



Le Notizie

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Happy Anniversary!

Roma Lodge to Celebrate 78th Anniversary!

At the April meeting Roma Lodge will celebrate its 78th anniversary. Several members will be reaching milestones with the lodge as the lodge matures another year into an organization that has a rich and storied tradition of excellence in preserving the Italian Culture.

Member Milestones

25 Year Members

Helen and Gidio Rasenti, Michele Burner

35 Year Members

Georgina Del Greco, Ed Milanese, Angie Milanese,
David DePaoli, Nick Milanese, Gary Giraudi

50 Year Member

Connie Spagnuolo

50 Year Plus Members

51 Year Members

Richard Paggi, Ronnie Pedroncelli

52 Year Members

Carole Burner, Janet Cabral, Johnnie Kaye Costa, Betty
Pratt, Lorraine Cleek, George Rinaldi, Ernie DiMatteo

53 Year Member

Clarence Parreira

54 Year Member

Sharon Barreto, Joann Beecher, Marjorie Cabral, Mabel
Curti, Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

55 Year Members

Lillian Cotta, Carmen Madala

56 Year Member

Louis Clarot

61 Year Member

Lena Federighi

63 Year Members

Anna Dutto, Catherine Dutto, Hilda Falco

Congratulations to All!



BEST FOOD AT WORLD AG EXPO!

Congratulations are in order for all the Roma Lodge members who assisted at the World Ag Expo Food Booth as it was recognized as having the best food at the show. This prestigious award is given annually to the organization that serves up the best tasting, highest quality and most delicious food.

Kathy Briano, Ken and Ben Curti were the chairs of the booth and through the hard work of lodge members were able to have a great menu of pasta, sausage sandwiches and other great tasting food. The Roma Lodge booth has a reputation that folks will walk a long distance to take advantage of great food at a great price. A \$100 cash prize was awarded for this honor.

Great Job Lodge Members!

Kudos!

Heralds Message

If there is one advantage of being the editor of the **LeNotizie** is that this page is reserved for forcing my opinion on lodge members. Since I'm protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution I can write just about anything short of libel and be okay.

I have used this space in the past to honor those of our members who have passed away that have given so much to the lodge. Thankfully that is not the case this time. I thought it would be most appropriate to give kudos to our president **Kenny Curti**.

Kenny is a president of the lodge that leads by example and getting activities done. He does

his best work in the kitchen cooking up homemade clam chowder, a variety of pasta dishes and sauces, pizza, soups, homemade ice cream, the list of culinary delights goes on and on. Over the past year he has improved his meeting skills and has adapted to all the pomp



and circumstance associated with official lodge activities.

Of course Kenny does his best work with a class of wine in his hand and along with first lady Shurene they have made a great team in conducting lodge activities. They are usually the first to arrive and the last to leave as they assist in whatever needs to be done. The lodge is very fortunate to have Kenny as our lodge president and look forward to his leadership for the rest of the year. **Great Job Kenny!**



74th Ravioli Dinner Set

Ken and Shurene Curti along with Cathy Mederos will chair the 74th annual ravioli dinner. The big event is **Saturday, May 10th at the TDES Hall in Tulare**. The lodge will be serving from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Italian music for dancing from 7 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Tri Chairs

Cathy Mederos, Ken and Shurene Curti will take another leadership role in chairing the 74th annual ravioli dinner. They will need a lot of help so signup at the April meeting!

Ticket chair **Cathy Mederos** will have tickets at the April meeting and everyone is encouraged to invite all their friends and sell tickets to everyone they know. The ticket cost is being held to only \$20 and takeouts are available. This is a major fundraiser for Roma Lodge and everyone will need to help sell tickets and be at the event.

Final Call!

Scholarship Applications

If you are a high school senior and wish to apply for our lodge scholarship you need to contact Frances Della @ 784-7653 for an application. Her address is 17383 Ave 184, Strathmore, CA 93287.

The due date is April 1, 2008

Queen and Queen Mother Take Leadership Role for Roma Lodge!

Roma Lodge Queen Gionna McPhetridge and queen mother Ticia McPhetridge have agreed to take charge of the junior member program for the lodge. We need to support their efforts with giving them ideas on how best to serve our youth.



If you have junior members in your family you need to give them some good suggestions on how best to get our youth involved in the lodge. It may be something as simple as showing a video during the meeting for juniors, lodge sponsored trips to a ball game, bowling alley or the Adventure Fun Park. If we are going to keep our young people involved we must start them at an early age and build their interest in the lodge.

Special thanks to Gionna and Ticia for taking on this important role for the lodge!

Members in the News

Do you know a lodge member who has been honored, recognized by the community for something special or is sick and would like get well wishes from the lodge?

Please email: larryd@cos.edu by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the **LeNotizie**.



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Your Roma Lodge Officers

President	Ken Curti (740-0184)
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Josh Pitigliano	(752-4723)
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Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Shurene Curti	(740-0184)



Upcoming Events!

April 1st-Scholarships are Due

April 7-Regular Meeting and Anniversary Dinner-6:30 p.m.

May 5th-Regular Meeting

May 10th-Ravioli Dinner

June 25-29th-Grand Lodge Convention-Visalia