



BPOE Elks Lodge No. 2577 Memorial Rose Garden Proposal



Dear Lodge Members and Families,

Our lodge leadership is pleased and excited to announce the proposal of the creation of an Elk's Lodge No. 2577 Memorial Rose Garden. This garden is intended to honor and memorialize current and past Elks members, leaders and families, who have led, contributed, supported and inspired our lodge through the years. The rose garden will be located on lodge property, South East of lodge building, in the unused planter area between the walkway and the storage container. The existing horseshoe pit will be removed for garden placement. The garden will be large, rectangular in shape with circular ends. The garden will contain compacted gravel walkways and seating areas, benches, a future arbor, wood bark chip areas for each rose, wood edging, LED decorative lighting, a watering system, roses, signage and memorial identification stones. The garden will also have a main entrance sign. Rose names will be selected by the lodge members in memorial of a person of their choosing. We are recommending that rose types will be limited for consistency (Hybrid Tea). The roses will be of the highest quality, from local nurseries, purchased in pots. Each rose will have a rose type name-plate associated along with a memorial engraved stone at its base. The engraving will indicate who the rose is dedicated to and from whom it is dedicated by. Each stone will also highlight the Elks Insignia. The price for each memorial rose will be a one-time donation of \$100. This donation will cover the price of the rose, the rose nameplate, the engraved memorial stone and a contribution toward the construction and continued maintenance of the roses and the garden for years to come.

Visitors can stop by, see their rose, read the memorials, rest on a bench, take a short walk and reflect. We are hopeful this garden will be a peaceful and inspirational place for all to visit. The rose garden will be designed constructed and maintained by a garden committee headed by Mike Van De Pol (Current Lecturing Knight). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please email or call Mike at 916-955-6813, vand5628@surewest.net
A detailed plan drawing of the rose garden will be displayed in the lodge bar, along with a descriptive flyer and a sign-up sheet. A list of rose names will also be provided for your assistance. This summer, we will have a garden that we can be proud of, while honoring the Elks lodge and our loved ones

Thanks very much
Mike Van De Pol
Lecturing Knight

