



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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JULY 2026

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July 4 Fireworks Fund Raiser



If you or your neighbors need Fireworks for your 4th of July Celebration
Come Support Gilroy Elks Lodge • Safe and Sane TNT Fireworks

Where: 7940 Monterey Road, Gilroy, California

Dates: Wednesday, July 1 through Saturday, July 4

Hours: 9:00 AM to 10:00 pm



To purchase fireworks, you must be a resident of Gilroy and over 18.
Other restrictions by the City of Gilroy may apply.





A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello, Fellow Elk Members.

As we move into the summer months here at your Gilroy Elks Lodge be sure to check out the enclosed monthly calendars and see what is going on. Note that some of the Lodge events require members to volunteer to help support our fundraising efforts, so come sign up the volunteer sheet and make your Elks membership much more rewarding.

Your Lodge enjoyed a successful Golf Tournament and were able to net after expenses about \$3,000 for our Scholarship fund this year. Officers Steve McGinnis, Todd Bruce and Walter Martinez, we thank you for your hard work making this happen. We honored our American Flag on our Wednesday, June 17th Lodge Social Dinner Night. Our thanks to our Local Scouts for their participation as well as Lodge Officers for celebrating our wonderful American Flag.

Reminder our Wednesday night dinners start at 6:30pm now so we hope this will expand our turnout for dinner. On social nights, come early to socialize, enjoy dinner at 6:30pm and get home at an early hour to spend with your families. On Lodge Meeting Nights feel free to join your Lodge Officers in the Lodge Room as they conduct the business operations etc. of your Gilroy Elks Lodge.

We continue to properly complete the By-Laws Amendment to also move our Lodge Floor meetings from the current 8:00pm timeline to a 7:30pm timeline. Must get proper authorization from Grand Lodge.

Wish us luck!

Enjoy your summer and set aside a few Wednesday evenings to join us for Elk Fellowship.

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. Let's make this a great summer!!

God's blessings, *Danny Mitchell ER*

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

2026 marks a historical milestone for the Elks National Convention that is being held in Chicago. **The Elks will celebrate the 100th Year Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial.**

During the Grand Lodge convention there will be an unforgettable celebration honoring a century of service, unity, inspiring events, exhibits and Elkdom pride.

Safe Travels to our Exalted Ruler as he attends and represents Gilroy Lodge at the Grand Lodge National Convention in Chicago.



UPCOMING EVENTS

West Central District

FAMILY PICNIC

Sponsored by the WCD PER Association

Monterey Lodge #1285
150 Mar Vista Drive
Monterey, CA

Directions




ADMISSION: Adults \$10 / Children under 12 \$5

FOOD • GAMES • PRIZES • SWIMMING POOL

Open to all Elk Members, their families and guests

SUNDAY AUGUST 23 • 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Call (831) -373-1285 to RSVP by 2:30 pm August 20

Elks Baseball Event



Sunday, August 9, 2026

San Jose Giants versus the Stockton ports

Ticket Price \$72 each

Includes entry to the game, our own special seating area, and a meal ticket for an entree, a side and one beverage

Gates open at 3:30 PM

First pitch at 5 PM

(Games usually last 2 1/2 to 3 hours)

For more information or to order tickets call:

Frank Angelino 415-944-0032

or John Fancher 408-889-3152

If you have not paid your 2026 - 2027 membership dues, PLEASE ACT NOW!

Please take the time to call the office at 408 842-9397 so we can help you pay your dues with a credit card over the phone, or you can come to the office and pay with cash or check. The dues this year are \$238.00. We don't want to lose you and do not want you to miss out on all our Lodge has to offer - fellowship, events, dinners! Our State President, Scott Stephens, announced that even though members may have been dropped from the rolls March 31st, they still have a 60-day grace period to pay their dues without penalty, without reapplying and without losing any years or titles.

Just a warning, if you do not wish to see your name included and published in the August Garlic Press, please see our Lodge Secretary asap to remit your dues your name removed from the list of members with delinquent dues.

Fraternally Steve G. Mayne PDDGER & Lodge Secretary

2026 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The fifth annual Gilroy Elks Lodge Golf Tournament to benefit the Lodge Scholarships was held on May 23rd at the Gilroy Municipal Course. The funds raised benefit the lodge scholarships given to high school students who reside in our service area. With a field of fifty golfers participating in the tournament this year, the event director and Lodge member, has declared this year's event a success and is looking forward to the sixth annual Golf tournament in 2027. Assistance from lodge volunteers is always needed and appreciated as more hands help make events run smoothly and be a continued success.

As the Tournament Director, my sincere thank-you to the Golf Course, Prize Donors, Score Keepers, Catering, Hole Sponsors, tournament challenge game sponsors, and most of all, the golfers who supported this event.

Steve McGinnis, Esteemed Leading Knight & Golf Tournament Director



LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION

Gabe Patin has 30 years of membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has been nominated for Life Membership in the Order. Gabe Patin's journey in Elksdom started on November 17, 1970, when he was initiated into the Order at Marysville, California Lodge #783. Due to a relocation for work, he then transferred his membership to Minneapolis, Minnesota Lodge #44. As luck would have it, another relocation due to work occurred in 1987 which brought Gabe to Gilroy, California where he again transferred membership to the Gilroy Elks Lodge #1567. After reading the nomination for Life Membership is read on the Floor of the Lodge, the members are invited to the July 15, 2026 Lodge meeting to vote on advancing Gabe to Life Membership.

Fraternally, Mitchell Marinovich PER & Esteemed Loyal Knight



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gilroy Elks Lodge #1567 newsletter, The Garlic Press, is to faithfully serve the Order by informing and uniting its members through open and truthful communication; to advance and uphold the purposes and programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and to give living expression to our cherished motto – **Elks Care ~ Elks Share** – by exemplifying the cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

Grant Activity 2025-2026

Our Lodge has been actively involved in the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Community Investment Program (CIP) for several years. Basically, there are two types of grants: competitive and non-competitive. Contributions made to ENF by the membership and from event fundraisers have enabled your lodge to give back more funds into our community. To receive ENF grant funding, begins with a project idea, then develop a goal and objective, and create Elk involvement. Each grant requires writing, administration and evaluations before the grant applications are funded.

For the lodge year ended March 31, 2026, the Gilroy Lodge membership and volunteering at the different Lodge ENF fundraiser events have contributed to \$5,016.00 or a per capita of \$16.28. In Lodge Year 2025-2026 we applied and received \$10,000 in ENF grants funds which was used to reinvest back into our community. This works out to be a whopping 199% return on our ENF contributions. List below are the details of where the grant funds were reinvested in our community.

The Freedom Spark Grant of \$1,000 we applied for was used to help support Project Hero's California Challenge Bicycle Ride that supports Veterans and First Responders who have sustained PTSD and TBI injuries. The ride starts on Sunday October 19 in Santa Cruz, California and ends 5 days later in Solvang, California.

The Beacon Grant of \$4,000 we applied for; the funds are being used to help support One Step Closer Equine Therapy programs in Morgan Hill for both Disabled Veterans with PTSD and TBI injuries and Children with special needs.

The Spotlight Grant of \$2,000 the funds are being split between the St Joseph's Family Center Food Bank in Gilroy and St. Catherine's Reach Out Food Bank in Morgan Hill to help end hunger in our community.

The Gratitude Grant of \$3,000 the funds we received from this grant are being reinvested in our community between three different organizations. Gavilan College Student Food Pantry, The South Bay Blue Star Moms and the San Martin/Gwynn Elementary School Garden Project.

Sincere and heartfelt Thank You goes out to every one of the Members, and Officers, and Lodge Staff you are all part of this Lodge. To the members of this lodge, be proud befitting of being some of the **B**.est **P**.eople **O**.n **E**.arth and living up to the **Elks Care ~ Elks Share** motto.

Fraternally, Bruce Parker PER & ENF Chairman

THE GARLIC PRESS - JULY CALENDAR

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JUNE 28	29	30	JULY 1 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	2 SCOUTS MEETING	3	4 USA 250 YEARS OLD!
JULY 1-4 • JULY 4 FIREWORKS BOOTH - 7940 MONTEREY ROAD, GILROY, CA						
5	6	7	8 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: SPARERIBS	9 SCOUTS MEETING	10	11
JUNE 5-8 • GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, IL						
12	13	14 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	15 LODGE MEETING MENU: CALAMARI	16 SCOUTS MEETING	17	18
19	20	21 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	22 LODGE MEETING & ORIENTATION (TUXEDO) MENU: BBQ 1/4 LEG CHICKEN RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	23 SCOUTS MEETING	24 RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM	25
26 PARENTS DAY OBSERVANCE	27	28	29 SOCIAL NIGHT NATIONAL LASAGNA DAY MENU: MEAT LASAGNA	30 SCOUTS MEETING	31	AUGUST 1

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

7/5 TO 7/11 - LARRY BRAGER
 7/12 TO 7/18 - JOHN FANCHER &
 JULIA JONES (TRAIN)
 7/19 TO 7/25 - PATRICK PSAILA
 7/26 TO 8/1 - ALEX HERNANDEZ

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"

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kimberly Sullivan is the newest member initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge, on Wednesday, May 27. When you see this new member at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give our new member a warm welcome to Gilroy Lodge and encourage her to participate in Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R) Back Row: Patrick Psaila, Esquire, Danny Mitchell, ER Steve McGinnis, Lecturing Knight, Todd Bruce, Tiler, Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, Walter Martinez, Trustee, Front Row: Julia Jones Trustee, Lorraine McLane Trustee, Kimberly Sullivan, new member.



THE GARLIC PRESS - AUGUST CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JULY 26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1
2	3	4 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	5 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	6 SCOUTS MEETING	7	8
9 SMOKEY THE BEAR BIRTHDAY	10	11 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	12 LODGE MEETING MENU: ITALIAN STYLE RIBS	13 SCOUTS MEETING	14	15
16	17	18	19 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU CALAMARI	20 SCOUTS MEETING	21	22
23	24	25 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	26 LODGE MEETING & ORIENTATION (TUXEDO) MENU: TACO RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	27 SCOUTS MEETING	28 GILROY LODGE CHARTER RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM 	29 CHICO BAVARIAN BAND CONCERT
30	31					

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

8/2 TO 8/8 - DANNY MITCHELL
 8/9 TO 8/15 - TREVOR ROCK
 8/16 TO 8/22 - STEVE MCGINNIS
 8/23 TO 8/29 - LORRAINE MCCLANE
 8/30 TO 9/5 - JOHN FANCHER &
 TODD BRUCE (TRAINING)

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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 #4220 - Brian Shorey.** 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.



LJB FARMS

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Corn, Tomatoes, Peppers,
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and Vegetables

(408) 842-9755
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585 Fitzgerald Ave.
San Martin, CA 95046

Announcement



July 1 Social Night
 July 1-4 Fireworks Booth
 July 5-8 Elks National Convention (Chicago, IL)
 July 8 Social Night
 July 14 Officer House and Trustee Meeting
 July 15 Lodge Meeting
 July 22 Social Night
 July 24 Rib Night
 July 28 New Member Orientation
 July 29 Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)

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

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Contact Lodge Secretary

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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.



GILROY ELKS LODGE

Presents

Rib Night Dinner at the Lodge on the Hill

Want a great BBQ Rib Dinner with Salad, Baked Potato, Baked
 Beans, Roll and Ice Cream for dessert prepared by the
 World-Renowned Gilroy Elks Lodge Rib Night cooking crew?

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

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

Rib or Chicken Dinner price \$30.00 per person

Reservations are required by JULY 22nd at 2:00PM

Call 408-842-9367

so the rib crew can purchase and prepare enough dinners.

Chicken is available by special request.

Open to Elk Members and their Guests

