



Le Notizie

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Two-Time Bocce Champs!

Giuseppe Scalia, Al Berra, Sally and Joe Scalia were crowned back-to-back Roma Lodge Columbus Day Bocce Champs at the annual tournament at Mooney's Grove.

Columbus Day Celebration Sunday, October 8th, 2023!

Mooney's Grove Park Arbor #13

Roma Lodge will celebrate Columbus Day on **Sunday, October 8th at Mooney's Grove Park in Arbor #13**. We hope that you will be able to join us on the 8th as we celebrate Columbus Day!

Tentative Schedule of events:

- 11:30 AM-Setup
- 12:00 PM-Lunch is Served
- 1:00 PM-Dessert Contest Juniors & Adult Divisions
- 2:00 PM-Raffle
- 3:00 PM-Cleanup
- 1-3 PM-Bocce Tournament*

*Teams who would like to participate in a team buyout will put in \$20 per team. High team gets 50%, 2nd 30% and 3rd 20% of the pot!

What the Lodge Supplies

Main dish, Paper products, Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

What families need to bring

- ◆ Each Family Needs to Bring A Raffle Prize
- ◆ Water and beverages
- ◆ Your favorite Salad
- ◆ Your favorite Dessert-Juniors have their own contest.
- ◆ Lawn chairs

We will be returning to our traditional activities of having each family bring their favorite side dish and dessert. We hope everyone will attend for a great celebration of our Italian Culture.

There will be a dessert contest for adults and juniors 12 and under. All desserts for the contest need to be home-made.

October is Italian Heritage month so let's all attend in support of Christopher Columbus and our Italian Heritage.



**October Meeting
Monday October 2, 2023
Dinner @ 6 p.m.
Justin & Navin Curti Family
Dinner Hosts**

Italian Heritage Month! Presidents Message

It has been two years since, then mayor and Roma Lodge member, **Dennis Mederos** declared October as **Italian Heritage Month** for the City of Tulare. Several members were on hand to celebrate the event which took place at the Tulare City Council chambers located at the Tulare Public Library.



There are two events in October you can show your pride of being Italian and a member of Roma Lodge. First, is our **Columbus Day celebration on Sunday, October 8th at Mooney's Grove Park**. This is where Roma Lodge started some 93 years ago with a picnic and celebration of our Italian Heritage.



Next, will be our **"Ravioli Dinner for Two"** drive-thru on Saturday, October 28th from 5-7 p.m. at the IAC Social Hall. These are two events, **during Italian Heritage Month**, you can show your pride in being Italian.

We understand there are limitations for many members of the lodge who cannot participate in lodge activities. You may live in another state, have health issues, are elderly and cannot get around or come to meetings.

However, there are three things you can do to support the lodge's ravioli dinner.

1. Sell tickets to your friends and family to support our major fundraiser for the year. Contact **Renee Marinelli, ticket chair, by texting her at 559-280-1491** to get your tickets if you cannot attend the October 2nd meeting.
2. Show up on October 28th and help out cooking, serving or doing whatever is needed to support the organization.
3. Purchase at least 1 ticket for yourself. We have 200 adult members of the lodge. If everyone purchased 1 ticket it would help make the dinner a success.



October is also **National Italian American Heritage** month because it marks the month that **Christopher Columbus** discovered America on October 12, 1492. Of course there are groups in America who want to cancel Columbus Day, take down Columbus statues and erase him from our American History.

What they can't do is erase our Italian Heritage. **Heritage is the values, traditions, culture, and artifacts handed down by previous generations!**

If you are a **"regular"** member of Roma Lodge you have certified you are of Italian descent or married to a person of Italian descent. As a member of the lodge it is important to do your part in supporting the organization through its various programs and activities we conduct during the year.

So Good!

Albert Berra and Sally Berra (Scalia) put on a great meal for the September meeting. Even though it was on the second Monday of September, because of the Labor Day holiday, we had nearly 50 members attend. They enjoyed a great meal prepared and donated by Albert and Sally which was



Tradition!

Roma Lodge has been doing ravioli dinners for over 80 years. Starting at the Tulare Fair grounds, the event has moved several times from the fair grounds, Memorial Hall, TDES Hall, Tulare Senior Citizens Center and now at the IAC Social Hall. Gone are those days of starched butler uniforms, bowties, fancy aprons and serving 1,250 people a great dinner, with dancing for only \$3 per ticket.



We will be bringing back the annual ravioli dinner that was stopped in 2020 because of the pandemic. The dinner has evolved as a result of changing times



to a **drive-thru only** format but will still feature a great meal for a fair price. October is Italian Heritage month and nothing will let the community know of our Italian traditions and culture more than a great ravioli dinner.

The **"Ravioli Dinner for Two"** will be held on **Saturday, October 28th** at the IAC Social Hall and will feature ravioli,

chicken, green beans, salad, roll and biscotti cookies for dessert.

Lodge members can pickup their tickets to sell from our ticket chair



Renee Marinelli at

the October 2nd meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to sell tickets contact Renee by texting her at **559-280-1491**.

We will need everyone's help in selling tickets, working the day of the event and helping in whatever capacity you can do. Yes, we know everyone is super busy with all kinds of different school and sports activities however, this event has been the major fundraiser for the lodge for over 80 years. At last month's meeting we gave out over \$1,000 to local charitable organizations. We need to raise funds to do that.



enjoyed by everyone who attended. We started serving dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting was over by 7:15 in plenty time to get the kids home for school the next day. Make plans to bring the whole

family to our meeting on October 2nd for a great meal and a great time. **October is Italian Heritage month!**

Sunshine News

Get well wishes are sent to **Lorraine Cleek** who suffered a fall and a broken arm. **Louie Benedetti** continues to receive cancer treatments and was able to attend the September meeting. If you know someone is dealing with health problems contact **Joann Beecher at 559-260-4156**.

Support Hanford Lodge!

Hanford Fraternal Hall
SPAGHETTI/MEATBALL DINNER-SAUCE
Drive-Thru-Sunday, October 29th
12 noon until 3 p.m.
Dinner-\$15-Sauce-\$8 QT
Contact Jackie Giacomazzi
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If you have a birthday in October remember to bring a raffle item to the meeting for the raffle!

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October Meeting
Monday
October 2nd, 2023
Dinner Starts @ 6 p.m.



Navin & Justin Curti Family
 Will be our dinner chairs!