



# Le Notizie

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## Roma Lodge to Celebrate 85th Anniversary!

This is the year that Roma Lodge will have a special anniversary celebration to commemorate the 85th year of the lodge.

The first meeting of the lodge was held at the Tulare Woman's Clubhouse on April 13, 1930. On May 25, 1930 Mario Bruno was installed as the first president of Roma Lodge #1573.

The Lodge will hold the anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the T.D.E.S. Hall in Tulare at noon.

**Frances Della** will be honored by the lodge and members celebrating individual milestones of lodge membership will also be recognized.

The lodge will hold its April meeting on April 6th with a traditional meal of Italian sausage and risotto.

**Sal Chiamonte** is the refreshment chair for the dinner. Members with April birthdays need to bring their raffle gifts and assist Sal with the dinner.

### These members are celebrating membership milestones this year:

#### 25 Year Members

Melissa Watkins, Angela DeRose  
Anthony DeRose, James Vener

#### 35 Year Members

Louis Benedetti, Lisa Shaw, Kimberly Solari,  
Thomas Evans, Frank Goni, Kristen Haener

#### 50 Year Members

Mary Jean Kronbetter, Marlene Peterson

#### 51 Year Members

Domenic Milanese, Pete Milanese  
Rosalie Milanese, Agnes Pelous



Mario Bruno  
President  
1930-32

#### 52 Year Members

Leroy Beecher and Frances Louviere

#### 53 Year Member

Judy Paggi

#### 57 Years

Connie Spagnuolo

#### 58 Year Members

Richard Paggi and Ronnie Pedroncelli

#### 59 Year Members

Carole Burner, Janet Cabral, Johnnie Kaye Costa,  
Betty Pratt, Lorraine Cleek, George Rinaldi

#### 61 Year Members

Sharon Barreto, Joann Beecher,  
Gary Dutto, Barbara Maraist

#### 62 Year Members

Lillian Cotta, Carmen Madala

#### 63 Year Member

Louis Clarot

#### 70 Year Member

Anna Dutto

#### 79 Years

Lilia Giacomazzi

Grand Lodge Deputy

The lodge also would like to acknowledge Santa Barbara Lodge members who are celebrating over 50+ years of lodge membership. Santa Barbara members joined the Roma Lodge when their lodge was closed five years ago.

Joe Signorelli-79 years

Oswald DaRos-74 years

Catherine Atkinson-66years

Sylvia Signorelli-62 years

Angela Guerra-59 years

Angie Pasquini-58 years

Catherine Romero-57 years

Richard Atkinson-54 years

**Roma Lodge 85th Anniversary Celebration**

**April 12, 2014-Noon**

**T.D.E.S. Hall**

**Reservations Due-April 1st!**

# A two hour commitment!

Heralds Message

**O**n Sunday, April 12th all of us have an opportunity to spend a couple hours to share memories of Roma Lodge's 85 year history. If you were able to watch the PBS series on Italian Americans (see link below) it was very enlightening as to the contributions that these immigrants made to America.

In the late 1800's thousands of Italian immigrants left the poverty areas of southern Italy to come to America to find work in Louisiana to support their families back home. They took jobs in the sugarcane industry for minimal wages because they could not find work in Italy.

The next wave of Italian immigrants came through Ellis Island to New York to find work. The Italians were the driving force in providing the labor for building the infrastructure for the City of New York. They were relegated to secondhand citizens and given low pay, lived in substandard housing and relied on the strength of family to get by.

Escaping the poverty of Italy they initially planned to return once they earned enough money to go back and support their families. However, millions stayed and began to build their lives as Italian Americans.

Many were instrumental in the labor movement of the early 1900's that sought better wages and safer working conditions for all workers. These Italian immigrants were often the driving force in bringing about changes for all workers who were building America from the ground up.

During World War II these immigrants were called upon to join the military and fight

the Germans and fellow Italians during the war.

For the past 100 years Italian Americans and American Italians have played a vital roll in the development and prospering of America. Today over 15 million American Italians reside in America.

For the past 85 years Roma Lodge has been a driving force in preserving the Italian Culture in the valley. On April 12th we can all give up a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon to remember those Italians who gave so much to this country and to our ancestry.

Whether you are an Italian American or an American Italian there were a lot of people who sacrificed a great deal to leave Italy with only the clothes on their backs and a few Lira in their pockets.

How many of us today would do that? Would you have the courage to leave your family and travel by boat to a new country where you did not speak the language and try to survive on the strength of the family and your hard work.

We all get the opportunity every five years to take a few minutes and remember those that gave many of us an opportunity to grow up in a free country where we could build our own American dream. If you have not sent in your reservation, they are due by April 1st. If you don't have the opportunity to be at many lodge activities, make sure this is one of them.

To see the Italian American PBS program go to the link below.

<http://video.pbs.org/program/italian-americans/>

## New Member!

*Kevin Hofstee* is the newest Roma Lodge member. Kevin was installed at the March meeting and has already attended many lodge meetings with his mother Joyce and always assists her when she does refreshments for the lodge meetings. **Welcome Kevin!**



them at the April meeting. The ticket cost has been increased to \$25 and take outs are available. This is a major fundraiser for Roma Lodge and everyone will need to help sell tickets and be at the event.

All lodge members are encouraged to help. We need junior members to help serve and a lot of folks to help prepare and work on the serving lines. Those who plan to help need to be there by 4:30 p.m. At the May meeting there will be signups for different job duties. The dinner continues to be one of the best dining values around at only \$25 whether you utilize take outs or participate in the dining room. **A Great Meal at a Great Price!**

## Last Call for Dues!

The time meter is running out and the first quarter of the year is just about over.

Roma Lodge members who have not paid their dues will cost the lodge if they are kept on the books and do not pay their dues before the end of the first quarter March 31, 2015. Members can pay their dues monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly.

Make sure you contact Cathy Mederos if you plan to continue your lodge membership for the 2015 year. **Cathy can be reached at 687-1112.**



## Lodge Directory

The lodge has been waiting on printing the directory until the first quarter is over so membership in the lodge can be verified. If you have not given any address or phone number changes to Cathy Mederos you need to do so as soon as possible. The April meeting will be the last opportunity to make changes to the membership list for the directory. If you are a new member and did not get a directory you can access the most current directory on the Roma Lodge website.



<http://www.romalodge1573.org/#!contact/c24vg>

## 80th Ravioli Dinner Set

**I**t is time once again for the annual ravioli dinner to be held on **Saturday, May 16th at the TDES Hall in Tulare.** The lodge will be serving from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Italian music for dancing from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The menu will consist of ravioli, spaghetti, string beans, chicken, salad and dessert.



Ticket chair **Cathy Mederos** has tickets. If you would like to purchase or sell them she will have

## The Emblem

The Sons of Italy official emblem is a Golden Lion on a white field and its official color is purple.

The purple aster is the flower we proudly wear on Columbus Day to observe the anniversary of the discovery of America by a son of Italy.





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

### *Your Roma Lodge Officers*

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| President      | David DePaoli (804-5443)     |
| Vice President | Michael DePaoli(730-1168)    |
| 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**  
**April 6, 2015**  
**6:30 PM-Dinner**  
**Risotto & Sausage**  
**Sal Chiaramonte**  
**Dinner Chair**

