



# Le Notizie

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## 86th Anniversary Lodge Celebration!

Roma Lodge will celebrate its 86th anniversary at the April 4th meeting with a traditional meal of Italian sausage and risotto. **Sal Chiamonte** is the refreshment chair for the dinner. Members with April birthdays need to bring their raffle gifts and assist Sal with the dinner.

As part of the anniversary celebration members who are marking milestone years of membership will be honored and receive their anniversary certificates and pins. Make plans to attend.

**These members are celebrating membership milestones this year:**

### *25 Year Members*

Marjorie Boyer  
Michael DePaoli  
Larry Dutto

Tessa Curti-Hall

### *35 Year Members*

Jennifer Gray

### *50 Year Members*

Clifton Cleek

Clarence Costa

John S. Greco

Mary Ann Luis

### *51 Year Members*

Marlene Peterson

Mary Jean Kronbetter

### *52 Year Members*

Agnes Pelous

Rosalie Milanesio

Pete Milanesio

Dominic Milanesio

### *53 Year Member*

Leroy Beecher

### *54 Year Member*

Judy Paggi

### *55 Year Member*

Richard Atkinson

### *58 Years*

Connie Spagnuolo

Catherina Romero

### *59 Year Members*

Richard Paggi

Ronnie Pedroncelli

Angie Pasquini

### *60 Year Members*

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

Angela Guerra

### *62 Year Members*

Sharon Barreto, Joann Beecher,

Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

### *63 Year Members*

Lillian Cotta, Sylvia Signorelli

### *67 Year Member*

Catherine Atkinson

### *71 Year Member*

Anna Dutto

### *80 Year Member*

Lilia Giacomazzi

Grand Lodge Deputy

Joe Signorelli



**Roma Lodge  
Queen Fundraiser  
Garage & Yard Sale  
Saturday, April 2, 2016  
1804 South Tamarack  
Visalia  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bring your items on April 1st  
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Questions Call Kathy Briano-303-4171**

## *It's all a part of life!*

Heralds Message

**R**oma Lodge will celebrate its 86 anniversary at the April meeting. Each member will also observe their own personal milestone of another year of lodge membership. Personally, I will reach my 25th year of membership. Wow! Like most of us I wonder where those 25 years have gone. We have 304 members in the lodge with nearly half (47%) of our members having been in the lodge for 25 or more years. 18% have been members 50 or more years and we have two members, **Lilia Giacomazzi and Joe Signorelli** with 80 years of membership. *Pretty remarkable!*

With each anniversary brings about remembrances of a lot of milestones we go through in life as time moves forward. Each of us can recall dates in which are families have celebrated births, graduations, weddings, award banquets, trips or deaths of love ones that occur during our daily lives. *It's all a part of life!*

In the past week we saw the passing of **Domenic Milanese** who died at the age of 88. Domenic farmed in the Strathmore area and was a 52 year member of Roma Lodge. He moved to the area from La Puente, California in 1956. Along with wife Angie they were regulars at lodge meetings and activities and supported the lodge in a variety of ways. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Domenic will continue his support of the lodge by asking those who would like to contribute to the lodge in his name do so through the scholarship program. *Farewell Brother Domenic.*



### **Tapestry Award**

**Lilia Giacomazzi** is celebrating her 80th year membership of the Roma Lodge. Lilia will celebrate her 103rd birthday in July and is still very active in lodge activities. She serves as the State Deputy for Roma Lodge and transferred her membership to the Hanford Lodge when she married her late husband Fred Giacomazzi. Lilia was honored with the Tapestry Award for her contributions to agriculture by Fresno State University.



### **Volunteer**

**Joann Beecher** was recognized for over 40 years of volunteerism at Mulcahy School by principal Tracey Jenkins at a recent award ceremony. Joann has volunteered for a wide variety of activities and has generously given of her time in and out of the classroom.



### **DHIA Honoree**

**Ben Curti** was honored by the Tulare Dairy Herd Improvement Association at their annual awards banquet. They dedicated their annual publication to Ben for his outstanding contributions to the dairy industry on the local, state, national and international level.



# 81st Ravioli Dinner Set

**I**t is time once again for the annual ravioli dinner to be held on **Saturday, May 7th 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 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The menu will consist of ravioli, spaghetti, string beans, chicken, salad and dessert.

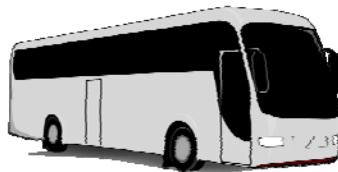


Ticket chair **Cathy Mederos** has tickets. If you would like to purchase or sell them she will have them at the April meeting. The ticket cost is \$25 and take outs are available. This is a major fundraiser for Roma Lodge and everyone will need to help sell tickets and be at the event.

All lodge members are encouraged to help. We need junior members to help serve and a lot of folks to help prepare and work on the serving lines. Those who plan to help need to be there by 4:30 p.m. At the May meeting there will be signups for different job duties. The dinner continues to be one of the best dining values around at only \$25 whether you utilize take outs or participate in the dining room. **A Great Meal at a Great Price!**

## Trip Invitation

Roma Lodge members have been invited by the Visalia and Hanford Lodges to attend a trip to **Universal Studios.** The trip is on Saturday **May 21, 2016.**



We are leaving the Visalia Sons of Italy Lodge at 6:00am. We plan on arriving around 10:00am. Everyone will be on their own at the park from 10:00am until 6:00pm including lunch and dinner. We will leave at 6:00pm to return home and plan to be back in Visalia by 10:00pm. The cost is \$125.00 per person.

This includes the bus, drivers tip, ticket into the

park, and refreshments. All monies need to be paid by May 1st. If you have any questions, contact **Dan Certini** who is handling the reservations. He can be reached at **733-3914** or **certdg@aol.com.** They are also planning a trip to the Reagan Library. Details to follow.

## Sunshine News!

Get well wishes goes to **Nick Serafin** who is still recovering in rehab, **Anna Dutto** who underwent recent surgery and **Jordyn Dutto** who had oral surgery.

## Queen Fundraiser

Roma Lodge Queen, Gabrielle Benedetti, will be hosting a yard and garage sale at **Larry and Kathy Dutto's home at 1804 South Tamarack in Visalia on Saturday, April 2nd from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Lodge members who would like to put items into the sale to benefit the queen can do so.



A wide variety of items have already been donated from furniture, clothing, electronics, appliances and other items sure to bring top dollar.

We would ask items be brought to the site on Friday, April 1st. If that day does not work for you then contact Kathy @ 303-4171 and make other arrangements for delivery.

The queen contest is just about over and this will be the final fundraiser for the queen and she certainly needs our lodge's support to finish in the top five in the state.

## Last Call For Scholarships

Roma Lodge scholarship applications are due **April 1, 2016.** Late applications will not be accepted. **Contact Frances Della, Scholarship Chair, at 559-308-6591** if you have questions.



Applications can be found on the Roma Lodge website linked below.

<http://www.romalodge1573.org/#!scholarships/c1ojo>



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### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli(730-1168)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Elisabeth Curti (553-3151)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)

### *Trustees*

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### *Mistress of Ceremony*

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Kathy Canata	(281-5294)

**Meeting**  
**April 4, 2016**  
**6:30 PM-Dinner**  
**Risotto & Sausage**  
**Sal Chiaramonte**  
**Dinner Chair**

