



Le Notizie

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December-2006

POLENTA DINNER



Polenta Power

Lilia Giacomazzi and friends enjoy the polenta dinner.



Polenta Feed

Anna & Dawn Dutto get ready to enjoy the polenta dinner at the November meeting.

Remember no regular monthly meeting in December!



Christmas Party



Our annual Christmas dinner and program will be Sun. Dec. 3rd at the social hall at the Ag Center. A short meeting will be held at 12:45 with lunch to follow at 1 p.m. Each member is asked to bring an item or two for the Ronald McDonald house.

A wish list was sent to you last month. Members are free, so bring something for the House. Guest will be charged \$5 for lunch. All the ladies are asked to bring a pie for dessert. Children or adults - we would like lots of you to share your talent in our program. Lets have a great turn out this year. Santa will be there with goodies for the kids. If you can held with the lunch, preparing or cleaning up, please contact Cathy Mederos, 687-1112.

Birthdāy Wishes

Give our two most mature members *Norma Kranenburg* who turns 97 and *Lupe Briano* who turns 96 this month a call and wish them a Happy Birthday!

Angel on Earth

Heralds Message

Roma lodge bid a final farewell to beloved sister Dorothy Trigueiro on November 15, 2006. Dorothy was a Roma Lodge member for 31 years and yet probably many members of the lodge did not know her. She was a very quiet unassuming person who for us that knew her was certainly an angel on earth.

Dorothy and husband Sylvester (Trig as we used to call him) lived for many years just off of Road 96 south of Tulare not too far from what we all now know as the World Ag Expo. She was a homemaker and lived on the family farm that is now being operated by her son Mark.

She was at home when she passed away after a long battle with cancer. Using the term battle would, in her case, not be an accurate description of her struggle with the dreaded disease. Because Dorothy relied on her strong religious faith and trust in God to cope with the illness that would eventually end her journey on this earth. It did so quietly in her home on the ranch that her and her husband raised their wonderful family.

What one noticed the most about Dorothy is that you really didn't notice her much at all. Why? Because she was always so friendly, so kind and such a great person to be around. She was always there when anyone including family, neighbor or friend needed help or comfort. She was first to give a reassuring smile a friendly hello or to squeeze your hand so that you knew that she was there for you no matter what the circumstance that brought you together.

She certainly served as a role model of how one should live their life. Dorothy lived her life, not by words but of deeds. She certainly was not one that had to take center stage but was always content to work behind the scenes doing whatever she could do to assist the lodge in whatever capacity they needed her. She would help at the ravioli dinner on the serving line,

serve sausage sandwiches at the farm show or do just about anything she could do to help the lodge. There was no complaining, no hurtful comments, no jealousy, not one single thing that would be considered detrimental to her character and strong faith and love of god, family and country.



All of us would do well to live our lives as Dorothy lived hers. Always so gracious and loving. Accepting the role that god gave her to lead on this earth. Never questioning her fate, never complaining of the pain and suffering that her cancer must have given and always being there for anyone who sought her out for comfort and care.

Roma lodge has lost another one of their most precious members. A member who could always be counted upon to serve the lodge and do so with the true belief in Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. She certainly exemplified what we all try to achieve as lodge members by willingness to assist the lodge in whatever capacity she could.

Dorothy's legacy will long live in the lives of her children and her children's children. She can rest assured that she has set the standard of how to live one's life that all of us can aspire to do with our lives. **Farewell sister Dorothy!**

Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications are available from the Grand Lodge . Please contact chairman Frances Della for one or for information. There are applications for academic/athletic scholarships as well as a new one for returning students.

Students must be out of school for at least 5 years to be eligible. There is also an application for Students to Italy program.

The deadline for these scholarships is March 1st, 2007. So apply as soon as possible. Our own local lodge scholarship application is also available. Deadline for it is April 1, 2007. Contact Frances at 784-7653 for all the information.

2007-2009 Roma Lodge Officers

Congratulations to the following members who have volunteered their time for the next 2 years to lead our lodge. Those elected at our November meeting were: Pres. Ken Curti, V. Pres. Pete Yribarren, Past Pres. Charles Pitigliano, Orator Gary Dutto, Rec. Sec. Sally Curti, Treas. Karen Pedroncelli, Fin. Sec. Cathy Mederos, Trustees Mike Saltzman, Jim Luis, Josh Pitigliano, Justin Curti, & Michael DePaoli, Guard Gidio Rasenti, Historian Carole Burner, Mistress of Ceremony Frances Della and Shurene Curti. These members will be installed at our January meeting. Please give them your support.

Dues are Due

Dues need to be paid in January. Regular members are \$50 per year. Associate and Social members are \$40 per year and junior members are free unless you wish insurance and the cost is \$6.36 per year. Remember students need to be a member for at least one year to qualify for our lodge scholarships. **Send dues to Fin. Sec. Cathy Mederos, 415 Lois St. Tulare, 93274.**



United Lodge Meeting

On Sunday, Dec. 10th the United Lodges will have their quarterly meeting. It will be hosted by the Visalia Lodge at 12 noon at their hall. Cost for lunch is \$12.50. If you would like to attend, please let Joann know by Dec. 5th. (688-8380)

Anyone attending is asked to bring a gift for the Westgate Assisted Living Facility.

A gift for the elderly, such as sugar free candy, personal items, teddy bears, etc.

Farm Show Coming Soon Feb. 13-15, 2007

Plan ahead now to work a few hours at our food booth at the Farm Show. We need everyone's help with this fund raising project. Co-Chairs Kathy Dutto, Ken Curti and Ben Curti are working on the details. Please volunteer a little of your time, don't wait to be asked.



It takes at least 20 people per day to help cook, fix sandwiches, wait on customers, refill supplies and cleanup. The booth is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Please do your part to help the lodge.

Upcoming Events!

January 8th-Regular Meeting and Installation of New Officers

February 5th-Regular Meeting

February 11th-Cut onions and prep booth for Ag Expo

February 13-15-World Ag Expo

March 5-Regular Meeting and Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m.

April 3-Regular Meeting and Anniversary Dinner



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 762 South Pratt Street
 Tulare, California 93274
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December Meeting & XMAS Party
Sunday, December 3, 2006-Meeting 12:45 PM
Dinner @ 1 P.M.
Ag Center Social Hall

Your Roma Lodge Officers

President Charlie Pitigliano (752-4633)
 Vice President Ken Curti (740-0184)
 Treasurer Leroy Beecher (688-8380)
 Recording Sec. Joann Beecher (688-8380)
 Financial Sec. Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
 Orator Gary Dutto (686-6201)
 Historian Shurene Curti (740-0184)
 Guard Gidio Rasenti (686-4023)
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Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della (784-7653)
 Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)

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| 17 Lucas Davis | 18 | 19 Richard Paggi Joaquin Ribeiro | 20 | 21 Carol McLafferty Greg Beecher Lupe Briano Carole Burner | 22 | 23 Rick Pelascini Kristin Haener |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Alex Galvan Courtney Curti | 27 Wade Parriera | 28 | 29 | 30 Norma Kranenburg Nicole Toledo Diane Jordan |
| 31 Karen Pedroncelli Andrew Chavez | | | | | | |