The Garlic Press

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GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

Presents

Veterans' Appreciation Night and Recognition Dinner

on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2026

with

"Adopt-A-Vet"

All cash donations designated for "Adopt-a-Vet"
from October 14 through November 13
will be used to help offset the cost of the Veterans' meals as our

"Thank You for Your Service"

Danny Mitchell ER ~ Event Chair



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello Fellow Elks.

As we approach the year-end holidays we know you will be busy with family and friends. We hope you will have some time for your Elk family and join us for a few Wednesday night dinners and meetings as well as other Lodge events on the calendar.

From my family to yours we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope we all can be thankful for all the blessing our good Lord has for us all.

Check out the calendars for November and December attached to this newsletter and see if there is a Wednesday night meal you might come enjoy with us. We would love to see more of you more often. Note the Lodges Thanksgiving and Christmas dark dates that we will be closed.

Note our New Years Eve event on the December calendar and make your reservation to join us.

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, Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share





UPCOMING EVENTS

GILROY ELKS LODGE PRESENTS

The Lodge Holiday Favorite, Tom and Jerry Night Dinner and Ugly Sweater Contest

The Officers of the Gilroy Lodge warmly invite the Lodge members and their guests to come join your fellow members for a mug of the classic holiday favorite "Tom and Jerry"

We will have the Annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest with prizes.

EVENT DATE: Wednesday December 16, 2026
Doors open at 5:00 pm & Dinner served at 6:30 pm

DINNER MENU:

Entree Choices Steak, Chicken or Salmon

PRICE: $25



Please call the Lodge office at 408 842-9397 as reservations are required by Monday December 14. Our caterer needs an accurate count so he can purchase enough supplies for the dinner.

REMEMBER ME
WREATHS across AMERICA
Honoring 250 Years of American Heroes

National Wreaths Across America Day in 2026
will take place on
Saturday, December 19, 2026,
with the year's theme "Remember Me,"
locally here in Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

THE MISSION
★ Remember the Fallen
★ Honor those who serve
★ Teach our children the value of freedom

See Rosemary Anderson (USAF) for more information. Wreath cost is $17



GILROY ELKS LODGE

Presents

Casino Night

Fundraiser Event

SATURDAY
JANUARY 16, 2027

More event details to follow.





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.



Is Your Purple Pig Full?

Is your purple pig getting well fed and stuffed and cannot take any more coins? Bring your precious little piggy and be sure to affix label with your name and membership number so you can get credit. If you do not have a Purple Pig, make sure to pick one up on your next visit to the Lodge. Your gift will help thousands of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii. You can visit **chea-elks.org/major-project** for more information.

Fraternally, *Angela Moore, PAVP & Lodge Purple Pig Chair*



TOY DRIVE

The Edward Boss Prado Foundation is a local charitable organization based in Morgan Hill that supports less fortunate families with the services of a Food Bank, and Clothes Closet. The Foundation have asked for our support with filling a toy box for children in our lodge area who might not have a present under the Christmas Tree. Let show our community that we Elks live up to our Motto, ***Elks Care ~ Elks Share*** by helping by filling the toybox in the Lodge Lobby.

Can't think of what toys are age appropriate to contribute, how about making a cash donation and our Lodge Secretary will use the funds to purchase toys. All toys must be new, unwrapped, and unopened to be accepted.

We need to deliver the toys we collect to Edward Boss Prado Foundation by December 7.

Fraternally, *Angela Moore PER & PAVP*



OneStepCloser™
THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP

Seven Members from the Lodge volunteered to set up and clean up after the Gold Star Mother's and Family Day Picnic that was held at Mark and Landa Kierstead owners and founders of One Step Closer Equine Therapy facility located in Morgan Hill. Over 90 guests in attendance were greeted and escorted by six members of the Patriot Riders into the picnic area. The children had big smiles as they were treated to pony rides.

In 1936 Congress declared the last Sunday in September to be Gold Star Mothers' Day and in 2011 through an official Presidential Proclamation, this event would be known as ***Gold Star Mothers and Family Day***. This expanded the recognition to include fathers, spouses, siblings and other immediate family members of fallen service members. This change was made to acknowledge that the sacrifices and grief are shared by the family and not just mothers.

Thank you for volunteering at the picnic; **Walter** and **Priscella Martinez, Bruce** and **Caroline Parker, Danny Mitchell, Angela Moore** and **Mitch Marinovich**.

Fraternally, *Angela Moore PER & PAVP*









Soccer Shoot 2026

This was our 20th year holding Gilroy Elks Lodge Soccer Shoot and is in the history books. We had 24 young athletes participate in our popular Lodge youth event this year that we hold at PA Walsh School in Morgan Hill in a long standing partnership with Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League's Recreational Soccer Program. Soccer is a popular Elk Youth Sports Event and is gaining recognition support from Grand Lodge now with a virtual soccer shoot.

For those of you who have never seen the soccer shoot, there are 5 goals that range from 48" down to a narrow 17", the young athletes kick 3 soccer balls at each goal from 15 feet. For the young athletes who never get a chance to make a goal, this is an opportunity to score a goal, demonstrate their soccer skill, for this they receive a certificate of participation (and a piece of candy).



Due to the temperature heating up around noon the afternoon games were cancelled. But a big thank you to the volunteers who came out to help at the Soccer Shoot **John Fancher and Elaine, Pam Rhoten, Patrick Psaila, Bob** and **Diana Gomez, Samantha Gomez, Aaliyah, Susan Miyata, Danny Mitchell, Walter Martinez,** and we also had help from **Rich Torres from Santa Cruz Lodge** and **Paul Bucini from Sunnyvale Lodge**. Without the help of volunteers, we could not hold successful youth events.

Thank you again, Fraternally, *Mitch Marinovich PER & Soccer Shoot Chair*

THE GARLIC PRESS - NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV. 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	2	3 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6:00PM	4 LODGE MEETING MENU: STEAK DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	5 SCOUTS MEETING	6	7
8	9	10 US MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY	11 SOCIAL NIGHT OFFICIAL VETERANS DAY MENU: TURKEY DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	12 SCOUTS MEETING ← CHEA PRESIDENT VISIT TO WCD & SANTA CRUZ LODGE	13 ITALIAN THEME NIGHT DINNER - 5:00PM	14 LYNN GLICK CHEA PRESIDENT VISIT TO WCD AT SANTA CRUZ ELKS LODGE →
15	16	17	18 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: ROAST BEEF VETERANS APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION DINNER DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	19 SCOUTS MEETING	20	21
22 DECORATE LODGE FOR HOLIDAYS 9:00AM	23	24	25 LODGE DARK NO MEETING	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO SCOUTS MEETING	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30	DEC. 1	2	3	4	5

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

11/1 TO 11/07	ALEX HERNANDEZ
11/08 TO 11/14	STEVE MCGINNIS
11/15 TO 11/21	MITCHELL MARINOVICH
11/22 TO 11/28	TODD BRUCE

Special Notes: **"SUBJECT TO CHANGE"**

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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.



COME HELP DECORATE YOUR LODGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 2026 AT 9:00AM

(this date subject to change pending rental of Lodge for private parties)

With many hands of volunteers working together as a team will make the time go quickly and make our lodge feel warm and inviting during the holidays.

Coffee & Doughnuts will be provided.

Are you a member of the ENF Fidelity Club?

ENF's Fidelity Club is the EASIEST way to spread your donation throughout the year & make a bigger impact.

By donating even $5/month through the Fidelity Club's autopay, your impact adds up to $60 over the course of a year!

Find out more / enroll online at

enf.elks.org/recurring

THE GARLIC PRESS - DECEMBER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
NOV. 29	30	DEC. 1	2 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	3 SCOUTS MEETING	4	5
6 ELKS MEMORIAL (MANDATORY EVENT-TUXEDO)	7	8 OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING 6:00PM	9 LODGE MEETING MENU: PORK DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	10 SCOUTS MEETING	11	12
13 US NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY	14	15	16 LODGE SOCIAL TOM & JERRY NIGHT STEAK DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF NOON	17 SCOUTS MEETING	18	19 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 
20	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23 LODGE DARK NO MEETING	24 CHRISTMAS EVE NO SCOUTS MEETING	25 	26
27	28	29	30 LODGE DARK NO MEETING	31 NEW YEARS EVE DINNER DANCE 	JAN. 1, 2027 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 	2

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

11/29 TO 12/05 – WALTER MARTINEZ
12/06 TO 12/12 – PATRICK PSAILA
12/013 TO 12/19 – DANNY MITCHELL
12/20 TO 12/26 – LORRAINE McCLANE
12/27 TO 1/2/27 – LARRY BRAGER

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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 #4344 - Robert Minklein.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

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Mike Bernal
(408) 779-2684

Mark Bernal
(408) 607-3238

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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Announcement



November 3 . . . . . .Officer House & Trustee Meeting
November 4 . . . . . .Lodge Meeting
November 6-7 . . . . . CHEA Mid-Term Conference
November 11 . . . . . .Lodge Social Night
November 18 . . . . . Social Night Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Dinner
November 22 . . . . . .Decorate Lodge for Holiday
November 25 . . . . . Lodge Dark – No Meeting Office Open ½ day
November 26 . . . . . .Thanksgiving
November 27 . . . . . .Lodge office closed

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, 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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Addressed to a 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

To inculcate the principals of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity: to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities the benevolent programs, demonstrating that ***Elks Care-Elks Share***.