



Le Notizie

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Polenta Chefs!



Ken Curti, David DePaoli, Josh Pitigliano, Frank Goni, Charlie Pitigliano and Ben Curti cooked a wonderful polenta dinner for everyone at the November meeting.

A big crowd of polenta eaters enjoyed another great meal of polenta and stew prepared by some expert chefs at the November meeting. The food was great and everyone enjoyed another benefit of being a lodge member.



Great food and a Great Time!



New Members Join Lodge

(l-r) Rob Pinkerton, Angela Rispoli, Belinda Briano, Cory Briano and AJ Briano.



Santa with Lauren Costa celebrate Christmas last

*Roma Lodge
Christmas Party
Sunday
December 7, 2008
World Ag Expo-Social
Hall
Lunch-1:00 PM*



November and December of each year brings with it a time of reflection as another year draws to a close and everyone ponders what a new year will bring. This year brought about some historic events we will look back upon in years to come as changing the course of time. We have elected our first African-American President of the United States, our economy is on the brink of a depression that has not been seen since 1929 and we are seeing the largest number of home foreclosures in history.

Our own Cathy Mederos was selected as the Tulare Women of the Year, elected to the TUHS School Board and voters passed a bond measure that will bring a college to Tulare. Tulare is changing and evolving into a city bringing visitors from all over the world to attractions that include the World Ag Expo and potentially a motor speedway. Who would have ever thought these things would happen in Tulare of all places.

All of these changes did not happen over night and we all need to remember those individuals who went above and beyond their personal dreams and goals to ensure a bright future for their community. It is easy for anyone to drive by the new Mission Oak High School and take for granted that it appeared so effortlessly to serve future generations of students. We may all forget the countless hours and effort those individuals worked to get a bond measure passed to build that school.

The same goes for Roma Lodge. We should not forget of our members who have departed this earthly life since last year for their contributions to our lodge. Members who have passed are **Norma Kranenburg, Ida Harris, Lena Federighi, Louis Spagnuolo, Rose Bionda and Dede Rivers.**

We will remember your contributions to our lodge as we remember the events that will shape the future while remembering the past. **Farewell brothers and sisters of Roma Lodge.**

In Memory

Lorraine Rivers passed away on November 6, 2008. Dede, as she was referred to by most lodge members, joined the lodge in 1983. Along with husband Tom she enjoyed helping at a variety of lodge activities.

She and Tom enjoyed dancing after working at the annual ravioli dinner and were always willing to do whatever they could for the lodge. Our condolences go to Tom and her aunt Hilda Falco. **Farewell Sister Lorraine.**



Bring Your Items for the Ronald McDonald House!

Don't forget to bring a gift for the Ronald McDonald House to the Christmas party on December 7th. There are many items needed, such as shower curtains, white double bed sheets, mattress covers, white towels, floor mats, silverware, glassware, coffee cups, coffee makers, batteries (all sizes) garden hoses, umbrellas, plug in air fresheners, artificial flowers, laundry detergent, dish soap, bleach, window cleaner, furniture polish, copy paper, crayons, white glue, glue sticks, color books, post it notes, markers, highlighters, Velcro children's scissors, stickers for kids, movies, medium teddy bears, or stuffed animals.

Food supplies such as sugar, spices, flour, pancake mix, syrup, canned foods, boxed foods, snack foods, granola bars, juice boxes, raisins, nuts, dried fruit, coffee, tea. There are also larger items such as televisions, vacuums, rug shampoos, mini blind dusters, table lamps, folding carts, pots, pans and glass casserole pans.


Queen to be Crowned at Christmas Party!

Newly installed Roma Lodge member and scholarship winner Angela Rispoli has graciously agreed to represent the lodge as our queen. The acting Queen Mother will be first lady Shurene Curti (AKA Kenny's Daughter) who will assist Angela in all the rituals and protocols required of the queen. Angela will be crowned at the Christmas party on December 7th. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give their best wishes to Angela.



Lodge members will need to support the queen by purchasing raffle tickets at the upcoming December meeting and Christmas party. Bring your checkbook and plan to buy a lot of tickets.

Christmas Party

 Our annual Christmas dinner and program will be Sunday, December 7th at the social hall at the World Ag Expo. Each member is asked to bring an item or two for the Ronald McDonald House. If you plan to help chair

Those wishing to help cook should plan on arriving at 10 a.m., table decorators at 11:00 a.m. and servers at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Remember our Christmas lunch is free for members and only \$5 for guests. **Each family is asked to bring a pie for dessert.**

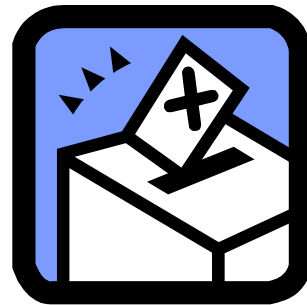
Children or adults - we would like lots of you to share your talent in our program. Lets have a great turn out this year. Santa will be there with goodies for the kids. **If you can help with the lunch, preparing or cleaning up, please contact Cathy Mederos, 687-1112.**

Get Well Wishes

Lodge members send their get well wishes to **Helen Rasenti** who broke her hip.

Election of Officers

Roma Lodge will hold election of officers for the 2009-2011 term on Monday, December 1st at the monthly meeting. The nominating committee met and are making the following recommendations for consideration by lodge members. President Ken Curti will seek nominations from the floor at the meeting so if you are interested in serving the lodge be at the meeting and get someone to nominate you.



The recommendations for consideration for officers by the nominating committee are:

President	Ken Curti
Vice President	David DePaoli
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli
Recording Secretary	Nancy Pitigliano
Financial Secretary	Cathy Mederos
Orator	Gary Dutto
Historian	Carole Burner
Guard	Ken Bertorelli
Past President	Charlie Pitigliano
Josh Pitigliano	Trustee
Mike Saltzman	Trustee
Ron Pedroncelli	Trustee
Nick Canata	Trustee
Michael DePaoli	Trustee
Frances Della	Mistress of Ceremony
Shurene Curti	Mistress of Ceremony

Dues are Due

Dues need to be paid in January. At this time regular members are \$60 per year. Associate and Social members are \$45 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. Sign up , there is no cost.

Send dues to our Financial Secretary Cathy Mederos, 415 Lois St. Tulare, 93274.



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Your Roma Lodge Officers

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Vice President David DePaoli (804-5443)
Treasurer Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec. Nancy Pitigliano (359-1900)
Financial Sec. Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian Carole Burner (686-8419)
Guard Gidio Rasenti (686-4023)
Past President Charlie Pitigliano (752-4633)

Trustees

Josh Pitigliano (752-4723)
Mike Saltzman (686-4340)
Ron Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Justin Curti (438-5799)
Michael DePaoli (361-2345)

Mistress of Ceremony

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

December Meeting

Monday, December 1, 2008
6:30 PM-World Ag Expo Social Hall



Tyler Spiedel Enjoys the Meeting