



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

2765 Hecker Pass Hwy., Gilroy, CA 95020

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 488, Gilroy, CA 95021-0488

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Catering Website: gilroylodgeonthehill.com

Lodge Email: GilElkOffice@garlic.com

OCTOBER 2025

TEL: (408) 842-9397

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PINNACLE BANK

Oktoberfest

Beverages Music Food

OCTOBER 26, 2025

MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONALS

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM - DINNER AT 5:00 PM

MUSIC FROM 4:30 - 7:30 PM

\$45 PER PERSON - INCLUDES COMMEMORATIVE GLASS

ENJOY THE FEST, BEVERAGES, FOOD, MUGS
MAKE SURE TO SING AND DANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONALS.

CALL

JOHN FANCHER: (408) 889-3152

OR STEVE MCGINNIS: (408) 710-9610

FOR DETAILS OR TICKETS

CALL THE ELKS LODGE

AT (408) 842-9397

TO RESERVE SEATS AND GET TICKETS





A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello, my Brother and Sister Elks;

September was another hectic month of activities at the Lodge. The Italian theme night dinner in August was well attended and sold-out – and I mention this event because for Lodge public relations and publicity in the community, mysteriously an article and picture of the students with their teacher, who were visiting from Italy appeared in the Gilroy Dispatch. Other events at the Lodge in September include Rib Night, Monday Night Football started we had a good time socializing and watching the game, and the Gilroy Elks Lodge was recruited to help at the Gold Star Moms and Family Picnic that was held at One Step Closer Equine Therapy Facility in Morgan Hill and lastly, we cannot forget the visit to our Lodge by DDGER Michele Wilson with the message from Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan Klatt, to “Be the Difference”.

For events happening in October: the 19th annual Soccer Shoot (a very popular youth activity event) – please see the Soccer Shoot Chair as he needs assistance to make this event a success, the last Rib Night dinner for 2025, come watch Monday Night Football at the Lodge. We also have Project Hero event in Santa Cruz Lodge where Gilroy will be presenting our check for \$1,000 from the Freedom Grant that by reinvesting these funds into this organization helps to support their work for our returning veterans with PTSD and TBI injuries. Upcoming events are noted in the Garlic Press newsletter calendars or on the monitor in the Valley View Room. In all sincerity, I do ask you to show support for your Lodge, the Gilroy Elks Lodge, by attending some or all our events.

Events do not happen in Elksdom unless a member steps up to chair an event. To those members who step up and volunteer their time either as an event chair or by volunteering, for this I extend a very heartfelt Thank-You!

Many of you have heard talk about me retiring. It is not from Elks; it is from the US Postal Service where I have spent the last 28 years working. It is now time for me to focus and spend my retirement time doing other activities I enjoy: Elks, scouting and family.

I want to encourage all members by volunteering their time by helping or by participating in contributes to making an event a success. From our fundraising efforts in the future, I am suggesting for future events the net proceeds after expenses are paid, the proceeds be split 50/50. Fifty percent would be retained by the Lodge and the balance used to support the cause. This hopefully will generate funds needed to complete projects that are currently in process and provide funding for future improvement projects around our Lodge. We took possession of two gently used convection ovens, which were donated, but we do not have the funds available to correctly install according to building code requirements and bring them online. The addition of these two convection ovens will increase our ability to quickly serve more guests.

Yours in Service,

Bruce W. Parker ER, PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

GILROY ELKS LODGE

*Will be honoring Veterans and Members on Active and Reserve Duty at the
Veterans' Night Appreciation & Recognition Dinner
on Wednesday November 19 with*

“Adopt-A-Vet”

*All cash donations designated for “Adopt-a-Vet” from October 9 through November 13
will be used to help offset the cost of the Veterans’ meals as our*



“Thank You for Your Service”
Bruce Parker ER/PER ~ Event Chair





Gilroy ELKS Lodge #1567

In Cooperation with Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League
Presents the

19th Annual SOCCER SHOOTOUT

Where: PA Walsh School in Morgan Hill
When: Saturday, October 4, 2025
Hours: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Age Groups: Under 6, 8, 10 Boys & Girls
Objective: Kick 15 Soccer Balls into 5 Different Size Goals
Cost: No cost to parents, players or OVYSL

Come Join The Fun!

ALL PARTICIPANTS will receive a Certificate of Participation!

For more information contact:

Mitch Marinovich @ mmarinovich@yahoo.com OR call 510-504-3720 (c-phone)



PROJECT HERO
Hope Recovery Resilience



Sunday October 19, 2025 @ Santa Cruz Elks Lodge

You are invited to attend the Opening Dinner that will kick-off the 400-mile **California Challenge Bike Ride** that begins in Santa Cruz and ends in Port Hueneme.

Santa Cruz and Gilroy Lodges come together to present their Lodge donation from the ENF Freedom Grant to Project Hero, a non-profit organization dedicated to help veterans and first responders affected by PTSD and TBI (traumatic brain injury) achieve rehabilitation, recovery, and resilience.

This is a great opportunity for members from both Lodges to come together and show their support.

For more information about our event see Angela Moore, AVP & PER.



Courtesy Project Hero: Arroyo Seco Green Bridge - Monterey County

For more information about the **2025 Project Hero California Challenge Bike Ride** visit: <https://weareprojecthero.org/event/2025-california-challenge>

DAILY SCHEDULE

October 19
Santa Cruz
(Registration Day)

October 20
Santa Cruz to Carmel

October 21
Carmel to San Simeon

October 22
San Simeon to Pismo Beach

October 23
Pismo Beach to Solvang

October 24
Solvang to Ventura

October 25
Ventura to Port Hueneme

TAKE ACTION NOW



GIVE



PARTICIPATE



VOLUNTEER



PARTNER

Save the Date Purple Pig Fund Raiser Friday Jan 9th, 2026



Rockin the Ages Karaoke



Gilroy Elks #1567



Proceeds Benefit Gilroy Elks Lodge Local Programs & Charities
Saturday, November 1, 2025 — \$60 per person

Price Includes:
Bubbly Reception
Buffet Dinner
\$100 in Gaming Chips
Prizes and Fun!
(No Cash prizes)

5pm—Doors Open
5pm—6pm Bubbly
6pm—7pm Dinner
7pm—10pm Gaming
10pm—11pm Dessert & Prizes
(No Cash prizes)

For Tickets and Sponsorship Information:
Contact: Steve (408) 710-9618, Frank (415) 944-0632,
Sam (408) 825-3428 or Gilroy Elks Lodge (408) 842-9397

Gilroy Elks Lodge
2765 Hecker Pass Hwy
Gilroy, CA 95020



**COME HELP DECORATE YOUR LODGE
FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON**

Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 9:00 am.

*(This date is subject to change pending rental
of the Lodge on this date for private parties.)*

The more hands and volunteers working
together as a team will make the time to decorate
our Lodge go quickly and make our lodge feel
warm and inviting during the holidays.

Coffee & Doughnuts will be provided.



VETERANS CORNER



During the months of September and October, Donna Manson single-handedly coordinates and assembles a display of Lodge members who answered Uncle Sam's call to protect our nation and defend our freedoms. The members of the Gilroy Elks Lodge honor all Lodge members for their military service with a photo displayed on our Veterans Appreciation & Recognition Wall during the month of November.

To have your name and picture included on the wall, we would like to borrow your picture (in uniform) and make a copy, which will be returned. Here is the basic information Donna needs to include with your picture. Donna would like to receive your information on or before October 10, 2025, this is to have adequate time to prepare the Gilroy Elks Lodge Veterans Appreciation and Recognition Display. The sooner we get your information and picture; we can have you added to the display.

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Service Branch: _____ Years of Service: _____

Where you Served: _____

'So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget'.

You can bring your picture along with this information up to the Lodge.

Fraternally, Bruce Parker ER/PER & Donna Manson Veterans Wall Coordinator



CHEA Mid-term Conference

Hosted by Santa Clara Elks #2347

Hyatt Regency
5105 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA
November 7 - 9, 2025

Welcome to the 2025 CHEA Mid-Term Conference in the heart of the Bay Area!

We are thrilled to have you join us in Santa Clara for a weekend filled with purpose, pride, and Elkdome spirit. As we gather in this hub of innovation and community, let this be a time to reconnect, recharge, and recommit to the incredible work we do together. From educational sessions and inspiring speakers to valuable networking and shared celebrations, this conference offers us the chance to grow both as individuals and as a united force for good. Whether this is your first time attending or you're a seasoned participant, your presence is a vital part of our collective success.

Thank you for your dedication, your service, and your commitment to the values that make our Order so special—welcome to the West Central District.



MICHELE WILSON, DDGER
2025 Mid-term Conference Chairman
CHEA State Meetings Vice Chairman

This year the Mid-term Conference is hosted by our West Central District's (WCD) Santa Clara Elks Lodge and will be held at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency from November 7 – 9. All Elks members are encouraged to attend and there are four Lodge officers required to attend: Exalted Ruler, Secretary, Leading Knight and Chairman of the Trustees.

The agenda includes CHEA education sessions for Lodge Management; Golf Tournament (Nov 6); Bus Crawl to WCD Lodges (Nov 6); San Jose Lodge sponsored events including Rib Dinner (Nov 7) and Sunday Champagne Brunch (Nov 9).

For more information about the Conference events and registration, visit www.cheameetings.com

NOTE: MEMBERS CAN REGISTER FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT ONLINE



GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6

SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
605 MACARA AVENUE, SUNNYVALE, CA

4-player Scramble
Register as a team or individual



\$110 PER PERSON

Includes:

- Grab & Go Breakfast
- 18 Holes including Cart
- Lunch at Sunnyvale Lodge

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:00 am - Sign-in at Golf Course
8:00 am - Shotgun Start
1:00 pm - Lunch at Sunnyvale Lodge

Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Mens / Women

Mulligans Available for Sale

FOR REGISTRATION INFO: www.cheameetings.com
EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: midterm2025@yahoo.com



San Jose Elks Lodge

444 West Alma, San Jose, CA
Co-hosting with Santa Clara Lodge
November 6-9, 2025

Purchase discounted meal tickets with registration
www.cheameetings.com/registration

Thu, Fri, Sat Lunch Menu
Served 11 am - 2 pm

- French dip sandwich with french fries
- Double cheeseburger with french fries
- Grilled chicken on a fresh garden salad

\$16



Thursday Night Dinner
Served 5 - 7:30 pm

\$30 Tri-tip or roasted salmon with sides & dessert

\$16 Double cheeseburger with fries



Friday Night Dinner
Served 5 - 7:30 pm

\$30 Half rack of ribs, cowboy beans, corn on the cob, cornbread, salad & dessert

—LIVE ENTERTAINMENT—



Sunday Champagne Brunch
Served 9 am - 1 pm

\$35 Eggs, bacon, sausage, country style potatoes, fresh fruit, omelet & waffle stations includes glass of champagne



THE GARLIC PRESS - OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEPT. 28	29 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	30 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	OCT. 1 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	2 DDGER VISIT PALO ALTO SCOUTS	3	4 SOCCER SHOOT 
5	6 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	7 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM DDGER VISIT SANTA CLARA OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	8 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHICKEN FAJITA	9 SCOUTS	10	11
12	13 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	14 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	15 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI DDGER VISIT SALINAS	16 SCOUTS	17	18
19 PROJECT HERO AT SANTA CRUZ	20 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	21 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM DDGER VISIT WATSONVILLE NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	22 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: CHICKEN PARM WEAR SOMETHING RED RIB NIGHT RESERVATION - 2:00PM	23 SCOUTS	24 LAST RIB NIGHT FOR 2025 	25 DDGER HOMECOMING AT SUNNYVALE LODGE
26 	27 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	28 DINNER RESERVATION	29 SOCIAL NIGHT CUTOFF 2:00PM MENU: PORK CHOP	30 SCOUTS	31 	NOV. 1 CASINO NIGHT 
RED RIBBON WEEK – LIFE IS A PUZZLE SOLVE IT DRUG FREE						

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

10/5 – 10/11 STEVE MAYNE
 10/12 – 10/18 JOHN TOGNETTI
 10/19 – 10/25 PATRICK PSAILA
 10/26 – 11/1 JENNY JUD

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"

TAKE BACK UNNEEDED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

The Elks DAP promotes a take-back of unneeded prescription and over the counter medications. The goal of the program is to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means for disposing of prescription and OTC drugs while educating the public about the potential abuse of medications. For information and to find a drop-off location go to dea.gov/takebackday.

If you miss this one-day event, don't fret. The DEA provides a search engine to seek out year-round disposal sites near your Lodge or home. The search engine allows you to search a -5, -10, -20, or -50 mile radius from your home or Lodge. Go to deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug to find disposal locations.

Locally, the CVS Pharmacies in Gilroy and Morgan Hill have convenient drop boxes where you can safely dispose of unused and expired prescription and OTC medications.



THE GARLIC PRESS - NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
OCT. 26	OCT. 27 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	OCT. 28 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	OCT. 29 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK DDGER VISIT MONTEREY	OCT. 30 SCOUTS	OCT. 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	NOV. 1 CASINO NIGHT 
2 FALL BACK END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	3 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	4 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	5 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK	6 SCOUTS	7	8
				CHEA MIDTERM - SANTA CLARA		
9	10 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	11 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICIAL VETERANS DAY OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	12 LODGE MEETING MENU: TURKEY	13 SCOUTS	14	15
				CHEA PRESIDENT SCOTT STEPHENS VISIT TO GILROY LODGE (MORE INFO TO COME)		
16	17 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	18 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	19 SOCIAL NIGHT VETERANS RECOGNITION MENU: TBD	20 SCOUTS	21	22 DECORATE LODGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS
23	24 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	25	26 LODGE DARK	27 	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30						

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

11/2 – 11/8 BRUCE PARKER
 11/9 – 11/15 JOHN FANCHER
 11/16 – 11/22 KAY SPENCER
 11/23 – 11/29 TINA MARTINEZ

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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.

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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 one of the top three venues in
 Gilroy to hold weddings.



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 (408) 842-3124 FAX

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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 #4234 was Steve Welch. See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

Announcement



October 1 Social Night
 October 4 Soccer Shoot
 October 7 Officer, House, & Trustee Meeting
 October 8 Lodge Meeting
 October 15 Social Night
 October 19 Project Hero @ Santa Cruz Lodge
 October 21 New Member Orientation
 October 22 Lodge Meeting, Initiation (Tuxedo)
 October 24 Rib Night (last one for 2025)
 October 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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 P.O. Box 488
 Gilroy, CA 95021-0488

**Time Dated Material
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*Addressed to a
 Very Important Elk*

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025 LAST CHANCE FOR THE RIB DINNER ON THE HILL IN 2025

Event Description Heading

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



**Limited to 110
 guests**

**Price is \$30 per
 per person**

**Reservations are
 required by
 October 22. Call
 Lodge office at
 408-842-9397**

**Open to Elks
 members &
 guests**

**Doors open 5pm
 Dinner @ 7pm**

**Chicken available
 by special request**

LODGE ON THE HILL
 2765 Hecker Pass Highway
 408 842-9397
 Home of the Gilroy Elks
 Lodge #1567
 Friday October 24, 2025