



Le Notizie

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Man of the Year!

Roma Lodge is a fraternal organization that aspires to the tenets of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The lodge is comprised of Italian-Americans, American-Italians and those of Portuguese decent. Uh? Portuguese Decent! Who let that guy in here?



Man of the Year!

Dennis Mederos, poses with his wife Cathy and son Michael and daughters Megan and Melissa at the Tulare Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year banquet.

Dennis Mederos is an 18 year member of the lodge and along with wife Cathy are mainstays in the organization. We have many members who are not only members of the lodge but are the leaders of the community. Recently Dennis was recognized as the Man of the Year for his dedication and leadership of the Tulare Chamber of Commerce and the Tulare community. The

Mederos family now sports a Man and Woman of the year. Pretty impressive. In recent years other members of the lodge such as Tony DeRose and Jeri Sell have also been honored by the Chamber.

Dennis and the law firm of Horswill, Mederos and Soares are longtime supporters of the chamber and the Tulare Community. At the ceremonies Dennis thanked his partners for allowing him to take a leadership role in the community in a variety of activities from civic to non-profit organizations. Dennis was born and raised in Tulare and noted that one of the best things he ever did for the community was marry Cathy and bring her to Tulare so they both could give back to a community where they have raised their family.

The Mederos family is involved in a lot of different activities for both the Roma Lodge and Cabrillo Club. Both Cathy and Dennis are heavily involved in the Christmas Party, Ravioli Dinner and Columbus Day activities. Congratulations to Dennis as the Tulare Chamber of Commerce 2013 Man of the Year!

World Ag Expo A Huge Success!

Thanks to WAE committee chairs **Michael DePaoli, Matt and Melissa Watkins** and a lot of dedicated lodge members for making the 47th annual WAE Roma Lodge Food booth such a big success. See story inside!

**March
Meeting
March 3, 2014
Potluck!**

Is there light at the end of the tunnel?

Heralds Message

Roma Lodge membership has discussed the future of the WAE food booth on many occasions for the past few years. We all lament that it is too much work, we don't have enough help and we are not making enough money for all the effort. We complain that our location is terrible, the inspections from the health department are too annoying and we have lost a lot of our members who we relied upon to assist with doing everything necessary to be successful.

For the past few years, if your name was not **Michael DePaoli** or **Josh Pitigliano** you probably have little to complain about. Let's face it. If you are not the chairman and did not have to spend weeks before, countless hours during the event and a week or two after cleaning up, you have little to complain about. Special thanks goes to **Michael DePaoli** and **Matt and Melissa Watkins**, who served as this years chairs, for another successful food booth.

They did an outstanding job of getting everything organized and encouraging others to assist in doing all of the hard work necessary to operate the booth. More importantly, they did not complain about food sales, our location or other issues with operating the booth. What they did do was incorporate a few changes to the menu and operation of the booth and have more ideas for next year like a meatball sandwich smothered in our homemade pasta sauce. Wow! I can taste it now.

Maybe **there is a light at the end of the tunnel** for the future of the Roma Lodge WAE food booth. I'm sure with our younger members stepping to the plate, to take on these types of activities, maybe we can reach 100 years of participating at the WAE! Only 53 years to go!



Tina Sparlin, Giovanna DePaoli and El Diamante volunteer dish up pasta!



Matt and Melissa Watkins and Michael DePaoli 2014 WAE Chairs!



Joseph Goni and Josh Pitigliano cook sausage!



Frances Della and helpers making sausage sandwiches.

Members in the news!

Baby Birth!

Former Roma Lodge and Grand Lodge Queen **Maci DePaoli-Daramy** and husband **Daniel** welcomed into the world **Isabel Elizabeth Daramy** on February 11, 2014 in Bakersfield, California. Isabel weighed in at 7 lbs and 13 ounces. Congratulations to Maci and Daniel along with grandparents **David and Giovanna DePaoli**.



Wedding Bells!

Roma Lodge members **Ben Curti and Elisabeth Ferreira** were married on February 15th in New Orleans. Elisabeth joined the lodge last year and Ben is celebrating his 45th year as a lodge member. Ben and Elisabeth have both been active members of the lodge and are always available to help with lodge activities from fundraisers to providing services to the community. **Congratulations to Elisabeth and Ben!**



Potluck Night March 3rd!

March is **Potluck Night** so 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.



We will have **Michael DePaoli** give a recap of the WAE food booth and make preparations for the upcoming anniversary dinner in April and make preparations for the annual Ravioli Dinner in May. Make plans to attend. Cash drawing \$85. Last months loser was **Michael Mederos** who was not present.

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/>



All Hail the Queen!

It is said in sales that rejection is one of the things that people, who are successful in sales, must get over and be able to accept. Name one company that does not have a product or service to sell! Most companies can get people to make the product, deliver the product or service the product. The most difficult people to find are those who can sell the product. That takes a positive attitude, a willingness to handle rejection and keep trying.



Roma Lodge has a queen, **Isabella Benedetti** who possesses all of these characteristics as evident by the time she spent at the World Ag Expo. She sold over 60 raffle tickets to visitors to the show as they were sitting on the benches the lodge provided for them to sit and enjoy their great Italian food.

The deadline is quickly approaching for the end of raffle ticket sales. Make sure you come to the March meeting and get your tickets from Isabella. If you have already purchased tickets you can double your chances of winning by buying more tickets. You can't win if you don't play so get your tickets ASAP!



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Dinner Menus

January-Tri-tip
February-Pizza and Soup
March-Potluck
April-Italian Sausage and Risotto
May-Pizza
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
March 3, 2014
6:30 PM
POTLUCK!



Farm Show Report From
Michael DePaoli

Roma Lodge #1573

March Meeting

March 3, 2014

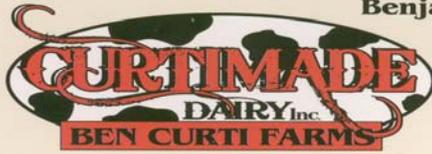
Potluck-6:30 p.m.

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

Birthday Members Bring Your Raffle Prizes

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Kolton Speidell Meeting Potluck	4 Natalie Maness Maci Daramy	5	6 Drew Berra	7	8 Anthony "AJ" Cuelho Steven Beecher Steven Sola
9 Dennis Mederos	10	11 Judy Paggi	12 Joshua Pitigliano	13 Bruce Smith Alicia Rambo	14	15 Nick Serafin
16	17	18 Aaron Curti	19	20	21 Matt Watkins	22 Philip Curti Roger Maraist
23	24 Evan Dutto	25	26 Mabel Curti Melissa Mederos	27	28	29
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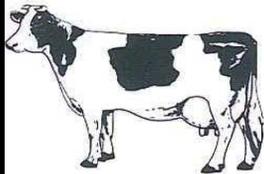
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