



Le Notizie

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Roma Lodge Celebrates 84th Anniversary!



Roma Lodge 50 Year Plus Member Honorees

(l-r) Joann Beecher-60 years Anna Dutto-69 years, Sharon Barreto-60 years, Carol Burner-58 years, Ron Pedroncelli-57 years and Lillian Cotta-61 years, Seated Lilia Giacomazzi-78 years

*50 Year Member
Dominic Milanesio
celebrated his
50th year of mem-
bership presented
to him by
Past President Da-
vid DePaoli.*



Roma Lodge Newest Members

Roma Lodge initiated six new members to the lodge at the anniversary meeting. They are from left to right *Isaac Pitigliano* being held by mother Jennifer and sponsor Dayton Pitigliano, *Isabel Daramy* being held by mother Maci Daramy, *Pam Chiaramonte*, *Anthony M. Chiaramonte*, *Anthony V. Chiaramonte* and *Salvadore Chiaramonte*.

Roma Lodge 35 Year Members

*Charlie and Nancy
Pitigliano, along
with granddaugh-
ter Giada Piti-
gliano celebrated
their 35 years of
Roma Lodge Mem-
bership.*



May Meeting
Monday, May 5th!
6:30 p.m.
WAE Social Hall

More than words!

Heralds Message

The funeral ritual recited by Roma Lodge members states *"We are here to render the last tribute to our departed member, but more than this we are here also to assure his beloved ones, that the Order is ready and willing to give comfort, and guidance to the families of our departed member."*

Several members were at the funeral services for our departed Brother, **Gaylen Cabral**, who passed away suddenly on the day the lodge was celebrating its 84th Anniversary. Gaylen celebrated his personal 49th year of membership in Roma Lodge back in February. St. Aloysius Church was nearly full with hundreds of Gaylen's friends that included a motorcycle motorcade of nearly 50 of Harley Davidson motorcycles that led the procession to the Gaylen's final resting place next to his parents **Tony and Margie Cabral** who were very active, long term members of the lodge. Surviving sister **Janet** sat quietly next to her brother's casket as lodge members placed their acacia leaf on Gaylen's casket as a final tribute to our departed member.

Gaylen did not attend every monthly meeting of Roma Lodge, he could not be found cooking or serving at the ravioli dinner or handing out XMAS stockings at the annual lodge Christmas party. In fact I had to go back to pictures from 2004 of Columbus Day at Mooney's Grove park to find a picture of Gaylen and Janet playing bocce ball. Gaylen had found a different direction to pursue his interests that took up his leisure time. That of car racing and motorcycle bike rides with his Harley friends.

It is important to remember as lodge members many of us are members in dues only and have



Gaylen Cabral and sister Janet at the Columbus Day Bocce Tournament.

little time to devote to many of the activities of the lodge. We have other interests and responsibilities that prevent us from being at every lodge activity. What is important to remember is that regardless of how active or inactive you may be as a lodge member, the lodge will be there to support your loved ones when your time on this earth is over.

This was certainly the case in Gaylen's membership of Roma Lodge. Although he would not be considered an active member of the lodge, lodge members **Dolly and Cedric Kleinhans** were there to assist Janet in her hour of need with the passing of her brother Gaylen.

Of course Gaylen's long time friend and employer, **Charlie Pitigliano**, along with the Pitigliano Family and fellow employees were also there to do whatever was needed to support Gaylen and his family.

As lodge members we certainly take to heart what others may deem just words on the printed page. At our anniversary dinner our president **Nick Canata** was undergoing some serious health issues. Nick still remains in the hospital at this writing and we all wish him a rapid recovery.



However, it was lodge members who stepped to the plate to ensure the lodge had a successful anniversary dinner to celebrate its 84th year of carrying on the Italian Culture. When members learned that Nick was in the hospital **Charlie Pitigliano** took charge and got in touch with Frank and Joseph Goni to make the risotto, **Michael DePaoli** to BBQ the sausage, **Giovanni DePaoli** to make the salad and get the bread and **Nancy Pitigliano** to get the cake.

It is this type of team effort that ensures the lodge will have another 100 years of success because lodge members understand the words listed on lodge protocol are **more than words** on a page! We are all here to support each other as lodge members.

45 Year Members!

The Grand Lodge only gives membership pins for 25, 35 and 50 year members. However, this year there were a lot of lodge members who celebrated their 45th year of membership. They are **Lawrence Cotta, Ben Curti, Ken Curti, Giovanna DePaoli, Frances Della, Linda Della, Diane Jordan, Dave Milanesio, Steve Milanesio, Nick Serafin and Vince Sola.**



May I humbly suggest that our delegates to the Grand Lodge Convention suggest that the Grand Lodge also have a 45 year pin for members who are celebrating 45 years as lodge members. It is a long time between a 35 year and a 50 year pin.

Get Well Wishes!

Get well wishes go to **Nick Canata**, who spent some time in the hospital. Also to **Lena Briano, Amber Dutto, Pam Sola** and **Kim Solari** who have been having health issues.

80th Ravioli Dinner Set

The 80th annual Roma Lodge ravioli dinner will be Saturday, May 10th at the



TDES Hall in Tulare. Plan to be at the May meeting to get all the details and signup to help. Ken and Shurene Curti, Charlie Pitigliano, along with Cathy Mederos are chairing the event this year and everyone needs to assist in keeping such a great meal and tradition for the lodge and members of the community.

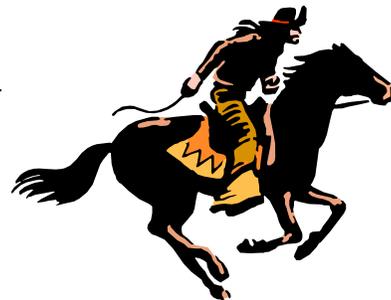
Make sure you get your tickets to sell from **Cathy Mederos** ASAP. Tickets are only \$20 which is a great price for a wonderful meal that includes ravioli, chicken, spaghetti, salad and all

the great side dishes that go with the dinner. Remind those that you sell tickets to that they can come to the event and enjoy the great dining experience with live music and entertainment or simply stop by for take out meals.

Cathy Mederos reminds everyone to bring their money for tickets they have already sold to the May meeting. If they are not going to be at the meeting then Saturday May 10th the morning of the dinner.

Is the Calvary Coming?

For 80 years the Roma Lodge ravioli dinner has been a long tradition of the Tulare community. Always putting out a great meal for an inexpensive price has allowed the lodge to maintain a great reputation with those who have come to the dinner numerous times over the years.



As lodge members we have been very fortunate to have a group of dedicated members who go far above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the dinner is a success. However, these individuals like **Ken Curti, Charlie Pitigliano and Cathy Mederos** cannot put on this great event without 30-50 members helping out.

We have been very fortunate that each and every year, about the time everyone is acting like Daniel Boone at the Alamo wondering whether or not the Calvary is going to show up and save the day. So far they have, however, we need to all join the Calvary and do our part to make the dinner a success. As members we can take pride in the good, however, we also have to share the burden if we get unhappy customers who did not get their meal in a timely manner, had issues with take outs, thought the chicken was undercooked or overcooked.

Let's not end up like Daniel Boone because his Calvary did not show up to the Alamo in time to save the day. It takes all of us to put on a great meal so come to the May meeting and signup to help with the dinner!



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Dinner Menus

January-Potluck
February-Stew & Polenta
March-Rigatoni
April-Italian Sausage and Risotto
May-TBD
June-Chairman's Choice
July-No Meeting
August-Hotdogs/Hamburgers
September-Potluck
October-Chairman's Choice
November-Polenta and Stew
December-Ham & Yams-XMAS Party

Your Roma Lodge Officers

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Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Shurene Curti	(740-0184)

Meeting

May 5, 2014
6:30 PM-Dinner

May Dinner
Planning Meeting

Signup For
Dinner Duties

Drawing \$100
We Draw Until
Someone Wins!

Roma Lodge

May Meeting

May 5, 2014

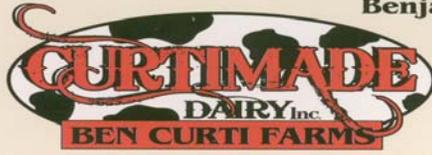
\$100 Drawing-Keep Drawing Until Someone Wins!

Place: Ag Center Social Hall, So. Laspina Rd.

Birthday Members Bring Your Raffle Prizes

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rance Danell II	2 Lena Briano Angela DeRose	3 Delaney Shaw
4	5 Joyce Hofstee Meeting 6:30	6 Pete Milanesio John Parreira	7 Stacy Galvan	8	9	10 Ravioli Dinner
11	12	13	14 Michael Saltzman	15 Mikko Romero	16	17 Michael De Paoli
18	19 Joann Jones Dominic Pitigliano	20 Frank Marinelli Matthew Beecher	21 Robert Pinkerton	22	23 Faye Taylor	24 Kyle Caetano Dolores Vener James Costa
25	26 Austin Gentry Janice Saltzman	27	28	29 Brian Milanesio	30	31 Amber Dutto Denise Danell



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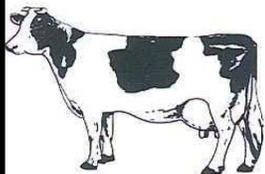
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