



Le Notizie

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September 2016

September Meeting Monday, September 12th!

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the September meeting will be on **Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.** at the farm show social hall. The **De-Paoli and Watkins Families** are in charge of refreshments.

September birthdays are asked to bring raffle prizes for the drawings and desserts.

Junior Member Night!

Roma Lodge held its annual junior member night at the August meeting. A great summer BBQ was featured with **Aaron Dutto and Maryann Luis** doing the behind the scenes work of cooking hamburgers, hotdogs, French Fries and chicken nuggets with all the trimmings. Maryann provided some great homemade potato salad and everyone enjoyed a great meal and delighted in having all the junior members present.



Megan Dutto organized the special raffle for the kids with a lot of back-to-school supplies featuring color books, crayons, notepads and other great things. Special thanks to all the parents and grandparents who

also brought items for the raffle.

If you have not attended junior member night and have

children or grandchildren who are junior members you missed out on a fun evening watching the lodge's future leaders in action.



Great Pictures!

If you would like to see some great picture of the Grand Lodge Queen Contest you can go to the links below and see all the queens, escorts and activities from the convention.



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Pick and Choose!

Heralds Message

Wow! As shown in the picture to the right my two granddaughters **Taylor and Jordyn** were pretty excited to get all of these great back-to-school items given out in a special raffle on junior member night at the Roma Lodge meeting! It was a great night seeing all the young junior members enjoy their raffle gifts and assist in running the meeting.



As a kid I remember the time when junior members were not even allowed to be in the meeting room during the meeting! When the meetings were held in Tulare above the Oasis Café upstairs in the large meeting hall, junior members had to wait outside during the meeting. What was the lodge thinking about in those days?

My granddaughter **Jordyn**, who is 8 years old, asked her parents when she got into the car to head home to Bakersfield, ***“What did we just***



do in there?” As adults we are sadly mistaken if we think that these young children don't absorb what is going on at a lodge meeting. We

may think they are content to play with other kids, enjoy the great raffle prizes or simply enjoy the good food. However, they are watching, listening, and learning about what is going on around them.

The life blood of any organizations is to encourage the addition of younger members into the lodge. Currently of the 302 members of Roma Lodge, 67 are 18 years of age or younger. Probably, with the exception of when they were initiated, many have not been to a lodge meeting or activity since.

I will guarantee the children who were at the

August meeting will remember the experiences they had at the meeting. The special raffle, sitting in the front of the room and wearing the officers regalia made a big impression on them they will remember for a long time.

Unfortunately, if these young members do not have the opportunity to attend as juniors they will have no desire to participate in lodge activities when they are adults.

I fully understand the most difficult job you will ever have is that of a parent. In today's crazy world of activities, in and out of school, it makes it more and more difficult for parents to juggle all the time consuming activities their children may be involved in during their busy lives.

However, if we think once we initiate a 6 month old baby into the lodge and never see them again, they will magically reappear when they are 35 years old with their own children.

Think again.

My advice for young parents, to get their junior members involved, is simply to ***pick and choose*** which lodge activities they may be able to fit into their busy schedules. I know the Monday night meetings, during school, are difficult to attend. However, every meeting has dinner included. Since so you are going to have to feed them at home, you might as well come to the meeting, have dinner as a family and then go home. You don't have to stay for the meeting. At least the kids have been exposed to the social and fraternal aspects of the lodge which are the most important facets of carrying on the Italian Traditions.

If Monday night meetings won't work into your schedule, come to the Columbus Day Celebration which is on a Sunday or the Christmas Party. These are great fun activities for the kids. If you can't make every lodge activity, pick and choose the ones you can. Your children will someday thank you for exposing them to the lodge. ***I know I thanked mine.***



97 & Going Strong!

Seventy-one year Roma Lodge member **Anna Dutto** celebrated her 97th birthday in style by visiting **Superior's Ice Cream in Hanford** and having a giant dish of ice cream. Superiors was always a special place to visit when she went to visit her sister **Louise Belezouli** who passed away on Anna's 96th birthday last year. Enjoy!



Water Polo Star!

Roma Lodge junior member **Camryn Berra** blocks a shot against Clovis East as goalie for the Porterville Monache High School Water Polo team. Camryn is the daughter of **Bert and Laura Berra** also members of the lodge.



Columbus Day Celebration October 9, 2016

The Roma Lodge Columbus Day Celebration will be held on October 9th at the International Agri-Center park.

The event always has great food and fun for the whole family. It is the only event of the year to feature a bocce tournament and bounce house for the kids. Make plans to attend and if you have ideas on different activities we may want to have bring them to the September meeting so we can discuss and plan accordingly.



Pebble Beach!

Past Roma Lodge President **Ken Curti** and First Lady **Shurene** are shown at the 7th hole at beautiful Pebble Beach in Monterey, California. They played the course after attending a wedding in the area. Shurene indicated she shot an 87 which I'm sure Kenny let her beat him as a gesture of being a good sport.



Roma Lodge now

has two members on the Board of Directors of the Bank of

Sierra. **Dr. Albert Berra** was one of the founding members of the bank and has been on the board since the bank started in 1977. He will celebrate his 45th year of Roma Lodge membership next year and is a retired Porterville Orthodontist and farmer. The directors recently voted to expand the board by three members and have selected **Larry Dutto** to serve on the board along with new members Robb Evans and Vonn Christenson. Bank of Sierra now has branches all over the valley and just acquired the Coast National Bank branches along the central coast.

Take A Hike

Roma Lodge Chaplain **Pam Sola** and son **Steven** recently hiked 11 miles and reached an elevation of 9,700 feet in the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness by Shaver Lake.





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Meeting Monday

September 12, 2016

6:30 PM

**The DePaoli &
Watkins Families**

are

**Refreshment
Chairs**

September Birthdays

**Bring your raffle
Prizes and desserts
and be ready to assist
with refreshments**