



Le Notizie

A Publication of Roma Lodge #1573

April-2023

Leadership!

Roma Lodge #1573 installed its 2023-2024 slate of officers at the March meeting. We first want to thank our retiring officers who served the lodge for several years. **Frances Della**-Mistress of Ceremonies, **Ken Bertorelli**-Guard, **Rob Pinkerton**-Trustee, **Toni Pinkerton**-Mistress of Ceremonies and **Pam Sola**-Financial Secretary.

Roma Lodge is blessed with an officer team ranging in age from 41 to 81 giving the lodge leaders for many years to come. We want to thank all those who have stepped forward to carry on the Italian Culture in the Tulare community.

Does it take a special talent or skill to be a lodge officer? Not really.

What it takes is someone willing to take on a leadership role in the lodge and attend monthly meetings. The main tenets of the organization are **Liberty-Equality-**



Fraternity. Roma Lodge focuses on **Fraternity** by bringing members together each month to have a great meal and socialize with those we may not see during the rest of the month.

Many of us have parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who were long time members of the lodge. Back in 1930, when the lodge was formed, **Liberty and Equality** played a major role in the organization where many members had not become American Citizens as of yet.

Each of us will have to determine what our role will be in Roma Lodge if we decide to continue paying our dues. Whether it will be to attend monthly meetings, work on fundraisers, or take on other leadership roles we all can choose our part in carrying on the Italian Culture in Tulare County.



2023-2024 Roma Lodge Officers

Front-row (l-r) **Joanne Beecher**-Mistress of Ceremonies, **Renee Marinelli**-Recording Secretary, **Melissa Watkins**-Historian, **Tina Sparlin**-Financial Secretary, **Pam Sola**-Junior Members, **Louis Benedetti**-Trustee, **Karen Pedroncelli**-Treasurer. Back-row (l-r) **Frank Marinelli**-Guard, **Michael Saltzman**-Trustee, **Dominic Pitigliano**-Trustee, **Michael DePaoli**-Trustee, **Justin Curti**-Vice President, **Matt Watkins**-Trustee, **David DePaoli**-Past President, **Larry Dutto**-President, **Anthony Chiamonte**-Orator. Not pictured **Nicole Taylor**-Chaplain

Special thanks to our **State Deputy, Jackie Giacomazzi** for doing an excellent job conducting our officer installations.



April Meeting-Monday-April 24 6:30 PM

Agri-Center Social Hall

RSVP by April 1st!

Email-larrydutto@yahoo.com

Tulare-901-4683

Cancelled!

The Italian Culture!

President's Message

It was March 6, 1961 when **Charlie and Arlene Pitigliano** joined Roma Lodge #1573. Their sponsor was long time member **Louis Cadona**. This set in motion a 60+ year of the **Pitigliano Family** association with Roma Lodge. **Charlie and Nancy** joined the lodge in April of 1979, sons **Michael** in '82, **Josh** in '87 and **Dominic** in '89. They have all been followed by spouses, children and grandchildren totaling 15 Pitigliano family members in the lodge.

It has been 93 years since a group of Italian Immigrants living in the Tulare area joined together to form Roma Lodge. The primary purpose was to encourage these immigrants to become American Citizens. Now, nearly 100 years later the purpose of the lodge is to carry on the Italian Culture in our community remembering those immigrants who assimilated themselves into



the crew with making of the sauce. They were there each day to

or personal family time. The Pitigliano Family is no exception. However, when the lodge calls the family always answers.

The recently completed WAE was no exception. Prior to the show, **Josh** and **Dominic** were there with the cook trailer housing all the cooking pots, utensils and burners. When Sunday arrived **Michael** joined

cook pasta and sauce to serve the many farm show attendees who enjoy a great meal during the show.

Charlie has been involved since 1965 serving as president of the farm show in 2006-2007 and as farm show chair in 2016. He is adept at serving in leadership roles or behind the scenes arriving early each morning to do what needs to be done responding to unforeseen issues during the show.

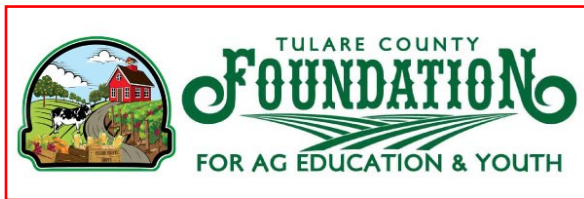
This year he was in charge of chaperoning **House Speaker Kevin McCarthy** during his visit to the show. Regardless of his show



responsibilities he always knows his roots are deeply entrenched in the Roma Lodge food booth. He stops by each day to make sure everything is going well, brings farm show visitors by to enjoy a great Italian meal and is always there when we



need something. The Pitigliano Family will receive another honor from the Ag Education Foundation which symbolizes their commitment and support of the community. They have always been there for Roma Lodge and are great examples of what it takes to carry on the Italian Culture in Tulare County!



America. There is no better example than the Pitigliano Family.

On March 25th the **Tulare County Foundation for Ag Education and Youth** will honor the family at the Happy Trails Riding Academy in Visalia. Long time supporters of the foundation, Nancy and Charlie continue to support a wide variety of charitable organizations in the surrounding communities.



The Pitigliano Family has been farming in Tulare County since 1920 when Charlie's great grandfather **Ben Lapadula** started growing and packing potatoes in the Porterville area.

Charlie started his own farming operation in 1975 and along with his family farms or manages over 12,000 acres of almonds, pistachios, grapes and citrus.

We realize everyone is very busy these days. Often too busy to support the lodge with fundraising activities or other events taking away from business, jobs

Flooding

Some are calling it California's 100-year flood and it is not over yet. This is why we are cancelling our April meeting. First, at this writing, we do not know if the Social Hall is going to be available. They are using the hall for housing rescue workers, fire fighters and other personnel who are actively engaged in assisting those displaced by the flooding.



Second, we have several lodge members who have

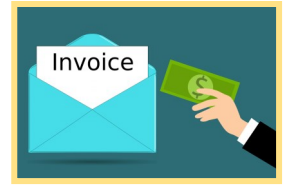


been greatly affected by the flooding. The worst has been the Goni Family who have been forced to move out of their homes and had to relocate their entire herd of cows and replacements to other locations. It will take a long time to recover from this devastating flood.

We have had many members who have assisted each other in moving cattle, housing animals, attempting to repair damaged canals and helping in anyway they can to reduce the impact of the flooding. It is going to take a long time for Tulare County to recover from all the damage created by this 100-year flood.



Need a Bill?

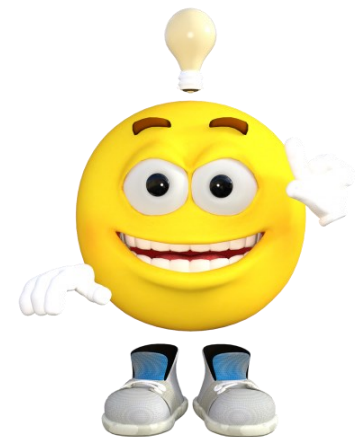


Grand Lodge, OSDIA and Roma Lodge dues were due on January 1, 2023. Roma Lodge must forward Grand Lodge and OSDIA dues payments by the end of the first quarter, April 1st. Some of you pay your dues out of your business account and would like the lodge to send you an invoice. If so contact our new Financial Secretary, *Tina Sparlin* by calling or texting her at 559-741-3642.

We ask everyone to pay their dues by March 31, 2023 or we will have to drop your membership. We cannot support members who do not pay their dues on time. If you do not plan to continue your membership in the lodge please send an email to larrydutto@yahoo.com and we will drop you effective January 1, 2023.

Roma Lodge Dues	2023
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$ 32.51
Supreme Lodge Per Capita	\$ 21.52
Il Leone	\$ 4.98
Scholarship Assessment	\$ 0.74
Life Insurance	\$ 15.00
Local Dues \$0.25 Cents	\$ 0.25
Total	\$ 75.00
Junior Member-Insurance	\$ 6.36


As you can see by the chart above we are only receiving about .25 cents from each members \$75 dues. All of us have to decide if we want to continue our membership in the organization. We must forward your dues each quarter to the Grand Lodge and they forward the OSDIA to the Supreme Lodge. If you do not pay your dues and do not let us know you no longer want to be a member, we continue to pay your dues and do not get those funds back from the Grand and Supreme Organizations.






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Vice President	Justin Curti (906-9109)
Treasurer	Karen Pedroncelli (732-1591)
Recording Sec.	Renee Marinelli (732-8258)
Financial Sec.	Tina Sparlin (741-3642)
Orator	Anthony Chiamonte (217-4055)
Historian	Melissa Watkins (361-0811)
Guard	Frank Marinelli (802-0611)
Past President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Chaplain	Nicole Taylor (804-7056)
Junior Members	Pam Sola (901-1781)

Trustees

Matt Watkins-Chair	(647-7161)
Louis Benedetti	(827-1492)
Mike Saltzman	(686-4340)
Dominic Pitigliano	(359-1907)
Michael DePaoli	(730-1168)

Mistress of Ceremony

Joann Becher (260-4156)

Next Meeting
May 1, 2023
6:30 PM
WAE-Social Hall

93rd Anniversary Celebration

