



Le Notizie

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Number 48 In The Books!

Michael DePaoli, Matt and Melissa Watkins and Maci Daramy served as chairs for the 48th WAE Roma Lodge food booth. Along with a lot of dedicated lodge members they did a tremendous amount of work to make the show an-



2015 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.

other big success. It takes a lot of juggling work schedules, child care and a lot of driving around to serve as chairs for the event. Just ask those who have served as chairs in the past it is not and easy job. Arriving at the show early each morning, staying long after the gates have

closed makes for a long three days for just the show. In addition there is cleaning the booth two to three weeks before the event, ordering all the supplies, being at the show for delivery and then cleaning up afterwards takes a lot of dedication for those who assume the challenge.

After 48 years one would think everything is pretty well set. Think again. Thankfully we had some young energetic chairs that changed the menu and brought the lodge into the 21st Century. They decided to try some of Saladino's Spicy Italian Sausage which was a big hit selling out before the shows end. Available on the sandwich or in the special for the pasta dinner it was a big hit.

Another big change was we had tech savvy chairs who figured out we could expand sales by allowing patrons to pay with credit cards. Using an iPad and swiping device hundreds of transactions were made on day two and three of the show for only a free download application and a \$10 swipe card. **Great Job!**

We had a lot of members who were there all three days from early in the morning until we closed the booth each day making sandwiches, pasta, cooking sausage or onions and helping with all the activities that go into making the booth a success. We won't mention names because we always leave someone out. If you were there and helped during the show for 1 hour or 50 look in the mirror and congratulate and thank yourself for doing your part.

Our newly adopted charity the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission was the recipient of all of the bread, salad, dressing and other items that we had leftover.

Again, thank you all who supported the booth this year. More pictures on the website.

**March
Meeting
March 2, 2015
Potluck!**

Roma Lodge lost a 60 year member of the lodge with the passing of **Mabel Cardoza Curti** on February 11, 2015. Mabel would have reached the age of 95 on March 26, 2015. Married to Italo Miro Curti on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1946 and as a COS (1940) and a Fresno State (1942) Mabel majored in languages and held a lifelong teaching credential and was a translator in San Antonio, Texas during the war. She also worked for a local bank in Corcoran.



Mabel was an active member of the lodge until she suffered a stroke in 1992 and still visited the lodge on special occasions when her health permitted. She always had a gracious smile on her face and cordially greeted lodge members when she was able to attend lodge activities.

It is often said each of us have an opportunity in our lives to make a difference during our journey through this life. When that journey is complete we have another opportunity in leaving a legacy through our children who we have nurtured and taught to carry on the traditions that we have been given by those who have gone before us.

Mabel Curti was such a person who has left a legacy as part of the Curti Family who have been so instrumental in the success of Roma Lodge.



Her son **Ken Curti** served as president of the lodge for three consecutive terms, a total of six years. Before he became president and well after he has been instrumental in chairing or co-chairing the annual ravioli dinner and continues to be a mainstay when it comes to preparing meals for the Christmas party, lodge meetings, Colum-

bus Day and other lodge activities.

Karen Curti has served as the lodge treasurer since 2007 and a local Certified Public Accountant with her own business has been instrumental in assisting the lodge with finances, tax reporting and all the other duties associated with financing lodge activities.

Prior to his passing, Mabel's son **Jeff Curti** also was an active member in the lodge assisting in cooking at a variety of lodge activities.

It is very apparent that Mabel and Italo instilled in their children the importance of continuing participation in Roma Lodge and fostering the Italian Culture in their community. Since the time we spend on this earth is limited the legacy we leave when we have concluded our journey is often more important than the things we do when we are alive. Mabel Curti, as well as the entire Curti Family, for over 100 years have been strong advocates of preserving the traditions of the Italian Culture. **Farewell Sister Mabel Curti. Your legacy will live forever.**

Special Visitor

Long time member **Marjorie Boyer** made a special visit to the Roma Lodge food booth at the World Ag Expo just to bring back old memories of wrapping

sausage sandwiches at the show. For many, many years Marjorie wrapped sandwiches everyday at the show. At nearly 93

years of age Marjorie has had to turn over her duties of wrapping sandwiches at the show to others and she misses the great times she had all those years helping out at the WAE food booth.



Wow! What a meal!

Roma Lodge members **Joyce Hofstee and Karen DeGroot** did an outstanding job with refreshments at the February meeting as refreshment chairs. They put on a buffet of some great home cooked food. Great Job!



Potluck Night March 2nd

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.

Nancy Pitigliano is our refreshment chair so give her a call if you can help out. Our drawing is for \$85 so don't miss the meeting. You may be a big winner.

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/>



Sausage, Sauce and Ravioli's

The lodge has frozen Italian sausage, sauce and ravioli's left over from the farm show and other events in the freezer. If you would like to purchase sauce or sausage contact **Michael DePaoli** at 730-1168 or if you want ravioli's you can contact **Ken Curti** at 288-2144. You can arrange pickup with them or they can bring them to the March meeting. Either way some great food at great prices. Check with them on the price.

Last Call For The Directory!

The 2015-16 Roma Lodge Directory is about ready to go to print and therefore it is important to make sure you notify Cathy Mederos of any changes in your address or phone number. The directory will be in booklet form and a little smaller than in the past and we will limit the phone numbers to one contact number. Currently if you have had a cell number listed in the directory that will be the only one listed. If you do not have a cell number listed then your home number will be listed. If you have already made your corrections, you can check the directory on the web at <http://www.romalodge1573.org/#!contact/c24vq>



2015 Lodge Events Now Online!

If you were asleep at the last meeting or in the bathroom you may have got assigned to be a committee chair, monthly refreshment co-chair or doing some other activity for the lodge. All lodge activities have now been assigned for the 2015.

President DePaoli's cardboard slate of the Ten Commandments has been transferred into a chart and posted on the web.

Lodge events, committee chairs and monthly refreshment assignments are easy for everyone to refer to. Go online and check it out by clicking on the 2015 events icon.

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Refreshments		2015 Event Chairs	
Jan.	DePaoli	Farm Show	Della Della - Della
Feb.	DePaoli & Joyce	85 Anniversary	Curti Della
March	(not set)	Newsletter	Curti Della
April	Agony Chairwoman	May Dinner	
May	DePaoli & Della	Calamity	Michael Della
June		Christmas Party	
July		Raffle Chair	
Aug.		Herald	Curti Della
Sept.		Sunshine	
Oct.		United Lodge	
Nov.		Scholarship	Frances Della
Dec.		Youth	
		Building	Charles P.
		Director	DePaoli
		Guard	DePaoli
			DePaoli
			DePaoli



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**Roma Lodge 85th
Anniversary Celebration**
Sunday, April 12, 2015
Ravioli Dinner
May 16, 2015
Mark Your Calendar

Your Roma Lodge Officers

President	David DePaoli (804-5443)
Vice President	Michael DePaoli(361-2345)
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
March 2, 2015
6:30 PM
POTLUCK!
Nancy Pitigliano
Chair



Farm Show Report From
Michael DePaoli