



# Le Notizie

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## T is the Season!



### *Our Future!*

Over 30 junior members were on hand to enjoy the annual Roma Lodge XMAS party. They displayed their talent and received Christmas stockings filled with goodies from Santa.

Once again the Roma Lodge annual Christmas party was a big success with over 100 members and guests on hand to enjoy a great meal and some Christmas cheer.

Cathy Mederos served as the chair of the event with a lot of help from other members.

**January Meeting  
Monday  
January 4, 2016  
6:30 PM**

Kathy Briano decorated the tables with poinsettias, Kenny and Ben Curti, Vince Sola and Charlie Pitigliano who headed up the cooking that featured yams, ham and rigatoni's.

Santa Clause (A.K.A. as Dennis Mederos) was on hand to handout XMAS candy stockings put together by Joann Beecher and everyone had a great time.

*Santa Stories*  
Reid and Eloise Sola enjoy Santa's company at the Roma Lodge Christmas party.



Vince Sola and Ken Curti perform their magic in cooking another great meal.

# Reflections of 2015

Heralds Message

**E**ach year the month of December brings about a time for reflecting on the past year and each of us looking forward to what the next year may bring. For one thing Roma Lodge has had a number of members who have had babies this year and a large number of those have joined the lodge. By my count we have had 13 new members join the lodge this year and many are newborns. In a time when many lodges across the state have experience declining membership or the closure of lodges, Roma Lodge continues to grow and expand.

These things don't just happen. Our lodge was founded by members of America's "**reatest Generation**" who instilled in their "**Baby Boomer**" children the importance of carrying-on the importance of the Italian Culture. Now, generation "**X&Y**" along with the "**Millennials**" are now having their children join the lodge. The future is bright!

Organization has been another key element for the success of Roma Lodge during the past year. With a published chart of responsibilities for the year it has encouraged more members to take an active part in leadership positions of the lodge. Just about everyone in the lodge will participate and assist in putting on lodge activities when asked. We need to continue to have our chairs solicit more members to assist in lodge activities and encourage them to take on leadership roles. Members who take on active roles in the lodge will continue to build lodge membership and participation.

Finally, it's all about the food! Yes, members attend monthly meetings because the lodge has focused on providing a great meal prior to each meeting. Special thanks goes to the members who have served as dinner chairs for each meeting. They often provide home cooked meals and have been very innovative in providing great food for all those who attend. Great food coupled with a well organized and short meeting continue to provide a great venue for members who want to attend monthly meetings. **Great Job Everyone!**

## Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission!

The Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission received a truck-load of needed supplies brought by lodge members to the annual Christmas party.

Representatives from the mission were on hand to join in the days festivities and gratefully hauled all of the donations to their facility. Special thanks to all the members who brought the needed supplies to the party.



## Grand Deputy



Roma Lodge Grand Deputy, **Lilia Giacomazzi**, continues to amaze at 102 years of age. She continues to be the consummate deputy attending lodge meetings and activities with her usual grace, wit and professionalism. Her remarks are always well organized and scripted, complimentary of lodge activities and delivered with such heart felt emotions. I would venture to guess that there has never been a Grand Deputy for a filial lodge at the age of 102. If there was I'm sure they couldn't have done a better job than Lilia Giacomazzi has done for Roma Lodge. **Thank you Lilia!**

## More Pictures

If you would like to see all the pictures from the Roma Lodge Christmas party you can find them on the Roma Lodge website [romalodge1573.org](http://romalodge1573.org)

Historian, **Elisabeth Curti** took some great pictures so check them out. If you would like a copy of one, simply email me at [larrydutto@yahoo.com](mailto:larrydutto@yahoo.com) and I will send them to you.



## New Baby!

Roma Lodge members Katrina and Brian Rainey are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Ty James Rainey who was born on December 15th. He joins brothers Dane and Rhett who are also lodge members. He weighed 9 pounds and 7 ounces and shown in the picture with proud grandfather Ben Curti.



## United Lodges!

Roma Lodge served as host for the United Lodge meeting on Sunday, December 13th. About 40 members and guests enjoyed a great



meal cooked by **David and Michael DePaoli, Charlie Pitigliano and Matt Watkins. Kathy Briano and Giovanna DePaoli** decorated for the event with **Frances Della** who help setup for the event. The meal included chicken, rigatoni's and green beans along with cheese cake. **Leroy Beecher** was selected to serve as treasurer for the United Lodges for the upcoming year.



## All Hail The Queen!

**R**oma Lodge Queen **Gabrielle Benedetti** will hold a fundraiser on February 26th & 27th, 2016 as approved by the lodge at the December meeting.

Instead of hosting a takeout spaghetti dinner, as done in the past, the lodge will cook two lunches for the Western Dairy Challenge held at the College of the Sequoias Tulare Center.

Gabrielle is still selling raffle tickets and holding a recycle project, so bring your plastic bottles or aluminum cans to the January meeting to add to the queens fundraiser. Gabrielle will need all of the lodge members support to do well for the Grand Lodge competition.



### Membership Dues

Your lodge dues are due on **January 1, 2016**. Regular member dues are **\$75** with the mortuary (**\$60** without) per year. Social members are the same. Juniors with benefits are **\$6.36**. Junior members who choose not to select the benefit option are free. College students up to the age of 26 are also free if they verify they are in college by sending a letter to the lodge. Mail your dues to **Cathy Mederos, Roma Lodge, PO Box 1337, Tulare, California**



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### **Feeling Lucky!**

Roma Lodge still has plenty of raffle tickets for the Grand Lodge drawing. They are only \$30 each and you have several chances to win. You can purchase them at the January meeting

### **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	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

### **Mistress of Ceremony**

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

### **January Meeting**

**Monday**

**January 4, 2016**

**6:30 Social Hall**



**Menu**

**Chairman's Choice**

**Pam & Vince Sola**

**Refreshment Chairs**