



Le Notizie

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89th Roma Lodge Anniversary Celebration!

Make plans to attend the April 1st meeting as Roma Lodge will be celebrating its 89th Anniversary. **Vera Girolami-National President and Arlene Nunziati-State First Vice President will be in attendance.** They will be presenting certificates to members who are celebrating milestone memberships in the lodge. Listed below are all the members who will be receiving a certificate from the lodge to commemorate their years of membership.

We will also have the initiation of new members and the Pitigliano Family will be serving a great dinner of Italian sausage, risotto and salad so make plans to attend. April birthdays are reminded to bring their raffle prizes for the meeting. We know it is a busy time of the year but it is important that we all attend to show our members we support their milestone years of membership in the lodge.

5 Year Members

Isaac Pitigliano, Darian Roeber, Arthur Maness, Leslie DePaoli, Isabel Daramy, Salvador Chiaramonte, Pam Chiaramonte, Pam Chiaramonte and Anthony Chiaramonte

10 Year Members

Gabrielle, Gianna & Isabella Benedetti, Albert Briano, Garrett Costa, Lauren Costa, Aiden Gentry, Isabella Haener, Melina Maack, Austin Moccardini, Mason Moccardini, Amie Pitigliano, Katrina Reinart, Sydney Reinart and Tyler Speidel

15 Year Members

Aaron Curti, Grace Curti, Jaimi Curti, Chloe Cushing, Wyatt Cushing, Garren Dutto, Keegan Dutto, Julia Galvan, Gianna Haener, Henry Haener and Grace Solari

20 Year Members

Lucas Della, Andrew Jordan and Elizabeth Jordan

30 Year Members

Nicholas Curti, Joanna Moffett, Dominic Pitigliano and Michael Saltzman

35 Year Members

Justin Curti, Noemi Pelascini, Rick Pelascini and Carmen Rolfi

40 Year Member

Lorraine Clarot, Denise Danell, Jeanette Freitas, Charlie Pitigliano, Nancy Pitigliano

45 Year Members

Richard Atkinson, Theresa Blua, Marisa Evans, Rose Della Frank, Sherry Reinart

50 Year Members

Ben Curti, Ken Curti, Frances Della, Linda Della, Giovanna DePaoli, Diane Jordan, Dave Milanesio, Steve Milanesio, Nick Serafin and Vincent Sola

We will recognize those with membership over 50 years and present certificates to those who are celebrating 55, 65 and 70 years of membership.

51 Year Members

Philip Curti and William Fusco

52 Year Members

Dennis Burner, James Costa, Carol McLafferty

53 Year Members

Cliff Cleek, Clarence Costa, John Greco and Maryann Luis

54 Year Members

Mary Jean Kronbetter Marlene Peterson

55 Year Member

Rosalie Milanesio, Agnes Pelous,

56 Year Member

Leroy Beecher

61 Years

Connie Spagnuolo, Catherina Romero

62 Year Members

Ronnie Pedroncelli

63 Year Members

Carole Burner, Janet Cabral, Johnnie Kaye Costa, Betty Pratt, Lorraine Cleek, George Rinaldi

65 Year Members

Sharon Barreto, Joann Beecher, Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

66 Year Members

Lillian Cotta, Sylvia Signorelli

70 Year Member

Catherine Atkinson

83 Year Member

Joe Signorelli

**Meeting &
89th Anniversary Celebration
Monday, April 1, 2019
Farm Show Social Hall
6:30 P.M.**

If you need another reason...

President Message

Make plans to attend the April 1st Roma Lodge meeting BECAUSE we will be celebrating our 89th lodge anniversary. Why will the 89th celebration special?

To begin with we have a record number of members who are celebrating their 50th year of membership. As shown on the first page we have a record number of 10, yes 10, members who are celebrating 50 years of membership in Roma Lodge!



50 year members getting their 35th year pins 15 years ago!

25, 35 and 50 years of membership we decided to recognize those that are having membership milestones of 5 to 80 years in 5 year increments. Again, as shown on the first page we have 72 members, yes 72, who will be receiving a certificate of membership for their loyalty as Roma Lodge members.

The **OSIA National President, Vera Girolami** along with **State Vice-President Arlene Nunziati** will be at the meeting to assist with presenting membership certificates as well as initiation of new members. **Wow!**

To my knowledge this will be the first time in our 89 year history that the national president has come to our anniversary meeting.



Mario Bruno
President
1930-32

This will bring our total of members of 50 years plus to 41 members. **Remarkable!**

In addition to the members recognized by the Grand Lodge for



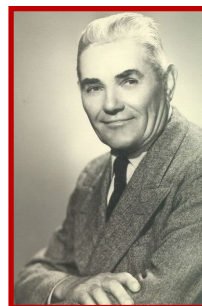
OSIA National President
Vera Girolami

Nancy and Charlie Pitigliano are shown receiving their 35th year pins five years ago. This year they will be getting their 40th year certificates along with **Isaac, Amie and Dominic** who will also receive membership certificates. Charlie and Nancy along with the Pitigliano Family will be doing the cooking for the meeting. We will have delicious Italian sausage, risotto, green salad and dessert. What another great reason to attend our anniversary celebration.



As a special treat two of this years 50 year members **Ken and Ben Curti** will be providing attendees with **Ciao Cow Creamery Gelato** by lodge member **Tessa Curti-Hall**.

This start up company utilizes milk from **Curti-made Dairy** and is manufactured on site in Waukena. Tessa is a great granddaughter of **Miro Curti** who was president of the lodge in 1936-39.



Miro Curti
President
1936-39

The gelato is becoming a favorite at many venues in the local area. Along with our traditional anniversary cake the gelato will another great reason for attending our meeting.



The Roma Lodge April 1st meeting will be special. We will have great food, special dessert, several dignitaries and we will be honoring over 72 members. If your name is on the list it would be great if you could attend. As mentioned above there are several good reasons for you to attend. Roma Lodge is celebrating 89 years of preserving the Italian Culture.

Mario Bruno, our first president in 1930, would be proud to see we are still thriving after all these years! Show your support of the lodge by attending our anniversary meeting.

Members in the News

Roma Lodge member **Megan Dutto** has been selected as **North High Bakersfield Teacher of the Year**. Megan is in her 16th year of teaching at North High. She has taught physics, introduction to aviation, principles of engineering, biology, chemistry, Earth sciences, integrated science and health. She has been the director of testing for the past 9 years administering all of the SAT and ACT tests for the district.



Congratulations to Megan for being the **North High Stars Teacher of the Year!**



State Deputy Celebrates 80th Birthday!

Roma Lodge State Deputy **Jackie Giacomazzi** celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends on St. Patrick's Day at the Vintage Press in Visalia. Ro-

ma Lodge members sang happy birthday to her on her actual birthday, March 4th when she was at our monthly meeting. Congratulations Jackie! If you have items for "**Members in the News**" send them to larrydutto@yahoo.com by the 20th of the preceding month.

Last Call For Scholarships

Roma Lodge scholarship applications are due **April 1, 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted. **Contact Frances Della, Scholarship Chair, at 559-308-6591** if you have questions. After many, many years Frances Della will be handing over the chairmanship of the Roma Lodge scholarship committee to member **Melissa Watkins**. We certainly want to thank her for her years of service to the lodge.

Applications can be found on the Roma Lodge website linked below.

<https://www.romalodge1573.org/scholarships>

84th Annual Ravioli Dinner

The 84th annual ravioli dinner to be held on **Saturday, May 11th at the TDES Hall in Tulare**. Last year the lodge converted the dinner to



a drive through only and it was a big success. Ticket prices will be the same \$20 and are available now from **Cathy Mederos**. We will still need a lot of help cooking and staffing the takeout food lines so make plans to assist. Get your tickets and sell them to make the dinner a success.

Potluck Paradise

Special thanks goes to all the Roma Lodge members who took the time and made the effort to attend the March meeting. We had a literal "Potluck Paradise" with many specialty dishes from fried chicken goulash. We also want to thank Joann Beecher and Gary Dutto descendants of John and Anna Dutto long time Roma Lodge members who organized the dinner for the meeting.



Joann Beecher and Gary Dutto along with Vince Sola enjoyed the potluck at the March meeting.

Sunshine News

Get well wishes are extended to members **David Milanesio, Salvador Chiaramonte and Dolly Kleinhans** who have all had recent health issues. Condolences goes to long time member **Mary Louise Yribarren** whose brother **Gary Lapadula** recently passed away and **Doug Anderson** lost his brother **Corky Anderson** who were recipients of the Tulare County Farmers of the Year.

United Lodges

United Lodges held their March meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno on March 10th. New officers were installed as shown below.



(l-r) Lou Cattalo, Isabel Ronzano, Louise Si-lacci, Jackie Giacomazzi, Pauline Richmond and retiring president Charles Sant'Agata



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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)

89th Anniversary Celebration

April 1, 2019
6:30 PM-Dinner



5 Year Members in 2018
(l-r) Austin Gentry, Daniel Daramy, Adelyn Watkins, Giulia Watkins and Elisabeth Curti along with Louise Silacci State Of-

Risotto & Sausage
Pitigliano Family