



Le Notizie

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Columbus Day-2016

Once again, **Michael DePaoli** and **Matt Watkins** co-chaired the Roma Lodge Columbus Day Celebration at the farm show park.

It was a beautiful day, the food was great, the desserts delicious and the raffle full of surprises. Only about 50+ members were in attendance, about half of what attended last year. A small contingent of Hanford Lodge members attended and everyone had a great time enjoying the bocce tournament.

For those who attended we all need to thank **Charlie Pitigliano** for getting the facilities prepared and ready to go. **Ben Curti** for organizing and conducting the bocce tournament. Historian **Elisabeth Curti** for taking pictures and **Melissa Watkins, Maci Daramy and Leslie DePaoli** for organizing the judging of the various cooking entrees and conducting the raffle. We also need to thank everyone who brought side dishes and desserts for everyone to enjoy.

It was a lot of work for the co-chairs and their families who helped them put on the event. More pictures can be found on the Roma Lodge website. romalodge1573.org



Columbus Day Celebration co-chairs **Michael DePaoli** and **Matt Watkins**

All the trimmings!

Lorraine Cleek, Maryann and Amanda Luis stepped forward and put on another great meal for the October meeting. The menu included deli croissant sandwiches, potato

salad and homemade cream puffs made for a great meeting meal. The November meeting will feature our traditional polenta and stew made by **Michael DePaoli**. If you have a November birthday give Michael a call (730-1168) and let him know how you can help.



Curti Clan!

Domenica, Philip, Ben and Justin Curti enjoy the Columbus Day Celebration!

Polenta Dinner and Meeting

Monday, November 7th, 2016

Agri-Center Social Hall

Last Month's Drawing Selection Was
Isabella Haener Who Was Not Present

Why Bother?

Heralds Message

Roma Lodge has been celebrating Christopher Columbus's discovery of America for the past 85+ years. As descendants of Italian immigrants to this country it is important to continue this tradition of celebrating Columbus Day or is it? Based on the number of attendees at this years celebration many of our members may have decided there were more important things to do so *why bother?*

Granted there were much bigger remembrances of Columbus discovering America in San Francisco and New York with parades and other activities highlighting Columbus and his contributions to America. Many of the other lodges in California held more public events for their communities to participate in while putting on barbecues or dinners as part of the celebration.

known as Native American Day) as the official holiday to commemorate the discovery of America.

In our eagerness to be more politically correct as a society it is becoming more and more difficult to pre-



Dessert Winners

(l-r) Melissa Watkins with daughter Adelyn, Leslie DePaoli and Joann Beecher were the winners of the dessert contests. Special thanks to all who brought desserts to the event.

serve the historical traditions this country was founded upon. Other than Roma Lodge's attempt to recognize Columbus with a BBQ, Bocce Tournament and raffle I'm not aware of anyone else in Tulare County that is observing Columbus Day other than those who get a day off of work.

I'm not sure of those of us in the lodge willing to do much more than we are doing to observe the discovery of America. However, before we decide it is not worth the bother to get together for a great meal and bocce tournament if protests continue there may not be a Columbus Day Holiday in the future!



Hanford Lodge Members enjoy the celebration!



2016 Columbus Day Bocce Champs!

(l-r) Matt Watkins, Larry Dutto, Michael DePaoli and Justin Curti along with daughter Domenica took on all comers and defeated teams with a perfect 4-0 record.

However, in Tulare County most schools were in session on the actual Columbus Day Holiday and with the exception of government offices, mail service and banks everything else was business as usual.

So what is the big deal? The importance of carrying on the Columbus Day celebration is that each year the protests against the Columbus Day observance continues to grow. Protestors would like to replace Columbus Day with *The Indigenous Peoples' Day* (also

Future Members!

Emmeline Domenica Hall was born September 30, 2016. She was a whopping 9 lbs 2 oz and 20 inches long! She is doing great with big sister, Charlotte, and big brother, Ethan, who are getting to know her. She is the daughter of **Tessa and Stuart Hall** and granddaughter of members **Ben and Elisabeth Curti**.



James Daniel Dutto, was born September 21st at 7:39 am to **Amber and Daniel Dutto**. James was 7.0 lbs. and 18.5 inches long. He has two sisters, **Madison and Amelia**, and one brother **Evan** shown in the picture. He was born by cesarean section and Amber is recovering nicely. He is grandchild number 16 for **Gary and Dawn Dutto** and great-grandchild number 28 for **Anna Dutto**.



Italians Honored by Board of Supervisors

President **David DePaoli** and first lady **Giovanna DePaoli** along with **Johann and Leroy Beecher** joined members from the Enrico Caruso Lodge when the Tulare County Board of Supervisors honored the contributions that Italians have made to the success of Tulare County.



2017-18 Officer Nominations

The nominating committee is nominating the following individuals for the 2016-17 slate of officers. *Anyone who would like to run for an office can be nominated at the meeting on November 7th from the floor.*

2017-2018 Roma Lodge Officers (Incumbents in Blue-New Officers in Red)

President	David DePaoli
Vice President	Michael DePaoli
Past President	Nick Canata
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli
Recording Secretary	Giovanna DePaoli
Financial Secretary	Pam Sola
Orator	Gary Dutto
Historian	Melissa Watkins
Guard	Ken Bertorelli
Chaplain	Kathy Canata
Herald	Larry Dutto
Trustee	Dominic Pitigliano
Trustee	Daniel Dutto
Trustee	Mike Saltzman
Trustee	Rob Pinkerton
Trustee	Matt Watkins-Chair

Mistress of Ceremonies

Toni Saltzman
Frances Della
State Deputy
Lilia Giacomazzi

Member Accomplishments

Roma Lodge member **Lauren Costa** won the Round Robin Showmanship at the recent Fresno Fair. **Kristen Haener** got a job as an Assistant Principal at Meridian High School in Meridian, ID.





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Sunshine Committee

Roma Lodge members have had recent health issues and have been undergoing medical treatment. Best get well wishes go out to **Kim Solari** who recently had surgery and is recovering.



Lost & Found Department

If you are missing a set of "Good Morning" pot holders from the Columbus Day come to the next meeting and retrieve



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)

Polenta Dinner
Monday, November 7th, 2016
6:30 PM-World Ag Expo
Social Hall

Michael DePaoli-Refreshment Chair
November Birthdays
Bring Desserts
This Month's Drawing \$70!

