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ext year Roma Lodge will put on its 75th Annual Ravioli Dinner. If you sold a ticket, served a glass of water, stirred the sauce, washed a dish, prepared a takeout or purchased your own ticket and came to enjoy a great meal give yourself a pat on the back!

It takes individuals like yourself to continue the lodge's tradition of serving up the best Italian ravioli dinner for over 850 people the day before Mother's Day. Sure your back may have been sore, your feet probably hurt, you stuffed yourself with great ravioli and it probably crossed your mind a time or two you are getting too old to do this anymore.

I have often been accused of trying to lay a guilt trip on all the lodge members who couldn't participate in this year's dinner. This could not be farther from the truth. This article is about



Vince Sola uses his fingers to do math to determine the exact ingredients for the sauce.



Ken and Shurene Curti along with Cathy Mederos and Kathy Briano co-chaired the ravioli dinner.

congratulating those who in some capacity did help with the dinner. There will always be time conflicts, health reasons or other issues preventing members from participating. That is fine. I just want to give credit to everyone who was able to help because without their assistance the dinner would not have a proud 75 year history.

As usual we can't mention everyone who help in this short article. We need to give special recognition to our chairs **Kenny and Shurene Curti along with Cathy Mederos and Kathy Briano** who did the hard work in ordering, delivering and arranging for all those supplies and materials needed to make the dinner a success.

Of course **Charlie Pitigliano and Vince Sola** were instrumental in making the sauce and **Ben Curti, Rodney Sell and Nick Serafin** who assisted in preparing all the items for cooking and barbecuing. These tasks take all day and half the evening to complete and the lodge appreciates everyone's help. **Great Job!**



July Birthdays

Since we will not have a July meeting because of the Grand Lodge Convention here are the July birthdays. Call them on their special day and wish them a happy birthday. Clarence Costa-2, Daniel Dutto-8, Alex Pelous-9, Renee Marinelli-10, Corrine Canata-12, Joe Dlugonski-15, Agnes Pelous-17, Lawrence Cotta-19, Gary Giraudi-19, Joe Pedro-19, Albert Rosso & Grace Solari-21, Gene Cuelho-22, Marisa Toledo-22, Kathy Dutto & Marcia Anderson-25, Lilia Giacomazzi-27, Caysen Cuelho-29



Grand Lodge Convention

Roma Lodge members who would like to take part in the Grand Lodge Convention in Visalia need to take action now. You can take advantage of a great package of events for \$185 per person (**\$215 after June 1st so hurry**). You get to attend the **Hospitality Night** on June 25th, **Theme Night** on the 26th, **Talent Show** on Friday the 27th and the **Black and White Ball** on Saturday June 28th.



The **Enrico Caruso Lodge** will be hosting the convention and offers great meals and appetizers for each event. From steak to chicken and barbecues the food promises to be worth the price of the package. Individual event tickets can be purchased for each event. Visalia Mayor Jesus Gamboa has declared the week as Sons of Italy Week. For more information contact **Ida Romanazzi @ 732-0823**.

What a Way to Ruin a Good Meal!

Herald's Message

At the May meeting we all enjoyed a wonderful meal of chicken and pasta only to have a great fun filled social atmosphere become tense when we started discussing money and donations. Of course whenever anyone talks about money it usually brings a bit of tension and concern among members. As a non-profit our major concern is to provide services to our members and other non-profit and charitable organizations.

Looking at the revenue side of our lodge we raise a great deal of money with our ravioli dinner and World Expo Booth. Dues are passed through the local lodge to the Grand Lodge so we really can't count dues as a revenue source.

On the expense side I personally feel this is the order we need to spend our funds.

1. Services to lodge members (meals, rental of facilities, special events, etc., etc.)
2. Scholarships
3. Capital expenditure projects for equipment, materials, etc. for conducting lodge activities.
4. Charitable contributions to worthy causes such as Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, etc.)
5. Charitable contributions to other organizations our members are associated with. (Grad Night, SPCA, Soccer Teams) Members should request such funds. Other requests.
6. The lodge should establish a percentage to be allocated each year as a reserve for emergencies. Maybe 5%.
7. One-time requests for special activities.

We have established a donation committee. We know what we have made on our two biggest fundraisers, the farm show and ravioli dinner, so we know what we will have on hand next year for donations. In the past we have guessed what we might make. Now we know so we can plan for next year. All requests should go to the committee for recommendations to the membership versus a haphazard approach where we end up not giving away surplus dollars because we have not planned accordingly. **Let's not ruin another great meal talking about money!**



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Upcoming Events!

June 2, 2008-Regular Meeting

June 25-29th-Grand Lodge Convention-Visalia

July-No Meeting

August 4th-Scholarship Presentations, Dinner, Regular Meeting.

NOTE-No Meeting in July!