



GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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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 1, 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

75TH ANNIVERSARY TWO INCH CHALLENGE COIN

- DONATE **\$50** TO RECEIVE **ONE** 75TH ANNIVERSARY COIN
- DONATE **\$75** TO RECEIVE **TWO** 75TH ANNIVERSARY COINS
- DONATE **\$100** TO RECEIVE **THREE** 75TH ANNIVERSARY COINS
- DONATE **\$250** TO RECEIVE **TEN** 75TH ANNIVERSARY COINS



Minted in the United States by a Veteran Owned business

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2-inch coin with raised gold edging

Supports CHEMPI and the children of California and Hawaii

To apply your donation to the 75th Anniversary Coin:

<https://chea-elks.org/make-a-donation/>

1. **DONATION TYPE:** Select "To Credit you and your Lodge...."
2. **Complete Form**
3. **TYPE OF DONATION:** Select "75th Anniversary Coin"
4. **SUBMIT**

★ 96 YEARS ★



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

Hello Fellow Elks;

The events that were held in July and August were not as good as we had expected for the Lodge. The July 4th Fireworks booth location in July was moved to Monterey Road where customers could not make easy access, consequently we did not sell enough fireworks to make our budgeted projected revenue. One thought says since we lost money, we need to stop selling fireworks for revenue. This decision has other consequences; this revenue source will go away, and you probably will never get this revenue stream back. What is really needed is cooler heads to prevail and starting now to find and secure a better choice location. Both the Italian Night and monthly Rib Night events were sold out and a success.

I want to thank the chairpersons as well as those who volunteered their time to help at each of these events for their hard work, Tom Finkemeier, Sam Bozzo, Steve McGinnis and Courtney Blake-Little.

Tom Finkemeier has informed me that at the end of the year he will be retiring as the chairman of the rib night crew. This will not be an easy task to fill Tom's shoes, but we need to start looking now for a member to chair this popular lodge fund raiser. If you are interested please let Tom or myself know and we'll get you started.

We will be having a DDGER visitation on September 24. I look forward to seeing many of you members here for DDGER Michele Wilson's important visit to Gilroy Lodge with a message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt.

The first Monday Night Football game tailgater and watch starts on September 8, and Rib Night will be on Friday September 26. I look forward to seeing you there to support our Lodge events and activities.

You may not be aware that the lodge is seriously struggling financially. We've had two events this year that normally are big revenue generators for the lodge operations cancelled; the 2025 New Year Eve Dinner was cancelled at the last minute due to a power outage, and the other was due to a lack of support or interest by the membership. On top of this, the decline in attendance at all Wednesday night dinners is not helping your lodge.

This is your lodge, and members are needed to support events and activities. If there is something happening at the lodge that is bothering or irritating you that needs to be changed or corrected, please see me. I am hearing frequent complaints about the Wednesday night menus, exactly what do you suggest or recommend be changed so you will feel that you are getting the best meal for your money.

I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping the line of communication open between the officers you elected, and the members. Please let us know when we are doing good as well as bad and we will listen and make all efforts to improve. This is your lodge, and we are trying to make it better place for you. If you do not communicate the changes and improvements you would like to see made, then you are a part of the problem not part of the solution, and are willing to accept the decisions.

Yours in Service,

Bruce W. Parker ER/PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

DECISION 2025

Here is the decision from the vote results taken at the August 13, 2025, meeting.

The Lodge members attending the August 13 meeting have voted in favor of the trustees' proposal to make over the Phil Quast (formerly known as the Mt Madonna Room). Going forward this room shall be known as the "Phil Quast Game Room".

The proposed cash expenditure needed from the Lodge to make this into the game room will not exceed \$350 as all material, labor and everything else is being donated. Any additional items needed for the game room would have to be paid for by rental income from this room.

The trustees anticipate that by installing TVs, a Pool Table and Dart Board in the Phil Quast Game Room for entertainment will make this room attractive to members that do not play cards to hang out at the lodge. Additionally, it is hoped this will make this room more appealing to enable the event coordinator to generate more revenue by renting this room to non-members and lodge members for smaller parties.

At the present time, this room is currently underutilized, and by turning into a "game room" it is hoped this will make the Lodge on the Hill attractive for more family-oriented events.



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)



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

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GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

&
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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



REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



★ December 13, 2025 ★ NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

The price for 2025 will be \$17 per Wreath

Watch for more details to follow in the
Garlic Press Newsletter.

Gilroy Lodge contributes to this cause and matches
the first 50 Wreaths purchased.

Remember The Fallen **Honor** Those Who Serve
Teach the Next Generation the value of Freedom

See Rosemary Anderson (USAF) for more information



Elks Care Elks Share



CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The West Central District and the Santa Clara Lodge #2347 is proud to host the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) 2025 Midterm Conference, taking place November 7-9, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5105 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA.

In conjunction with the conference, we will also be holding a **Golf Tournament** on **Thursday, November 6th** at the **Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course, 605 Macara Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA.**

We are currently seeking **sponsors** for both the **conference** and the **golf tournament**. All sponsorship contributions will directly support the 2025 Midterm activities, including **educational sessions** that are vital to the development of Elks Lodge leaders throughout the California-Hawaii region. These sessions play a critical role in helping our Lodges thrive and grow stronger in service and community impact.

This is an excellent opportunity for your organization to gain visibility among a dedicated group of Elks leaders and members from across California and Hawaii while supporting a cause that fosters leadership, fellowship, and community service.

We would be honored to have your support. Sponsorship levels and benefits are provided below. If you have any questions or wish to discuss customized sponsorships, please do not hesitate to contact the midterm committee chair – Michele Wilson – michelewilson1130@yahoo.com

Elks National Foundation Dinner Sponsorship			
1 - \$10,000 <i>(non-competitive)</i>		2 - \$5,000 <i>(non-competitive)</i>	
Table Tents Logo; Signage in marketing and at the Conference; Sponsor Tables			
Golf Sponsorships Available			
Title Sponsorship	Breakfast Sponsorship	Lunch Sponsorship	Hole Sponsorship
\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400
<i>A table at the luncheon and signage in golf marketing and at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon and signage at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon and signage at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon</i>
Other Sponsorships Available – Silent Auction items, in kind donations, customized sponsorships.			



ENF GRATITUDE GRANT BONUS

Gilroy Lodge exceeded the GER's current per-member giving goal for Lodge Year 2024-2025 (\$5.00/member) and our lodge gave ENF \$6.97. Now for Lodge year 2025-2026 the GER increased the per member amount to qualify for the Gratitude Grant \$5.15. Our Lodge can also earn up to four \$500 Gratitude Grant bonuses by meeting the criteria described below.

Starting in 2025, ENF increased the Gratitude Grant base amount from \$2,000 to \$3,000 which is a nice increase in available Grant monies that our Lodge can apply for and reinvest back into our community.

Are you aware ENF has 4 \$500 bonuses that are dependent upon the achievements from the prior fiscal year for an additional \$2,000 ENF will add to the Gratitude Grant.

This is to keep you informed of the ENF Gratitude Grant bonus opportunities that are available to our Lodge for reinvesting funds back into our community. The decision is yours.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT (GOAL 15%) This year, 1 member of our Lodge donated this year. Once the donor support exceeds 15% of the 308 members, (based on the 4/1/2025 membership total) the lodge will have met these criteria for this \$500 bonus.

FIDELITY CLUB (GOAL 1) Currently we have 0 Fidelity Club members. Once we have 1 Fidelity Club Member the lodge will meet these criteria for this \$500 bonus.

CHAIR CHALLENGE SCORE (GOAL 550) The chairman Challenge composite score is currently 51.299. Once the score reaches 550 our lodge will meet this criterion for this \$500 bonus.

FUNDRAISING INCREASE (GOAL 10%) Our Lodge fundraising total was \$2,146. To meet the fundraising criteria for this \$500 bonus, we would need to raise an additional \$3,107.50, which is 10% more than the \$2,825 our lodge raised last year.

Fraternaly, Angela Moore AVP, PER and Lodge ENF Chair

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 #3473 was David Sebald.** See the Lodge Secretary for your dinner ticket.

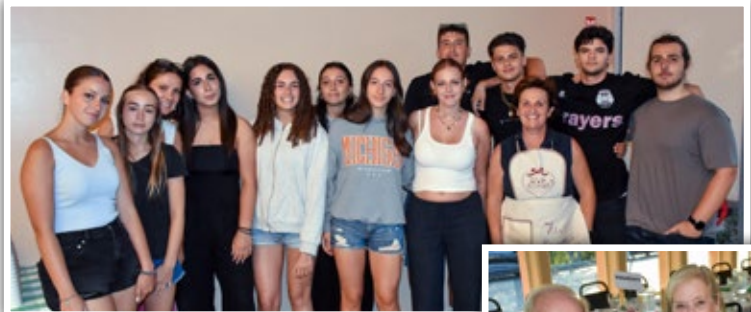
ITALIAN THEME NIGHT DINNER

The 2025 Italian Theme Night fundraiser was held at the Gilroy Lodge on the Hill the first Friday night in August. Sam Bozzo chaired this fundraiser dinner. Judy Bozzo was also a big help for this dinner. Sam and Judy also played host to several students and their teacher from Italy visiting here in USA. The dinner menu for the evening was homemade tagliatelle pasta which was prepared by the students and their teacher. The delicious meatballs were made by Dave and Dominic Bozzo, a fresh sliced tomato and basil salad were courtesy of LJB Farms, and a special dessert of spumoni ice cream from Mama Mia's was served.

The evening's entertainment included music by the Gondoliers, a raffle of numerous prizes and a silent auction for a children's playhouse!

The net proceeds generated at this event have been earmarked to help fund a children's storyboard walk at Christmas Hill Park by the Gilroy Branch of the Santa Clara County Library System. The storyboard walk is based on the children's book, "The Summer Nick Taught his Cats to Read", written by Curtis Manley and Kate Berube.

A fun-filled evening was had by all.



✧ GILROY ELKS LODGE PRESENTS ✧

THE BACK TO SCHOOL RIB NIGHT ON THE HILL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025



2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA • Doors Open at 5:00pm • Dinner Served 7:00pm

Dinner Price \$30.00 per person • LIMITED TO 110 GUESTS








Reservations are required by Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 pm • Call 408-842-9367

Reservations are required so the rib crew can prepare enough rib dinners.

Chicken is available by special pre-order request. (Open to Elk Members and their Guests)

THE GARLIC PRESS - SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AUGUST 31	SEPT. 1  OFFICE CLOSED	2 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	3 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK DDGER VISIT MONTEREY	4 SCOUTS	5	6
7	8 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	9 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM DDGER VISIT HOLLISTER OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	10 LODGE MEETING MENU: CHILE VERDE	11 NATIONAL PATRIOTISM DAY SCOUTS	12	13
NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK						
14	15 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	16 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	17 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI	18 DDGER VISIT SANTA CRUZ SCOUTS	19	20
21	22 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	23 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	24 LODGE MEETING INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: HAWAIIAN CHICKEN TERIYAKI DDGER VISIT GILROY RIB NIGHT RESERVATION - 2:00PM	25 SCOUTS	26 RIB NIGHT 	27
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 

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

8/31 TO 9/6 – JOHN FANCHER
 9/7 TO 9/13 – KAY SPENCER
 9/14 TO 9/20 – TINA MARTINEZ
 9/21 TO 9/27 – TREVOR ROCK
 9/28 TO 10/4 – 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”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS









One new member was initiated into Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday July 27 along with a new member who transferred from another Lodge to Gilroy. When you see these new members at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give these new members a warm Gilroy Lodge welcome and encourage them to participate at Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R) Patrick Psaila, Esquire, New members, Ken Sato, Armando Realvasquez, Bruce Parker ER/PER and John Fancher Trustee.



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 CAR SHOW	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 KARAOKE / PURPLE PIG	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 VISIT HOMECOMING
26	27 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL 	28 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	29 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: PORK CHOP	30 SCOUTS	31 	
RED RIBBON WEEK – LIFE IS A PUZZLE SOLVE IT DRUG FREE						

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

810/5 – 10/11 STEVE MAYNE
 10/12 – 10/18 JOHN TOGNETTI
 10/19 – 10/25 PATRICK PSAIA
 10/26 – 11/1 JENNY JUD

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Pictured (L to R) Tony Moses, ER San Jose Lodge, Michele Wilson DDGER, Santa Clara Lodge, Amy Doherty PER/ER, Santa Cruz Lodge, Bruce Parker PER/ER Gilroy Lodge, Jeff Sanchez PER/ER, Sunnyvale Lodge, Mita Dey, ER Santa Clara Lodge, Michael Derr, ER Salinas Lodge Mel Baker PER/ER Hollister Lodge. ER Missing, Oscar Soto, ER Watsonville Lodge, Amy Love PER/ER Palo Alto Lodge, Alton “Lucky” Reese, Monterey Lodge.

AVP ANGELA MOORE HOMECOMING

Gilroy Elks Lodge on the Hill was the venue to celebrate the Homecoming of CHEA Association Vice-President Angela Moore. Angela visited all ten of the Lodges in the West Central District and has returned to her home Lodge after delivering the CHEA State President Scott Stephens message “Sold on Elkdom” at each lodge.

Announcements



September 1 Labor Day (Office Closed)
 September 3 Social Night
 September 9 Officer, House, & Trustee Meeting
 September 10 Lodge Meeting
 September 17 Social Night
 September 23 New Member Orientation
 September 24 Lodge Meeting, Initiation (Tuxedo) &
 DDGER Visit to Gilroy
 September 26 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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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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