



Le Notizie

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88th Anniversary!

A big crowd of Roma Lodge members were on hand to celebrate the lodge's 88th anniversary at the April meeting. Members celebrating membership milestones were honored.



50 Year Member-Philip Curti



5 Year Members
Austin Gentry, Daniel Daramy, Adelyn Watkins, Giulia Watkins and Elisabeth Curti.
State Trustee of the Central, Louise Silacci of the Hanford Lodge made the presentations.

25 Year Member
Anica Gentry



40 Year Members
David DePaoli, Ed Milanesio, Nick Milanesio



50+ Year Members
Leroy Beecher, Maryann Luis, Sharon Barreto, Louise Silacci-State Trustee, Gary Dutto, Joann Beecher and Ron Pedroncelli



May Meeting
Monday, May 7th!
6:30 p.m.
Scholarship Night

A \$3 Investment in our Future!

Heralds Message

At the 88th Roma Lodge anniversary celebration those members who were celebrating 5 year anniversary milestones were honored. This is something new the lodge is doing to encourage more lodge participation. The Grand Lodge gives pins and certificates to 25, 35 and 50

year members which is a long time between recognition of lodge members for their continued membership. For a small investment to recognize our members every 5 years of their membership

shows how the lodge appreciates their participation in the lodge.

State Trustee of the Central, **Louise Silacci** from the Hanford Lodge was on hand to present certificates to members. She also reported that state membership has dropped to an all time low of about 3,000 members. She also indicated that three more lodges from around the state would be closing their doors this year.

The Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy is shrinking and unless we encourage new membership and our young members to stay in the lodge Roma Lodge could suffer the same fate in the future.

Look at the faces of the junior members who received their 5 year membership certificates at the meeting. **Austin Gentry is 5, Adelyn Watkins is 6 and Giulia Watkins is also 5.**

Do you think it was a big deal for them to get a 5 year membership certificate, their picture taken and be able to take it home and put it on their

wall? **You Bet It Was!**

I hate to keep referring to **Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs** but these certificates, recognition and achievement gets these junior members to the 4th level which increases their **self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect for others and respect by others.**

Based on what is going on with the character of America our children need a lot more of these types of activities than we may realize.

These kids are the future of Roma Lodge. So for about \$3 each I purchased some fancy paper and a certificate holder and we made an investment in Roma Lodge's future.

I'm sure that **Leroy Beecher**, who was celebrating his 55 years of lodge membership, has probably already reached the pinnacle of Maslow's Hierarchy (Self-Actualization) and didn't need another certificate to put in his drawer at home. However, it was a nice gesture for the lodge to recognize him and his 55 year contributions to the lodge.

I listed 65 members who were honored at the April meeting who were celebrating membership milestones. The Grand Lodge would have recognized only 4 so hopefully this will be a new tradition for Roma Lodge.

Next year we will have 10 members who will receive their 50 year pins giving the lodge 44 members who have been in the lodge 50 or more years. **WOW!**

Make sure if your name is listed to receive a milestone certificate of membership you are there to receive it. We need to keep investing in our future and celebrating the past!



2018 Roma Lodge Scholarship 83rd Ravioli Dinner! Winners!

Roma Lodge will present the 2018 scholarship winners at the May 7th meeting. Frances Della and her committee have made their selections and are inviting the recipients and their families to the meeting.

Roma Lodge member **Julia Leann Galvan** is a senior at Redwood High School with a 3.87 GPA and plans to study music and vocal performance. She states in her application **"I aspire to become a vocalist and perform in many places. Singing has always been a passion of mine..."**



She is the daughter **Stacy and Nick Galvan** and the granddaughter of **Joann and Leroy Beecher**.



Mary Grace Yribarren is graduating from Arroyo Grande High School with a 4.21 GPA and plans to major in business in college. She states **"My Italian heritage dates back to 1909 when my Nona's father immigrated from Italy to America."** In addition to her outstanding academic record she was active in service clubs and played tennis.

Mary Grace is the daughter of Roma Lodge members **Pete and Kim Yribarren** and is the granddaughter of **Mary Louise Yribarren**.

Connor Scott Entenman lives in Springville and is graduating from Porterville High School with 4.14 GPA. Conner writes that his great, great grand parents came from Italy in 1909 and settled in the San Fernando Valley starting the San Fernando Valley Brand olives which were later acquired by Lindsay Olives.



His grandmother, Rosemarie Fusano continued the family tradition by starting the Fusano California Valley Olive Company during the 1980's. Conner plans to attend Cal Poly and major in Kinesiology. His parents are **Alex and Tera Entenman**.

Ken Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, and Cathy Mederos will be chairing the 83rd annual ravioli dinner on May 12th at the TDES Hall in Tulare.



The lodge served nearly 900 takeout dinners and there were a lot of positive comments about the excellent meal, fast service and ease with which patrons could simply drive through and get their meals.

Make sure you get your tickets to sell from **Cathy Mederos** ASAP. Tickets are only \$20 per person.



Roma Lodge has made the leap to social media! Simply log on to Facebook and search for Roma Lodge #1573. Add the site to your friends list and checkout the new site. We have placed an ad for the upcoming ravioli dinner so access the site and share with your friends so we can get the word out about the dinner.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221384805278000/>

Address Change?

If you have moved recently, make sure you notify Pam Sola or Giovanna DePaoli of your new address.



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Meeting

May 7, 2018
6:30 PM-Dinner
Scholarship Night

Ravioli Dinner Planning Meeting

Signup For
Dinner Duties

Last Month's Drawing Winner
Harper DePaoli