



Le Notizie

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It Was So Good!

Nick Canata and Kathy Canata outdid themselves at the November meeting when they served up some great polenta and stew for the lodge's traditional polenta dinner.

Extra tables had to be setup for the big crowd with over 70 members and guests on hand to enjoy the great meal. Special thanks

to Nick and Kathy along with Michael DePaoli and Ken Bertorelli who helped out.



New Members



Roma Lodge initiated several new members at the November meeting. They included Nathan Perry, Amy Perry, Isabella Perry, Mia Perry, Mackenzie Perry-Silva and Amelia Dutto with parents Amber and Daniel Dutto. When there has been renewed efforts by the Grand Lodge to initiate new membership drives Roma Lodge continues to have new members join and be initiated every month or so. We certainly want to welcome these new members and encourage them to take on leadership roles in the lodge to keep the organization strong.



Christmas Party & Meeting

December 6th

Mark Your Calendar

United Lodge Meeting

December 13th

*Save your aluminum cans,
glass or plastic bottles or other
recyclable items for the Roma
Lodge Queen
Fund Raising Efforts*

Roma Lodge will be celebrating our annual **Christmas Party** on December 6th with a traditional feast of ham and yams. I especially want to emphasize the word **"Christmas"** since in our country, where political correctness has gone overboard, many organizations no longer use Christmas in their holiday messages.



Each year the holiday season marks a time when we reflect on the past year and look forward to what a new year will bring.

Roma Lodge has had a very successful year and will culminate our years activities with our Christmas party and hosting the United Lodges meeting on December 13th. Our membership continues to grow, meeting and lodge activities are well attended by members and guests and our younger members are stepping forward to take on leadership roles.

While the Grand Lodge continues to focus on dwindling lodge numbers and membership, Roma Lodge is heading in the opposite direction.

So what are the keys to our success? First, we have long term members who continue to recruit new members into the lodge. Second, we provide a great meal at our meetings and focus on the fraternal and social aspect of getting an opportunity each month to see those who we may not see everyday.

Finally, leadership. Under the leadership of our president, **David DePaoli**, we have an organizational chart, list of lodge responsibilities for the year and meetings that are being conducted efficiently and effectively. We have our lodge assignments for next year and several members have accepted new leadership roles in the lodge. *Roma Lodge members can take pride in their organization for setting the standard for lodges who want to continue to carry on the Italian Culture.*

Charlie Takes Charge!

Soon after the new year arrives it will be time for the **49th World Ag Expo**. This years chairman is our own **Charlie Pitigliano**. Along with wife **Nancy**, Charlie has already been working on next years show for several months meeting with a variety of volunteer groups, exhibitors, staff and community leaders to make the show the best ever. Charlie has been instrumental in the show since its inception back in 1968. Roma Lodge has been fortunate to have Charlie in his leadership role as he is usually the first to arrive to help setup our meetings and the last to leave to close up the place. We believe that this is the second WAE Chairman the Lodge has had as Charlie follows **Jim Luis** who was also the chair of the show.



50 Years of Wedded Bliss!

Roma Lodge members **Johnnie Kay and Clarence Costa** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with family and friends. Johnnie Kay will be a 60 year member of the lodge next year and Clarence a 50 year member. The lodge has had three other couples celebrate 50 year anniversaries this year with **Gary and Dawn Dutto, Carol and Dennis Burner and Lorraine and Cliff Cleek**. **Congratulations to all!**



Christmas Party December 6th!

Our annual Christmas dinner and program will be **Sunday, December 6th** at the social hall at the World Ag Expo. Each member is asked to bring items for our charity the **Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission**.

Those wishing to help cook should plan on arriving at 10:30 a.m., table decorators at 11:30 a.m. and servers at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Remember our Christmas lunch is free for members and only \$5 for guests. Each family is asked to bring a pie, cookies or other dessert.

We would like all of you to share your talent for our program. Lets have a great turn out this year. Santa will be there with goodies for the kids. Contact **Queen Gabrielle Benedetti** if you would like to participate in the talent show. If you can help with the lunch, decorations, or cleaning up, please contact **Cathy Mederos, 687-1112**.

Bring Your Items for the Lighthouse Rescue Mission on December 6th!

The **Lighthouse Rescue Mission** needs for the pantry - Rice-A Roni , spaghetti, spaghetti sauce mix, corn bread mix, top ramen, Mac and cheese, sugar, flour, Bisquick, hamburger helper, any canned food - in other words non perishable items. These can be big box items from Smart and Final or Costco.

They can also use cleaning items such as - paper towels, brooms, mops, cleaning products. Personal items like shampoo , lice shampoo, soap (laundry, dish, or bathing) diapers any size, burp pads, coloring books, puzzles, pencils.

We have invited a few of the Rescue Mission representatives to join us for lunch and pickup the items that have been donated. The Lighthouse Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization located in Tulare that assists the homeless and others in need of food and shelter on a temporary basis.

To learn more about the mission you can go to their website at <http://www.lighthouse rescue.org/menu/>



Farewell Sister Carmen

Sixty-two year member of Roma Lodge **Carmen Madala** passed away on November 2, 2015. Carmen was a member of the greatest generation having worked on planes at Tulare's Rankin Field during WWII while her husband Frank was serving our country.



They were married on Independence Day, July 4th, 1941. She graduated from Tulare Joint Union High School in 1941 and worked as a nurse at the Tulare County Hospital for 45 years.

Carmen has entrusted her daughter Marisa Evans and husband Dr. Tom Evans with carrying on the Italian Culture for the Madala family. Farewell sister Carmen, may you rest in peace.

We will offer our a moment of silence at our annual Christmas party for Carmen and other lodge members who have passed away during 2015. They include **Mabel Curti** and **Miriam Poundstone**.

Sunshine Committee

Get well wishes are extended to **Michael Saltzman, Richard Paggi** and other members who may be having health issues.

Members in the News!

If you have information you would like to share in the *LeNotizie* please send it, along with photos, to larrydutto@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month.

Roma Lodge member, **Darin Dutto, Ph.D.**, professor at Eastern Oregon University on a recent hiking trip in Canada.



Ben Curti showing off his latest catch in Cabo San Lucas on a recent trip.





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*Roma Lodge
Christmas Party
Sunday
December 6, 2015
WAE-Social Hall
Meeting @ 12:30
Dinner @ 1:00 PM
January Meeting
January 4th*