



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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Gilroy Elks Lodge Presents



Barbie Through The Years Fashion Show



MARCH 8, 2025

at

THE GILROY ELKS LODGE

Doors Open 11:00am Lunch Served 12:00 Noon

TICKET PRICE \$40.00

MENU

Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Roll & Dessert

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Featuring the "Malibu Barbie Lemonade"

ENTERTAINMENT

Reward Prizes and Raffle, Playhouse Auction, Handmade Barbie Quilt

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A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

My Brother and Sister Elks as my years as Exalted Ruler is winding down and officially ends on March 31, 2025, it has truly been my profound honor to have been elected to serve as Exalted Ruler of our great Lodge of Elks these past three Lodge years.

I do want to acknowledge and thank Larry Brager for the landscaping project around the Lodge. Larry has tackled this project which has vastly improved the Lodge visual curb appeal for all members and visitors. The other work happening at the Lodge is in the RV area. This is Jason Shorey's Eagle Scout project to improve our RV parking area.

Reflecting again at some of our other accomplishments, we initiated into this great order seventeen new members and we lost twenty-six due to death or who chose to not renew or transferred their membership to another Lodge.

Now something especially important for both the long-time and our new members, I ask you to introduce yourself when you see a new face at our lodge and make them feel welcome. To the officers, I ask you to seek out the new members and introduce yourself. Make their choice to be a member of our great organization more enjoyable by taking time to introduce them to the other members. To the new member proposers, please do not ignore your new member, as a proposer one of your tasks should be to make them feel welcome and introduce the new members to the other members. This will go a long way to make our Lodge, Gilroy Lodge, continue to be the friendliest in Elkdom. Think back to when you became a member, did your proposer take time to introduce you to other members? If they did, great, if not, let us all make a concerted effort to change the old school, thinking of letting the new members fend for themselves.

In February there were nominations for officers and voting, this was your opportunity to have a say in how, what events, and activities your Lodge should take place. If you did not come to the Lodge meetings in February and vote, your voice was not heard and that means you are willing to accept their decisions and not really entitled to complain. This also goes for the various fraternal and ritual committees; the incoming Exalted Ruler will need your help. A committee of one just does not make for an event's continued success and does cause the member to burn out. Along these lines, your ideas, suggestions, and thoughts for events are always appreciated. Your input is valuable on how to make and keep Lodge events and fundraisers successful in our community. From these events and activities brings new members, which in turn helps our Lodge grow.

In March we will have the Ladies Fashion Show event with a theme of "Barbie Through The Years." Then on April 6, there is the installation of a new officer corps who will be taking over the reins to guide our Lodge in 2025-2026. Please give your support to the new officer corps so the programs and events of Gilroy Lodge will continue to be fun, successful, and well received in our community, and you can be proud to say, "I am an Elk."

As my closing remarks I thank you for your support this past Lodge Year. We have had our ups and downs, disagreements, and agreements. Let us all continue to work together and Keep Gilroy Elks Lodge Great!

Be Careful and Safe. God Bless and protect our members, our Troops and America. See you around the Lodge.

Fraternally, Angela Moore ER/PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

This is a request to all members to update your address, phone, and email information with the office if you have made any changes. We have quite a few with wrong phone numbers. Many of you have dropped your landlines and only use cell phones. We cannot call information to ask for cell phone numbers. This causes a problem when we need to contact you via phone. Also, do not forget to notify the office when you change your address or email. Every month many issues of the Garlic Press are returned. We pay postage to send the newsletter, for returned copies, and again to send the newsletter to the new address. You do have an option of receiving the full-color newsletter electronically or on the Gilroy Elks Lodge website. Just call the office with your current email address and we can set that up.

Thank you! Steve Mayne Sr., PDDGER &, Lodge Secretary



VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Wayne L. Weller



Wayne Weller enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served from 1955 to 1990. Wayne's Military Occupation Specialty was in Naval Aviation and served as a flight engineer on the P-3 Orion. This provided him the opportunity to visit several countries including Japan and South East Asia in the West to Iceland in the East. He was also an aircraft maintenance department head in the P-3 Training Squadron, where he was in charge of 230 maintenance personnel and 23 aircraft based at N.A.S. Moffett Field, California. It was interesting to note Wayne's last duty station when he retired in 1990 was the same Naval Air Station he reported to in 1955. After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1990 with the rank of Commander, he worked for a company in Chico, California converting the P-3s surveillance aircraft into firefighting aircraft. Wanting to be closer to home and his wife, Maureen, Wayne returned to Gilroy, and after attending 3 years of college, went to work at Applied Materials, and retired a second time after 12 years.

Thank you for your dedication, loyalty, and service to our country and Elks!



SPOTLIGHT GRANT

ENF created the Spotlight grant in 2019-2020 to offer Lodges a choice of a ready-made off-the-shelf project to implement and reinvest in our community. The Spotlight Grant shines a light on three issues facing American communities, Early Childhood Literacy, Veteran Homelessness and Hunger and Essential Needs Assistance. Lodges must then choose from one of the seven project plans: Warm Welcome to the Library, Suds and Stories, Community Baby Shower, Welcome Home, Stand Down, Adopt-A-Haven and Hunger and Essential Needs Assistance.

This year the project we chose was the Hunger and Essential Needs Assistance and split the grant funds between two food banks who have greater reach in our community. In Gilroy the St Joseph's Family Center at St. Mary's Church, and in Morgan Hill Reach Out at St. Catherine's Church.



(L to R) Wayne Weller PDDGER, Angela Moore ER/PER, David Cox St Josephs Director, Bruce Parker PER



(L to R) Carl Reinhardt, Trustee, Mitch Marinovich PER, Carol Lillig Reach Out Director, Patrick Psaila, Chaplain.

2024 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Wow, the Gilroy Elks received a total of 28 Americanism Essays this year. Twenty-seven essays are from the fifth-grade students of **Niki Estacio** and **Marlene Manzo classes at Rucker School** in Gilroy Unified. We also received an essay from a sixth-grade student who is currently attending Solarsano Middle School. This was the same 5th grade student whose essay won first place and was invited to read her essay in May 2024 at the CHEA Conference in Fresno.

The theme for the 2024 Americanism Essay Contest was **“What does Patriotism Mean To Me?”**

I want to thank the following people who took time out from their busy schedules to read every essay; **John Fancher, Diana Blea, Angela Moore, Betty Reeder, Bruce and Caroline Parker**. I also want to recognize the teachers and school administrator who have included the Elks Americanism Essay Contest in their lesson plans.

For those you are unable to come up to the Lodge for the Americanism Awards Family Night Dinner to hear the students read their essays, I have included the essays as written in the Gilroy Lodge newsletter, “The Garlic Press”.

Fraternally, Mitchell Marinovich PER & Lodge Americanism Chairman

Recognizing Long-Time Elk Members

All members are cordially invited to come to the Lodge and show your support at the social night on **March 19** to recognize and honor our long time brother and sister members for their years of service in Elkdom .

65 YEARS

Dale Fellows
George Hall

55 YEARS

Leon Grider

50 YEARS

James Kroske
William Link

45 YEARS

Frank Angelino

40 YEARS

Dave Abbott
William Allen
Louis Cordich Jr.
Don Gage
John Giancola
Donald Knapp
Larry Moeller

Don Montag

Junior Moretti
Paulson Nietert
Richard Roggia

35 YEARS

Douglas Buessing
Craig Simberg
Don Vanni

30 YEARS

Gordon Hanson
James Krause
Gabe Patin

25 YEARS

Steve Charron
Tom Chorley
Duane Harp
James Wagner
Bartley Webb

20 YEARS

Dave Bozzo
Sam Bozzo
Mitchell Marinovich
Steve Poli
James Suner

15 YEARS

Victoria Christopher
Dale Gobin

10 YEARS

Guy Bostock
Larry Brager

5 YEARS

Peter Armendariz
Rico Bermudez
George Bouldt
G. Dan Brown
Todd Bruce
Tina Bundros

Charles DiDomenico
James Holgerrson
Jackie Irwin
Charles King
Brien Klein
Robert Long
Shawn Lopez
Shirley Martinez
Brian Shorey
Luisito Tubera
Mark Wiselogel
Nora Wiselogel

How to help support the Scout Troop 711

Members all,

Still have bottles and cans laying around the house and garage that you need to get rid of? Why not help Scout Troop 711 by donating them to the Troop’s Bottle Drive to help cover the cost of the scout troop’s trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Please bring your clean returnable deposit bottles and cans in plastic trash bags and leave them in front of the storage containers. Thank you in advance for your donations that helps to support the Scout Troop.



2024 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Alan
Grade 5
Rucker Elementary
Gilroy Elks #1567

What does patriotism mean to me

What does patriotism mean to me, well patriotism means a lot of things to me and all of us but what does patriotism mean to me? Well to me patriotism means that you are respecting or proud of your country like USA. Respecting your country or being proud means that you are following all the rules and not doing anything bad or illegal like robbing or a lot of other things.

Another thing that patriotism means to me is being true or thoughtful to our country. Being true to your country makes our country a good example for the other countries. And being thoughtful makes our country proud for taking good care of the land we live on and thrive on.

A third thing that patriotism means to me is giving thanks to our country for everything our country has done for us to make us happy to stand on this land. I give thanks to our country for letting me practice my religion and letting other people from different countries come to the USA to find a better life here in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I remember when they taught us about the national anthem of the USA it tolled a story about freedom and liberty and after the battle our flag was still there in the wind flying through the sky. And so that's what patriotism means to me.

Camila Molina
5th grade
Rucker Elementary
Gilroy Elks #1567

“What does patriotism mean to me?”

Hello my name is Camila Molina. If I am speaking honestly I am constantly thinking about patriotism. Currently I am in school learning about the revolutionary war. It is pretty cool what they did back then. This paper will address three ways that I think patriotism means to me.

Initially, I would like to tell you about how many people are proud to be American. Imagine this, you train for years and work hard every day to take care of everybody, while your life is at risk. But in return almost nobody is thankful for you. That is what we are doing to our patriots every day. According to newsGallup.com “only forty one percent of the USA say they are extremely proud to be American”. That means that fifty nine percent of the United States is not very proud. Isn't that sad!

In addition, you don't have to be in the army to be a patriot. Yes, in fact during the revolution people helped fight for our country just by sitting at home! Mary draper melted her most precious belongings and made them into bullets. So I thought to myself if she could do something I could too. That same day that I learned that, I prayed for everybody that has fought for our country in some way. I knew it wasn't much, but there is one thing I have learned so far about life. It is that you can make a big difference in a small way.

Most importantly, I would like you to know that I didn't just do it for the people in the army. I also did it for my dear friend Aubrey's dad. You see, last year her dad passed away from cancer. He also used to be a police officer. But, you can help our country just by recycling, or donating things you don't need to help other people. Not just in our country, but in our world!

In conclusion, I think that what patriotism means to me is respect, honor, and taking action. We can do these things on days like memorial day and veterans day! That concludes my essay about what patriotism means to me.

Mia McCoy
Grade 5th
Rucker Elementary
Gilroy Elks

What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?

Have you ever thought about what patriotism means to you? Well I have, patriotism means to basically be connected to a state or country. Things such as: voting in the elections, paying your taxes, meeting elected representatives, and just over all helping the country! There are many ways to be patriotic

Initially, one act of patriotism is voting. When voting make sure it's your choice. When you vote your choice is valid. Although there have been a lot of disagreements, I believe that we can all come to peace. Even though voting is a big part of patriotism there are many others too.

Furthermore, paying your taxes is another act of patriotism! Paying taxes contributes to the state because we give the government money to build places. The country can also buy more land, and that will be good for the nation. There are also many, many ways to show patriotism besides this.

Equally as important, serving in the military is also a huge act of patriotism! This is a way of being a patriot because you are fighting for your country. Sadly a lot of people die in war. Of course I have shared three awesome ways of showing patriotism, but there is one more way of being a patriot

In addition to these reasons, keeping up to date on the latest news and newspapers is a big act of patriotism. Keeping up on the newest topics can help you understand why your nation does some of the things it does!

All things considered, little acts can do a lot! You don't have to do big things to show patriotism. All of your actions benefit the country; whether it's voting, paying your tax, staying informed and just helping the country! It's important to help the community in all ways!

- **Division II:** 6th Grade
- **School:** Solorsano Middle School
- **Teacher:** Lisa McFarland
- **Student's Name:** Linda Diakova

What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?

Patriotism. It's something I hear a lot at school, especially when learning about national holidays or the horrors of war. But what does it really mean? Patriotism, to me, isn't just about flags and fireworks and holidays. It's a feeling, a sense of belonging, and a responsibility.

Patriotism can be felt in times of triumph or tragedy: while placing wreaths on soldiers' graves through Wreaths Across America with my family, by attending the 4th of July parade, while cheering for Team USA athletes in the Olympics and Paralympics, or even by listening to our national anthem before my swim meets.




For me, patriotism is also about honoring the past, learning our history, accepting it whether it's good or bad, and using those lessons to build a better future. It's also about being a good citizen, standing up for what's right, and caring about others. Sometimes patriotism is common respect, sometimes an act of kindness. But through the little things we do daily, or great things like serving our country, we make a positive difference.

Patriotism is being proud while standing on the blocks, representing my swim team. It is also showing up each year at the Veterans Day Parade, through rain or shine. It's a small act of respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who came before us and fought for our freedom that I can feel in my heart.

Patriotism for me is a force for good that makes a real difference and strives to leave this world in better shape than we found it. Even though I am young, I'm committed to doing my part to make my school, swim club, community, town, and my country a better place.

THE GARLIC PRESS - MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
FEB. 23	24	25	26	27	28	MARCH 1
2	3 IDITAROD SLED DOG RACE NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY	4 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM FAT TUESDAY THANK A MAILMAN	5 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK ASH WEDNESDAY	6 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM	7 LENT	8 BARBIE THROUGH THE YEARS FASHION SHOW 
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS	10	11 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	12 LODGE MEETING MENU: CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE	13 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM NATIONAL K9 VETERANS DAY	14 LENT NATIONAL PI DAY	15 IDES OF MARCH DAY
16	17 OFFICIAL HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS Day 	18 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	19 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI OLD TIMERS RECOGNITION NIGHT	20 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 LENT	22
23	24	25 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	26 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: CHICKEN ENCHILADA	27 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM 	28 LENT RIB NIGHT	29
30	31	APR. 1	2	3	4	5

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 3/2 TO 3/8 - TINA MARTINEZ
- 3/9 TO 3/15 - BRUCE PARKER
- 3/16 TO 3/22 - ANGELA MOORE
- 3/23 TO 3/29 - LARRY BRAGER

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”

MENU CHANGEUP

Starting in March the menu for the 1st Wednesday Social Night Dinner will be Steak and the menu for the 3rd Wednesday Social Night Dinner will be Calamari. Last-minute menu changes and surprises of expecting one entrée and getting something different disappoint people and the House Committee Chair and Exalted Ruler have agreed to this menu change notification to accommodate everyone's meal expectations.

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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. **Last month's hidden #4098 was Janet Thompson.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

THE GARLIC PRESS - APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MARCH 30	31	APRIL 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW LODGE YEAR STARTS	2 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	3 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM	4 LENT	5
6 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	7	8 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	9 LODGE MEETING MENU: TACO BAR	10 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM	11 LENT	12
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	16 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI	17 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM	18 LENT	19 DD CLINIC - PALO ALTO LODGE
20 EASTER	21	22 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	23 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA	24 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00PM	25 RIB NIGHT	26
27	28	29 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	30 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: SCAMPI OVER LINGUINI	MAY 1	2	3

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 3/30 TO 4/5 - MITCH MARINOVICH
- 4/6 TO 4/12 - TREVOR ROCK
- 4/13 TO 4/19 - BRUCE PARKER
- 4/20 TO 4/26 - JOHN FANCHER
- 4/27 TO 5/3 - KAY SPENCER

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

One new member was initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday January 29. When you see this new member at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give this new member a warm Gilroy Lodge welcome and encourage him to participate at Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R) Patrick Psaila, Chaplain, New Member Matt Reinhardt, Carl Reinhardt, Trustee, Angela Moore ER/PER, Bruce Parker, PER & Leading Knight, Wayne Weller, PDDGER



Announcement



- March 5 Social Night
- March 8 Fashion Show "Barbie through the Years"
- March 11 Officer, House, & Trustee Meeting
- March 12 Lodge Meeting
- March 19 Social Night
- March 25 New Member Orientation
- March 26 Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
- March 28 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, 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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Calls after 3:00 PM will be returned the next day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gilroy Elks
Scholarship
Benefit Concert
featuring
The Pacific Brass Band

 Sunday Afternoon,
May 18, 2025.
Save the Date!

✦ RIB NIGHT ✦

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 Renown Gilroy Elks Lodge Rib Night Cooking Crew?

FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025

Doors Open at 5:00pm • Dinner Served 7:00pm
Dinner price is \$25.00 per person

*Reservations are required by March 27th at 2:00 pm so the rib crew can purchase enough Ribs and Chickens for dinner. **Chicken or Salmon is available by special preorder request. Salmon dinner price is \$30.***

Call 408-842-9397
(Open to Elk Members & their Guests)