks Lodge, 1567 used \$1,000 of the ENF Gratitude Grant to help support the Gavilan College Food Pantry where students currently enrolled in classes can select certain food supplies to help relieve hunger issues college students may experience. The funds received go a long way to help purchase food supplies for the student population of close to 10,000 who are located at two different campus locations. A noteworthy item to mention is Angela Moore is an employee of the on-campus Student Food Pantry. She is also the

Association Vice President from the West Central District and a PER of Gilroy Lodge. Angela does see firsthand the benefit students receive by having the on-campus food pantry. To quote Angela about the purpose behind the College for having the food pantry on campus, albeit a small food pantry for the students: "they can better concentrate on their studies not having to worry about hunger issues."



Pictured (L to R): Shannon Gasper, Angela Moore AVP, Anette Guitierrez, Yuma Pacheco-Garnica, Frank Angelino, Dr. Pedro Avila Gavilan College President and Dr. Fayek

Announcement



- April 1..... Social Night
- April 7..... Officer House & Trustee Meeting
- April 8..... Lodge Meeting
- April 12..... Installation of Officers
- April 15..... Social Night
- April 21..... New Member Orientation
- April 22..... Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
- April 24..... Rib Night
- April 29..... Social 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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Gilroy, CA 95021-0488

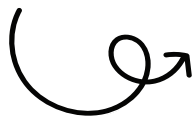
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LODGE OFFICE HOURS

**BUSINESS OFFICE
Monday - Friday
Weekdays**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

Play Ball

Gilroy Elks Lodge invested in a favorite American pastime with the youth of our community by supporting an All-Girls Little League team of 12 young athletes called the "Bandits".

