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Grand Lodge Convention

Is it time to move from the House to the Senate?

If you watched the evening news there was no mention of the Grand Lodge Convention the week of June 24-

27th. I'm sure our delegates who were able to attend will give us any earth shattering news about what oc-



curred at this years convention. Other than a few by-law changes little was worth sending text messages or making phone calls to Roma Lodge members about the action items at the convention.

Roma Lodge was well represented at convention by delegates **Karen Pedroncelli, Cathy Mederos, Joann and Leroy Beecher**. Granted Roma Lodge was eligible to send six delegates, however, due to everyone's busy schedule only four were able to attend. Of course the lodge will be fined for two delegates who were unable to attend. Which is pretty much the old way of doing things and is like taxing without representation.

Here is a novel idea for the Grand Lodge to consider. Let's use the US Senate model where each lodge gets two delegates and two votes. Equal representation for each lodge regardless of how big the lodge membership may be. For hot issues it may take more campaigning by larger lodges to gain the support of smaller ones, however, each lodge is equally represented.

When the Grand Lodge would go to this model then it would require lodges to send only two delegates, reduce the expense to lodges who cannot afford more than two delegates and give each lodge an equal voice.

Roma Lodge had four votes at the convention because that is all the delegates we had who could attend. Many of our members and their families are farmers, dairymen or have full time jobs or run businesses and can't afford the time to be gone for 4-5 days during the summer. Others have planned vacations or other activities they need to attend.

To sit through all the pomp and circumstance of the Grand Lodge convention is difficult enough and should not require six of our members to attend. To be forced to pay for those who can't just adds more insult to injury. Keeping lodge representation to two delegates reduces cost and still makes a large enough convention group to get business done. The convention can still be open to all the people who would like to attend voluntarily as a social event. **Let's give it a try!**

Junior Member Night!

August 3, 2015-6:30 PM!

August is Junior Member night and dedicated to saluting our junior members and having them attend the meeting and participate as our officers.



The meeting will be held on August 3rd and hopefully most juniors will not be back in school. Hamburgers, hotdogs and a summer barbecue theme will be on the menu so there will be lot's of fun for the whole family.

We are going to have a special raffle for juniors featuring a lot of great back to pre-school, school and fun toys for the kids. Don't miss this great meeting and fun BBQ!

No matter how young you may be or how long you plan to work, someday most of us will retire from our careers. Once you do decide to retire, all of the individuals you work with on a daily basis will no longer be the people you spend most of your time with. In my 43 years of education, I saw many administrators move from school to school chasing a title. When you choose that approach you may end your career a long way from the community where your lifelong friends are at.



I feel very fortunate to have ended my career in the community where I was born and raised. It was very rewarding to have my COS and Roma Lodge friends at my retirement get together. Special thanks goes to all my lodge friends like **Charlie, Dominic and Michael Pitigliano, Vince and Vinny Sola, Ken and Ben Curti, David, Giovanna and Michael DePaoli** who made the sauce, cooked the ravioli's and made the salad for such a great meal enjoyed by all.

I'm also grateful to have had my son and daughter-in-law **Aaron and Megan Dutto** put together video clips and post it on YouTube of my former students and colleagues at COS. To have my wife **Kathy, daughter Anica and son-in-law Mark as well as my four grandchildren, Jordyn, Taylor, Aiden and Austin** at the event was very special.



I also want to thank all the Roma Lodge members who attended and shared my retirement celebration. It was a special event and I really appreciate all of the best wishes from everyone on my retirement. ***For me, it really made me realize what friends are for!***

If you would like to see the video you can go to YouTube with the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AESPmtopy4s>

Sunshine News!

Condolences go to **Janis Curti** on the passing of her father **Maurice "Red" Green** who passed away. Red, as he was often called, was a leader in the Tulare community and founder of M. Green and Company in Tulare. He was the Tulare Man of the Year in 1968 and his survived by his wife Bernice. Red and Bernice were often at Roma Lodge activities. Our thought and prayers are with Janis and her family.



If you missed it!

If you were unable to attend the 85th Roma Lodge Anniversary we will have an encore performance of the PowerPoint presentation at the August meeting

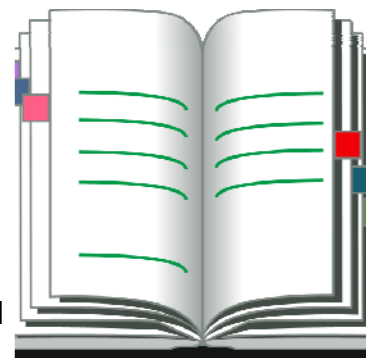


so make plans to attend. We will also have a special raffle for junior members featuring a lot of back-to-school prizes for those junior members who attend. Tickets will be free and each junior member will be getting just one ticket so everyone will have a chance to win. ***Great food and great prizes so don't miss it!***

Did you move?

The Roma Lodge Directory has gone to print and will be distributed at the August meeting so don't miss your copy.

Special thanks goes to **Cathy Mederos, Giovanna DePaoli and Kathy Dutto** for gathering up all the changes and getting them into the directory. ***So don't change your phone number or move for the next two years!***



Members in the News!

There were several Roma Lodge members who celebrated some of life's milestones below.



Long time lodge members **Dawn and Gary Dutto** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the WAE Social Hall on June 20th. Gary and Dawn were married at the San Luis Obispo Mission while they were both students at Cal Poly. The event was hosted by their children Darren, Kristin, Daniel, Kim and Samantha along with their 15 grandchildren.

Newlyweds!

Justin and Navin Curti were married by fellow Roma Lodge member **Dennis Burner** at the home of his parents **Phillip and Janis Curti** on June 20th. Justin is in partnership with his father working on the dairy and farming operation in Waukena. About 40 family members were in attendance.



Woman of the Year!

Local Italian lodges are full of members who because of their ancestry of hard working Italian immigrants have been recognized by their communities for their outstanding contributions. Alt-

hough she is not a member of Roma Lodge, but the Hanford Lodge, **Jackie Giacomazzi** is like one of our members in that she regularly attends our meetings and lodge activities. Thanks to Facebook the secret in Tulare is out in that Jackie was recognized in March as the Woman of the Year by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations from all the Roma Lodge members.



Special Members Celebrate Birthdays!

Roma Lodge has two 70 plus year members who are celebrating birthdays in July and August.



On July 23rd, **Lilia Giacomazzi** celebrated her 102nd birthday. **Anna Dutto** will celebrate her 96th birthday in August.



Agnes Pelous recently celebrated her 93rd birthday and is a 51 year member of the lodge. **Congratulations to all!**



Sister Act!

Anna Dutto and sister Louise Belezouli are celebrating their 96th and 92nd birthdays in August.



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Big Winner!

Lawrence Cotta's name was drawn in June for the \$100 drawing and was not present. Once the drawing reaches a \$100 and the person is not present names are drawn until there is a winner. Names drawn were Angie Milanese, Brian Rainey, Rosalie Milanese, Janice Saltzman, George Rinaldi and Courtney Curti-Stornetta and Mariam Poundstone. The eventual winner was **Vince Sola** who took home the \$50 prize. **Congratulations Vince!**



Your Roma Lodge Officers

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli(730-1168)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Giovanna DePaoli (361-0640)
Financial Sec.	Cathy Mederos (687-1112)
Orator	Gary Dutto (686-6201)
Historian	Elisabeth Curti (553-3151)
Guard	Ken Bertorelli (788-8496)
Past President	Nick Canata (661-978-9331)

Trustees

Danny Dutto	(686-1348)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(635-1699)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

Mistress of Ceremony

Frances Della	(784-7653)
Kathy Canata	(281-5294)

Meeting

August 3, 2015
6:30 PM-Dinner

Junior Member
Night

Summer BBQ

August
Birthdays Bring Raffle
Prizes

Special Raffle for
Juniors!