



Le Notizie

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Columbus Day

Roma Lodge celebrated Columbus Day on November 15th with a luncheon and bocce tournament at the WAE park in Tulare. President **David DePaoli** and First Lady **Giovanna DePaoli** organized the event since we did not have anyone who wanted to chair the event. There were about 45 members and guests present and special thanks goes to **Pam Sola** who conducted junior member activities, **Janis Curti** who organized the dessert contest, **Joanne Beecher** for conducting the raffle, **Ben Curti** for organizing the bocce tournament and **Dominic Pitigliano** who took care of the facility arrangements along with **Matt Watkins** who was in charge of setup.



2017 Bocce Champs!

(l-r) Steven Sola, Vincent Sola, Dominic Pitigliano, Amie Pitigliano. Team supporters are, Kurt Sola, Eloise Sola, Reid Sola and Giada Pitigliano.

Dessert Contest Winners

Tina Sparlin, Hazel Ann Christin, Giulia Watkins.

Special thanks to all the members who made desserts, brought salads or specialty dishes or helped out with all the great food enjoyed by all.



Queen Crowned

The third Benedetti daughter is following in the footsteps of her older sisters as **Gianna Benedetti**. She already has her raffle tickets, from the Grand Lodge, for sale and you can get them at the November meeting. The lodge owes the Benedetti family a special thanks for having their

third daughter serve as the lodge queen. They now match the Ben Curti family who also had their three daughters serve as lodge queens. Bring you recyclables to the meeting for the queen! *Aluminum cans and plastic bottles only.*

Polenta Dinner and Meeting
Monday, November 6th, 2017
Agri-Center Social Hall

Last Month's Drawing Selection Was
Dawn Dutto Who Was Not Present

Hall of Famer!

Heralds Message

Long time Roma Lodge member **Charlie Pitigliano** was inducted into the College of the Sequoias Foundation Hall of Fame on October 5th at the Porter Field House on the COS Campus. COS is just one of the many, many community organizations that Charlie has supported over the years. He serves as the chair of the COS Farm Operations committee along with Vince Sola, another Roma Lodge member.



As part of his induction ceremony a little history of Charlie's Italian heritage was introduced which many of us in Roma Lodge may not know.

Charlie's paternal grandfather, Camillio Pitigliano came to America in the 1890's and worked as a blaster in the manganese mines located in Porterville on Lewis Hill. He later became a dairy farmer in the 1940's in Tulare. The Pitigliano family comes from the small town of Pitigliano, in the Province of Grosseto, Italy. Charlie's maternal grandfather, Benjamin Lapadula, came to America in 1909 from Florence, Italy and settled in the Los Angeles area working as a groundskeeper at a local cemetery.

While working at the cemetery a woman's husband passed away and she asked that Benjamin take special care of her husband's grave and she would stop by every couple of weeks to check on him. As time went on they became good friends because they both spoke Italian and she was always impressed by the way he took care of the cemetery grounds.

The woman became elderly and she asked Benjamin if he would be interested in managing a piece of property she owned in the Tipton-Pixley area in the San Joaquin Valley. After some careful thought, he decided to move to Pixley to manage the farm growing cotton, corn and alfalfa. Again, the woman was impressed with his farming skills and decided to sell the property to him. He explained he could not afford it and she reassured him that he could. He took over the property and with the help of Boswell farms he sharecropped the farm until it was paid for. The Lapadula farm was established in 1925 on 640 acres which is part of the family operation today.

Charlie's family story is one of many of Italian immigrants who came to the central valley, worked hard, and built their families American dream in this coun-

try. As mentioned in his induction ceremony, Charlie leads his community from the kitchen and not the podium. He leads from behind the scenes and reluctantly



touts his own accomplishments. Charlie is usually the first to arrive at Roma Lodge activities and the last to leave.

Charlie indicates his favorite pastime is taking a raw piece of land and developing it into a permanent crop. I believe his favorite pastime is encouraging, mentoring and providing resources to his family, friends, employees and members of his community to take their raw talents and build upon them to become

productive members of our society.



Charlie's big heart was on display recently with the passing of Roma Lodge member **Richard Paggi**.

Richard's wife Judy had requested that he had wanted a traditional Italian dinner to be served as his celebration of life following the funeral services. Charlie along with other lodge members stepped forward and made sauce at his home and cooked a delicious ravioli dinner for the Paggi Family.

Congratulations Charlie P on becoming a COS Hall of Famer!

Ivy Emmeline Sola

Ivy was born October 14, 2017 to **Vincent and Brit-tany Sola**. She weighed in at 6 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 19 inches long. She joins her siblings **Reid, Eloise and Kurt Sola** and is the granddaughter of **Vincent and Pam Sola**.



Great Food!

October refreshment chairs **Shurene and Ken Curti** along with **Cathy Mederos** cooked up a delicious meal for the meeting. Members in attendance feasted on some great sandwiches, soup and all the trimmings at the meeting. If you have-

n't attended a meeting in awhile you want to make sure you attend the November meeting where we will have our traditional polenta and stew. See you then.

True Patriot!

When you woke up on Sunday morning and you had a busy week, you were tired and you didn't feel up to par. It was then you decided to stay home and relax instead of going to the Columbus Day celebration. *You just couldn't do one more thing!*

I'm sure there were times over the past 80 plus years that our **State Deputy Lilia Giacomazzi** felt the same way. However, despite being 104 years old, suffering from recent health issues, delegated to getting around in a wheelchair, she showed up and enjoyed her time at the picnic. What a true patriot!

In a time when Columbus Day is under attack and many cities have dropped the holiday in favor of having an Indigenous Peoples Day, Lilia sets the bar on patriotism and serves as a role model for those of us who want to carry on the Italian traditions! **Great Job Lilia!**



Great Job Pam!

Roma Lodge owes **Pam Sola** special thanks for having a great bunch of activities at Columbus Day for our junior members. In addition to a bounce house she had a mini bocce tournament, bean toss, and a variety of other games and prizes for the junior members in attendance.

These kids will remember those experiences of Columbus Day for a long time and hopefully will continue the tradition for many years to come.

Thanks Pam!



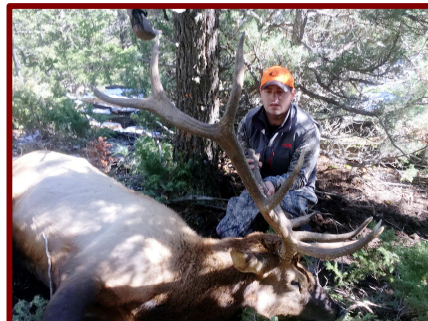
Hanford Lodge

Several Hanford Lodge members participated in the Roma Lodge Columbus Day and bocce tournament. Hanford will be holding their annual Spaghetti, Meatball and Sauce takeout dinner on October 29th for only \$10. For dinner tickets contact **Tony or Louise Tesoriere at 584-7664**. For sauce tickets contact **Joanie at 584-4477**.



Hunters!

Roma lodge members **Daniel Daramy** and **Lauren Costa** show off their latest hunting trophies.





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Are These Yours?

These serving utensils were left at the Columbus Day celebration. If they belong to you they can be claimed at the November meeting by contacting Giovanna DePaoli at the meeting!



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Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Toni Pinkerton	(331-3183)

Polenta Dinner
Monday, November 6th, 2017
6:30 PM-World Ag Expo
Social Hall
Michael DePaoli-Refreshment Chair
November Birthdays
Bring Desserts

