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Biggest Ever!

The 2022 Roma Lodge Junior Member Night had the largest participation at a monthly lodge meeting we can ever remember. Nearly 80 members and guests attended a great evening with nearly 30 junior members attending to get their back-to-school supplies.

The junior members stole the show with all of them doing a great job with their opening and closing ceremonies. Austin Gentry took over as president and all of the juniors were excited to don their regalia and conduct the meeting. Special thanks to all the parents who took the time and effort to bring their kids to the meeting. ***It was something special!***



Austin Gentry took over presidential duties for the Junior Member Night with *Camden Taylor* filling in as treasurer.

Roma Lodge Junior Members

(Sitting) Amelia Curti, Camilla Pitigliano, Kate Watkins, Gianna Daramy, Ava James Clark (standing) Amelia Curti, Camden Taylor, Mason Moffett, Quinn Moffett, Giada Pitigliano, Nolan Clark, Harlow, Haydyn and Harper DePaoli, Isabel Daramy, Giulia Watkins, Adelyn Watkins, George Maness V, Taylor Dutto, Austin Gentry, Aiden Gentry, Ariel Maness, Jordyn Dutto.



Let the chain be unbroken!

Presidents Message

At our June meeting we initiated new member **Mila Grace Daramy**. Mila will probably not remember being initiated into the lodge by State Deputy, **Jackie Giacomazzi**. Someday she may choose to be our Roma Lodge Queen and follow in her mother Maci's footsteps who was the Grand Lodge Queen in 2005-2006.



I wonder if she knew the Sola Family, **Vince and Pam** along with **Kathryn Sola-Gomes and Sophia Gomes** who provided the dinner for the evening.



She may not remember her first Junior Member Night when she sat with her cousin **Harlow DePaoli**, uncle **Michael DePaoli** and grandfather **David DePaoli**. She may read in the 150th anniversary of Roma Lodge program that her uncle was a trustee of the lodge and her grandfa-



ther was a Roma Lodge President for 4-two year terms!

Who knows, she may be celebrating her 92nd birthday like long term members **Angie Milanesio and Frances Della** in the year 2114 at the Roma Lodge meeting. Does this all seem too unrealistic? Just

think what our Roma Lodge Charter members thought some 92-years ago as to whether the lodge would still be in existence in 2022. **We are not only here but now the largest lodge in the state!**

It may be a few years before she can enjoy the meetings like her cousins **Adelyn** and **Giulia Watkins** and her sister **Isabel**. Or her sister **Giana** and cousin **Kate Watkins**.



We have a lot of families like Mila's who have parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who have been members of the Order. How do we ensure these young members continue in the family tradition of being members of Roma Lodge? It is simple. Continue to have Junior Member Nights, Christmas Parties and activities during our monthly meetings where they can take an active part in the lodge.

This is not an easy or simple thing to accomplish. Mila and her family have to drive all the way from Bakersfield to attend a lodge event. We know once school starts it is difficult to find the time to attend lodge meetings. **We just hope those of us who have a long history of family membership in the lodge continue to ensure their family chain of participating in the lodge remains unbroken!**





Special Thanks

Great Roma Lodge meetings cannot be successful without a great meal and members willing to help. Special thanks to the Dutto-Luis-Cleek families who provided a great meal for the Junior member night.

Lorraine Cleek and Maryann Luis spent countless hours shopping preparing a great meal for everyone to enjoy. We want to thank **Giovanna DePaoli** for getting the delicious bread.



Anica and Mark Gentry who shopped and organized all of the back-to-school gifts and did a great job in organizing all the juniors to get their items. Thanks to **Aaron Dutto and Megan Dutto** for conducting the 50/50 raffle and all those members who brought items for back-to-school.

Thanks to all the parents like **Leslie DePaoli** who took the time to work with their children in practicing their opening ceremony positions like she did with daughter **Harper**. They all did a great job and we look forward to having them back next year for an even bigger event!



Sunshine News

Get well wishes are in order for **Leroy Beecher** who remains in the hospital with serious health issues. **Shaun Pedroncelli** suffered a broken foot in a fall. **Ben Curti** who has had COVID and **Matt Watkins** who has had a recent surgery at Stanford.

50/50 Split

Special thanks to **Charlie Pitigliano** who came up with the idea of the 50/50 raffle for our meetings. With such a big crowd at the Junior Member Night our winner **Mark Gentry** went home with over \$100 and the lodge was able to put a big dent in the cost of the dinner. When you come to the meetings we encourage everyone to participate in the 50/50 raffle!

Check out the great pictures!

Go to the Roma Lodge website [Home | roma-lodge \(romalodge1573.org\)](http://Home|roma-lodge(romalodge1573.org)) to check out some great pictures of our last meeting. If there are some pictures you would like to have send us an email and we will send it to you.





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September Meeting
Monday
September 12, 2022
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Are our dinner hosts!