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The Italian Culture!

Just pick up the World Ag Expo food booth guide and you will see numerous booths featuring breakfast burritos to steak sandwiches. You will only find one booth that cooks a great rigatoni pasta lunch or an Italian sausage sandwich. If



2016 Chairs

Matt and Melissa Watkins, Maci Daramy and Michael DePaoli served as World Ag Expo Roma Lodge Food Booth Chairs and did an outstanding job.

Michael DePaoli, Matt and Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy once again did an outstanding job serving as chairs for the food booth. For most of us it means showing up a day or two to assist in making sandwiches, waiting on customers or cooking sausage. For the chairs it is a two to three week task of ordering supplies, cleaning the booth, getting folks to volunteer and then cleaning up afterwards. The lodge owes these members their thanks and support for taking on such a big responsibility. You can check out the great pictures from the farm show booth on the lodge website at

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you look at the guide you will also find that of all the non-profits who are selling items, few if any, have a connection to what they are selling like Roma Lodge does. It would be hard to find a connection with Sundale School and steak sandwiches! The lodge needs to be proud that for the past 49 years they have remained true to their mission of promoting the Italian Culture by serving great Italian food at the booth during the WAE.

Michael DePaoli, Matt

2016 World Ag Expo A Big Success!

For the first time in several years the World Ag Expo released attendance figures for the show indicating over 106,000 attendees were at the show this year.



Roma Lodge members should be proud our very own long time members **Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano** who served as the 49th chairs for the event. It is often said that if you want somebody to do something get someone who is super busy. Well, the board of directors of the WAE, found someone who is very busy, liked by everyone, a leader in agriculture industry and has the ability to coordinate over 1,500 volunteers who put on a great show.

At the opening ceremonies Charlie spoke from the heart and was humbled about being selected to serve as the chair for this years event. He thanked all of the volunteers and WAE staff for their support and confidence in him to serve as the chair. Charlie has been instrumental in assisting the lodge hold their meetings and activities at the WAE social hall and park and we all owe him our thanks and gratitude.

Pitigliano Family



Each month I ask members to send me information and pictures of members activities and accomplishment. Well its working! If you look at your directory, we have members in Oregon, Idaho, Colorado and from all over California. These are children, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of some of our oldest families of Roma Lodge. Thanks to all of you who have sent in information or I have gleaned from Facebook.

Anniversaries

Long time members **Angie and Domenic Milanesio** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.



Charlie and Nancy Pitigliano celebrated their 39th along with granddaughter **Giada** Pitigliano and family.



Tapestry Award

Lilia Giacomazzi will be honored on March 16th as part of the **Common Threads** awards luncheon at the Heritage Complex in Tulare. Lilia will receive the coveted **Tapestry Award** for her outstanding contributions to agriculture.

Tickets cost \$50 if purchased by March 7, and \$60 after. For ticket information, contact **Emily Lazzerini of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation at 813-585-1030.**



State Champions!

Roma Lodge Members **Garren and Keegan Dutto** of La Grande High School boys' swim team won the Oregon State Championship. Their dad, **Darren Dutto, Ph.D., Eastern Oregon University** professor is the coach for the team. Keegan took 3rd in the 200 individual medley, 4th in the 500 freestyle and anchored the 2nd place 200 medley relay. Garren took 5th in both the 100 and 200 freestyle events, led off the 4th place 200 freestyle relay. This was his first team state championship.



Keegan, Darren, Corrine and Garren Dutto. State swimming champions!

Santiago, Chile

Lodge member **Analisa McLafferty** is shown on a recent trip to Santiago, Chile to present for her company Allergan who was recently purchased by Pfizer.



Happy Birthday!



On March 6th Roma Lodge member **Lorraine Cleek** will celebrate her 60th year as a lodge member. She also celebrated her 70th birthday on February 4th. If you do the math she has been a member of the lodge since she was 10 years old. **Congratulations!**

Dedicated Members

Roma Lodge members **Joyce Hofstee and Karen DeGroot** did an outstanding job with refreshments at the February meeting as refreshment chairs. They also worked very hard at the Roma Lodge food booth at the WAE and still had time to visit several of the exhibits at the show. **Great Job Ladies!**



Potluck Night March 7th!

March is **Potluck Night!** Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert. The lodge will provide plates, utensils and drinks. We have some great cooks in the lodge so bring your favorite dish to share with everyone.

Mike and Janice Saltzman will serve as our refreshment chairs so give them a call if you can help out. Our drawing is for \$55 so don't miss the meeting. Last month's drawing went to Jason Shaw who was not present. Come to the meeting, you may be a big winner.

Lodge Scholarships Are Due

March 1st is the deadline for Grand Lodge Scholarships and **April 1st** is the due date for the Roma Lodge Scholarship Applications. If you would like a copy of the Roma Lodge application please contact **Frances Della @ 784-7653**. Grand Lodge applications are online at <http://www.sonsofitalyca.org/>

United Lodge Meeting

The next United Lodges meeting will be held on March 13th and hosted by the Enrico Caruso lodge. The meeting will begin with a social at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The cost will be \$20 per person and feature fish, chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable, rolls and dessert. Contact president **David DePaoli (804-5443)** if you plan to attend by March 7th.

Grand Lodge Raffle Tickets Still Available!

Tina Sparlin won \$50 and David DePaoli won \$25 in the Grand Lodge raffle daily drawings. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by contacting **Giovanna DePaoli** at the meeting in March. You may be a big winner.

Beneficiary Updates

As part of paying your dues each year it is also time to update your beneficiary information. If you have a change in your beneficiary contact Cathy Mederos to make the change so it can be reported to the Grand Lodge. Junior members who are no longer in college and have reached the age of 26 will automatically be transferred to associate members. If you would like to become a regular member you will need to contact Cathy Mederos as well.

Sunshine News

Get well wishes go **Giulia Watkins** who had surgery and **Pam Sola** who had a bout with vertigo. **Nick Serafin** continues his rehabilitation process.

Thanks to All!



The 49th World Ag Expo is officially over and preparations are underway for the 50th show. Farm show booth chairs Melissa and Matt Watkins, Michael DePaoli and Maci Daramy want to thank all the members who gave of their time to come down and support the booth. It was a big success and a full financial accounting of the show will be given at the March meeting.



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Queen's Garage Sale!
April 2, 2016
Details @ the March Meeting!



Your Roma Lodge Officers

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli(730-1168)
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Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Rob Pinkerton	(331-3183)

Mistress of Ceremony

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

Meeting

March 7, 2016

6:30 PM

POTLUCK!

***Mike & Janice Saltzman
Refreshment Chairs***



**Farm Show Report From
Michael DePaoli**