



Le Notizie

A Publication of Roma Lodge #1573

December-2023

Christmas Party!

Nothing brings families and organizations together more than the **Christmas Holiday Season**. Our junior members delight in having a great meal, delicious desserts, showing off their talents, getting a stocking full of treats and a visit from Santa are things which makes the Roma Lodge Christmas party our biggest event of the year. They are our future!



We will have our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 3rd starting at noon with a short meeting, lunch, junior talent show and a visit by Santa.

Leslie DePaoli has once again volunteered to be the chairperson of the Roma Lodge Christmas party. I'm sure she would love to have you help by setting tables, putting out decorations, cooking or serving so give her a call at 559-901-7386 if you would like to help.



Details

When: Sunday, December 3rd.

Where: IAC Social Hall

Time: December Meeting 12-12:30 PM

Lunch Served: 12:30 PM

Junior Talent Show: 1:15-1:45 PM

Santa's Arrival-Stockings for Juniors-1:45 PM

Pam Sola, Junior Member Advisor, will once again put on a great activity for the junior members who attend the party.

If you have a junior who would like to perform for the talent show, please contact **Pam at 559-901-1781** and let her know you have someone who would like to perform.



Taylor Dutto will be playing the violin for the talent show.

We will go back to our long held tradition of

having members bring a pie or their favorite dessert for the party.



RSVP-A Must

Text Leslie @ 559-901-7386 or Email lwaker1414@yahoo.com

by

November 29th!

EVERYONE MUST RSVP

There will be check in at the door.

Members, Juniors and Children Free

Adult Guests-\$15

Back on Track!

Presidents Message

85th Ravioli Dinner!

Roma Lodge hosted their annual ravioli dinner on Saturday, October 28th at the IAC Social Hall. It was a big success with over 650 meals served and 57 members who helped, sold tickets or purchased meals as part of our fundraiser. These type of events take a lot of hard work by many of our members and without their efforts these types of activities would not be possible.



Joanne Beecher, Joyce Hofstee and Karen DeGroot for the biscotti cookies included with the meals for dessert.



Caleb and Clint Curti working on the sauce.



Vince and Pam Sola along with Nick Milanesio made the delicious green beans



I personally want to thank those members who went above and beyond to assist. *Charlie, Josh and Dominic Pitigliano* for making the sauce and providing the cook trailer with all the pots pans and other cooking utensils needed for the event.



Anica Gentry and Leslie DePaoli for organizing the takeouts.



Michael and David DePaoli, Matt Watkins, Mike Saltzman and Joseph Goni for preparing and cooking the chicken.



We also want to thank everyone who prepared the takeouts. *Sally Scalia, Jennifer Pitigliano, Nancy Pitigliano, Renee Marinelli, Marisa and Tom Evans,*

Anthony Casalicchio and Tina Sparlin for washing all the pots and pans.



Melissa Watkins for getting all the supplies and preparing the salads for takeout.

Maryann Luis, Lor-



raine Cleek, Kathy Briano, Giovanna DePaoli, Amanda Luis, and Elisabeth Curti.

Special thanks to all the junior members who helped out as well. We have put their pictures in the December edition of the IL Leone so check it out!

Polenta & Stew

Michael DePaoli, Maci Daramy, Melissa Watkins, and the rest of the DePaoli Family did a great job in preparing and serving a great polenta and stew dinner at the November meeting. It takes a lot of organizing, cooking and serving for our traditional polenta dinner. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.



Sunshine News

Charlie Pitigliano had major back surgery just a few days after our ravioli dinner. Although, he was in a lot of pain he was at the dinner on Saturday and Sunday to help in whatever way he could. This shows true dedication of a lodge member who wants to carry on our Italian traditions like his parents and grand parents did. I have pictured him with *Kenny Curti* who was the dinner chair for many, many years and was out of town on the 28th. However, Kenny had his son and grandson there all day helping to cook the sauce. Kenny is also our top ticket seller with 70 tickets sold. Thank you both.



If you know someone who is having health issues or involved in some type of accident, contact *Joann Beecher* at **688-8380** so she can send them a card from the lodge.

Members in the news!

Roma Lodge member Visalia PD Sergeant *Clay Moffett* just graduated from the California POST Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI).

SLI is an intensive eight-month course where supervisors from law enforcement agencies across the state come together to share their unique experiences and challenges. This training is facilitated by carefully selected mentors whose goal is to create the next law enforcement administrator's ability to better serve their communities and employees.



VPD Chief of Police *Jason Salazar* congratulates *Clay Moffett* for his leadership.



Members at the November meeting voted to select *The Central Valley Honor Flights*, As our Christmas charity this year. Please bring your donation and checks made out to the *Central Valley Honor Flights*.

Yes, that is correct. We have been promised by *Paul Loeffler* the check problem we had last year has been resolved. If you would also like to donate to our foundation, make checks payable to the *Italian Culture Foundation of Tulare County*. Both charities are tax deductible.

Ravioli for Sale

Everyone we spoke with thought the Armanino's ravioli we used for the dinner were great. If you are too busy this year to make your own ravioli you can purchase the ravioli we had leftover from the dinner.



They have been kept frozen and come in 1-lb bags. Each bag will feed 2-3 people and will be perfect for Thanksgiving or Christmas Holiday get togethers. The lodge will sell them for \$3 per bag or \$30 for a case of 10 lbs. If you want some before Thanksgiving text or call *Larry Dutto* at **559-901-4683**. If you want them for Christmas let us know and we will have them for you at the lodge Christmas party. **First come first served!**

If you have items for the LeNotizie send pictures and information to larrydutto@yahoo.com and we will be glad to include them in future editions of the newsletter.



Roma Lodge
PO Box 1337
Tulare, California 93275
www.romalodge1573.org

LeNotizie Sponsors

 <p>Vincent Sola Partnership Farming & Farm Management</p> <p>Office (559) 688-0606 Cell (559) 901-1780 Fax (559) 688-0366 Email farmervs@aol.com P.O. Box 190 • Tipton, CA 93272</p>	<p>Pine P&A Pedroncelli & Aguilar Inc.</p> <p>Karen C. Pedroncelli, CPA 3924 W. Caldwell Avenue, Ste. B P.O. Box 5100 Visalia, CA 93278 Tel: 559-625-9800 Fax: 559-625-9812 625 N. Main Street Porterville, CA 93257 Tel: 559-784-9090 Fax: 559-784-9092 karen@pinecpas.com www.pinecpas.com</p> <p>Certified Public Accountants</p>
 <p>11586 Avenue 120 • P. O. Box 9 Tipton, California 93272</p> <p>CHARLIE PITIGLIANO Off: (559) 752-4319 FAX: (559) 752-3230 Mobile: (559) 284-6797 Res: (559) 752-4633</p>	 <p>Sparlin Hoof Trimming Brent Sparlin Owner and Operator Specializing in Dairy Animal Hoof Care</p> <p>Over 30 years experience</p> <p>559-287-8279 559-685-8857 TSHOOFIN@aol.com</p>
 <p>Bassett Farms, Inc. Pistachios & Almonds</p> <p>Jon Bassett</p> <p>P. O. Box 6069 Visalia, CA 93290 bfarmsinc@yahoo.com</p> <p>Cell: 559-972-5716 Office: 559-635-8776 Fax: 559-739-8402</p>	 <p>Ken Curti Owner</p> <p>Mobile: 559-288-2144 Office: 559-688-0444 Fax: 559-688-0448 kcurti@sierra.com</p> <p>Mailing Address 3847 W. Ewing Visalia, California 93291 Physical Address 6605 Avenue 152 Tulare, California 93274</p> <p>CURTI TERRA INC. DIVERSIFIED FARMING</p>
<p>INGLEBY</p> <p>Nick Canata Agronomist</p> <p>INGLEBY UNITED STATES Mob: +1 559 690 1482 njc@inglebyfarms.com</p>	<p>DAMCO Investments <i>Dennis Mederos</i></p>
 <p>Benjamin (Ben) Curti Cell (559)288-0587 Personal Email bacurti@aol.com</p> <p>16337 Road 24 Tulare, California 93274 Business Email: bencurtifarms@yahoo.com</p> <p>Phone: (559)992-5866 Fax: (559)992-4842</p>	 <p>BANK OF SIERRA</p> <p>ldutto@bankofthesierra.com</p> <p>LARRY DUTTO, PH.D. Director</p> <p>86 N. Main Street Porterville, CA 93257 559-791-4900 559-901-4883 c</p>

Santa and the Chef needs you to RSVP by November 29th

2023-2024 Officers

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| President | Larry Dutto |
| Vice President | Justin Curti |
| Past President | David DePaoli |
| Treasurer | Karen Pedroncelli |
| Recording Secretary | Renee Marinelli |
| Financial Secretary | Tina Sparlin |
| Orator | Anthony Chiamonte |
| Historian | Melissa Watkins |
| Guard | Frank Marinelli |
| Chaplain | Nicole Taylor |
| Trustee | Dominic Pitigliano |
| Trustee | Michael DePaoli |
| Trustee | Mike Saltzman |
| Trustee | Louis Benedetti |
| Trustee | Matt Watkins-Chair |
| Junior Members | Pam Sola |
| Herald | Larry Dutto |
| Membership Chair | Nicole Taylor |
| Mistress of Ceremony | Joann Beecher |
| State Deputy | Jackie Giacomazzi |

RSVP-A Must
Text Leslie @ 559-901-7386 or Email lwalker1414@yahoo.com
by **November 29th!**
EVERYONE MUST RSVP

There will be check in at the door.
Members, Juniors and Children Free
Adult Guests-\$15
Bring a Dessert and your donation for the Honor Flight!