



Le Notizie

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Grand Lodge Convention

The Grand Lodge Convention was hosted by the Enrico Caruso Lodge at the Holiday Inn in Visalia. Roma Lodge was well represented by president and first lady Ken and Shurene Curti, Giovanna and David DePaoli, Karen Pedroncelli and Janis Curti. Maci DePaoli, Kathy Briano-Dutto and Larry Dutto attended several activities so that Roma Lodge had perfect attendance at all of Grand Lodge activities. The members of the Enrico Caruso Lodge are to be congratulated for hosting a great convention. A full report will be given at the August meeting.



Black & White Ball

(l-r) Santa Barbara Delegate Carol McLafferty, Giovanna DePaoli, Kathy Briano-Dutto, past state queen Maci DePaoli and David DePaoli

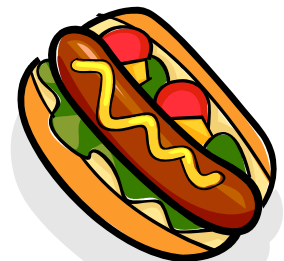


Ken and Shurene Curti enjoy the talent show at the convention.

August Meeting

The August meeting of Roma Lodge will be Monday, August 4th at the Agri-Center Social Hall. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. with the meeting at 7 or so. ***Each family is asked to bring their favorite summer side dish of salad, fruit or dessert.***

The lodge will furnish hamburgers (donated by M. Curti & Sons), hotdogs, buns and all the condiments. The meeting will feature the Roma Lodge Scholarship recipients, convention report and discussion of upcoming events.



**Meeting-August 4th
Dinner 6 p.m.**

Farewell Sister Lena Federighi

Roma Lodge lost 61-year member Lena Federighi on July 16th. Lena was married to Sebastian Federighi for 47 years and were active lodge members. Lena worked for the United States Postal Service for 25-years retiring in 1995. Lena is survived by sons Ken and Mike Federighi who are also Roma Lodge members.



Lena's greatest love was her family and making a loving home for her family. ***Farewell Sister Lena, you will be missed!***

Sunshine Corner

Congratulations are in order to Nick and Cathy Canata and Norine Canata on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson.

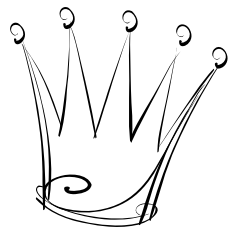
Congratulations are in order for member Toni Saltzman who was recently married to husband Rob Pinkerton.

Get Well wishes to Agnes Pelous on her recent hip surgery, Krista Milanesio on her back surgery and Dawn Dutto who is recovering from her recent surgery.

Condolences from the lodge go to Frank, Renee and Patrick Marinelli on the death of Frank's dad in Redding, California. To Connie Spagnuolo on the death of her sister and to Georgina Del Greco on the death of her sister Lena Federighi.

Queen Contest

Roma Lodge will be looking for a young lady 16-25 years of age to serve as Roma Lodge Queen. It is imperative that the lodge select someone very soon to represent the lodge. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as the lodge queen contact Shurene Curti as soon as possible.



Note From President

Ken

President Ken Curti reminds all officers of the lodge to call him if they cannot attend the meeting for an excused absents. Remember, 3 unexcused absences could be enough to have you replaced as an officer.



Address Changes

If you have changed your address you should contact Cathy Mederos ASAP to update your records. If you have just paid for a 1/2 year of dues your second payment is now due. Again, contact Cathy Mederos.



Columbus Day

Columbus Day is just around the corner and it is never to soon to start planning. If you have ideas for the celebration contact president Kenny.

Junior Member Night



Junior members will be conducting the September meeting so plan on attending. Show up and get your opportunity to run the meeting.

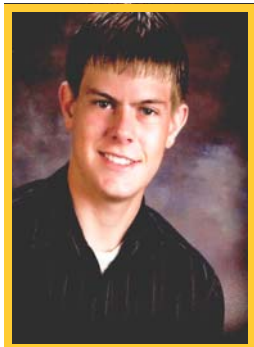
Charity Committee

President Ken Curti will chair the Charity Committee consisting of Gary Dutto, Carole Burner, Janis Curti and Kathy Briano. The committee will be meeting in August to review what donations have been given this year and how much is left to be given to worthy causes. If you have any charities you would like the committee to consider please call Kenny with your request. The committee will give a full report at the Sep-

Roma Lodge Scholarship Winners!

Bryan Brassfield is a 17 year old senior at Tulare Union High School. He graduates June 5, 2008, 9th in

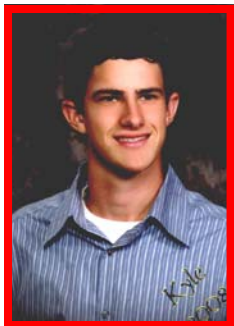
his class of 385 students, with a GPA of 4.15. He plans on attending University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, majoring in Pharmaceuticals. Bryan is the Son of Tim and Penny Brassfield of Tulare.



He has been an active member of the California Scholastic Federation all throughout high school, as well as making the honor roll throughout elementary and high school. He has been part of the TUHS Golf team all four years of high school, and he got an MVP award in JV Golf in 10th and 11th grade.

He has also been an active member in his Church Youth Group throughout his school years. He has received many awards including Lions Club Boy of the Month his 12th grade year, the State of California Assembly Scholastic Achievement Award his 11th and 12th grade year, and has made the National Honor Roll his 9-11th grade years.

Kyle Parreira is an 18 year old Senior at Tulare Union High School. He will graduate June 5, 2008 with a GPA of 3.74 and plans to attend California State University, Fresno, where he will be majoring in Computer Engineering. Kyle is the son of Randy and Arlene Parreira of Pixley.



Through all four years of high school, Kyle has been an ASB Representative, been a member of the Future Farmers of America, and has been a member of the Football, Basketball, and Track teams. He was also a Member of the WASC Accreditation Team his Senior year. Kyle has been on the Honor Roll all throughout elementary and high school. His other honors include a varsity letter in Football, two in Basketball and three in Track! His involvement in the community includes coaching AAU Basketball and participating in Men's League Slow Pitch Softball. He has been part of The Sons of Italy Roma Lodge and Cabrillo Club all throughout elementary and high school. Last year he was part of the Farm Bureau Youth Leadership, and this year received the Lions Club Boy of the Month Award.

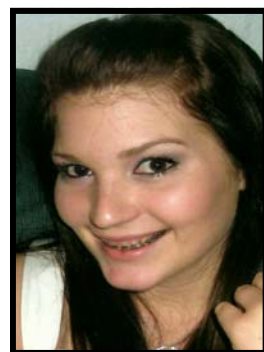
Christina Sparlin is a 17 year old Senior at Tulare Western High School. She will graduate this June with a

GPA of 4.04 and ranking 17 in her class of 526 students. She plans to attend University of California, Davis, where she will major in Veterinary Sciences. She is the daughter of Brent and Tina Sparlin of Tulare.



Christina has been a member of the Palo Verde 4-H club throughout high school. She was treasurer her 9th grade year, Vice-President her 10th grade year, and President her 11th and 12th grade years. She also participated as a youth leader for Palo Verde 4-H her 10th -12th grade years. She was a member of future farmers of America her 9th - 11th grade years. Her 11th grade year she worked in UC Davis ext. office Vet Class. She has been on the honor roll every year since elementary school. She has volunteered for Palo Verde 4-H, World Ag. Expo, and the Antique Farm Show elementary through high school. This year she began volunteer work with the SPCA. Her 10th and 12th grade years she received the Grand Champion Grade award for her Pygmy Goat at the Tulare Co. Fair.

Angela Rispoli is an 18 year old Senior at Granite Hills High School in Porterville. She will graduate this June with a GPA of 3.55. She plans to attend Fresno State in the fall, and will be majoring in Business.



Angela has been involved in Cyber Quest all throughout high school, as well as being an active member of ASB this year. She has participated in Volleyball and Basketball all throughout high school, as well as Softball for two years and Swimming for one. She received an Excellence in Art Award her freshman year and this year received the Bank of America Scholarship. She received a Superior 1st place award for Cyber Quest her 9th grade year, while scoring superior ratings her 11th and 12th years. She participated in the Relay for Life all four years of high school.



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Upcoming Events!

August 4, 2008-Regular Meeting

September 1-Regular Meeting

October-Columbus Day Celebration