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January-2018

# Fraternity on Display!

t is said that Christmas time is all about giving and less about receiving. Roma Lodge is an organization that believes in Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The annual lodge Christmas party was a prime example of the way lodge members come together as a fraternal organization. Long time chair for the event *Cathy Mederos* was unable to attend the event because her husband *Dennis* (A.K.A. Santa) had broken his arm and was in surgery the day before the event.

Co-chair Ken
Curti was called into
emergency service
to organize and
cook for the event.
Lodge members Ben
Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, Vince Sola,
David DePaoli and
Tony DeRose took
over the cooking
duties.

Joann Beecher took care of the XMAS stockings for the children, Frances Della, Kathy Briano, Joann Beecher and



David DePaoli and Charlie Pitigliano put the finishing touches on the yams at the XMAS party.

Elisabeth Curti pitched with setting tables and decorations and Pam Sola conducted a great talent show for all the attendees with the junior members. Nick Canata filled in for Santa and everyone had a great meal and enjoyed the event.

Nancy Pitigliano, Vince Sola, Karen Pedroncelli, Shurene Curti, Angie DeRose, Elisabeth Curti

and took on serving duties at the XMAS party.





Frances Della assisted in decorating the tables with Christmas colors and Kathy Briano took care of decorating the poinsettias.



Representatives of the Tulare Lighthouse Mission were on hand to receive donations from Roma Lodge Members at the Christmas Party!

January Meeting
Monday
January 8, 2018
6:30 PM
Chair and Committee Assignments

# **Christmas Fun!**



# Members in the news!

Steven Sola is taking his winning of the Columbus Day Bocce Championship to extreme where he is touring Asian countries on a hiking trip. He is shown playing bocce in Laos with a local group of Laotians



showing them the finer art of bocce ball throwing. Ask *Pam and Vince* to show you some great pictures at the next meeting.



Roma Lodge members Aiden and Austin Gentry did their part for the Wreaths Across America program by spending their day putting out XMAS wreaths on hundreds of veterans graves at the National Veterans Cemetery in Tehachapi.

Great Job!

#### Farewell Brother Anthony!

Anthony V. Chiaramonte passed away on
December 13, 2017 a few
days after celebrating his
98th birthday on November 30th. Services were
held in Morgan Hill and his
family will have a celebration of life locally sometime in January. With his
passing we bid farewell to
another member of Ameri-



cas Greatest Generation as Anthony was a veteran of WWII. He proudly served his country and donations can be made on his behalf to the Disabled Veterans or Wounded Warrior Project.

His grandson, *Anthony M. Chiaramonte* is also a lodge member and currently serving on active duty in Texas. Roma Lodge members want to thank them both for their service to our country. *Farewell Brother Anthony!* 

#### **Committee Assignments**

At the January meeting the 2018 committee chair and assignments will be made. Decide what you would like to do next year and be ready to signup for duties!

#### **Sunshine Committee**

Get well wishes are extended to Dennis Mederos (A.K.A. Santa) who is recovering from his broken arm suffered in a fall in San Diego.



#### Grand Lodge News!

The Grand Lodge is once again conducting their "Winner Every Day Raffle" contest for 2018. The tickets are \$30 and can be purchased through the Grand Lodge or you can contact Giovanna DePaoli. Amendments to the bylaws are being put forth for the Grand Lodge Convention to be held in June in Ontario, California. More information on the proposed amendments will be discussed at the January meeting.

#### Membership Dues

Your lodge dues are due on January 1, 2018. 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. Bring your dues to the meeting in January or mail to Pam Sola, Roma Lodge, PO Box 1337, Tulare, California 93275.



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Checkout more great pictures of the XMAS Party on the Roma Lodge Website.

https://www.romalodge1573.org/



## 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.	Pam Sola (901-1781)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)
Chaplain	Kathy Canata (281-5294)

#### **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)
Toni Pinkerton	(331-3183)

January Meeting
January 8, 2018
WAE-Social Hall
6:30 P.M.

Refreshment Chairs
David and Giovanna
DePaoli