



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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MAY 2026

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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, Bacon, Scrambles Eggs, Fresh
Fruit, Martinelli Apple Juice, Orange
Juice, Coffee, Milk, Other Beverages



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello Brother and Sister Elks,

Our new Elk year started out by outlining what events your Officers and fellow members wish to pursue for this year. We have some great ideas to do what Elks do! We want to serve our community and support fund raising events that will go to charity, scholarships, youth supporting activities and the like.

Our Corps of frequent volunteers must be appreciated for always stepping up and making things happen.

I took some time to review our entire membership list and am impressed to see a lot of recognizable names that I did not know are members because they do not come around to visit, enjoy a dinner with fellow members, or sign up to volunteer where help is needed. Do not get me wrong, we appreciate their long-standing membership and continued financial support, but it would be nice to see more of you occasionally.

Check out the calendars for May and June attached to this newsletter and see if there is a Wednesday night meal you might enjoy with us. We would love to see more of you more often. **Please note, the Wednesday dinner time is changed to 6:30pm.** Doors open at 5:00pm for social time enjoyment. Call the office at: (408) 842-9397 to make your dinner reservation. After dinner on Lodge meeting nights, feel free to join us in the meeting to observe what we are planning and where you might be able to volunteer your given talents to YOUR Elks Lodge.

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

God's blessings,

Fraternally, *Danny Mitchell ER*

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

PRESENT BY-LAW: Article IV: Meetings

Section 2. The regular hour of meeting shall be 8:00 PM; but at any time, however, the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by vote of the lodge to that effect at the previous meeting; provided that written notice of such change of meeting hour shall be given to all the members.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHANGE BY-LAW:

Article IV: Meetings

Section 2. The regular hour of meeting shall be 7:30 PM.; but at any time, however, the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by vote of the lodge to that effect at the previous meeting; provided that written notice of such change of meeting hour shall be given to all the members.

The vote to approve this amendment to the by-law will be taken at the Lodge meeting of May 27, 2026. All members are invited into the Lodge to vote on this by-law change.

Fraternally, *Danny Mitchell Exalted Ruler*

From the Desk of the Lodge Secretary

DUES REMINDER NOTICE



It is that time again for my friendly reminder to everyone who has not remitted your dues for Lodge Year 2026-2027 to please do so. If you have misplaced your annual dues billing statement and need the copy, please call me at 408 842-8397.

*Steve Mayne Sr.,
Lodge Secretary and PDDGER*

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.



GILROY ELKS LODGE 5th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser



GOLF TOURNAMENT

GILROY GOLF COURSE
HECKER PASS HIGHWAY

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

**18 HOLE SCRAMBLE | BEST BALL
8:00AM TEE TIME
(Arrive no later than 7:30 AM)**



**LUNCH FOLLOWING AT THE GILROY ELKS LODGE
(Italian Sausage, Pasta, Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread)**

All Proceeds benefit Gilroy Elks Lodge Scholarship Fund
PRIZES AWARDED: Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive

FEE is \$100.00 per person • Sign ups and payment due by May 8th

For information and to sign up call:
Steve McGinnis (408) 710-9610 or Sam Bozzo (408) 825-3428



Flag Day 2026

Your invitation to the Gilroy Elks Lodge
Flag Day Ceremony to honor
"Old Glory" the Greatest Flag on Earth

Gilroy Lodge on the Hill
2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, California

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

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

Menu: Calamari

Short Program to follow the Dinner

Reservations are Urged, Call Lodge Office
(408) 842-9397

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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

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Here are the five 2026 High School Graduates who will receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship from Gilroy Elks Lodge. On Wednesday May 6, 2026, we will be hosting these Scholarship recipients and their families to our annual Lodge Scholarship Awards Night Dinner.

**** Ishaq Kandhra in addition to the Lodge scholarship, will receive an additional award as an ELKS Most Valuable Student.**

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	MAJOR
Adalyn Mosher	Christopher High School	Univ Nevada - Reno	Public Health & Physical Therapy
Dominic Bozzo	Christopher High School	Southern New Hampshire	Public Administration
Gawain Huang	Christopher High School	UC - San Diego	Cognitive Science
Ishaq Kandhra**	Ann Sobrato High School	Univ of Pennsylvania	Economics
Joshua Gonzales	Live Oak High School		

Congratulations to the recipients, we wish you success in your college studies.

Mark Good Lodge Scholarship Chairman

Lodge Benefit Concert is a Smashing Success!

On Sunday, March 15, approximately 100 Elks, friends and guests attended the eighth annual Gilroy Elks Benefit Concert performed by The Pacific Brass Band in the Lodge's Valley View Room. Lodge member Jim O'Briant is the Music Director and Staff Arranger for The Pacific Brass Band.

The afternoon began at 2 PM with a hosted reception featuring appetizers prepared by our new caterer, Troy Garcia. This was followed at 3 PM by music from the 32-member Pacific Brass Band. The event also included a silent auction. There was a "surprise" guest conductor, Maestro Salvatore Bozzo (better known to locals as Sam Bozzo.) Maestro Bozzo let the band in one selection in the concert, "MacNamara's Band" in honor of St. Patrick's day on March 17. Out of concern for Maestro Bozzo's well-being, considering that he wasn't conducting Italian music, the Pacific Brass Band used a special arrangement of "MacNamara's Band" which included a verse and chorus of the famed Italian song, "Funiculi, Funicula."

Much of the success of this event is due to many event sponsors:

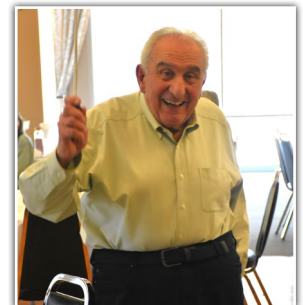
Primary Event Sponsor: Pinnacle Bank, Champagne Sponsor: Rosemary Anderson, Guest Conductor Sponsor: Patty Filice, Program Printing Sponsor: Wednesday Night Poker Players.

VIP Table Sponsors: Delores and John Kent and Nita and Dan Mitchell, Carl & Gerrie Reinhardt, Steve & Linda McGinnis Vanni & Humphrey, CPA.

Additional Event Sponsors: Bev and Mel Baker, Marianne and Dave Peoples, Lora and Greg Bozzo, Diana Berry, Kathy and Tom Mozzone, Linda and Bill Moitz, Judy and Sam Bozzo, Sue Ann and Bill James, Todd Bruce, Margaret and Allan Cornaggio, and Pat and Louis Cordich.

We also thank the following:

- Event chairman Steve McGinnis and co-chairs, Sam Bozzo, Frank Angelino and Jim O'Briant;
- The Pacific Brass Band;
- Courtney Little for running the silent auction;
- Many donors of items for the silent auction;
- Our Lodge's office staff, who coordinated ticket sales;
- And most of all, our guests.



A Benefit Concert is being planned for the spring of 2027.

Watch for the date announcement, so you can save the date and not miss out on this enjoyable afternoon!

Missing Man Table

**Small table set for one
Symbolizing that some are missing from
our ranks.**

WHITE TABLECLOTH - symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

THE BLACK NAPKIN - represents the sorrow of captivity.

A SINGLE RED ROSE IN A VASE - signifies the blood shed to ensure America's freedom.

THE YELLOW RIBBON AROUND THE VASE - represents a demand for proper accounting of those that are not among us today.

A SLICE OF LEMON ON THE PLATE - to show a captive soldier's bitter fate.

GRAINS OF SALT ON THE PLATE - reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

AN INVERTED GLASS - because they cannot toast with us.

AN EMPTY CHAIR - because they are not here.

A WHITE CANDLE - for the hope that all our missing will return someday.



LIFE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The following Elks have over 30 years of membership each in the Gilroy Elks Lodge (in other words, collectively 156 years) and have been nominated for Life Membership. The By-Laws of Gilroy Lodge and the Statutes of the Order require a 30-day notice be given to the membership to vote and advance these members to be Life Members. You are cordially invited to come into the Lodge and vote on Wednesday June 10, 2026.

**Randy Barbaglia
Richard Shalita**

**Bruce Faulkner
Paulson Nietert**

*Fraternally,
Steven G. Mayne DDGER & Lodge Secretary*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Walter Martinez is the newest member initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge, on Wednesday, March 25. 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 in Lodge events.



Pictured (L to R) Patrick Psaila Esquire, Bruce Parker ER/PER, Walter Martinez New Elk Member, John Fancher Trustee, Kay Spencer Treasurer

THE GARLIC PRESS - MAY CALENDAR

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
APRIL 26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2 152 ND KENTUCKY DERBY
3	4	5 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	6 LODGE MEETING MENU: STEAK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	7 SCOUTS MEETING	9	9
10 MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST 	11	12 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	13 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: ENCHILADAS	14 SCOUTS MEETING	15	16 ARMED FORCES OBSERVANCE DAY
MAY 13-16 CALIFORNIA HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - PALM SPRINGS, CA						
17	18	19 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	20 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	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 OFFICE CLOSED	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

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.

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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. **March hidden number reveal is #3137 - Michael Greenwood.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

BERNAL RANCH PARADISE VALLEY

ANGUS BEEF Mike Bernal
Whole, Half or Quarter (408) 779-2684

Grass Fed
No Antibiotics Mark Bernal
Free Range (408) 607-3238

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129 Fourth Street, Gilroy, California (408) 847-4040

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



Garlic, Garlic Braids, Corn, Tomatoes, Peppers, Bartlett Pears, & other Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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585 Fitzgerald Ave.
San Martin, CA 95046

THE GARLIC PRESS - JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 31	JUNE 1	2 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	3 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	4 SCOUTS MEETING	5	6
7	8	9 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING - 6PM	10 LODGE MEETING MENU: ROAST BEEF	11 SCOUTS MEETING	12	13
14 OFFICIAL FLAG DAY	15	16 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	17 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI FLAG DAY CEREMONY	18 SCOUTS MEETING	19	20 PREP FOR FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
21 FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST  FIRST DAY OF SUMMER (SUMMER SOLSTICE)	22	23 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	24 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: BBQ 1/4 LEG OF CHICKEN RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	25 SCOUTS MEETING	26 RIB NIGHT NEW DINNER SERVICE TIME 6:30PM 	27 HAM RADIO FIELD DAY
28	29	30 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	JULY 1	2	3	4

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 5/31 TO 6/6 - ALEX HERNANDEZ
- 6/7 TO 6/13 - STEVE MAYNE
- 6/14 TO 6/20 - JOHN FANCHER & LORRAIN MCLANE (Train)
- 6/21 TO 6/27 - JENNY JUD
- 6/28 TO 7/4 - MITCHELL MARINOVICH

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In Memoriam

Douglas Buessing
 Born: April 22, 1947
 Initiated: August 28, 1991
 Died: October 22, 2025
 35 Year Member

Florence “Flo” Gimenez
 Born: July 16, 1943
 Init: April 25, 2018
 Died: April 11, 2026
 9 Year Member

Robert “Bob” Annett
 Born: December 16, 1939
 Init: February 26, 1986
 Died: April 16, 2026
 42 Year Member

*The clock of their last day has stopped. “Tis the hour of eleven.”
 Remember, the faults of our members we write on the sand; Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*

Announcement



- May 6..... Social Night
- May 12..... Officer House & Trustee Meeting
- May 13..... Lodge Meeting
- May 13-16..... CHEA Convention
- May 20..... Social Night
- May 22..... Rib Night
- May 23..... Golf Tournament
- May 25..... Memorial Day Lodge Office Closed
- May 26..... New Member Orientation
- May 27..... 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

AD SPACE AVAILABLE
Contact Lodge Secretary

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Very Important Elk*

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

The Lodge on the Hill's Unofficial Kickoff to Summer Rib Night Dinner

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

Doors Open at 5:00pm Dinner Served NEW TIME 6:30pm
Dinner price is \$30.00 per person

Reservations are required by **March 25th** so the rib crew can prepare enough rib dinners. **Limited to 200 guests.**

*Chicken is available by special request.
Salmon is available by special request for an extra \$5.00*

Call the Lodge office 408-842-9397 to make your reservations